

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2022
8:30 AM

Present: Ronna Rowe Garrett, Chairwoman
 Donald L. Porter, Vice Chairman
 Evelyn O. Shaw, Secretary

Others Present: Mick Noland, Interim CEO/General Manager
 Deno Hondros, City Council Liaison
 Media

Absent: Wade R. Fowler, Jr., Treasurer
 Jimmy Keefe, Cumberland County Liaison

REGULAR BUSINESS

Chairwoman Ronna Rowe Garrett called the meeting of October 26, 2022, to order at 8:30 am.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Donald Porter motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Evelyn Shaw, and was unanimously approved.

CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Evelyn Shaw motioned to approve the Consent Items. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Porter, and the Consent Items were unanimously approved.

- A. Approve Minutes of meeting of October 26, 2022
- B. Approve Setting a Public Hearing On Expanding the Economic Development Riders and Revising the Service Regulations and Charges for December 14, 2022; Direct Staff To Give Public Notice
- C. Adopt PWC Ordinance – PWCORD2022-36 – FY2023 Electric and Water/Wastewater Fund Budget Amendment #4

PWCORD2022-36 is an Electric and W/WW Fund amendment that is moving the Mythics Platform as a Service project from debt, with interest expense, to operating expenditures due to the determination that it no longer meets GASB 96 criteria. This net \$202,300 movement per Fund has a net zero effect to both Electric and W/WW Net Position

COMMENTS: Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the attached budget ordinance amendment PWCORD2022-36.

- D. Adopt PWC Ordinances – PWCORD2022-37 and PWC ORD2022-38 – Grant Project Fund Budget Ordinances

PWCORD2022-37 creates the Sanitary Sewer Main Rehabilitation ARPA Project Fund to rehabilitate older clay and concrete sanitary sewer mains where PWC has had sanitary sewer overflows. Fayetteville PWC received an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant through NCDEQ in the amount of \$4,973,845.

PWCORD2022-38 creates the Water System AIA Grant Project Fund for the development of water lateral service inventory, assessments of critical water and/or sewer assets and other components related to PWC's asset management program. Fayetteville PWC received the Asset Inventory and Assessment (AIA) grant through NCDEQ in the amount of \$400,000.

COMMENTS: Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the attached GPF budget ordinances.

END OF CONSENT

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Grants Received

Mr. Noland stated PWC received several grants as part of the federal funding. We received a grant related to ARPA which was approximately \$5M to assist with our sewer system. We also received a grant for \$400,000 related to GIS mapping of our meters. He stated we need to know where our meters are for the lead and copper rule. Mr. Noland thanked Finance and Water Resources Engineering for help in receiving these grants.

Veterans Day Breakfast

We will have a Veteran Day breakfast for our employees tomorrow morning in honor of Veterans Day. Commissioner Donald Porter has consented to be our speaker for the event.

United Way

Mr. Noland stated PWC began our United Way campaign this year a little differently than we normally do. He stated traditionally PWC will have a breakfast for our leaders, but this year we had a meal packing event. Approximately 100 employees participated, and we packaged 35,000 meals for four local United Way partners (Better Health of Cumberland County, Fayetteville Urban Ministries, Catholic Charities, and the Armed Services of the YMCA).

Mr. Noland stated we encourage and appreciate any participate the Commission would like to do. He stated to just reach out to Ms. Justice-Hinson, and she will assist.

Golden Leaf Grant

Mr. Noland stated the City and the Fayetteville Economic Development applied for a Golden Leaf Grant, which is related to economic development at the airport. Our engineering staff worked with FCEDC and the engineer they had working on the project to install additional water and sewer lines, and locate a lift station that would provide for businesses who want to locate near the airport. We coordinated with them on the plans of the best layout for the present and the future, as well as increasing capacity on a current lift station.

COMMISSIONER/LIAISON COMMENTS

City Council Liaison Deno Hondros

Council Member Hondros stated PWC has been a great partner in the community. He stated he views the City, County and PWC as the same team. He encouraged PWC to keep up the good work.

Commissioner Evelyn Shaw

Commissioner Shaw commended Ms. Justice-Hinson, her team and all the leadership involved with the packaging of the meals for United Way. She requested pictures of the event. Ms. Justice-Hinson stated one of the agencies were giving out the meals by Tuesday afternoon. Commissioner Shaw recalled when they were able to assist with MREs for our military soldiers as well as help with the USO.

Commissioner Donald Porter

Commissioner Porter stated last week he received a call from Dr. Cartwright. He is the president of the Bone Creek Subdivision, and facilitated the memorial service for Mr. Mark Brown. Mr. Brown had gone to one of their meetings and they had issues in the area. After the unfortunate loss of Mr. Brown, our CEO Ms. Ball went over to the area to see what the issues were. And after Ms. Ball left, Dr. Cartwright received a call from another employee at PWC to give an update of the work PWC is doing to work on the issues. Commissioner Porter stated he appreciates the work that we do.

Commissioner Ronna Garrett

Commissioner Garrett stated we are embarking on the holiday season, and it warms her heart to know all that PWC cares about the mission we do and cares about this community. She encouraged everyone who is listening to make sure you contribute to this community, not only in the holiday season but all year long. Our community is local and that is what we care about.

She stated Ms. Durant will send out an official schedule change, however, this is our only meeting for November and there will also be one meeting in December.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION

The Commission acknowledges receipt of the following reports and information.

- A. Personnel Report - October 2022
- B. Payments by Payment Type – October 2022
- C. Career Opportunities

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES 143-318.11(A)(3) FOR LEGAL MATTERS

Commissioner Evelyn Shaw motioned to go enter closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(A)(3) for legal matters. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Porter, and unanimously approved at 8:47 am.

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Evelyn Shaw, seconded by Commissioner Donald Porter, and unanimously approved, the Commission returned to open session at 10:21 am.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, upon motion by Commissioner Donald Porter, seconded by Commissioner Evelyn Shaw, the meeting adjourned at 10:21 am.