

## Utilities Commission

24 April 22

An Executive Session / Closed Attorney-Client Session preceded the regular meeting.

**Participants:** Chair Buddy Davenport, Vice Chair Richard Hawes, Secretary-Treasurer Lillian Conrad, Assistant Secy. Jim Smith, Commissioner L Kelly, General Counsel Thomas Cloud and GM Joe Bunch.

**Safety Message** Group viewed the FL Municipal Power Agency "Behind the Switch" Video about importance of Cybersecurity to Utility Industry

### Approval of Consent Items All unanimously approved

- **Minutes of Regular U.C. Meeting** Held 3-28-22
- **Granted and Accepted Third Party Utility Easements (2)**
- **Ratification** of Supplemental Funding for Clarifloc Polymer at Wastewater Reclamation Facility-WRF (Polydyne, Inc.)
- **Approval of Award** RFP No. 05-22 – Agent of Record for Employee Benefits (Risk Management Associates, Inc.)
- **Acceptance, Termination and Release of Easement Rights** 2165 & 2155 Turnbull Bay Rd.
- **Budget Increase** –Turnbull Bay Road Line Reconductoring Project (Pike Electric, LLC)
- **Update** –Annual Contract for Gravity Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation (BLD Services, LLC)
- **Award of RFP No. 11-22** Well Assessment and Rehabilitation Services (Thompson Well & Pump, Inc.)
- **Award of ITB No. 13-22** Pole and Pad mount Transformers and Request for 2-Yrear Purchase Orders
- **Developers Agreement** the Palms at Venetian Bay, Phase 6

### General Manager's Report

**Financial Status:** Energy and fuel prices have a direct impact on the cost of UC's purchased natural gas from FPL to run its generating units. Current geopolitical uncertainty tightens natural gas supplies and commodity fluctuations affect energy products. In late 2021, the projected average cost to the UC for FY23-25 was \$49.21 per MWh. In March 2022, the actual purchased power price per MWh was \$64.44. Hence, the UC recommended a fuel and purchased power increase to \$4.25 per 1,000 kWh (the average residential household monthly usage) effective with the first billing cycle in May 2022.

**Quarterly Submission of Balanced Scorecard and Enterprise Metrics** – Most KPIs were green except for electric reliability factor.

**Presentation and Project Approval** – SilverBlaze Customer Portal Project w/Web API's and Nexus View (Cogsdale Corporation – sole source vendor). This will allow UC customers to login using only one sign-on to access a personal portal that will show water, reclaimed water, and electric usage. An initial step providing "another" customer payment option as the drive-thru and office continue operating. Implementation will begin in July. **The of cost \$100,000 was unanimously approved.**

## Old Business

- **Approval of Transmission Line Repairs (Static Wire) Unanimously approved.** Power outages of 11/18/21 & 3/12-13/22 cost approximately \$239,000 and \$372,000 respectively due to “heavy” lift over I-95 and employing law enforcement for night work with traffic control of rolling roadblocks for the 6 lanes of traffic on I-95.
- **Follow-Up Discussion** Items from Joint City/UC Workshop Held 2-24-22. The 3 most important topics were the *Washington Streetscape* project (beautification and placing power lines underground); the UC will explore grants toward improving Septic and sewer for Aqua Court & Silver Sands while the CC considers the advantages of annexation. the notion of decreasing fees to affordable housing projects for utility hookup was cautioned against by the General Counsel.

## New Business

- **Approval** Modification (Increase) to Fuel and Purchased Power Cost Adjustment Clause.
- **Evaluation Determination** RFP No. 12-22 Auditing Services Unanimously **Approved** Since employees cannot participate in company audit, it was moved that commissioners Conrad, Hawes and Kelly serve on the committee to evaluate the audit process.
- **Florida Municipal Electrical Association’s Annual Conference** The Breakers, Palm Beach, FL, July 12-14, 2022. Several commissioners will check their schedule and consider attending.