

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2024  
8:30 AM

Present: Donald L. Porter, Chairman  
Christopher G. Davis, Vice Chairman  
Richard W. King, Treasurer

Others Present: Timothy L. Bryant, CEO/General Manager  
Derrick Thompson, City Council Liaison  
Sally Shutt, Assistant County Manager  
Media (WEBEX)

Absent: Ronna Rowe Garrett, Secretary  
Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager  
Chancer McLaughlin, Hope Mills Town Manager

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

Chairman Donald Porter called the meeting of September 25, 2024, to order at 8:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Donald Porter led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Christopher Davis motioned to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Richard King and unanimously approved.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approve Minutes of meeting of September 11, 2024

B. Adopt PWC Resolution – PWC2024.24 – Declare Personal Property as Surplus and Authorize Sale of Property by Sealed Bid  
Fayetteville Public Works Commission (“PWC”) owns equipment that is identified in its inventory as “Non-Stock Surplus Single Phase Regulators, totaling 19 each” (the “Equipment”). Staff has determined that PWC no longer has any use for the Equipment, that the Equipment should be sold at this time, and that the estimated value of the Equipment is at least thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00). Staff, therefore, requests that the Commission declare this Equipment to be surplus and authorize the sale of the Equipment via sealed bid in accordance with G.S. 160A-268.

C. Approve bid recommendation to award the Readvertisement Butler Warner Generation Plant Gas Line Replacement Project to Directional Services, Inc., dba Cinterra, Hope Mills, NC, the

lowest, responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interests of PWC, in the total amount of \$850,000.00, and forward to City Council for approval.

The Readvertisement Butler Warner Generation Plan Gas Line Replacement is budgeted in 001.0170.0802..348000.34800.CPR1000570.

Bids were received August 30, 2024, as follows:

| <u>Bidders</u>  | <u>Total Cost</u> |
|---|-------------------|
| Directional Services Inc., dba Cinterra, Hope Mills, NC | \$850,000.00      |

**COMMENTS:** The bid notice was advertised through our usual channels on July 16, 2024, with a bid opening date of September 10, 2024. Bids were solicited from Twelve (12) vendors, and one (1) bid was received. The award is recommended to Directional Services Inc., dba Cinterra, Hope Mills, NC, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder. **MWDBE/SLS PARTICIPATION:** Directional Services, Inc., dba Cinterra, Hope Mills NC is a local business. They anticipate \$232,650.00 in Small and local spend for crane services and material needs.

- D. Approve sole source purchase of (10) M420D PCS/PCS Omni device kits and ten (10) M400D Single SPM-900 extensions manufactured and distributed by Xylem Sensus.

Information Technology Infrastructure Department seeks approval to purchase (10) M420D PCS/PCS Omni device kits and ten (10) M400D Single SPM-900 extensions in the amount \$245,000.00. This specific equipment is only manufactured and distributed by Xylem Sensus and is required for standardization of existing hardware, thus requires a sole source exception to the competitive bidding requirements. North Carolina law allows an exception from the competitive bidding requirements for “Purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment when: (i) performance or price competition for a product are not available; (ii) a needed product is available from only one source of supply; or (iii) standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.” NCGS §143-129(e)(6).

**Budget Information:** Funding will be from the Information Technology Infrastructure (0381) Capital Hardware (\$205,000); Non-Capital Engineering Services (\$40,000).

- E. Approve sole source purchase and installation of (1) one new 24” Cla-Val pump control valve manufactured by Cla-Val and distributed by Charles R. Underwood, Inc.

PWC’s Water Resources Department seeks approval to purchase (1) one new 24” Cla-Val pump control valve manufactured by Cla-Val and distributed by Charles R. Underwood in the amount of \$123,120.00. The specific equipment is only distributed by Charles R. Underwood, Inc., and required for standardization of existing hardware, thus requires a sole source exception to the competitive bidding requirements. North Carolina law allows an exception from the competitive bidding requirements for “Purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, or equipment when: (i) performance or price competition for a product are not available; (ii) a needed product is available from only one source of supply; or (iii) standardization or compatibility is the overriding consideration.” NCGS §143-129(e)(6).

**Budget Information:** Funding is budgeted in the PO Hoffer Water Treatment Plant (002.0630.0802.2500716.01.323000.2506305102) - \$123,120.00

END OF CONSENT

III. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS PRESENTATION

Presented by: Georgette Miller, Chief Legal Officer/General Counsel  
Ike Copeland, Director of Risk Management

Ms. Georgette Miller CLO/GC, presented Mr. Ike Copeland.

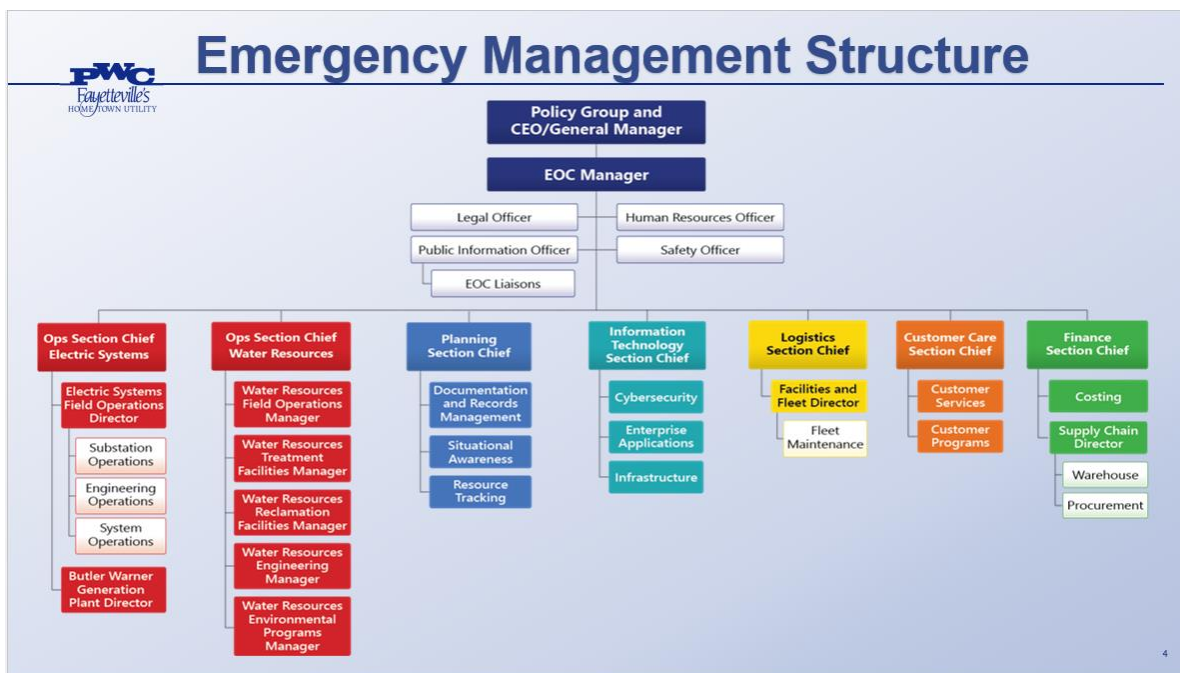
Mr. Ike Copeland, Director of Risk Management, recognized Mr. Mark Cannady. He stated Mr. Cannady is his back-up to a lot of these functions, and Mr. Cannady has received similar training as himself. This is standard practice that the back-up is trained as the primary.

Mr. Copeland stated we will discuss the following.

- Overview of PWC Emergency Management Plan
- Review PWC Emergency Management Structure
- Discuss Planning “P” and Response Plans
- Overview PWC general threats
- Historical Emergency Events
- Emergency Management Planning Questions

PWC Emergency Management Plan – General

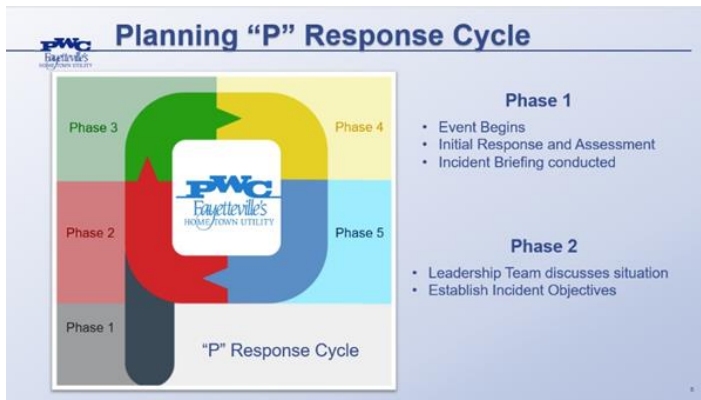
- “All-Hazards” plan
- Dedicated EOC facilities with assigned workstations
- “Living Plan”
- Specific FEMA/Insurance forms
- Partner Engagement



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Planning P cycle is a simplified way of talking about what we do in terms of response.

In all phases there are specific duties we are assigned and there are checklists to keep us on target.



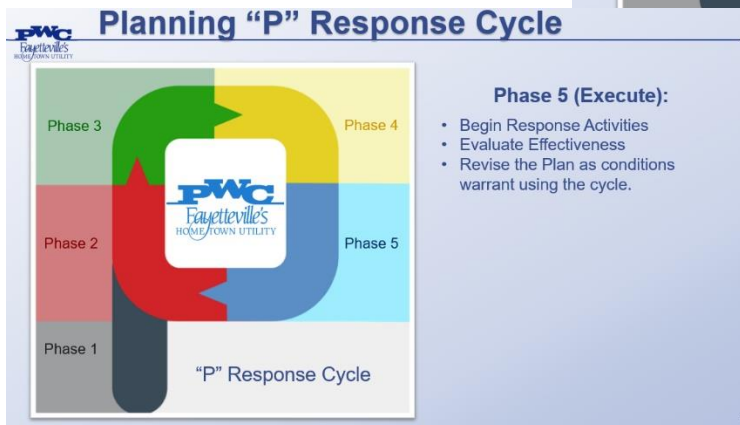
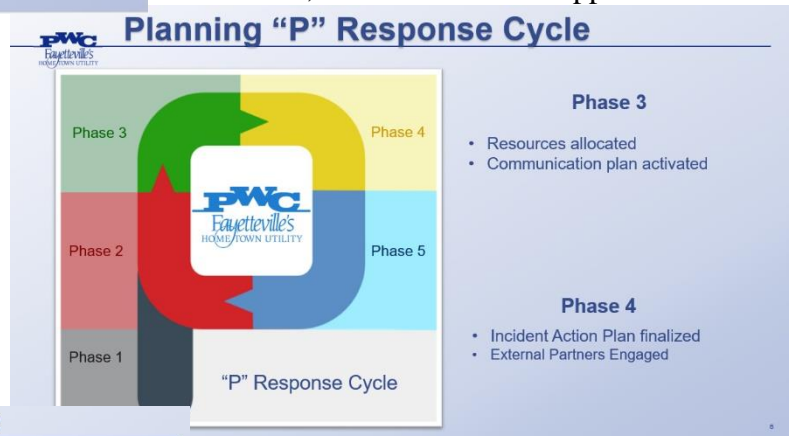
In Phase 1 we know there is something happening (like now, a hurricane is out there). We determine the potential impact on PWC if any. We will have an incident briefing, which may be as simple as several of the leaders having a conversation.

In Phase 2, we have determined it is probable something will happen that affects PWC.

In Phase 3, we know it will happen and we

begin to allocate resources to address the issues. We will begin to cut on the programs we have. We have food and lodging programs for our staff and contractors.

The incident action plan is finalized in Phase 4. We make final decisions. We also begin to contact our partners and

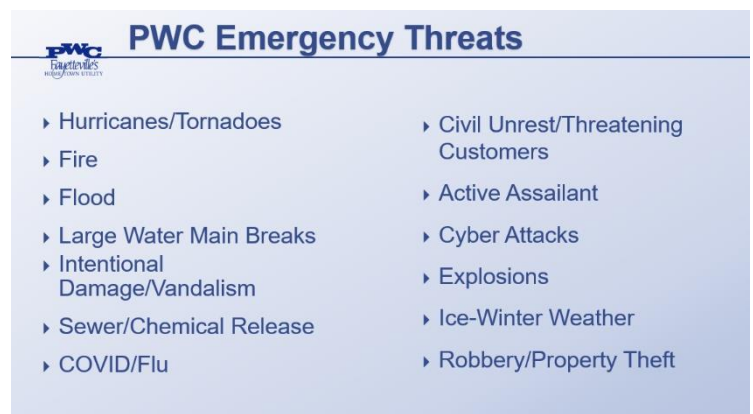


send representatives to the County and City EOC. We stay in contact with the State EOC. We also reach out to FEMA and our insurance company. We will reach out to our mutual aid partners as well.

In Phase 5, we execute. We begin response activities and evaluate our effectiveness. We will revise as needed.

This list is refreshed annually. It is not exhaustive. It is the basis for our training program. Every employee at PWC receives an annual emergency management training class. Those on the Incident Command Structure List receive training more often, likely 4-times a year. Training also includes table-top events.

Mr. Copeland rehearsed the historical events that PWC as encountered.



**1996 Hurricane Fran**

- Major System damage
- More than \$5 million in losses

**2016 Hurricane’s Matthew**

- Severe flooding losses
- \$20 million in losses

**2018 Hurricane Florence**

- Major Flood Event
- \$10 million in losses

**2024 TS Debby Florence**

- Heavy Rain Event
- \$400,000 in losses/expenses

**COVID Impact**

- \$2 mil (estimated) in losses
- Excludes lost production

\*"Losses" include preparation and response cost

**Others**

- 2 Major Water Main Breaks
- Tornado/similar/ice storms
- Significant accidents

Mr. Copeland, Mr. Rynne and Mr. Bryant responded to questions and comments from Commissioners and Liaison Thompson.

**IV. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT**

**Safety**

Mr. Bryant stated our team continues to work safely. He expressed his appreciation to the entire team for keeping their safety, their team members and our community in the forefront of their minds in everything we do.

**Tropical Storm Helene**

We are keeping an eye on the storm. The winds are not expected to impact our territory. We are preparing for the expected rain that can cause some localized issues

We have responded to a request for mutual aid by sending two crews to Florida. The guys are getting on the road today to respond to the mutual aid request. The responsiveness to mutual aid goes both ways. When they are in the fray, we support their request. When it is our turn, we can place our request from mutual aid supporting members. These mutual aid opportunities are opportunities for our employees to see how the rest of the world does it and bring those best practices back to PWC.

**People**

Mr. Bryant stated he is so immensely proud of our team members. Each and every one of our employees work diligently everyday to provide outstanding service to our customers.

We will have our PWC Employee golf Tournament at Cypress Lakes this Saturday @ 8:30 am. (weather permitting). We will also do on-course fundraising to support Alzheimer’s.

## **Community/Customer Engagement**

Clean Energy Week - September 23<sup>rd</sup> thru 27<sup>th</sup>. We also have Next Drive Electric next week. We are encouraging those who have EVs, and we are discussing how we can bring more electric charging stations to our area.

A number of our employees attending the 2024 Candidates forum. It was very insightful.

October is National Public Power Month and Energy Awareness Month.

North Carolina Day is this Saturday.

## **V. COMMISSIONER/LIAISON COMMENTS**

### **Council Liaison Derrick Thompson**

Liaison Thompson stated he listened to the forum last evening at FTCC. There were quite a few questions relating to a lot of things that affect PWC. They were quite encouraging, and he has confidence in PWC. He had the opportunity to do an interview for PWC last week, and he hopes he did PWC justice. He praised them for all the things they do with community engagement.

Commissioner Porter thanked Liaison Thompson for his leadership.

### **County Liaison Sally Shutt**

Ms. Shutt stated September is Preparedness Month in North Carolina. With Mr. Copeland's presentation this morning, it looks like PWC is certainly prepared. She appreciates the partnership PWC has with the County Emergency Management.

### **Commissioner Richard King**

Commissioner King stated we have a great plan. It sounds great, and everything is going well.

### **Commissioner Christopher Davis**

No Comments

### **Commissioner Donald Porter**

Commissioner Porter stated we have a great organization, and he is proud to be a part of it.

## **VI. REPORTS AND INFORMATION**

The Commission acknowledges receipt of the following reports and information.

- A. Monthly Cash Flow Report - August 2024
- B. Recap of Uncollectible Accounts – August 2024
- C. Investment Report - August 2024

D. Financial Statement Recaps

- Electric Systems – August 2024
- Water/Wastewater – August 2024

E. Career Opportunities

F. Actions by City Council during the meeting of September 9, 2024, related to PWC:

- Approved Bid Recommendation – Re-Bid Water Main Rehabilitation Project
- Approved Bid Recommendation – Purchase Substation Disconnect Switches

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Christopher Davis, seconded by Commissioner Richard King, and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 a.m.