

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025
8:30 AM

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

Others Present: Timothy L. Bryant, CEO/General Manager (VIA WEBEX)
Kirk deViere, Cumberland County Commission Chairman/Liaison (VIA WEBEX)
Derrick Thompson, City Council Liaison
Media

Absent: Adam Lindsay, Assistant City Manager
Chancer McLaughlin, Hope Mills Town Manager

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

Chairman Christopher Davis called the meeting of July 23, 2025, to order at 8:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Davis led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Richard King motioned to amend the agenda by removing Item III (Integrated Resource Plan Update) and renumber subsequent agenda items. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Porter and unanimously approved.

Commissioner Donald Porter motioned to approve the amended agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett and unanimously approved.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Donald Porter motioned to approved the Consent Items. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Richard King and unanimously approved.

- A. Approve Minutes of meeting of July 9, 2025
- B. Set Public Hearing Date for Power Supply Adjustment (PSA) for August 13, 2025, and Direct Staff to Give Public Notice of the Scheduled Hearing.
- C. Approve purchase award recommendation for the re-advertisement of the “Jasper to Langdon Sanitary Sewer Replacement and Realignment Project” to ES&J Enterprises Inc., Autryville, NC, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interests of PWC in the total amount of \$967,586.00 and forward to City Council for approval.

The re-advertisement of the “Jasper to Langdon Sanitary Sewer Replacement and Realignment

Project” is budgeted in 002.0610.0435.1800252-03.80050..CPR1000139

Bid Date: June 24, 2025

<u>Conforming Bidders</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
ES&J Enterprises, Inc., Autryville, NC	\$ 967,586.00
T. A. Loving Company, Goldsboro, NC	\$1,530,000.00

COMMENTS: The bid notice was advertised through our usual channels on May 12, 2025, with a bid opening date of June 24, 2025. Bids were solicited from five (5) vendors and two (2) bids were received. **MWDBE/SLS Participation:** ES&J Enterprise, Inc., Autryville, NC, is a WBE business. ES&J Enterprise, Inc., anticipates \$33,817.00 of MWDBE spend for hauling and concrete needs.

D. Adopt PWC Ordinance # PWCORD2025-29 – FY 2026 Electric and Water/Wastewater (W/WW) Fund Budget Amendment #1

The purpose of this amendment is to recognize an increase in the Duke Energy Progress (DEP) actual energy rate over their estimated rate for calendar year 2025 and the annual DEP True-Ups. PWC recognized DEP’s actual monthly energy costs from January to May 2025 were trending higher than the 2025 billing rate, with energy rates from DEP projected to be higher through December 2025. This would result in a significant true-up payment due to DEP with interest. To lessen the impact of interest costs to PWC, PWC and DEP agreed upon an adjustment to the billed energy rate of \$5.06/MWh to be applied to the remaining 6 months of this calendar year. PWC intends to utilize the Electric Rate Stabilization Fund to fund this increase.

Electric Fund

- Electric Fund Revenue: Total Electric Fund Revenue increased by \$6,235,900.
 - Total Budgetary Appropriations increased by \$6,235,900. This includes the increase of the Appropriation from Rate Stabilization by \$7,859,300 and the decrease of the Appropriation from Electric Net Position by \$1,623,400 to support the expenses below.
- Electric Fund Expenditures: Total Electric Fund Expenditures increased by \$6,235,900.
 - Operating Expenditures increased by \$5,511,800 due to the increase to power supply for the additional \$5.06/MWh from DEP.
 - Total Budgetary Appropriations increased by \$724,100 due to the increase of the Transfer to Coal Ash Reserve as a result of the 2024 true-up to coal ash expense from DEP.

W/WW Fund

- W/WW Fund Revenue: Total W/WW Fund Revenue is not affected.
- W/WW Fund Expenditures: Total W/WW Fund Expenditures is not affected.

E. Adopt PWC Ordinance # PWCORD2025-30 – Capital Project Fund Budget Ordinance

PWCORD2025-30 amends the budget ordinance for the Electric Rate Stabilization Fund (ERSF). The ERSF will transfer \$7,859,300 to the Electric General Fund (GF). This is to account for the energy and capacity true-up received in June from Duke Energy Progress of \$2,347,500, and \$5,511,800 to pay for estimated FY26 catch-up energy costs.

END OF CONSENT

~~III. INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN UPDATE~~

~~Presented by: Marc Tunstall, Interim COO Electric Resources~~

~~Chris Dawson, GDS Associates~~

~~Rob Taylor, GDS Associates~~

III. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Safety

Mr. Bryant stated overall our team continues to work safely. He stated we had a mild hand injury since our last board meeting, pushing the Team's total recordable injury rate from a zero to .16. The final reporting on this injury, the analysis and the lessons learned is still in progress. Mr. Bryant stated the team has been challenged to remain focused on using the right tool for the right job and adhering to defined processes, procedures with the questioning attitude of what could go wrong in approaching tasks no matter how routine those tasks may seem to be. He went on to state maintaining this proactive safety 1st mindset ensure that all of our team members to be safe in work activities and go home in the same or better condition than they did when they arrived at work.

People

Mr. Bryant stated our team continues to demonstrate PWC's core values of commitment to excellence. He congratulated Customer Care Division Marketing Manager Janelle Rockett for recently being recognized at the APPA National Conference for graduation from the American Public Power Association Education Institute Leadership Essential Program whereby she learned how to enhance her leadership skills to include proactive performance coaching, problem identification and decision making, as well as developing high performing teams.

Community Engagement/Customer Engagement

Mr. Bryant reminded the Commission that PWC recently deployed the 'YourCause' community engagement platform. This online portal allows our employees to participate and log engagement hours as they are available to them. Additionally, the portal will be used to execute community charitable donations to approve nonprofit organizations via payroll deduction throughout the year, including the local United Way and its part of organizations, expanding PWC support across Fayetteville , Cumberland County and well beyond.

Running the Business

Mr. Bryant stated the team continues to fay focused on enhancing reliability across our system. In Water Resources, we continue to make strong progress on our capital improvement projects at the P. O. Hoffer Drinking Water Plant, as well as at the Cross Creek and Rockfish Wastewater Collection Plants. Within Electric Resources, our ongoing equipment assessment and replacement projects, strategic tree-trimming improves PWC's performance in blue sky and storm conditions alike.

In parallel with enhanced reliability PWC continues to be among the most affordable electric, water and wastewater service providers across the state. At the Butler Warner Generating Plant, smart

capital investments bolster its dispatch availability thus increases its overall production value resulting in lower energy costs for all of us. Utilizing our contractual power supply adjustment mechanism, we are able to mitigate against energy price flights minimizing major rate changes in an already challenging economical environment. By systematically rehabbing and replacing aging water, wastewater infrastructure while still extending services across Fayetteville and Cumberland County we are able to prioritize resources to ensure costs remain low on the water side as well for all customers.

Through building upon our continuous improvement culture, we will continue to get better at driving down costs across the enterprise to be an even better value proposition for all of our customers.

IV. COMMISSIONER/LIAISON COMMENTS

Council Liaison Derrick Thompson

Council Member Thompson stated he believes that customer service is the success of any company, no matter what you are doing. He stated he wants to praise the PWC staff for always answering his emails and texts. He does not know how the word got out that he is the PWC liaison. People from all over every district text him about things they have issues with and when he contacts Ms. Carolyn (Hinson) or Mr. Tyler (Patton) or Lamont (Hinson) they always promptly take care of all those issues.

Council Member Thompson went on to stated he will always uplift PWC in any environment he is in to make sure there is no misinformation or disinformation that is out there that is not doing PWC due justice.

Cumberland County Chairman/Liaison Kirk DeViere

Cumberland County Liaison DeViere stated they are watching what is happening at the federal and state level based on recent legislation and the impact that it'll have on our community and the areas, you know, public health as well as potentially our public education system in the substantial investment they have made locally how it may impact that investment. He appreciates the continued partnership with PWC.

Commissioner Donald Porter

Commissioner Porter asked about the lines on Oakridge Street after it was repaved. It looks like a sidewalk; however, he knows that it is not. Council Member Thompson stated he believes it was designed to be a bike lane, but it was not approved for the neighborhood. In order to have a bike lane you have to have the bicycle emblem within the lines.

Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett

Commissioner Garrett stated she appreciates Council Member Thompson's feedback on PWC and being able to solve problems. She stated it really is a trifecta partnership (City, County, and PWC) If one fails, we all fail, one succeeds, we all succeed and you know you can speak about partnerships, but to be about partnerships is a whole different vibe she stated and she feels we aspire to that and thought it was important to say this morning.

Commissioner Richard King

No Comments

Commissioner Christopher Davis

No Comments

V. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

Commission acknowledges receipt of the following reports and information.

- A. Recap of Uncollectible Accounts – June 2025
- B. Investment Report - June 2025
- C. Purchase Orders – June 2025
- D. LGRS Update – June 2025
- E. Career Opportunities

VI. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES SECTION 143-318.11(A)(1) TO PREVENT THE DISCLOSURE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 132-1.2 THAT IS NOT CONSIDERED A PUBLIC RECORD.

Commissioner Donald Porter motioned to enter Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS Section 143-318.11(A)(1) to Prevent the Disclosure of Confidential Information Pursuant to Section 132-1.2 That is not Considered a Public Record. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Richard King and unanimously approved at 8:45 a.m.

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Donald Porter, and seconded by Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett, the Commission returned to open session with unanimous consent at 9:20 a.m.

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

Commissioner Donald Porter motioned to enter Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(A)(3) for Legal Matters. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett and unanimously approved by 9:20 a.m.

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Donald Porter, and seconded by Commissioner Richard King, the Commission returned to open session with unanimous consent at 9:42 a.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Donald Porter, and seconded by Commissioner Richard King, the Commission adjourned with unanimous consent at 9:42 a.m.

