



City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Utility Advisory Board

Thursday, September 12, 2019

9:30 AM

CITY HALL ROOM 244

1. Call to Order

Chair Dobrin called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 4 - Chair Victor Dobrin, Board Member William Bowteck, Board Member Norbert Schneider, and Board Member Arthur Landry

Absent 2 - Board Member David MacIntyre, and Board Member Paul Orsino

Also Present

Public Utilities Director Rick Newkirk, Assistant Director Jennifer Desorosiers, Outreach Coordinator and Staff Liaison Colleen Hibbits, and Recording Secretary Ida Goodman.

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. [19-0719](#) Minutes of the June 13, 2019 Meeting

A motion was made by Board Member Landry, seconded by Board Member Schneider to approve the June 13, 2019 Public Utility Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

6. Updates

A. [19-0978](#) Utilities Department New Building Status Update - staff presentation only/non-actionable item.

Mr. Newkirk introduced the item and provided a review of the backup material.

Discussion ensued regarding public meetings held on this item, location of the proposed new building, proposed changes to the conceptual plans based on input from the public meetings, the purpose of the new building and warehouse, materials to be stored in the warehouse, required acreage needed to facilitate the development, cost estimation for this project including the purchase of required land, and funding opportunities including proposed utility rate increases.

Public comment was held:

Terry Holovachuk - Proposed new Public Utility Building

B. [19-0979](#) Utilities Department Project Updates

Ms. Desrosiers provided the project updates including the Aquifer Storage and Recovery, Cranberry Bridge, Ortiz Water Main, Neighborhood Expansion, Bobcat Force Main, Lazy River, Hillsboro Booster Station, North and South Salford Bridges, Looping Projects, Pan American and Biscayne Boulevard Bridges, Wastewater and Water Treatment Plants at West Villages.

Discussion ensued regarding utilities expansion for future growth and required standard specifications for materials used for utility projects and supporting Public Utilities in their effort for the Neighborhood Expansion Project.

A motion was made by Board Member Landry, seconded by Board Member Schneider to support the North Port Public Utilities in their effort for the Neighborhood Expansion Project. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. [19-0980](#) Utilities Department Community Outreach Update

Ms. Hibbits provided the Community Outreach update including Newcomers Day, Social Media update, 2019 Poinsettia Parade, 2019 Trick or Treat at City Hall and the Community Garden.

7. Future Agenda Items

Future Agenda items include the election of a Vice-Chair, update on water quality issues, Utilities project updates, Utilities Community outreach update and Update on the status of the Public Utility proposed new building.

8. Public Comment

Public comment was held:

Terry Holovachuk - Proposed new Public Utility Building
Jill Palmer - Proposed new Public Utility Building

9. Adjournment

Chair Dobrin adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Victor Dobrin, Chair

Minutes approved at the Public Utility Advisory Board Regular Meeting this ____ day of _____, 2019.