

Utilities Commission Meeting 25 July 2022

Participants: Chair Buddy Davenport, Commissioners Lillian Conrad, James Smith, Lawrence Kelly, Jr., James Davenport, CM/CEO Joe Bunch, and Counsel Thomas Cloud.

Final Public Hearing re: electric rate increases for public street lighting, private outdoor lighting and proposed new electric service rates for electric vehicle charging. A motion was made, seconded, and **unanimously approved** to approve the rates.

Approval of Consent Items – All unanimously approved.

- a. Minutes of Regular UC Meeting held June 27, 2022.
- b. Developer's Agreement – Ocean Gate PUD Phase 2
- c. Utility Easement – NSB Imaging Center
- d. West Clarifier Dr. Unit Replacement Project
- e. Smyrna Substation Circuit 32 Construction
- f. Rate Modification Addendum to General Counsel's Agreement

General Managers Report

- a. Mr. Chavez provided the [July 2022 Financial Performance Report](#). Staff met with NSBU' largest purchase power provider and confirmed they also do not see fuel and purchased power costs abating any time soon.
- b. A motion was made, seconded and **unanimously approved** Commissioner travel expenses to FMEA 2022 Annual Conference.
- c. Mr. Bunch addressed the status of the power market, re: costs, energy production, oil and gas pricing and storage, and expected modification to NSBU' fuel and purchased power cost adjustment component. Even with another FPPCAC modification, NSBU will remain one of the lower cost electric providers in Florida.
- d. With input from Commissioners, it was announced Mr. Chavez new title would be Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. A Director role was eliminated, and another moved under Mr. Chavez.

General Counsel Report

Mr. Cloud provided background on a 2012 lift station project which led to a pipe installation being too low when it got to the lift station. A surveying error was partially at fault, took a long time to get resolved and the mediated settlement offer for the surveying error was \$110,000 to NSBU. A motion was made, seconded, and **unanimously approved**.

New Business

Confirmation was given to General Counsel that Resolution No. 2022-01 Modifying Electric Rates took place at the end of the Final Public Hearing.

Commissioners' Comments

- All Commissioners congratulated Mr. Bunch on his recent appointment as President-Elect for FMEA's 2022-2023 Executive Board.
- Discussion was held regarding the E.V. charging and utility system planning as being a possible consideration and inclusion by the City of New Smyrna Beach in land development planning.