

## Utilities Commission Meeting 28 March 2022

**Participants** Chair Buddy Davenport, Vice Chair Rich Hawes, Secretary Treasurer Lillian Conrad, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer James Smith, Commissioner L. Kelly, Jr., Counsel Thomas Cloud and GM/CEO Joe Bunch.

**Safety Message** Trench Safety: use of appropriate safety equipment and the practice of “build a box” for trenches 5’ or deeper is critical to prevail against this high cause of industry death.

### Approval of Consent Items All unanimously approved

- **Purchase** One IMS A-758 Lime Slaker System for Water Treatment Plant / Glencoe
- **Ratification of Award** 5th Street Bridge Utility Relocation Project to Young’s Communication
- **Project Approval** Water Reclamation Facility Master Plan to CPH, Inc
- **Ratification of Emergency Repair** South Riverside Drive 12” Water Main Repair and Single Sourcing to Young’s Communication, LLC
- **Approval of Change** Order No. 1 -Young’s Communication, LLC- for Barracuda Bridge Utility Replacement Project and Increase in Overall Project Budget

### Proclamation Declaring April 2022 Water Conservation Month

### General Manager’s Report

**Financial Status** February 2022 FYTD (for year to date) reflects a positive change in net assets of approximately \$2.3M due to revenue from usage/volumes & rates, increased capital contributions, lower operating expenses offset by lower electric consumption and increased purchased power.

2022 FYTD capital expenditures were approximately \$8.7M with \$4.9M in major projects (Water Reclamation Facility reclaimed pond, electric reliability improvement program Lines 4, 7, 14-16 and 25, Lift Station 5 reconstruction substation, mobile radios, Line 17, 10th street road alignment and upgrades to Glencoe wells #2-3) and \$3.8M in annual projects (gravity sewer lining & rehabilitation, electric Line trucks and hydro vac, pole replacements, and new business water & electric installations due to annual growth).

A change in investment fiduciary manager from Bank of America to Florida Municipal Power Agency Should generate more than \$250,000 in earnings at year-end.

February KPIs for the month were mostly on goal except for electric reliability. While Electric duration of power outages were green for the year, it was red for the month as well as the customer experience factor or SAIDI. There were recently 3 outages, one in November and two in March. The causes were weather, but corrosion was a major factor in the weakening the lines. Thus, next month “consent” agenda will include a replacement request for 4.5 miles of lines that should correct the root cause. (The UC utilizes “drone patrols” to isolate the cause of the power outages.)

**Commission Counsel’s Report** Next month will have an “executive” session to discuss the legal strategy for a mediation of the Hightower case.

### New Business

**Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report** (ACFR - Audit) Mr. Ron Whiteside of the Purvis Gray Accounting firm reviewed the key points of audit for fiscal year ending 9-30-21.