

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026
8:30 AM

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

Others Present: Timothy L. Bryant, CEO/General Manager (VIRTUAL)

Absent: Derrick Thompson, Mayor Pro Tem/Liaison
Kirk deViere, Cumberland County Commission Chairman/Liaison
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 July 22, 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

Upon motion by Commissioner Christopher Davis, seconded by Commissioner Donald Porter, the agenda was unanimously approved.

I. PRESENTATION OF COLLEGE INTERNS

Presented by: Tovahn Scott, Chief HR Officer
Lauren Williams, HR Programs Specialist

Ms. Tovahn Scott, Chief HR Officer stated we are excited to introduce our interns. Our mission is to ensure we are providing affordable, reliable and safe water resources and electric services for our community. And part of doing that is making sure that we are investing back into our local talent and making sure we have the pipeline and talent to keep doing that for years to come. She then introduced Ms. Lauren Williams, the HR Programs Specialist.

Ms. Williams stated that she has the opportunity to facilitate PWC's Internship Program. We have two types of interns here at PWC, our college interns and our ICON students from Cumberland County Schools. Our ten ICON students were here for six weeks. They were assigned to each of our divisions. She stated today our seventeen college interns are here to introduce themselves to the Commission.

<u>Name</u>	<u>College/University</u>	<u>PWC Department</u>
Julio Rivera-Camacho	Belmont Abbey College	Supply Chain

Andrew Allen	FTCC	Risk Management/Safety
Genevieve Fleming	FTCC	WRE Geomatics
Alyssa Young	FTCC	Electric Operations
Claire Sexton	George Mason University Honors College	WR Laboratory @ CC
Alexander Brinton	Methodist University	BWGP
Aleksandar Long	Methodist University	W/WW Fac. & Maint.
Mackenzie Goodman	NC Agricultural & Technical University	Marketing
Grant Barefoot	North Carolina State University	Electric Operations
Cody Carman	North Carolina State University	Human Resources
Gabriella Luneau	North Carolina State University	Communications
Charlotte Shepherd	North Carolina State University	Corporate Development
Joseph "Brock" West	North Carolina State University	Marketing
Jose Alvarez	Purdue University Global	Cyber Security
Tristan Sexton	University of South Carolina	WRE Data Discovery
Fiorella Ruiz	Wake Technical Community College	Marketing
Zi McMillan	Winston Salem State University	Economic Inclusion

Commissioners encouraged the college interns and pointed out key attributes to help them successfully navigate into corporate and public service.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

Upon motion by Commissioner Donald Porter, seconded by Commissioner Christopher Davis, Consent Items were unanimously approved.

- A. Approve Minutes of meeting of June 24, 2026
- B. Approve to change meeting location and time for the August 12, 2026, Commission Meeting to 9:30 a.m. at the PWC Butler-Warner Generation Plant, Administrative Building, located at 2274 Custer Avenue, Fayetteville, NC 28312.
- C. Adopt PWC Resolution # PWC2026-13 – Resolution of the Fayetteville Public Works Commission to Fund Projects Partially Funded by State Loan Offers with Revenue Bonds And/or Other Sources to Complete the Projects
- D. Sole Source Recommendation - PWC's Utility Field Services Department seeks approval to purchase specific equipment pursuant to 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). Such an exception is only available in this instance if the Commission approves the purchase.

The request is specifically to authorize a one-time purchase of various water meters, chambers and ERTs, identified as 5/8 X 3/4 IPERL + 10 USG TRPL CUSTO, 6" OMNI T2 MTR 20TRPL 10USG CUSTSER, 8 FLG OMNI T2 METER, M520M-F1-TC-X-E-MI 1P PIT WID/LD, ADPTR TRPL 520-520C BLK, 1-1/2 R2 CHMBR CUST 20' TRPL PWC, 2" R2 CHMBER 20' TRPL CUST PWC, 3" T2 OMNI CHMBR 20' TRPL CUST PWC, 4" T2 OMNI CHMBR 20" TRPL CUST PWC, 6" OMNI T2 CHMBR 20" TRPL CUST PWC and

8" T2 OMNI CHMBR 20" TRPL CUST PWC manufactured by Sensus USA, Inc. from Ferguson Waterworks.

- E. Approve construction award recommendation for Lift Station 33 Cargill Lift Station Structural Repair to Charles R. Underwood, Inc., Sanford, NC, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interests of PWC in the total amount of \$595,535.25 and forward to City Council for approval.

Cargill Lift Station Structural Repair is budgeted in 002.0160.0435.2613915-02.800050..CPR1000390

Bid Date: June 18, 2026

<u>Conforming Bidder</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Charles R. Underwood, Inc., Sanford, NC	\$595,535.25
Burnette Enterprises of Wilmington, Inc., Wilmington, NC	\$927,000.00
T.A. Loving Company, Goldsboro, NC	\$958,917.00

COMMENTS: The bid notice was advertised through our usual channels on May 28, 2026, with a bid opening date of June 18, 2026. Bids were solicited from three (3) vendors and three (3) were received. **SDBE/SLS Participation:** Charles Underwood Inc. is not a small local business. Within the bid submittal, the contractor has identified Titan Services & Equipment Repair for subcontracting. Titan Services & Equipment Repair is not a certified Small Local Supplier (SLS) or local business. The contractor has indicated an anticipated 20% subcontracting participation with this firm.

- F. Approve purchase award recommendation for purchase of Relay Control Switchboards to Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc., Pullman, Washington, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interests of PWC in the total amount of \$595,698.00 and forward to City Council for approval.

Relay Control Switchboards are budgeted in 103.0000.0802.WO00000.00.353000.CPR1000541

Bid Date: May 7, 2026

<u>Conforming Bidder</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc., Pullman, WA	\$595,698.00
Electrical Power Products, Inc., Des Moines, IA	\$685,388.00
Border States Industries, Inc., Fargo, ND	\$692,690.00

COMMENTS: The bid notice was advertised through our usual channels on April 16, 2026, with a bid opening date of May 7, 2026. Bids were solicited from eleven (11) vendors, and three (3) bids were received. **SDBE/SLS Participation:** Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc., Pullman, WA, is not a small local or SDDBE business. Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories, Inc to self-perform this project.

- G. Approve construction award recommendation for Ames Street 24-Inch Valve Replacement to T. A. Loving Company, Goldsboro, NC, the lowest responsive, responsible bidder and in the best interests of PWC in the total amount of \$534,750.00 and forward to City Council for approval.

The Ames Street 24-Inch Valve Replacement is budgeted in 217.0000.0435. 2610760-07.700030.. CPR100088

Bid Date: July 7, 2026

Conforming Bidder

Total Price

T.A. Loving Company, Goldsboro, NC	\$534,750.00
Burnette Enterprises of Wilmington, Inc., Wilmington, NC	\$725,120.00

COMMENTS: The bid notice was advertised through our normal channels on June 06, 2026, with a bid opening date of July 7, 2026. Bids were solicited from two (2) vendors and two (2) were received. **SDBE / SLS Participation:** T. A. Loving Company, of Goldsboro, North Carolina is not a small local or SDBE business. T. A. Loving Company anticipates \$8,000.00 in SDBE Spend.

END OF CONSENT

III. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Safety

Mr. Bryant stated in the midst of our summer heat and the changing summer weather conditions, all team members are being reminded to look out for one another; stay hydrated; drive defensively; heed lightning and other weather warnings and think about what could go wrong in going about day-to-day work as well as when they return home. He stated by taking these measures, we have a greater chance of achieving zero injuries.

People

Mr. Bryant stated last week we kicked off the beginning of our new fiscal year with the Elevate Impact Leadership Summit. This summit brought together PWC leaders to define what elevated impact means, but more specifically to align and clarify leadership expectations, establish ownership of PWC's meaningful work, and to ensure results in serving our internal and external customers and one another.

He stated during this summit, all divisions and departments connected day to day work with our PWC strategic priorities. We developed team purpose statements and left with purposeful goals to continue moving this great organization forward. Mr. Bryant stated overall, elevating impact across PWC yields more clarity, strong accountability and renewed commitment to helping our teams deliver the outstanding electric, water and wastewater services that this community demands.

Community Engagement/Customer Engagement

Mr. Bryant stated although our summer storms have begun, customers are advised and reminded that Stage 1 Alert of the City of Fayetteville's water shortage response ordinance remains in effect. On July 6, 2026, PWC shared that Stage 1 is voluntary and asks customers to reduce non-essential water use to help protect the community's water supply for essential needs, including drinking water, sanitation and fire protection. Stage 1 alert has not impacted PWC's ability to provide safe, reliable and affordable water service, and there is no immediate interruption planned to customers' water service. As a reminder, even small conservation steps made by many customers can make a

meaningful difference observing the Community's water resource. For more information about PWC's water shortage response, customers can visit www.faypwc.com/water-shortage-response/

Running the Business

Mr. Bryant stated PWC continues to deliver outstanding electric, water and wastewater services. There are no specific business matters to share at this time.

IV. COMMISSIONER/LIAISON COMMENTS

There were no comments by Commissioners.

V. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

The Commission acknowledges receipt of the following reports and information.

- A. Recap of Uncollectible Accounts – June 2026
- B. Investment Report - June 2026
- C. Purchase Orders – June 2026
- D. Utility Payments by Payment Type – June 2026
- E. Career Opportunities
- F. Actions by City Council during the meeting of June 23, 2026, related to PWC:
 - Approved Recommendation to Reject All Bids for the Annual Transmission Construction Contract

VI. 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 Christopher Davis and unanimously approved at 8:47 a.m.

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Christopher Davis, and seconded by Commissioner Donald Porter, the Commission returned to open session at approximately 9:15 a.m.

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

Commissioner Christopher Davis 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 9:15 a.m.

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Ronna Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Christopher Davis, the Commission returned to open session at approximately 9:43 a.m.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, upon motion by Commissioner Ronna Garrett, seconded by Commissioner Christopher Davis, and unanimously approved, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:43 a.m.