



# City of North Port

4970 CITY HALL BLVD  
NORTH PORT, FL 34286

## Meeting Minutes - Final Public Utility Advisory Board

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Thursday, October 10, 2019

9:30 AM

CITY HALL ROOM 244

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### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Roll Call

**Present** 7 - Chair Victor Dobrin, Board Member William Bowteck, Chair David MacIntyre, Board Member Norbert Schneider, Board Member Paul Orsino, Vice Chair Arthur Landry, and Board Member Richard Beaver

### Also Present

Public Utilities Director Rick Newkirk, Outreach Coordinator Colleen Hibbitts, and Recording Secretary Ida Goodman.

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

Pledge of Allegiance led by the Board.

Mr. Newkirk thanked William Bowteck for his service on the Board and Mr. Dobrin announced that his term expires today and will not be renewing.

### 4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

***A motion was made by Board Member Schneider, seconded by Board Member Beaver to move agenda item 7.C following item 6.A. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.***

### 5. Approval of Minutes

A. [19-1137](#) Minutes for the September 12, 2019 Regular Meeting.

***A motion was made by Board Member Landry, seconded by Board Member Bowteck to approve the September 12, 2019 Public Utility Advisory Board Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.***

### 6. New Business

A. [19-1158](#) Elect Vice Chair

Board Member Schneider nominated himself as the Vice-Chair. With no other nominations, Chair Dobrin closed nominations and called for a motion.

***A motion was made by Board Member Landry, seconded by Board Member***

*MacIntyre, to elect Arthur Landry as the Vice-Chair of the Public Utility Advisory Board. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.*

## 7. Updates

### A. [19-1161](#) Status update of New UTL Building

Public comment:

Judith Plummer - New Public Utility Administration Building

Judy Leach - New Public Utility Administration Building and possibility of clear cutting.

Mr. Newkirk provided an update on the proposed new Utility Administration Building including design, history of the Public Utilities Administration Building on Price Boulevard and noted that updates will be provided as needed.

Discussion ensued regarding the zoning requirements and responsibilities of the Board.

## 8. Updates

### A. [19-1159](#) Update on Water Quality Issues

Mr. Newkirk provided an overview noting that a rain event will assist in ensuring acceptable water quality, provided a history of water supplies, the benefit of the Reverse Osmosis Plant, and the operational permit has been submitted for the Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR).

Discussion ensued regarding the operation of ensuring water quality, annual Consumer Confidence Report, methodology of ASR and surface water treatment, cost of ASR versus cost of alternate water sources, funding sources for the ASR, and use of potable water for major fire event.

### B. [19-1160](#) Utility Project Updates

Mr. Newkirk provided updates on Utility projects including Southwest Water Reclamation Plant, the design for the West Villages Water Treatment Plant, the development and initiation of the computer program utilized by Public Works is being configured for Public Utilities to track inventory, pumps, and maintenance, work is continuing on the renovation of the inflow and infiltration system, Public Utilities is continuing to work with Public Works on the Price Boulevard widening project, several lift stations renovation are ongoing, force mains are being replaced/renovated, the Lift Stations Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Systems are being updated, Salford Boulevard bridge water pipes are being replaced, Utilities standards and specifications are being updated, transfer pumps at the Water Treatment Plant are being replaced, another interconnect with Charlotte County, the design for a main transmission line from the Water Treatment to Ortiz Boulevard, the Neighborhood Expansion Program, a water line over the Snover Waterway, Biscayne and Pan American bridges, water looping projects, more pipeline on San Mateo Boulevard, water and force main at Lazy River, Bobcat Trail Golf Course force main replacement, replacement of screen and relocation of grit controllers, a structural analysis of the Water Treatment Plant is complete, and booster station chemical pump replacements.

Discussion ensued regarding the methodology for approval of construction projects, prioritizing utility projects and Board responsibility to support new projects, and the cost and expertise for in-house design staff versus contracted work.

**D. [19-1162](#) Utilities Community Outreach Update**

Ms. Hibbitts provided updates including National Night Out, participating in the Poinsettia Parade float design, staff gardening committee, updating Utility web page for ADA, video "Imagine A Day Without Water" scheduled for October 23, 2019 with tours of the Water Treatment Plant, and can sign up online, the rain barrel "Go Green" contest winner was announced, and North Port received the American and Florida Water Landmark Award.

Upcoming for volunteer efforts include November 2nd "Newcomers Day", November 5th West Villages Town Hall Meeting being held at the North Port High School, Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program "Nature Day" is being held November 26th at Lashley Park in Punta Gorda, Complete Count effort starting in December for the April 1, 2020 census.

**9. Future Agenda Items**

Future Agenda items include election of Chair, list of approved projects, and update on the Neighborhood Expansion Project.

**10. Public Comment**

Public Comment:-

Judy Leach - Proposed Utility Administration Building.

Judith Plummer - Proposed Utility Administration Building.

**11. Adjournment**

Chair Dobrin adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

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David MacIntyre

Chair

Minutes were approved on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.