

**PUBLIC UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019**

Present: Victor Dobrin, Chair; Alicia M. Phidd, Esquire, Vice-Chair; William Bowteck; David MacIntyre; Paul Orsino; Arthur P. Landry II, Member Representing the Mobile Home Community; and Recording Secretary Sue Carneiro.

Absent: Norbert Schneider.

Guest: Mike Vuolo, Field Operations Manager.

The Regular Meeting of the Public Utility Advisory Board was called to order at 9:30 a.m. in Committee/Training Room 244 by Chair Dobrin, followed by roll call.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Board.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Vice-Chair Phidd arrived at 9:31 a.m.

New Member Orsino provided background information.

2. DISCUSSION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2018-36 WITH REGARD TO THE FORMERLY NONVOTING MEMBER NONRESIDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

Chair Dobrin noted that with the adoption of Ordinance No. 2018-36, the non-voting ex officio member representing the mobile home community is now a voting member of the Board.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. January 10, 2019 Minutes

Board Member MacIntyre moved to approve the January 10, 2019 Public Utility Advisory Board Meeting Minutes as presented; seconded by Board Member Landry. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

b. February 14, 2019 Minutes

Vice-Chair Phidd moved to approve the February 14, 2019 Public Utility Advisory Board Meeting Minutes as presented; seconded by Board Member Bowteck. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

4. COMMUNITY OUTREACH UPDATE – ANNA DUFFEY

Mr. Vuolo provided the following updates:

a. Atwater Earth Day

Atwater Earth Day is scheduled for April 26, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to read to the students at this event.

b. Relay for Life

Relay for Life is scheduled for April 13, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Members were encouraged to volunteer for this event.

c. Wyland Foundation Mayor's Challenge

The Wyland Foundation Mayor's Challenge is scheduled for the month of April 2019. Participants will be able to go online and pledge to participate in water conservation methods and recycling appropriate materials. Last year North Port came in 14th in the Nation for this challenge.

d. Water Conservation Month

A Proclamation for Water Conservation Month and Florida Water Professionals' Month will be presented by the City Commission at the April 9, 2019 Commission Meeting.

e. Florida Water Professionals' Month

This item was previously discussed.

5. WATER QUALITY UPDATE

a. Odor concerns

Mr. Vuolo reported that the number of calls regarding water odor concerns in West Villages has decreased. Public Utilities have been working with developers to address the issues and distribute information to residents concerning this issue. It was determined that the order issues could be coming from a bacterium in the pipe systems. A meeting will be scheduled to meet with Public Works, Solid Waste and Public Utilities to address concerns and educate residents on the services from each department.

Discussion ensued regarding scheduling Public Utilities to make presentations, information provided at scheduled presentations, informing developers of the concerns using polypropylene tubing, and requirements and methodology for flushing water lines.

6. PROJECT UPDATES

Mr. Vuolo provided the following updates:

a. Hillsborough Booster Station Re-piping

The contract to replace the piping at the Hillsborough Booster Station has been awarded with the projected completion date of the end of April 2019.

b. Bridge Pipeline Replacement

The bridge pipeline replacement at S. Salford Boulevard and the Cocoplum Village Shops will receive some funding from the Environmental Protection Agency but will go before the Commission for a budget adjustment to compensate for a higher cost than first reported.

c. Bobcat Trail Force Main Replacement

The contract for the main lift station line at Bobcat Trail and Toledo Blade Boulevard was awarded to Stantec Consulting Services and is currently at 60% design.

d. Force Main and Water Main Replacement on U.S. 41 (at Lazy River)

The scope of this project now includes reviewing the lift station at Myakka Mobile Home Park and the West Villages Wastewater Treatment Plant when in operation, tying an 8-inch waterline across U.S. 41.

e. San Mateo Water Main

Kimley-Horn and Associates was awarded the contract for design of this project which is currently in design. The completion schedule will be provided at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the threshold of cost to initiate a Request for Proposal, ultimate goal for this project is to eliminate waterline flushing, mismatched piping throughout the City and purpose of pipe looping projects.

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Agenda items for the next meeting will include:

- a. Discussion on use of solar power in Utilities
- b. City plans to meet future water demands at full build out of the West Villages
- c. Neighborhood Expansion Project

Discussion ensued regarding adding an additional item on the agenda addressing a surcharge for water customers outside the City limits.

Board Member Landry moved to add to the next Agenda the surcharge to individual homes within manufactured home parks, seconded by Board Member Orsino. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member MacIntyre moved to adjourn the March 14, 2019 Public Utility Advisory Board Regular Meeting; seconded by Board Member Orsino. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

The Public Utility Advisory Board Regular Meeting of March 14, 2019 adjourned at 10:28 a.m.



**VICTOR DOBRIN,
CHAIR**

Minutes approved at the Regular Meeting of the Public Utility Advisory Board this 11th day of April, 2019.

