

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026
8:30 AM

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

Others Present: Timothy L. Bryant, CEO/General Manager
Derrick Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem/Liaison
Kirk deViere, Cumberland County Commission Chairman/Liaison (VIRTUAL)

Absent: Jodi Phelps, Assistant City Manager
Faith Phillips, Assistant Cumberland County Manager
Chancer McLaughlin, Hope Mills Town Manager
Media

I. REGULAR BUSINESS

Chairman Richard King called the meeting of June 24, 2026, to order at 8:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner King led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett motioned to amend the agenda by adding Item IV – Discussion of Spring Lake Wholesale Water Agreement, and renumbering existing items IV thru IX to items V thru X. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Porter and unanimously approved.

Upon motion by Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Donald Porter, the amended agenda was unanimously approved.

II. AWARD PRESENTATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

North Carolina Association of Municipal Electric Systems Awards
Presented by: Misty Manning, Chief Operating Officer, Electric Systems

Misty Manning presented the NCAMES team members and announced their awards.

Marshall Jackson, Powerline Crew Leader	Coach
Cody Jonaitis, Lineworker 2 nd class	3 rd Place Hurtman Rescue
Dustin Britt, Lineworker 2 nd Class	3 rd Place Transformer Load Switching
Clayton Davis, Lineworker 3 rd Class	3 rd Place Lightning Arrestor Changeout
Blaine Nunnery, Lineworker 2 nd Class	2 nd Place Overall for All Apprentice Events
Andrew Prevette, Lineworker 3 rd Class	Unofficial Written Test Award Winner

III. CONSENT ITEMS

Upon motion by Commissioner Donald Porter, seconded by Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett, Consent Items were unanimously approved.

- A. Approve Minutes of meeting of June 10, 2026
- B. Approve to cancel meeting of July 8, 2026
- C. Adopt PWCORD2026-07 – FY2026 Amendment #5 Budget Ordinance

Budget Ordinance Amendment #5 to the Electric Fund and W/WW Fund increases the Electric Fund by \$309,300 to \$292.2 million and increases the W/WW Fund by \$63,300 to \$182.3 million.

Electric Fund

- **Electric Fund Revenue:** Total Electric Fund Revenue increased by \$309,300.
 - Budgetary Appropriations increased by \$309,300 due to the increase of the
 - Appropriation from Electric Net Position to support the expenses below.
- **Electric Fund Expenditures:** Total Electric Fund Expenditures increased by \$309,300.
 - Operating Expenditures increased by \$415,000 due to increased transmission costs for power supply.
 - Debt Service decreased by \$105,700 due to an increase in amortization from Series 2025 bond issuance.
 - Capital decreased by \$200,000 due to project delays.
 - Budgetary Appropriations increased by \$200,000 due to the increase of the Transfer to Budget Carryover Reserve to move delayed capital project funding to FY27.

W/WW Fund

- **W/WW Fund Revenue:** Total W/WW Fund Revenue increased by \$63,300.
 - Budgetary Appropriations increased by \$63,300 due to the increase of the Appropriation from Annexation Phase V Fund.
- **W/WW Fund Expenditures:** Total W/WW Fund Expenditures increased by \$63,300.
 - Debt Service increased by \$503,600 due to increased state loan and bond interest expense.
 - Capital decreased by \$7,613,000 due to project delays and the reallocation of projects to the bond fund.
 - Budgetary Appropriations increased by \$7,172,700. This includes the increase of the Transfer to Budget Carryover Reserve by \$200,000 due to capital projects delayed until FY27 and the increase of the Appropriation to W/WW Net Position by \$6,972,700 due to capital projects delayed beyond FY26.

- D. Adopt PWC Ordinances – PWCORD2026-09 through PWCORD2026-19

The following Capital Project Fund (CPF) ordinance amendments will be effective upon adoption:

- PWCORD2026-09 amends the Electric Rate Stabilization Fund to decrease the budgeted transfer to the Electric General Fund by \$438,100 for lower catch-up energy costs.
- PWCORD2026-10 amends the Annexation Phase V Reserve to recognize a higher appropriation to the GF of \$63,221 for debt service, consistent with the GF budget and true up interest to actual.
- PWCORD2026-11 amends the NCDOT Capital Project Fund to true up interest to actual.
- PWCORD2026-12 closes the Series 2021 Electric Capital Project Fund. Projects are complete.
- PWCORD2026-13 closes the Series 2021 Water and Wastewater Capital Project Fund. Projects are complete.
- PWCORD2026-14 amends the Annexation Phase V, Areas 32-34 CPF to reallocate surplus Series 2023 bond proceeds to Annexation Phase V, Areas 26 & 27 CPF and true up interest to actual.
- PWCORD2026-15 amends the Annexation Phase V, Areas 24 & 25 CPF to reallocate surplus Series 2023 bond proceeds to Annexation Phase V, Areas 26 & 27 CPF and true up interest to actual.
- PWCORD2026-16 amends the Annexation Phase V, Areas 26 & 27 CPF to reallocate surplus Series 2023 bond proceeds from the Annexation Phase V, Areas 24 & 25 and Areas 32-34 CPFs, and to true up interest and transfers to actual amounts.
- PWCORD2026-17 amends the Series 2023 Electric Capital Project Fund to recognize \$2,182,29 in interest income.
- PWCORD2026-18 amends the Electric Transportation Equipment Capital Project Fund to close out long lead time purchases made in FY24.
- PWCORD2026-19 amends the Water Transportation Equipment Capital Project Fund to close out long lead time purchases made in FY24 & FY25.

E. Adopt PWC Ordinances – PWCORD2026-20 through PWCORD2026-27

The following Capital Project Fund (CPF) budget ordinance amendments will be effective July 1, 2026, and reflect the FY27 activity from the FY27 Annual Electric and Water/Wastewater Operating and CIP Budget:

- PWCORD2026-20 amends the Electric Rate Stabilization Fund to recognize the FY27 transfer of \$2,269,600 from the Electric General Fund (GF) consistent with the GF budget and an increase in estimated interest income of \$680,488 in recognition of higher interest rates for investment activity.
- PWCORD2026-21 amends the Water and Wastewater Utility Rate Stabilization Fund to recognize the FY27 transfer of \$250,000 consistent with the GF budget and an increase in estimated interest income of \$99,700 in recognition of higher interest rates for investment activity.
- PWCORD2026-22 amends the Annexation Phase V Reserve to recognize the FY 27 appropriations from the GF of \$8,819,810, an increase in estimated interest income of \$1,358,450 in recognition of higher interest rates for investment activity and an appropriation to the GF of \$9,518,603 for debt service, all consistent with the GF budget.
- PWCORD2026-23 amends the NCDOT Capital Project Fund to update cost estimates for existing projects based on the FY27 CIP recognize and increase estimated interest income of \$1,951,211 in recognition of higher interest rates for investment activity.
- PWCORD2026-24 amends the Substation Rebuild Capital Project Fund to update cost estimates and projects based on the FY27 CIP.
- PWCORD2026-25 amends the 401N Substation, to increase cost estimates by \$3,982,000 based on the FY27 CIP.

- PWCORD2026-26 amends the Series 2025 Water and Wastewater Capital Project Fund to recognize estimated interest income of \$1,856,200
- PWCORD2026-27 amends the Series 2025 Electric Capital Project Fund to recognize estimated interest income of \$1,271,800

- F. Approve recommendation to reject all bids for Inventory – Switch, 69KV 1200A, Unitized GOAB, Side Break Horizontal, 3-Way and forward to City Council for approval.

Inventory - Switch, 69 KV 1200A, Unitized GOAB, Side Break Horizontal, 3-Way is budgeted in Warehouse Inventory

Bid Date: May 14, 2026

Non-Conforming Bidders

National Transformer Sales, Hampton, GA
WESCO Distribution, Mocksville, NC

Basis of Rejection: Non-conforming bids

COMMENTS: The bid notice was advertised through our usual channels on April 15, 2026, with a bid opening date of May 14, 2026. Bids were solicited from four (4) vendors, and two (2) bids were received. The Electrical Engineering and Warehouse Department requests the rejection of bids that are non-conforming to specified bid requirements and material specifications

- G. Approve recommendation to reject all bids for Two 230/66KV Autotransformer 134.4/179.2/224 MVA at 65C and forward to City Council for approval.

Two 230/66KV Autotransformer 134.4/179.2/224 MVA at 65C is budgeted in account string 103.0000.0802.0000-00.353000.CPR1000434

Bid Date: April 16, 2026

Conforming Bidders

Delta Star, Lynchburg, VA
Virginia Transformer, Roanoke, VA
Pennsylvania Transformer Technology, Cannonsburg, PA

BASIS OF REJECTION: Change in technical specification requirements

COMMENTS: The bid notice was advertised through our usual channels on March 4, 2026, with a bid opening date of April 16, 2026. Bids were solicited from nine (9) vendors, and three (3) bids were received. The technical specification requirements are no longer aligned with the solicitation as issued. Rejection of all bids received under the March 2026 solicitation is requested.

- H. Approve construction award recommendation for the Readvertisement Replace Clarifier #3 Mechanism at the Rockfish Creek Water Reclamation Facility to T. A. Loving Company, Goldsboro, NC the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interest of PWC in the total amount of \$1,991,500.00, and forward to City Council for approval.

The Readvertisement Replace Clarifier #3 Mechanism at the Rockfish Creek Water Reclamation Facility is budgeted in account string 217.0000.0435. 2608496-06.800050..CPR1000457

Bid Date: April 14, 2026

Conforming Bidders

T. A. Loving Company, Goldsboro, NC
State Utility Contractor, Inc., Monroe, NC

Total Price

\$1,991,500.00
\$2,057,000.00

COMMENTS: The bid notice was advertised through our usual channels on February 27, 2026, with a bid opening date of April 14, 2026. Bids were solicited from three (3) vendors, and two (2) were received. **SDBE / SLS Participation** - T.A. Loving Company, Goldsboro, NC, is not a small local or SDDBE business. T.A. Loving Company anticipates \$68,900.00 in certified SDDBE spend.

- I. Approve construction award recommendation for the Grading for the Point of Delivery 5 to BMCO Construction, Inc., Lumberton, NC, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interest of PWC in the total amount of \$1,370,000.00, and forward to City Council for approval.

The Grading for the Point of Delivery 5 is budgeted in account string 103.0000.0435.24030328-03.690151.CPR1000541

Bid Date: May 28, 2026

Conforming Bidders

BMCO Construction, Inc., Lumberton, NC
Fred Smith Company, Raleigh, NC
CF Solar LLC, Stedman, NC
Triangle Grading and Paving, Burlington, NC

Total Price

\$1,370,000.00
\$1,541,000.00
\$1,808,960.00
\$2,968,296.00

Non-Conforming Bidder

Soles Automotive Towing Inc., Fayetteville, NC

COMMENTS: The bid notice was advertised through our usual channels on April 28, 2026, with a bid opening date of May 28, 2026. Bids were solicited from ten (10) vendors, and five (5) bids were received. The Electrical Engineering Department requests the rejection of bid that is non-conforming to specified bid requirements. **SDBE / SLS Participation** - BMCO Construction, Inc. of Lumberton, NC, is a small local business. BMCO Construction, Inc. anticipates 26% subcontractor participation but 0% participation for Small Local Suppliers.

- J. Approve bid award recommendation for Two (2) 230KV SF6 Gas Breakers for POD 5 to Siemens Energy, Inc., Orlando, FL, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interest of PWC in the total amount of \$477,800.00, and forward to City Council for approval.

Two (2) 230KV SF6 Gas Breakers for POD 5 is budgeted in account string 103.0000.0802.WO00000.00.353000.CPR10005411

Bid Date: May 27, 2026

Conforming Bidder

Siemens Energy, Inc., Orlando, FL

Total Price

\$477,800.00

COMMENTS: The bid notice was advertised through our usual channels on May 7, 2026, with a bid opening date of May 27, 2026. Bids were solicited from four (4) vendors, and one (1) bid was received.. **SDBE / SLS**

Participation - Siemens Energy, Inc., Orlando, FL, is not a small local or SDBE business. Siemens Energy, Inc. anticipates to self-perform this project.

END OF CONSENT

IV. DISCUSSION REGARDING SPRING LAKE WHOLESALE WATER AGREEMENT

Mr. Bryant stated on Monday night the Town of Spring Lake agreed to renew the wholesale water agreement. PWC's Key Accounts Team worked with the Town of Spring Lake for over many months to update our existing wholesale water agreement.

This is a five-year agreement with an automatic five-year renewal. The new agreement has defined capacity limits and associated financial controls. Additionally, we use our standard wholesale water rate for all billable usage within the approved capacity.

Mr. Bryant stated this agreement better aligns with recent water agreements that we recently executed over at Hoke County as well as what we are doing with Cumberland County for the various water districts, including consistency and how the rates are adjusted. Additionally, this new agreement secures a long-term water supply within defined capacity levels for the Town of Spring Lake, establishing predictable path for growth, including expansion beyond the base capacity.

The agreement provides a mechanism to expand infrastructure as demand increases. Maintains operational flexibility within defined limits including emergency situations and defines coordination requirements during water shortages and emergency conditions.

The previous agreement was executed in 2008 with more general with limited operational detail. It has a tiered water rate structure with fixed pricing tiers. It had a minimum purchase amount of 13M gallons per month and there was no formal cap for the total monthly usage. Growth and usage were managed through policy rather than define capacity limits. The current minimum on the old agreement was \$60,88.60.

The new agreement has a minimum of 15M gallons of monthly billable volume. We have now capped the base capacity at 28M gallons per month, expandable up to 40M gallons with Reserve Capacity Fees. The daily maximum capacity is 2M gallons per day. The new minimum is \$83,892.00

Mr. Bryant responded to Commissioners' comments and questions regarding Spring Lake's system.

County Commissioner deViere stated the County is focused on the regionalization approach. Their goal is to help build out Spring Lake's infrastructure while PWC is providing the clean, safe drinking water. Addiutiional discussion ensued.

Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett motioned to approve the General Manager/CEO entering and executing the Spring Lake Wholesale Water Agreement approved by the Commission of the Town of Spring Lake on June 22, 2026, whereby PWC will sell Wholesale Water to the Town of Spring Lake. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Porter and unanimously approved.

V. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Safety

Mr. Bryant stated PWC continues to keep safety as a top priority. Holding ourselves accountable for one another's safety every day ensures we all go home in the same or better condition physically and mentally. He state accountability demands that when we see something we say something. We do not turn away from an unclear work assignment. We do not disregard procedures because that is the way we have always done it. We do not let the team members cut corners. After, all we are our brother and sister's keeper.

People

Every day around the clock PWC team members work to deliver safe and affordable electric, drinking water and wastewater service for this region of Fayetteville, Cumberland County and Hoke County. The PWC team is comprised of not only knowledgeable people, but additionally state and/or federal recognized certified and licensed experts. Charged with bringing their depth of knowledge skills and abilities to bear to ensure that this community has the opportunity to thrive.

At PWC we cannot rest on our laurels and receive rewards. But we must maintain a questioning attitude to continue to get better at our very important jobs. We know that we must treat every electrical outage as one too many. We know that dogged protection of our water sheds from our people and our community, PFAS and emerging contaminants is more effective than shifting costs to the rate payers to treat water at our drinking and reclamation plants. Every action our team members take to mitigate great upsets and destruction of our water sheds generates shared regional benefits for all those communities that depend on PWC for their very existence. At PWC we cannot shy away and we will not shy away from our responsibilities nor stand by, and letter others disavow our subject matter expertise. He thanked PWC the PWC team for their expertise and all that they do every day to support this community.

Community Engagement

PWC team members continue to show up in Fayetteville and Cumberland County community. In this year's inaugural GiveBack campaign, we amassed over \$70,000 donations pledged to area communities and non-profit organizations including the United Way. Mr. Bryant thanked the PWC team for continuing to put this community 1st in your time, talent, and your treasures.

Running the Business

Mr. Bryant thanked the Key Accounts, Water Resources, and Legal teams, among others, in helping to attain the renewal of the Town of Spring Lake Wholesale Water Agreement. He stated their persistence in communicating the PWC value proposition and commitment to services is greatly appreciated. He also thanked the Town of Spring Lake for their partnership and continued trust of PWC and its professional staff to deliver on our commitment of safe and affordable water services to all our customers.

VI. COMMISSIONER/LIAISON COMMENTS

County Chairman/Liaison Commissioner Kirk deViere

Commissioner deViere stated the County completed its budget this week. It was voted on yesterday.

Mayor Pro Tem/Liaison Derrick Thompson

Council Member Thompson stated the City also completed their budget and they have consistently and unanimously voted for no tax increase. He encouraged everyone to keep our residents first.

Commissioner Christopher Davis

No comments

Commissioner Donald Porter

No Comments

Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett

Commissioner Garrett stated next week is our 250th birthday anniversary (two and a half centuries). We celebrate the spirit of America; working hard and creating families; making a good space for work and family. She stated she has been watching the World Cup, and she has been on social media watching everyone enjoy American from all the different countries. It is really a sight to see, and she is grateful for where she is and what she has, so Happy Birthday to America.

Commissioner Richard King

Commissioner King said ‘ditto.’ He recalled when he was in Florida to watch the World Cup and when he and his wife arrived there was no one there, but just a few minutes before the game began the seats filled up and they were shouting USA, USA, and it was just an awesome sight to see.

VII. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

The Commission acknowledges receipt of the following reports and information.

- A. Recap of Uncollectible Accounts – May 2026
- B. Financial Statement Recaps – April 2026
 - Electric
 - Water/Wastewater
- C. Career Opportunities
- D. Actions by City Council during the meeting of June 8, 2026, related to PWC:
 - Approved Sole Source Request - Purchase Specific Water Meters
 - Approved Recommendation to Reject All Bids for - Inventory - BABA Galvanized Steel Transmission Poles
 - Approved Bid Recommendation - Inventory - BABA Galvanized Steel Transmission Poles
 - Approved Phase 5 Annexation Area 26 - Resolution Confirming Assessment Roll and Levying Assessments

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

Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett motioned to 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 8:53 am.

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Donald Porter, the Commission returned to open session by unanimously consent at 9:41 am.

IX. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTES 143-318.11(A)(6) FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS

Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett motioned to enter Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(A)(6) for Personnel Matters. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Donald Porter and unanimously approved at 9:41 am.

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett and seconded by Commissioner Donald Porter, the Commission returned to open session by unanimously consent at 10:17 am.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Donald Porter, seconded by Commissioner Ronna Rowe Garrett, and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:17 a.m.