

Utilities Commission Meeting 27 June 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

Special Preliminary Public Hearing re: electric rate increase for public street lighting, private outdoor lighting and proposed new electric service rates for electric vehicle charging.

Safety Message For proper eye protection wear sunglasses rated as UV400.

Approval of Consent Items - All unanimously approved

- a. **Minutes** of Regular U.C. Meeting Held 5-23-22
- b. **Developer's Agreement** Village Center East, Venetian Bay—Collier Luna Bella Lane, LLC
- c. **Ratification Award** ITB #06-22 – **Lift Station No. 12 Replacement** to Carr & Collier, Inc.
- d. **Ratification** Phase 2 Security Project Update and Scope Expansion—Security 101
- e. **Contract Renewal** Interlocal Agreement for **Fleet Fueling** Services Between City of NSB and UCNSB (1st Yr. Option)
- f. **Ratification** Settlement and Mutual Release Intercounty Engineering, Inc. Lift Station. 5 Reconstruction and Rehabilitation

General Manager's Report

- Natural gas cost has increased 180% in past year.
- The “Western Complex” is on hold after receiving a \$14M estimate for “site” development, specific to managing the wetlands (up to 5’ of water in some areas). Previously estimate was \$8M for the complex inclusive of site development. Options, including hiring a “wetland” expert to assess most cost-effective wetland use, will be presented in Sept. or October 2022.
- NSB is one of a 16 city coalition examining participation in a solar project to supplement or provide intermittent power. More information once the study is completed.

Commission Counsel's Report

- Governor vetoed a bill that would have allowed businesses to sue cities.
- Counsel Cloud is in the process of strengthening the city's “grease” regulation, re: animal fats and cooking oils placed in sink drains that create problems in the sewer system, to allow more effective enforcement.

Old Business

- a. **Award RFP 12-22 Unanimously Approved Auditing Services** to Purvis Gray and Co.
- b. **EIP Program Update** — “grid modernization” will cost \$3.8M - under budget because UC personnel will complete it.

New Business - All Items Unanimously Approved

- **Consideration of U.C.'s FY2023 Budget and Capital Improvement Plan FY2023-2032**
Proposed U.C. Resolution No. 2022-02. A new 10-year budget for capital improvement plan of \$174.5M; **decreased 13M** from prior 10-year budget by removal of Western Complex project. Plan will be presented to the City Commission and readings in August and September, final approval expected.
- **2022-25 Collective Bargaining Agreement** Between UCNSB and IBEW Local #2088
The 3-year agreement provides a 2.5% wage increase for all pay grades in 2023 & 2024. Also, increased shift differentials from \$1.00 to \$1.50/hour for the swing shift and from \$1.25 to \$2.00 hour for the midnight shift. **Note:** the UC is competitive with FP&L & Duke Energy. One “rich” benefit is a 50% match for 401K up to the IRS limit, unheard of with other utilities.