

AGENDA ITEM 3-a

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE UTILITIES COMMISSION, CITY OF NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLORIDA, HELD MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022, AT 3:00 P.M., AT 200 CANAL STREET, NEW SMYRNA BEACH, FLORIDA

Chairman Davenport opened the Regular U.C. Meeting to order and requested Commissioner Conrad to conduct the invocation.

Commissioner Conrad confirmed the pledge would occur after the invocation.

Subsequent to the invocation, Commissioner Hawes led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Safety Message by Vernon Steele – Traffic Safety for Electric Utility Workers:

Chairman Davenport then stated okay, safety message, Vernon Steele. Vernon Steele please, thank you.

Mr. Steele came to the podium and stated good afternoon, today I want to highlight some of the traffic control improvements that we've done. You know our crews work on the sides of the streets and in the streets a lot, so we took the opportunity to upgrade and buy some new signage and things like that to help us out.

Mr. Steele then went to the first slide of his presentation entitled, "T&D Traffic Control Improvements" and stated the signs we got, they're folding, they're plastic, they're reflective. They're kind of the newest version of the folding sign. The good thing about the folding signs is they're very high visibility and reflective. They can be folded and put in a bag and the crews can carry them on their trucks, they don't have to come back to the shop to get them, they can just carry them on the trucks with them. The existing signs that we had, some of them were metal, wood, things like that, they were heavy, so also caused possible injury exposure there, you know carrying these big heavy signs around.

Mr. Steele went to the next slide and stated we also bought a light board trailer. This helps the visibility of the job site, you know flashing lights, arrows pointing traffic, you know around the job site helps a lot. And this sign board is LED lights, battery-powered, so you don't have to refuel a generator, things like that, the LED lights last a long time and they're very bright as well during the daytime.

Mr. Steele went to the next slide and stated so we actually got some photos of our crews using the signs and the light board on an animal guarding job that we were doing over next to Field Street office. So here you can see, you know its kind of an eye test, but they had various signs. They had personnel working, one lane road ahead, things like that approaching the job site. They had actually a flagman set up to guide, you know it's on a two-lane road, so we were down to one lane, so they had a flagman set up to help direct traffic.

Mr. Steele went to the next slide.

Chairman Davenport stated can I ask you a question please?

Safety Message by Vernon Steele – Traffic Safety for Electric Utility Workers (cont.):

Mr. Steele stated yes sir.

Chairman Davenport stated I'm curious, I've been setting in our FIND board meetings and we've been putting up tortoise, turtle fences. What animals are we guarding here? I mean are the turtles here, what are we guarding.

Mr. Steele stated no, turtles don't climb poles, so its squirrels and raccoons.

Chairman Davenport commented it would be a first wouldn't it, so that's what we're doing, building the guards?

Mr. Steele stated yes, so these are plastic guards that we put over the energized lines and transformers and things so as the squirrels and raccoons climb the poles, they don't make contact with the energized parts.

Chairman Davenport stated I've got you.

Mr. Steele then continued to the next slide and stated so here you can see the sign board that the crew had set up, with arrows pointing, you know directing traffic around the job site. And then you can see the cones, we bought some new cones as well and there's the bucket truck set up with the cones around it.

Mr. Steele went to the next slide and stated so the improvements, it improves public safety as well as personnel safety. Making sure that the crews are protected from the traffic but also making sure that the public has a clear route around the job site, they're not interfering with the job site or interacting with the personnel working. And then compliance is a big issue, there's Department of Transportation guidelines on size and you have to have reflective signs at night, things like that, so we meet all of those DOT regulations as it comes to building our work zones. Then confirmed that was the completion of his slide deck and then asked if there were any questions.

Commissioner Smith stated I don't know if you're aware of this, but my son told me yesterday that the kids, they aren't just kids, can hack a billboard sign and put whatever message they want. Were you aware of that?

Mr. Steele stated I am now, and added well these are not the...

Chairman Davenport interjected I hope they don't hack my sign, out there on 44.

Mr. Steele continued, the board that we have is not the one where you can put like messages on it.

Commissioner Smith stated okay.

Mr. Steele stated you have certain light patterns, arrows one direction or the other to direct traffic. So the big message boards, you know, we borrow those from other departments, but ours is a very small trailer with just an arrow board on it so that we can direct traffic.

Safety Message by Vernon Steele – Traffic Safety for Electric Utility Workers (cont.):

Commissioner Smith stated do the folding signs have a wind rating, how much wind will they take?

Mr. Steele stated they probably do but I don't have that off the top of my head. The stand that they're on is pretty substantial so its probably, you know, they'll withstand a lot. And of course on a very windy day we may not deploy those, pick another time to do the job or something like that. Because our bucket trucks have a wind rating as well, so if the winds are strong enough to knock the signs over, we're probably not going to be able to go into the air anyway.

Commissioner Hawes then stated my question Mr. Steele was, are you guys using more cones now, also the orange cones? I noticed on Pioneer Trail last week, it just looked like there was a whole line of them.

Mr. Steele stated yes, so there's requirements on the distance between those and we tend to be conservative and use more cones and get them a little closer.

Commissioner Hawes stated seems like a good idea because you can see them.

Mr. Steele added, the more visibility the better.

Chairman Davenport stated this is one of the, Mr. Steele I appreciate you by the way, and Mr. Bunch, since you've taken over this safety information each month it keeps us focused on safety and this is very informative. Just even signs, you know learning about fold-up signs, thank you, I love this safety part, everything from the gloves, the clips; learning a lot up here so thank you, very informative. Anybody else have anything, Commissioners? Thank you very much.

Roll Call:

Chairman Davenport then asked Mrs. Simmons, can we have a roll call please ma'am.

A roll call was taken, all of the U.C. Commissioners were in attendance as follows:

Commissioner Lillian Conrad
Chairman James Davenport
Commissioner Richard Hawes
Commissioner Lawrence Kelly, Jr.
Commissioner James Smith

Others in attendance at this time were as follows: J. Bunch, General Manager/CEO; E. Chavez, Director, Finance/ CFO; J. Couillard, Director, Engineering; T. Beyrle; Director, System Operations; V. Steele, Director, Electric Operations; B. Keehn, Director, Information Technology; J. McMurray, Director, Strategic Programs; J. Grusauskas, Director, Water Resources; H. Carrizales, Manager, Human Resources; M. Spellers, Sr. Help Desk Technician; E. Fisher, Community Relations Coordinator; D. Simmons, Exec. Mgr./ Recording Secretary; General Counsel Thomas Cloud, Esquire – Gray|Robinson Attorneys at Law (Participated via Conference Phone); and John Moss and Lisa Martin, members of the public in attendance on site.

(1) Agenda Changes, Additions and Deletions:

Chairman Davenport stated okay, thank you Mrs. Simmons, item number one on the agenda, do we have any changes, deletions or additions?

Mr. Bunch stated Chairman, no changes, additions or deletions.

Chairman Davenport stated thank you sir. And Mr. Cloud, you're on the phone I understand, is that correct?

Mr. Cloud stated that is correct.

Chairman Davenport stated glad to have you; commented we miss your lovely face.

(2) Public Participation:

Chairman Davenport then stated public participation; confirmed none.

There was no public participation at this time.

(3) Approval of Consent Items:

Chairman Davenport then stated item number three on the agenda, consent items, does anybody want to pull any items?

Commissioner Hawes stated I would like to pull 3-c. please.

Chairman Davenport stated yes sir, 3-c., then confirmed no other Commissioners wanted to pull other consent items for discussion. Stated we're going to pull 3-c. and if I can have a motion on a., b., d., e., and f.

Commissioner Smith stated so moved; specifically a motion to approve item 3-a. Minutes of Regular U.C. Meeting Held 4-25-22, approve as submitted; item 3-b. Approval – Cost Sharing Agreement for Washington Street Streetscape Project – City of NSB, approve this agreement for the City of New Smyrna Beach's Washington Street Streetscape Project, attached to the agenda item and authorization for the General Manager-CEO or his designee to execute same; item 3-d. Approval – Continuing Professional Service Agreement – RSQ 07-22 – Grant Research and Writing – The Balmoral Group, LLC, approve the issuance of this agreement and award of RSQ No. 07-22 to The Balmoral Group, LLC and authorize the GM-CEO or his designee to execute all documents associated with this matter; item 3-e. Ratification – Award of ITB No. 13-22 – Pole and Padmount Transformers for a Two-Year Purchase, ratify the award of transformers detailed in agenda item summary, to Gresco Utility Supply, the evaluated successful bidder, for a two-year period for a total amount of \$1,803,097.72. *(Noted disbursement of funds not needed until receipt of transformers.)* Previous overall purchase authorization (on 4-25-22, AI 3-i.) ongoing for the GM-CEO or his designee to execute all documentation for this matter; item 3-f. Approval – Interest on Customer Deposits, approve the interest rate of 0.005% which would become effective with first billing cycle in June 2022. *(note - maintained existing interest rate of 0.0005%)*

(3) Approval of Consent Items (cont.):

Commissioner Kelly seconded the motion.

Chairman Davenport stated thank you, Mrs. Simmons if you would call the roll please.

Commissioner Smith's motion then passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

(3-c) Budget Ratification – North Atlantic Water Improvements Project and Approval – Cost Share Agreement Between UCNSB and City of NSB:

Chairman Davenport stated okay.

Mr. Bunch stated all right, I'd like to ask Ms. Julie Couillard to come to the podium to talk about item 3-c.

Commissioner Hawes stated thank you.

Ms. Couillard stated hi.

Commissioner Hawes stated just in reading this over it kind of caught me. One, it's a big dollar change from the budget.

Ms. Couillard stated yes.

Commissioner Hawes continued, but it also kind of struck me that you know we kind of started under one thing and added going somewhere else, and I kind of wondered, how to say this nicely. Was the City keeping you informed of what you had to do because it seemed like it just sort of, if I'm reading it right, I could be wrong.

Ms. Couillard stated yes, so they changed the project scope and incorporated the larger space.

Commissioner Hawes stated okay.

Ms. Couillard stated we found out about it at 60% and then re-evaluated what we needed to do. In addition to that, the electric was now affected and in looking at the electric we are also upgrading it to harden it and add some additional switching capability, so there's an increase there.

Commissioner Hawes stated right, so there's some benefits as well.

Ms. Couillard stated yes, and there's new water. Beachside, we're trying to upgrade what we can, and so we take advantage of it when we can.

Commissioner Hawes stated okay, thank you.

Ms. Couillard stated is that it?

Commissioner Hawes stated that's it.

(3-c) Budget Ratification – North Atlantic Water Improvements Project and Approval – Cost Share Agreement Between UCNSB and City of NSB (cont.):

Mr. Bunch stated thank you Ms. Couillard. Just a note on the topic, all except the largest of projects that would require Commission approval, just for say the engineering level of dollars. And this project, it wasn't enough that would have required Commission approval for engineering, so back in December we asked for project approval but that was pretty much with just having the documents from the City in hand for the project. I think in 2019 or 2020 we revised the project approval process. After the initial amount was approved everything gets delegated to me to sign off on and then it comes forward with ratification approval such as this one. Going forward we're going to, just makes sense, ask ourselves does it make sense to ask for the approval now or is it, would it make sense until we get a 30% or 60% design if the scope is in question. But that question on this one just caused us to have a good conversation this morning about when we take it to the Commission for approval. One that we will request approval earlier, for just the design cost would be the transmission project that we've been talking about lately. So that's one where I think dollars will be significant enough that we want to make sure we get the cost estimates pretty narrowed down before we go for approval requests. But thank you Ms. Couillard.

Chairman Davenport commented yes, but just no big surprises.

Mr. Bunch stated correct, I mean the dollars wouldn't have changed based on the revised scope it's just a matter of when you would have been presented the dollars for approval.

Chairman Davenport stated okay. Commissioner Hawes does that answer you?

Commissioner Hawes stated yes.

Chairman Davenport stated okay, make a motion, if I could get a motion for 3-c. please.

Commissioner Smith stated so moved; specifically to ratify a budget increase of \$1,400,000.00, bringing the total overall budget of this project to \$1,775,000.00 and approval of the Asphalt Cost Sharing Agreement between UCNSB and the City of New Smyrna Beach. Previous project authorization, referenced in agenda item summary (12-16-21, AI 3-b), ongoing for General Manager-CEO or his designee to execute all documentation for this matter.

Commissioner Kelly stated second.

Commissioner Smith's motion then passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

(4) General Manager's Report:

Chairman Davenport stated okay, item number four on the agenda, General Manager's Report, Mr. Bunch.

Mr. Bunch stated okay, I'll ask Mr. Chavez to come up and give us the April Financial Performance Report.

(4-a) Financial Status – April 2022:

Mr. Chavez came to the podium and commenced his presentation for the April Financial Performance, April year to date, we'll just cover it quickly here because then I'll go to the waterfalls. Change in net assets about \$1.8 million, with the \$0.5 million mark to market; so that will be the standard going forward. We still have our year over year purchased power, we're at \$64 per megawatt hour, so that's 23% greater than the prior year. But those are the trends that we're seeing, and you know we'll keep an eye on it just as we have been, but that's what's around until further. On the capital expenditure side we're at \$11.3 million, \$6.4 million in major projects and \$4.9 million in annual projects. Major projects spend included the reclaimed pond expansion, electric reliability improvement programs, lift station 5, line 17 rebuild. And then on the annual project spend we've got the gravity sewer lining and rehab., which if I'm not mistaken based on what's in our current, as we are budgeting currently, it's in the next couple of years and then that project should wrap up. Line trucks and then new business electric and water installations.

Mr. Chavez went to the next slide and stated from an operating income and loss, last year April 2021, from a fiscal year to date, we're at a \$2.4 million of a loss, we are now at about \$400,000. So the drivers on there, we do have increased revenues, that first green bar to the right there, so water and reclaimed are higher. On the electric side just slightly lower because we've had the milder weather, but as we start to ramp up you will start to see revenues tick up significantly. Slightly higher increased depreciation and amortization. On the purchased power side, the right green bar there, you've got two pieces going on, you've got the under-recovery that ended in March, I mean ended in April. And then you have the increase in purchased power, so the net of that is a \$2.2 million benefit, but its net of a \$2.5 million purchased power increase year over year. Operating expense increase over the prior year, so \$400,000 (loss) on a fiscal year to date. As the electric, the consumption, as we get into our hotter weather, we will start to see that turn around.

Mr. Chavez went to the next slide and stated on the change in net assets, this one just adds on capital contributions and the mark to market. Over on the right hand, top right-hand corner, right before you get to the capital contributions and such, you have income before contributions. We had a \$0.5 million loss versus a \$2.8 million loss from the same time last year, so you can see from at an operating income or loss perspective as well as at the income before contributions, we are better than we were this time last year. Consistent with what we have been discussing, the change in rates, just getting our structures, our revenues in line with what we need to cover our expenses we are in a much better position and we continue to monitor of course. Here you have, we had a slight decrease in capital contributions, and then the mark to market is staying consistent to what we've seen, about a half million. Unless there's any other questions, I will turn it over to Mr. Bunch. I guess one other item, we do continue to see customer increases on all lines of business, this month this time versus a year ago, on the electric 1.9% increase in customers, water 1.8%, wastewater 1.1% and of course, reclaimed is 8.6%. We still see no change in the customer accounts, we still continue to have steady growth of our customer base. Okay, will turn it over to Mr. Bunch.

Mr. Bunch stated thank you Mr. Chavez. The next couple of slides track field or developer-driven activity within the Commission and in the past, we had, the first slide that Mrs.

(4-a) Financial Status – April 2022 (cont.):

Simmons has up here, which covers our contributions in aid of construction or CIAC fund. And that encompasses several forms of money and items of value, so it's either cash received along with developer agreements, infrastructure that developers build and turn over to us, which is predominantly water. The value of easements which were granted to us, which are the light blue, or lastly the yellow which is the value of that contributed capital. Historically, over the last five years, the yellow and green which are the cash paid and the yellow contributed capital dominated. In 2019, that's the year where all elements of that process peaked out in terms of value, what they paid us, what they built and turned over to us, and then you can see through last year, the value of the payments have gone down a bit. So last year we modified the building developer fees, did away with the old infrastructure program, so we expected some of that to be down but that was in line with our current cost structure, not that we were under-collecting.

Mr. Bunch stated the next slide, or the next two slides are the next two phases in our process. So the slide with the green bars on it, this is what we call starts. Starts are when a builder gets a permit and then applies for a service and a meter, they occur pretty much around the same time, but the way we track it is the service and meter volumes. We saw the same peak in 2019, which then dropped off in 2020. The dark green bars are apartments and condos, so as you can see by the volumes, the predominant majority of development in our area are residential units. In fact last year we had virtually no apartments and condos, this year, last year was up compared to 2020 and this year which is the first seven months would appear as though it's probably on track with about last year. The black line that you see there is the trend from the prior chart but it only accounts for the capital contributions, it doesn't include some of the other elements.

Mr. Bunch stated, lastly, the last portion of our process is the next slide which are the charts for completions. So in order for somebody to get a Certificate of Occupancy from the City or County they've got to have among other things including final building inspection, they have to have a meter or meters from us, otherwise the house isn't inhabitable. So those two things happen pretty much together, as the builders' running down construction, they get our meter and they then get a Certificate of Occupancy. And from a volume standpoint, remember I mentioned the development infrastructure peaked in 2019, the volume of completions was pretty much in the year to follow. The black line is the cycle days on average between the starts and completions. Now if you went back, so you heard about supply chain ills, we found this pretty interesting, if you go back to 2018, that black line indicates it was only slightly over 150 days, say 165 days on average, and then this year it's up over a year. So that time from when a builder applied for a meter and going through a completion, I'm sorry, applying for this service and then ready for the meter, has more than doubled. So is it materials, is it resources, it's probably all of the above, from a volume standpoint it tailed off a little bit last year from 2020, but it appears to be online with probably finishing off this year about equal to last year. Now what we don't have a crystal ball for is what do you expect beyond now, it would appear as though the development front-end activity has waned and if history follows through, we'll probably start to see some of the starts and completions fall off but that hasn't happened in a notable amount at this point in time.

(4-a) Financial Status – April 2022 (cont.):

Chairman Davenport stated can we go back to that previous slide Mr. Bunch please.

Mr. Bunch stated sure.

Chairman Davenport stated, in regards to that, let me make sure I'm reading this right, that's the number of housing starts that were done on the left side, number of starts. So like in 2018, 600 houses.

Mr. Bunch stated that was residential, single units and townhomes, and then the dark green bars are condos and apartments. Now what we're not showing is the commercial because by volume and dollars it pales in comparison. Residential far dominates our activity.

Chairman Davenport stated and then in 2019 it went up about 30%, almost 900, correct.

Mr. Bunch stated yes, so there was significant activity and if you think about it, I think the first couple phases of Venetian Bay Palms and some of the other areas were all coming to fruition from a developer activity standpoint at that time. While we're still seeing a good deal of development activity, it's not quite what it was then, however, areas south of 44 we're now getting in inquiries from folks who are looking at the property south of 44 that hasn't yet been developed. So while there's still some land in and around Venetian Bay, and Sugar Mill road that's driven the recent development, while that finishes up, you'll probably see a shift to some of the undeveloped land at some point in the future. Now how fast does that occur...

Chairman Davenport stated what is the black line?

Mr. Bunch asked which slide? On this chart the black line is...

Chairman Davenport interjected total C.C.?

Mr. Bunch stated that is the contributed capital. So from the prior page, remember, we showed all the stacked bars of the different colors.

Chairman Davenport stated right.

Mr. Bunch stated the black line here is just the value of that in dollars by year.

Chairman Davenport stated okay, thank you.

Mr. Bunch stated just kind of an item of information.

Chairman Davenport stated very informative.

Mr. Bunch continued, speaks to recent activities in this space.

Commissioner Smith stated when you talked about south of 44, are you trying to mean west of Edgewater land?

(4-a) Financial Status – April 2022 (cont.):

Mr. Bunch stated no, this is the area immediately south of 44, so Engineering, Ms. Couillard maybe you can speak to some of the inquiries you've gotten recently and things that are going in that regard.

Chairman Davenport stated where they're going to build that water park or something?

Ms. Couillard stated I'm not sure in Ocean Gate. So Ocean Gate is directly south of Wal-Mart, that's where they were talking about the water, surfing, thing, I don't know if that's still going; they're developing there. But if you look directly south of the V-Bay entrance, there is a huge development being planned there, lots of homes.

Chairman Davenport confirmed, just south of the Venetian Bay entrance, going south.

Ms. Couillard stated correct.

Chairman Davenport commented interesting.

Ms. Couillard stated and then there's a couple of open properties that we've had some hits on and we also have Rolling Hills which is north of V-Bay and Copper Creek and a few others on the east side of I-95. So they're still asking and they're working with the City on submittals and things like that, so that hasn't slowed down too much.

Chairman Davenport stated I wish we could, I like this what I'm hearing, I've thought about this before in the past. It would be nice to know sitting here for us, you know what is on the drawing board, you know just like hearing that there. Hey, this place is getting ready to come in, they've come and talked to us about this, just to brief the Commission like the restaurants or something going on. I'd like to know that just for business, our local knowledge and being in the community. Because nothing's worse, you're sitting there and they say did you hear about that going in down there and no, I hadn't. We should hear about it, we're here with our utilities.

Ms. Couillard stated sure.

Chairman Davenport continued, and I'd think that would be, if we could do that, I think that'd be nice to read for each meeting what's going on in the community.

Mr. Bunch stated sure, we've got some line of sight on pending developer agreements, probably mention those in the Manager's Report as they're developing, moving forward.

Ms. Couillard stated yes, and the City creates some really nice maps that I can provide for you guys if you want.

Commissioner Smith stated the City does a report on progress of where they're going to build, it's really good.

Chairman Davenport stated online?

(4-a) Financial Status – April 2022 (cont.):

Commissioner Smith stated yes.

Ms. Couillard stated yes, I can put them in.

Chairman Davenport stated send them, yes, thank you.

Commissioner Smith stated I don't know if you're aware but this property, a lot of the property has been developed in New Smyrna. In recent years it was one time all owned by Timer O'Reilly, and Timer had at one point had 40,000 contiguous acres. And I talked with him years ago and he said I quit buying it back in the 50's when it went over 50 cents an acre.

Chairman Davenport commented he was a neat guy too.

Commissioner Smith concurred, he was.

Mr. Bunch stated so hopefully it gives you an understanding of some of the volumes that we've been managing in recent years, the ups and the downs, and we'll periodically give an update. But this is in our General Manager's Report and something that between engineering and customer service have developed in recent months to help us speak to the activity in this area of our business. Okay, thank you Ms. Couillard. Any other questions on that topic?

Commissioner Kelly stated a question, contributed capital, who determines that, how does that get decided?

Mr. Bunch stated the developers have an engineer provide cost estimates for the assets they're turning over, they have to certify with their stamp, and should be equal to the value of what they paid for them to put that in for us. But for the most part, water, everything water is installed and turned over for us, electric they put in conduits, things underground and then we'll pull our infrastructure through those assets.

Chairman Davenport stated I didn't mean to interrupt you there Mr. Bunch a while ago.

Mr. Bunch stated it's okay. Any other questions on either Mr. Chavez' portion or the developer portion of that presentation? Okay, bearing none or hearing none I'm going to ask Tim Beyrle to come up and talk about things going on in the solar power space.

(4-b) Presentation – Solar Power Update:

Mr. Beyrle came to the podium and stated so this will be our solar minute for the month. Only a couple of you were on the Commission at the time we entered into our agreement with FMPA back in 2019. But in 2019 we entered into a 20-year purchased power agreement for 10 MW's out of their two-Phase II solar plants. Which are supposed to come online at the end of 2023.

Mr. Beyrle went to the next slide and stated so it went to, this Commission approved it, the City Commission approved it. Since its more than four years, the City Commission had to approve it as well. Went to the next slide and stated so we'll be getting about 5% of energy

(4-b) Presentation – Solar Power Update (cont.):

needs out of this plant when it does come online. One of the things we looked at is possibly doing a subscription service, other cities have done that with their utilities. Where we could, if the City wanted to say they were getting all of their energy from renewable resources, they don't use as much as we'll be getting from that plant. So it was very popular, FMPA were able to build two plants, originally it was going to be one and then there was enough interest, so they are going to build a second one.

Mr. Beyrle went to the next slide and stated I don't know how many of you have heard about it recently but now there's a lot of the solar projects have been delayed or come to a complete stop because of the Department of Justice (sic Commerce) investigating Chinese solar panels. They're avoiding or evading tariffs by sending them to other countries and then bringing them over here, so until that gets done a lot of these projects are on hold. We'll be meeting with FMPA later this week, so we'll get an idea of how they're coming along.

Mr. Beyrle went to the next slide.

Mr. Bunch interjected to Mr. Beyrle before we jump off of that, could you speak to the relative cost per megawatt hour for that solar versus maybe what our current cost of power supply is.

Mr. Beyrle stated yes, the maximum, not-to-exceed price for those is \$28 per megawatt hour, or 2.8 cents per kilowatt hour. Right now our all-in cost is around \$64, so it's a low-cost alternative for us. It's an intermittent resource which, you know, brings some other problems but its very low cost compared to what our other resources are, so it would help bring our overall costs down.

Commissioner Smith asked where is this located?

Mr. Beyrle stated somewhere down south, there are two plants, one is in FPL's territory and one is in Duke's territory. So that way, because some of their members are tied to FPL and some are tied to Duke, they like to put plants in both territories. I'm not sure where they are, one's called Rice Creek, I think that's the one in FPL's territory. But they're usually somewhere down in the center of the state or up in the center of the state. So now FMPA is moving on to Phase III solar, they've gone out, they've got anywhere from two to five potential plants they're going to put in, depending on what kind of interest from their members. They'll be similar to the other ones where someone comes in builds it, they sell it to FMPA and FMPA sells to us. FMPA doesn't own the plants, they're just taking the output of them so that way they're not having the risk. But they're also, the developers get the tax credits, so for someone like us, we wouldn't get tax credits if we were to build it. So if we were going to do something like this, we'd probably go that same route. One of the things we'll be coming back with, probably in June, is a recommendation on how much, if any, we want to participate in Phase III. The advertised, the not-to-exceed cost for Phase III is \$34 per megawatt hour, which is higher than previous because some of those tax credits are going away or going down, and the cost of materials is going up, but it's still a very good deal.

(4-b) Presentation – Solar Power Update (cont.):

Mr. Beyrle went to the next slide and stated it's just got some timelines in there as far as what's going on, which I think I pretty well covered. Then went to the next slide and stated like I said right now we're assessing what we might want to take off of the future plants and we'll be bringing back a recommendation and hopefully they'll have, they are planning to have all of the agreements in place by the end of the year, and one more.

Chairman Davenport stated what's our investment we're looking at putting in here, in this next one, if we participate?

Mr. Beyrle stated in the Phase III?

Chairman Davenport stated yes, Phase III.

Mr. Beyrle stated we haven't decided yet, it will probably be in the 5 to 10-megawatt range.

Mr. Bunch stated and these are operating contracts, neither Phase II or Phase III involve any capital outlay on us.

Mr. Beyrle stated right.

Mr. Bunch continued, the developer invests the capital, gets the tax breaks and then for FMPA and members like us are just pay as you go per megawatt hour costs.

Mr. Beyrle started, and then...

Chairman Davenport interjected so the developer develops it, for instance the big one west of town out here, put that together and then he goes and sells it to FMPA. And FMPA sells it to a group of us utilities?

Mr. Beyrle stated yes, they're taking part of it for their members and then since we're a member we're also taking a part, we participate just like they do.

Chairman Davenport stated right, which we're members of.

Mr. Beyrle stated yes, all the members can purchase out of that plant, but none of us have any risk or any upfront costs.

Chairman Davenport commented interesting.

Mr. Beyrle stated so in parallel with that we've got a, been working with Burns & McDonnell to look at our Western Utility Complex to see if there's any options to offer that up for solar construction, possibly use the reclaimed pond for floating solar. We haven't got the report back yet, there's some challenges with the property, as far as putting solar arrays out there.

Chairman Davenport stated because of the wetlands?

Mr. Beyrle stated yes.

(4-b) Presentation – Solar Power Update (cont.):

Chairman Davenport stated I keep saying we should look into starting a wetland bank, that land setting there, but we still own the land, but we can sell it, you know, to use allotments for credits for developers. That's something very important we still ought to look at.

Mr. Beyrle continued and stated so we're looking at it now, just seeing what kind of buildable area there is for solar out there.

Mr. Bunch stated so Mr. Beyrle you're expecting the final report from that in the next week or so, is that correct?

Mr. Beyrle stated yes.

Mr. Bunch stated what would you anticipate coming to the Commission for in the June meeting?

Mr. Beyrle stated for this, the internal project, probably nothing at this point. I think it's going to be, the draft report we'll be getting soon and then they can look at the financial part. We didn't even have them look at the costs or anything because we wanted to see if it was even worth pursuing.

Mr. Bunch stated do you see the decision or decisions to participate in Solar Phase III with FMPA and the U.C. project as separate, or would you say here are the costs.

Mr. Beyrle stated yes, I think they're separate. You know one of the things we were originally, when we kicked it off, we thought well maybe FMPA could get it built out there, but I don't know if 75 MW's is doable on that property.

Chairman Davenport stated where, on this right here Mr. Beyrle, a request for proposals, there's several responses. Where could you review, where could I go and review those requests for proposals, I'd like to read them, see that.

Mr. Beyrle stated those are FMPA's request for proposals.

Chairman Davenport stated on their website?

Mr. Beyrle stated I'll find out, adding when we meet.

Mr. Bunch stated yes, we should be able to get a copy, we have a meeting actually with them this week.

Chairman Davenport stated for information purposes, I'm just interested.

Mr. Beyrle stated yes, when we meet with them on Thursday, we'll ask.

Chairman Davenport stated thank you.

(4-b) Presentation – Solar Power Update (cont.):

Mr. Bunch stated so several things going on related to solar. Solar Phase II for those that are newer, should go online by the end of 2023 unless this solar panel issue gets really out of hand. And then Solar Phase III, we'll be looking at whether or not we'll participate, and if so how much. And then a similar decision for the Western Complex property, which while we own a significant amount of land it's very, very wet and how much we use it is in question, but they're dotting i's and crossing t's on that analysis as we speak. We'll be coming back to you soon.

Chairman Davenport commented that could be very exciting though.

Commissioner Hawes stated Mr. Beyrle, this is a little off topic, if you, natural gas, I think FMPA said 80% of power, have you seen, do you know from their perspective or Duke or whomever, are they seeing any issues with supplies of natural gas at this point? It's all coming okay, maybe cost more but it's available.

Mr. Beyrle stated no, I haven't heard of any issues.

Commissioner Hawes stated okay, and then does the electric power kind of give you some room I guess for lack of a better word to kind of opportunistically kind of flip back and forth between the two. Is that, or is it sort of more once you're on, you kind of keep the pipeline open so to speak.

Mr. Beyrle asked on?

Commissioner Hawes stated in other words you're pulling electricity, do you know, how am I trying to ask this, does it, do you know if its natural gas or do you know if its solar power coming through to you?

Mr. Beyrle indicated no.

Commissioner Hawes stated it's just, okay, so it's just electricity, okay I get it.

Chairman Davenport stated Mr. Beyrle I had a former Chairman of our Utilities Commission, Oscar Zeller, asked me the other day and we were talking. He said Buddy do we buy, he wanted to put on some solar panels, he's buying them for west of town solar. Do we buy back the electricity? I think I asked you Mr. Bunch or somebody, and we do.

Mr. Beyrle stated we do.

Chairman Davenport stated okay, then I'll just tell him to contact you then.

Mr. Bunch stated do you want to mention how that happens Mr. Beyrle.

Mr. Beyrle stated it's basically a net meter, net metered. So there's times when you're sending back to us, at the end of the year we true it up, and we give you... Isn't that how it works, we give them a credit once a year? At the end of the year if you generated more than you used, we cut you a check, otherwise it's just reduces your bill each month.

(4-b) Presentation – Solar Power Update (cont.):

Mr. Bunch stated okay, any other questions for Mr. Beyrle? All right, well Mr. Beyrle will probably be back up here next month. Then stated thanks to Mr. Beyrle.

(4-c) Introduction – Josef Grusauskas, Director of Water Resources and Heather Carrizales, Manager, Human Resources:

Mr. Bunch stated we had two great new folks join us in the last month. I'll introduce them by name and ask them to come up. We hired a new Water Resources Director, Joe Grusauskas, and a Human Resources Manager, Heather Carrizales. And I'm going to ask them in reverse order to come up so that when Ms. Carrizales finishes, Mr. Grusauskas can then introduce himself and cover his agenda item as well. So, Ms. Carrizales.

Ms. Carrizales addressed the Commission by stating good afternoon, my name is Heather Carrizales and I'm the new Human Resources Manager here at the Utilities Commission. I'm happy to be here.

Chairman Davenport stated welcome.

Ms. Carrizales stated prior to coming here I have about 20 years of experience in Human Resources, 14 years have been in the public sector. I have a handful of Human Resources certifications and still look forward to getting up and coming into work every day.

Chairman Davenport stated well, thank you, adding you've got a pretty smile so that's what we like too.

Ms. Carrizales stated thank you, I do enjoy working with people believe it or not; it's part of the job.

Chairman Davenport stated so you've got a good group here I've got to tell you.

Ms. Carrizales stated I've been out and about and met quite a few of the employees and everybody really has been great so far.

Chairman Davenport stated that's awesome, welcome aboard.

Ms. Carrizales stated thank you so much, I appreciate it.

Mr. Bunch stated so Ms. Carrizales is local, maybe you could tell us a little bit about where you most recently worked.

Ms. Carrizales stated yes, I am a native Floridian from a little bit south here, in Brevard County actually. But my parents bought property in Oak Hill, back in the early '90's, so they've been in this area for quite some time. And I moved here with my children in 2007 and shortly thereafter found a job with the City of Port Orange. I have been up there for 14 years before coming a little bit closer to home for me, so I'm happy to be eight minutes from my house in northern Edgewater.

(4-c) Introduction – Josef Grusauskas, Director of Water Resources and Heather Carrizales, Manager, Human Resources (cont.):

Chairman Davenport stated that's great.

Ms. Carrizales stated absolutely.

Chairman Davenport stated any questions for us?

Ms. Carrizales stated I do not, other than I'm happy to help any way I can. I'm looking forward to you know, really engaging employees and improving our employee experience here and making sure our employees are taken care of so that they can turn around and focus on taking care of our customers. So that's exciting to me, like I said everybody's been great so far, really looking forward to it.

Chairman Davenport stated you've got some good leaders you're working with, so we're excited.

Ms. Carrizales stated absolutely, that's very apparent already. Thank you very much.

Mr. Bunch stated thank you Ms. Carrizales. If I could ask Josef Grusauskas to come to the podium, tell us about yourself and then cover your agenda item.

Mr. Grusauskas stated good afternoon, my name is Joe Grusauskas. I am not a native Floridian, but I learned to walk in Stuart, Florida, and spent most of my life in the southeast area of Florida. I've been doing utilities for over 30 years, I hate to say, grey hair to show it. Built RO plants from basically Martin County to Volusia County and most currently I've been working with the City of Mount Dora in the central Florida area. About four years ago I moved over there from Port Orange area and I'm glad to be back to the coast. So I'm looking forward to working with all of you and it's a great organization and I'm really excited to be part of it.

Chairman Davenport stated thank you for joining us, appreciate it. Any questions for us?

Mr. Grusauskas stated no, but I do have a slight presentation for you.

Chairman Davenport stated okay.

(4-d) 2021 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) – Water Quality Report:

Mr. Grusauskas continued and stated we are doing our Consumer Confidence Report, you might know it better as the Water Quality analysis we do every year, it's part of an EPA program. This year we're going to do it a little bit differently, instead of sending out mail stuffers, that basically get thrown away, we are going to put a tag on the bill and it's part of your agenda item (sic handout). On the bottom of your bill, in three consecutive months, where people can find the information digitally. In about 2013 the EPA realized we're moving to a digital society and that just wasting paper to throw it in the garbage can wasn't the best way of getting the information out. So part of the new process is if one of our older or somebody who likes to get stuff in their hand, paper, all they have to do is request a copy

(4-d) 2021 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) – Water Quality Report (cont.):

and we will send it out to them. We'll maintain their name every year and we'll send them out paper as long as they're our customer. But 90% or more of our customers like it digitally, it's on our website, and we do have a few handouts downtown, you know downstairs if somebody comes in to pay their bill, etc. So I'm kind of excited about it, I did this at my last two utilities, and it's been a very popular program. Most people are going to e-bill, e-pay and its more along their style of paying and absorbing the information when they want it and how they want to get it. Then concluded by stating so that's my presentation.

Mr. Bunch stated so how was the report Mr. Grusauskas, how did we do?

Mr. Grusauskas stated oh, perfect, we meet all the standards of EPA and your operators work 24/7, you know we operate at the plants 24/7, to make sure we stay in compliance. We're currently in a chlorine flush, if you've noticed that. Basically we run chloramines, the reason we run chloramines and not free chlorine is it tastes a little better and it doesn't create trihalomethanes. Trihalomethanes are a cancer agent that can, with free chlorine bonds with organics in the water, it can be detrimental to your health down the road. So if you add a little ammonia to the chlorine you make a chloramine product, it's still a disinfectant, it doesn't smell as bad, it doesn't taste as bad, it's a milder thing. But twice a year we do a chlorine flush to ensure our pipes are in optimal condition, kind of like you know doing a deep cleaning in your house.

Commissioner Smith stated is there anything from your analysis that has you concerned, any contaminant?

Mr. Grusauskas stated no, your system is very good, but your water plant is very old. There is some opportunity to modernize your water plant in your future. Might change the taste a little bit, a higher quality when you do that. You're using lime softening at this point and you're basically burning the water with lime, but it also has a more minerally taste to it when you do that. So some of the newer processes, you know I'm not going to say watery, but they have less minerals in them.

Chairman Davenport stated what can we do there, what expense, I'm just curious, would you be talking about to upgrade our water quality?

Mr. Grusauskas stated I don't think it's an expense as you're thinking about it, I think it's just your plant is older and you're going to have to move to a new technology, you know a more modern technology to do that and you're going to have to do that whether you want to or not. Your plant is probably 60 years old.

Chairman Davenport stated is that on the drawing board?

Mr. Bunch stated it is, and Mr. Grusauskas has seen that. So our plant was built in 1975, it's about 47 years old, but it's been well maintained. So we've talked about moving to pellet softening, gives us better quality, lower operational costs.

Chairman Davenport stated we just did that.

(4-d) 2021 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) – Water Quality Report (cont.):

Mr. Bunch stated well, that's in the next three to five years but that's the opportunity that Mr. Grusauskas spoke to.

Mr. Grusauskas stated yes, I was a little ahead of myself, I probably shouldn't have mentioned in my...

Mr. Bunch interjected that's okay, they've heard about it.

Mr. Grusauskas stated so like I said, there is some opportunities and some of the operating costs and the reliabilities on some of the new technologies are a little bit different than the older technology. It's getting harder to get rid of lime sludge, there's a lot of advantages to moving to a newer process. Plus again, you know, you're going to start spending a lot of money trying to maintain that plant which, it's an old technology.

Chairman Davenport stated well it sound like to me, what I'm hearing, sounds like sooner the better that we do something like this. If it's inevitable and the water's going to be better.

Mr. Bunch stated yes, the design for that will start this coming year, it's in the budget. We did the pilot last year; you may recall that.

Chairman Davenport stated right.

Mr. Bunch continued, where we had Veolia come in and do a pilot test, to make sure the chemistry would work out, and they validated that. Now in preparation of this year's budget we put that in for the next three or four years with design starting in this coming fiscal year.

Commissioner Smith stated would everything be improvements to the existing facility or building a new facility?

Mr. Bunch stated it's an improvement to, and when you compare the existing lime process, if we upgraded that to pellet softening over a 20-year period it's almost \$8 million less shifting to pellet softening than the current process; so it's a good business decision as well.

Chairman Davenport stated absolutely.

Mr. Grusauskas stated I do have one other point; we currently are in the chlorine flush now. My staff has notified us that there's some concern that the chlorine flushes happen during the holidays. So we're going to look at possibly modifying that schedule to a more August / February schedule so it's not necessarily during the holidays when you're going to taste that and smell that chlorine in your water. It's actually a little bit better for the program when you chlorinate during the heat of the summer, that's when you basically have all the issues with your pipes, so we'll be flushing at the same time. So we're going to look at that and I'll probably be coming back to you guys with a plan to modify our schedule from the current schedule of where we kind of do it during the Thanksgiving and Christmas, to a later time in February and just kind of shift the whole schedule around.

(4-d) 2021 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) – Water Quality Report (cont.):

Commissioner Smith commented yes, I don't want my relatives complaining about the water out there.

Mr. Grusauskas stated, and we don't add any more chlorine, we just turn off the ammonia.

Mr. Bunch stated maybe will stay longer Commissioner, and then thanked Mr. Grusauskas.

Chairman Davenport stated anything else?

Mr. Bunch stated that's it for the General Manager's Report Chairman.

(5) Commission Counsel's Report – General Counsel:

Chairman Davenport stated okay, item number five, if we could move on, Counselor.

Mr. Bunch stated General Counselor Cloud you're on the phone, can you hear us okay?

Mr. Cloud stated just fine.

Mr. Bunch stated all right sir, we've got your slides which Mrs. Simmons will be putting up on the viewer here soon. How do you want to work it, can you see us presenting or do you want...

Mr. Cloud stated oh yes, no, I'm fine.

Mr. Bunch stated okay, then tell Mrs. Simmons when to forward if you would.

Mr. Cloud stated well, there's just three things I'd like to cover quickly.

(5-a) Informational Presentation – Use of U.C. Revenues for Affordable Housing:

Mr. Cloud continued and stated the first you see listed before you, is whether or not revenues derived from Utilities Commission operations can be used for Affordable Housing, and the answer is no. Unlike a City or a County which has Home Rule Powers, broad powers that exist unless they are expressly preempted by the legislature, the Utilities Commission does not have Home Rule Powers. And so because of that you look to see if there is any kind of express authority for us to either directly or indirectly provide funding for Affordable Housing. And there are basically three big reasons, the first is that there is no authority. If you look in the Constitution, you can look in the General Laws which are in the Statute books, or you can look at the Special Acts which tend to be locally drawn Acts or Charters, like we have. And ours is very narrowly drafted for utility authority, doesn't say anything about Affordable Housing. State law actually prohibits the Utilities Commission from expending Capital or O&M on Affordable Housing. And then our bond covenants likewise prohibit us from expending monies for anything other than a system purpose. So because we're Dillon's Rule, in other words we have only those powers that are expressly authorized or necessarily implied by the State legislation that exists. And our Charter is limited to the management,

(5-a) Informational Presentation – Use of U.C. Revenues for Affordable Housing (cont.):

operation and control of City utilities, then in collecting rates, fees and charges, those have to go for the services and utilities it provides. And there's no other general law or authority for an entity like the Utilities Commission, you know if we were a full-blown City and we had that power this would be a different discussion, but we're not.

Mr. Cloud continued, and in fact, and we saw this in looking at the impact fees, our capital connection fees, there's a Statute on that and there is case law on that, and both say the same thing. They say that if you're going to collect capital charges for a purpose then there has to be a twin rational nexus that exists in how the charges are established and how they're levied so that the charges are lawful. And so you, for example, cannot take charges levied for water and sewer capital needs and then use them for Affordable Housing. It's a good way to get sued and have to refund a lot of money, and we really, we don't want to go anywhere near that, similar standards also apply in the user rate area. And the last reason of course, comes down to our bond covenants and this is very typical for revenue bonds, not only in Florida but just about every other jurisdiction in the United States that authorizes the raising of debt in order to pay for a proprietary operation that spins off revenues. And that is the bond covenants themselves limit the use of those system revenues to things that are system purposes and that is narrowly defined. It's broadly defined in the sense that its anything that has to do with utilities, but its narrowly defined in the sense that you can't use it to buy, you know you can't use it to set up an automobile operation or provide affordable housing. And so it's really not even close, I did a full jurisdictional research just to see. There's only one state that has any kind of case law on this, it's New York state and it deals with general purpose cities which in New York, as in Florida, has Home Rule Powers – which we are not. So with that, I'd be happy to answer any questions that you may have about that item.

Commissioner Hawes identified himself and stated I really appreciate you going through this because in looking at, for lack of a better word, sort of the powers that the Commission has, I think we're rather narrowly defined and operating in the best interest of our client base and obviously working with management to do that. We're narrow but we're deep and so I think it helps to kind of make sure we understand the boundaries of can and can't do and we're operating in the way that keeps us in line with what we're supposed to be doing; so I appreciate what you've done here.

Mr. Cloud stated yes sir.

Commissioner Smith then stated is this going to be passed on to the Commissioner, I'm sorry I can't remember which Commissioner it was that brought this issue up.

Mr. Bunch stated I think Commissioner Hartman brought up the topic in the Joint Workshop, back in February.

Commissioner Smith stated because I know we sent a letter to the Commission (City) right on this?

Mr. Bunch stated yes.

(5-a) Informational Presentation – Use of U.C. Revenues for Affordable Housing (cont.):

Commissioner Smith continued and stated, to follow this discussion on what Utilities Commission can do in the way of Affordable Housing and send. It will be passed on?

Mr. Bunch stated yes, we can take what General Counsel Cloud has provided here and just put together a few bullet items to provide an update, that would be a good suggestion.

Commissioner Smith stated all right.

Chairman Davenport stated I would just send him a copy, that the City Attorney can copy this report for them to distribute along with a brief paragraph. This report tells it all and its very informative, easy.

Mr. Cloud stated okay, I could forward that on to Ms. Carrie Avallone.

Chairman Davenport stated yes, and just share it because we did discuss it, but we can't.

Mr. Bunch stated and we'll take that path.

Mr. Cloud stated right.

(5) Commission Counsel's Report – General Counsel (cont.):

Chairman Davenport then stated okay, anything else Mr. Cloud?

Mr. Cloud stated yes, briefly, on the solar presentation you'll note the projects were all under 75 megawatts. The reason for that is if you go above 75 megawatts you have to obtain a power plant siting approval under Chapter 403, and that's very expensive, very lengthy. It also required Public Service Commission to assess and certify the need for it. And so virtually all of the solar projects that you see being developed in Florida are you know for 74.9 megawatts. I just wanted to point that out in case you were curious because there is obviously more need for that but that's why they're sized that way.

Mr. Cloud continued and stated and then finally, Circuit Court, down in the Vero Beach area, Indian River County, handed down a 16-page decision last Thursday. It is consistent with the number of historic decisions but its ruled once again that you cannot limit utility rates by contract. It was a case involving a town out on a barrier island and a city utility, Vero Beach's, not unlike yours, and so the case will have full applicability to UCNSB. And I just wanted to mention it, it's the third time I've won on that argument. You'd think eventually someone would realize that, but I guess not. Anyway, that's all I had to report Mr. Chairman.

Chairman Davenport stated thank you very much.

Mr. Cloud stated yes sir.

(G.C. Cloud forwarded this legal determination to the City Attorney via email on 5-23-22.)

(6) Old Business:

Chairman Davenport stated okay, item number six, Old Business.

Mr. Bunch stated yes, could I ask Efren Chavez to come to the podium please.

(7) New Business:

(7-a) Scheduling of Public Hearings, with FPSC Electric Rates Submittal (Street Lighting and Electric Vehicle Charging):

Mr. Bunch then stated item number 7-a., thank you Mr. Chavez.

Mr. Chavez stated okay, so we, as part of a couple of initiatives, we'll have a couple of rate proposals, so this is the notification of the public hearings. We have two proposals, electric rate tariffs, we are as per John McMurray's project related to installing some E.V. charging stations, with that becomes a tariff that we need to have that we don't have today. And then the second one is just more of an administrative but it's still a tariff change, the public streetlight and private outdoor lighting electric service rate schedule. With the supply chain issues and really with the changes in the costs of materials we, our Purchasing Department noted that the pricing that we had developed during the rate study did not properly, in essence, does not reflect today's costs of materials. So there's some adjustments on those and just thought at that time we would put them both together and have them. With the public hearings there'll be one in June, the final one in July, and then you will vote on it in the July meeting, which would then be effective for the August, first billing cycle in August. But nothing significant, just more of updated costs; just letting you know.

Mr. Bunch asked any questions for Mr. Chavez? Okay, you'll see him next month otherwise.

Chairman Davenport confirmed there were no questions.

Mr. Chavez then added, and Mr. McMurray will talk further about the E.V.'s.

(Note – Motion authorizing the scheduling of these public hearings, on June 27, 2022 and July 25, 2022, preliminary and final respectively, was made below, within the discussion under agenda item 8. Possible Other Business.)

(7-b) Presentation – Electric Vehicles and Infrastructure / Preparing for the Future:

Mr. Bunch stated okay, speaking of John, Mr. John McMurray. There's been a lot of things going on with E.V.'s, charging, and everything related.

Chairman Davenport interjected, are we still on Old Business or did we move forward?

Mr. Bunch stated we're on New Business, item 7.

Chairman Davenport stated okay, we had no Old Business though?

Mr. Bunch stated no sir, I'm sorry, I should have perhaps said that.

(7-b) Presentation – Electric Vehicles and Infrastructure / Preparing for the Future (cont.):

Mr. McMurray stated good afternoon, I'd like to provide you an update of the electric vehicles and electric vehicles chargers and infrastructure. Went to the first slide and stated so I'm going to cover these points right here, E.V. charging and electrification, the pilot that we have, the charging locations – will show a map of that, charging customer experience – will show what the customers are going to see when they come to our electric vehicle chargers, and I'll give you a brief summary.

Mr. McMurray went to the next slide and stated so this slide shows the electric vehicles, over on the right side, the exponential growth that's projected. It's looking out to the year 2030 with 18.7 million vehicles, and that's electric vehicles – plug in and hybrid vehicles. So a lot of growth coming, we're on the front end of a curve that's going up. We've seen six million electric vehicles sold total, up until last year, which some of the vendors are seeing, Tesla is one of them, as 50% growth year over year. And they're expecting that to happen, I think it was 80 something percent last year but they're anticipating next five years, over 50% growth.

Chairman Davenport stated and who, which company is that?

Mr. McMurray responded Tesla.

Chairman Davenport commented I figured, I just wanted to see if I was guessing right.

Mr. McMurray continued, so we have a study that our consultant is performing for us and it covers five points and we're looking out into the future. And this is a long-term study, it's not just looking at the next six months, or year, but we want to look out the next five, ten years and make sure that we're prepared for the future. So item number one, there at the bullet is, it's the infrastructure and making sure we have the appropriate infrastructure, and that's at our existing buildings and also around town, we're going to be looking at infrastructure. And the second item is what Mr. Chavez just alluded to which is the retail rate for charging and chargers as we open them up to the public. And the third item is fleet electrification, so we've provided all of our fleet information to the consultant and they've come back and shared some information about best practices out across the nation, what fleet, what utilities are doing with their fleet. And the focus right now is on small vehicles, I'll talk a little bit more about that. Next item is facilities plans for EV charging and that's our facilities that we have but also with the western utilities complex in the future. And then using, the last bullet, using E.V.'s as distributed storage, that means using the vehicles to maybe charge your house. You may have seen some of the commercials, you can plug the E.V. into your house, if you lose power you could have back-up power, something like that. It's not here yet, it's on its way. And the study is due July 2022, and we're going to tie these and leverage these with our community plan. So this is going to be business processes, and good for the business, good for the community, and that's how we're going to leverage it.

Mr. McMurray went to the next slide and stated so we're starting a pilot. We selected a vendor; we went out for a request for quotes and the vendor that was selected came in as Shell Recharge. Unusual, I didn't even know that Shell was in the electrification business until probably about six months ago. But they're very big in it and they're up and down the eastern coast of the U.S. and throughout the U.S. We're looking at five, we're going to be coming

(7-b) Presentation – Electric Vehicles and Infrastructure / Preparing for the Future (cont.):

to you, I guess like Mr. Chavez said, is public hearings and then coming back to you and looking for an approval for the charging rate. And the second bullet there is we're looking at five dual-port chargers. So what that means is one stand, two charging cables, two vehicles can pull up and you can plug in the two at once, and so it's less expensive than putting up one at a time. Our first place that we're looking at is Advent Health, just right close to here with the doctors, and I don't know if I mentioned in one of the previous meetings, but I know I've said it to our employees, is that they're looking at two initially but the operations guy at the hospital said don't be surprised if we come back and we have a whole row of them. He said its coming, and I said okay, that's good, good for us, a little bit more revenues. So Shell's chosen, our delivery for the chargers is about the end of August is what he's saying. But I put a little buffer in there, you know how things go when you're ordering stuff and supply chain issues, but I'm saying October we'll get the delivery and we'll put everything in motion from there with these five units.

Mr. McMurray went to the next slide and stated one thing I forgot to say is it said on the slide (previous) that we've ordered, we're in the process of ordering because we're going through the purchase order process right now, so it hasn't been officially ordered. Okay, this is the map of locations, it's very small to read the addresses, I'll just talk to the first four that we're looking at, well actually five. Advent Health is to the bottom middle, you can see on the bottom left side, it says Advent Health, that's our first one. And then we have four after that, so City Hall, and the second one is the Coronado Civic Center which is out to the right on the beach. I think they said they have several hundred parking spots there, that's a good opportunity. The next one is the Live Oak Cultural Center which is down to the bottom of the drawing. And then the fourth one is a parking lot there at Canal Street, Canal Street parking lot, right in the center of where the vehicles come into town.

Mr. Bunch stated so Mr. McMurray, with the first ten chargers or five dual-port units, what locations here would we cover in addition to Advent? Is it one through four, or?

Mr. McMurray stated we're looking at one through three for sure, and the fourth one we had the airport, which is what the City, we met with the City and they spoke about let's get one up at the airport, and we said that we think we want to skip by that one. They agreed because if somebody is parking a vehicle, the idling charges, they might get hit with that if they're flying out of town, and be gone for a few days. But this is the general order that we're looking at, things may adjust but the one, two, three are pretty much in this order, we think.

Mr. Bunch stated and then could you just speak for the benefit of the group how we developed those locations.

Mr. McMurray stated so we met with the City and we covered it with the City Manager and went through and listened to them and went back and forth and spoke to where they wanted them. And kind of, and only one like I said was the airport that was different, that we said we don't think it would get the consumption, so they agreed. I think that's it.

Mr. Bunch stated thank you.

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Mr. McMurray went to the next slide and stated okay, so each pedestal will be wrapped with our logo, and when they arrive it's like I said dual-charging pedestal and it will have UCNSB or some other logo; it will have our logo is what I'm saying. It will be a driver friendly app, and so this is just the little drawings down below, show you four different ways that you look at the app and you scan. And so they can pay by credit card, they can pay by Apple store, Google Play and they have other means to do it also. It's a seamless driver experience and they can set up and it will tell them, inform them when they start charging, when their charge is full, they'll get a notification. They have a grace period according to our rates if they get approved, but they've got a certain amount of time and I don't recall if its ten minutes or fifteen minutes that they'll need to go ahead and unplug and move out of the spot. But it's going to be user friendly and its going to be interactive so it should be straight forward for them.

Chairman Davenport stated Mr. McMurray, I was just looking here at this list and what I see is we're covering the City pretty well, however I think possibly we might ought to look at going to the south beach area down at the Family Dollar store, you know C's Waffles down there, have it further down because we've got a lot of people down in that area. For folks sitting here, north end here, but that's one little area and we're going to Venetian Bay too aren't we, have some out there?

Mr. McMurray stated we have spoken about that, the City did not focus on that, but we will be out in Venetian Bay eventually, we believe out there, probably the commercial area. Adding 80% of the charging occurs at home, 20% is the opportunity when people are traveling.

Chairman Davenport stated right.

Mr. McMurray continued, and we felt that the people coming from out of town, the farthest distance would be closer to this City hub right here. But eventually there is going to be a need for E.V. chargers, not just in downtown but also out on the beach like you said, but also out in Venetian Bay / I-95 corridor. It's a growing industry, right now unfortunately we don't have very many in New Smyrna Beach. Like I said, Publix has two E.V. chargers that are public, and that's the only two that we have in all of New Smyrna Beach; so we're helping to grow the system here.

Mr. Bunch stated Mr. McMurray, is it safe to say once you get the rates in place, you have the RFP relationship, that you could quickly go from these five/ten to a lot more?

Mr. McMurray stated that's right, we could ramp up fairly quickly, there's a 12-14 week order time but if we said hey, these are highly successful and we're ready to move onto the next step and put in another five or more within two, three, four months, probably four months, we could have another set of them here and start to work on the plan. So, yes, we could ramp up very quickly.

Mr. McMurray went to the next slide and stated so this is just showing you the data management, that we're able to retrieve information about the charging. That it will tell us, you know, the number of charges, the uptime, any difficulties throughout the process on any

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of the charging we'll understand this. But this is a proven system, I want to re-emphasize this, they have over a thousand units around, and I think its actually a few thousand, Shell Recharge. So it's a proven system, they've got great performance, and this will provide us real-time status to understand what's going on with our units. And also the chargers' uptime, so we'll know how we're running, and their reports, across the U.S. show that they have a percentage of uptime, so a reputable firm.

Mr. McMurray went to the next slide and stated so summary and next steps are we're going to be doing the study and we're looking at the rates, which we've already developed, and then Mr. Chavez is sharing that, and we're going to go to the public for that. The fleet electrification, we're also looking at distributed energy as I mentioned earlier, storing power in the car, the vehicle, and then transferring it maybe to a home. And the next thing is the pilot which I spoke about with coordination, cooperation with the City, and I showed you the map there, and then Advent Health is going to be the first customer. And then we just awarded the RFQ for the level 2 chargers to Shell Recharge as I mentioned, and it's going to be a seamless mobile app for people to be able to come up and plug in. And we're looking at future chargers as demand increases. So, one more thing, it's not on the slide but I want to let you know we're receiving inquiries from the community right now. I have six different HOA's that have contacted us, they're interested in E.V. charging. They're running electrical cords from their houses or their units, I think its mostly condos or townhomes, but they're running electrical cords out to their vehicles. And they said we'd like to be able to just install some chargers, so we're working with them, and Julie Couillard and her team, two of her team members and I are working together and we're going to go out and meet with them and talk to them. So coincidentally, I am also working through an E.V. charger program, I live in a condo in a different county and I'm going through the process right now too. So it's a learning experience, I'm real excited about electric vehicles and I think the community, it's going to benefit the community too.

Commissioner Hawes stated Mr. McMurray, we purchase the charger from Shell, but we install the power and all that; is that how that works?

Mr. McMurray stated yes, we're taking care of the installation, we handle the power because we have the electric utility, and we also have the ability to, our water group, we have a certified electrician on staff too. So we have the full gamut, we can do everything ourselves which is pretty cool.

Mr. McMurray then stated next slide please and stated any questions, other than what you've been asking?

Commissioner Kelly stated I don't have a question but a comment. I think its great that you're looking like three to five years out because it's going to be huge when it comes out in these. I will tell you I believe the manufacturers are going to partner with people within the community to put chargers in, from my understanding, I've been to two meetings. I was telling Mr. Bunch that that's their plan and I think it will get done quicker than not. I mean we just took, we opened ordering up on one particular brand, and their anticipation was, the reality of it was about three times their anticipation on pre-orders for those vehicles. And its from a demographic and age group that I did not think would embrace it to that strength. So it

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makes us evaluate what we spend as a brand, as a dealer. But that was a big thing out there, the partnerships that are going to go on with this, I think they'll be a lot of charging stations available, even to cities and municipalities from outside the normal chain of distributions, the distribution for those things. So its good that you're looking that far out because it will ramp up pretty quick. And I saw the boat ramp on there and I think some of these electric trucks, they're the highest demand of any of the vehicles right now, the electric truck.

Mr. McMurray stated we've got a little window for them to be developed. I know there's a Rivian, that has an electric truck and starting to ramp up very slowly, and Ford's coming with their 150, electric.

Commissioner Kelly stated yes, I think General Motors had 200,000 electric truck orders, pre-orders.

Mr. Bunch stated you can pre-order for GM trucks as well.

Commissioner Kelly stated yes.

Chairman Davenport stated what was the demographic that you just said, what was the age groups, is that what you were referring to?

Commissioner Kelly stated it was, and I mean I'll tell you, but it's a Cadillac brand particularly and the Generation X and Generation Y were both equally engaged in this pre-order platform; so it's really odd.

Mr. McMurray stated it's the millennials, so I pull up the charging stations and it's probably half, a little bit over half are millennials.

Commissioner Kelly stated yes, and you wouldn't think, I mean, and Cadillac is not traditionally appealing to millennials, they can't afford them really. But the new millennials will afford whatever they want, you know what I mean, that's just their program; so not knocking them.

Chairman Davenport commented don't know how, they just do it.

Commissioner Kelly continued, they just do it, but it was very well received, the analytics were great, the demographics stuff was shocking, but I thought it was very good. But we did hear a lot about partnerships, we were just at an annual business conference, that a lot of partnerships with different industries to sponsor those charging stations. What that means I don't know, we're going to have Target putting in their own stuff and not outside, and them actually making money off of the charging and stuff.

Mr. Bunch stated so in our territory, regardless of who installs it, we're still going to get revenue.

Commissioner Kelly stated right.

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Mr. Bunch continued, for us it is a win, win. I think what you see most folks, municipalities like us, is installing them in key points to get this thing going and to help facilitate the market.

Mr. McMurray stated one last thing I wanted to say is that while E.V.'s are more expensive, hopefully in the next three to five years the prices will be coming down. If you look at 300 miles of range on an electric vehicle, it will cost you about \$10 of electricity at home, if you plug in. So what does that mean, that means about a \$1.00 a gallon for 30 miles and that's pretty reasonable as long as there's price parity. I think that we're getting there, we're getting close, but in another few years.

Commissioner Kelly stated yes, I think that range will, from what we heard, I think that range will quadruple in maybe three, but for sure in five, it may happen quicker than that. The people that are jumping in now that its proven they can sell the product, battery charging will, I mean they've got some of them that ten minutes, 100 miles, you know if you have the right car. I guess pulling the electricity from the transfer, they've got that kind of figured out, we'll see, but it will be fabulous if you could do that you know.

Chairman Davenport stated I like one mile to the gallon myself; you've gotten my attention. I mean how many miles?

Mr. McMurray stated about a \$1.00 a gallon if you get 30 miles per gallon.

Commissioner Kelly commented hey, 10,000 pounds of torque and all that kind of stuff, towing capacity.

Mr. McMurray stated but price parity will have to arrive too.

Commissioner Kelly stated it will, I think, yes.

Mr. McMurray then stated any other questions?

Commissioner Smith commented I get a real charge out of this issue. I'm very impressed. I did read that article in Florida Trend, it was pretty informative, pretty comprehensive as far as the issues they addressed. One of the things they talked about was the fact about the lack of charging stations associated with multi-family projects. And that's something that I don't know, if we can influence the City into making that, you know, a zoning requirement when they approve a project, to have charging stations. And it's about the, a cost, because you know eventually poor folk like myself wouldn't be able to afford one right now, they're not a very affordable vehicle, but eventually that's going to change. The other thing is what the Chairman brought up, I would hope that maybe as far as the sites that are shown on this map, they rethink gagging them all in one part of the community, may not be the best plan. And distributing them on south beach, I know that parking lot with the Dollar General it's never full, they have plenty of locations, they can put charging stations there. And there's other spots I think that are available, even the main, Flagler approach, that big parking lot there may be another thought that they could incorporate with charging stations, at that facility. But I just would hope they rethink maybe where they've got them now because it looks like it benefits just one part of the community and doesn't benefit the other parts of the community

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more likely to have electric vehicles. I mean I'm not, I'm just talking about an economic standpoint, you have all those condominiums down there and it would be, I just hope they would rethink the locations they have not. But I'm impressed with what efforts you've done and the Commission's done, I hope that some time we have underneath our entrance signs to the community that New Smyrna is an E.V. friendly community because I think that's what we want to get out to the populace, that we're doing what we can to make it E.V. friendly.

Commissioner Kelly stated and to your comments Commissioner Smith, I think too, like to the point of I think that technology is going to change so fast. They said 80% of the people are going to be charging at home, I do think the technology is coming. It's not going to matter to you, you're going to have an 800 or 1,000-mile charge on your car, that's probably going to be within five years. So you don't want to have charging stations all over the place where we've invested a lot of money and rely on the revenue off of them when it is going to be along. I was surprised, it's something we just, I've been following it and is actually very interested in it. Number one I have cars that people don't want to buy, they call it electric phobia or something that people have this select... What is it?

Mr. McMurray interjected range phobia.

Commissioner Kelly continued, yes, range phobia, but I do think that's coming, sooner than later. Adding, not that I think it, we saw the presentations you know.

Mr. Bunch and Mr. McMurray simultaneously asked if there were any other questions.

Mr. Bunch then stated Mr. McMurray, thanks for your work, a lot of good progress here and as Mr. McMurray mentioned we can quickly deploy from ten to any number that you think is reasonable to the areas we're talking about. So thanks Mr. McMurray, very good progress.

Mr. McMurray stated thank you, have a great day.

Mr. Bunch then stated Chairman that's all we have for New Business, back to you sir.

(8) Possible Other Business – Time for Commissioners:

Chairman Davenport stated thank you, okay, item number eight on the agenda, Time for Commissioners. Commissioner Conrad?

Commissioner Conrad responded I have nothing.

Chairman Davenport stated okay, Commissioner Kelly?

Commissioner Kelly stated two things, I would like to commend Mr. McMurray again on the E.V. presentation, I think its progressive thinking, I really do. And then streetlighting in Venetian Bay, is the lighting variable between different, because you've got Venetian Bay Homeowners Association, and then you've got Haruno, Serrano, Portofino, whatever, we've got a million different. And now I've got people saying the lights are too bright and it looks like to me that there's LED in there.

(8) Possible Other Business – Time for Commissioners (cont.):

Ms. Couillard stated yes, so we have, when the developments were built, that's the style light that was installed. We now have put in a few LED lights that we've gotten feedback on that people don't like.

Commissioner Kelly stated yes, so you can actually see from those lights.

Ms. Couillard stated you can see, yes, but we are standardizing on our LED light lumens and we will have that as a standard. We're going with more of the natural daylight look, that's the 4,000 (lumens), instead of a 3,000 that has more of a blue hue that bothers people; so we're working on that. We also will have an upgrade program, so there are old ones we can't even get replacements for, so we have LED conversion kits now that we'll be able to go out and change them. But yes, you'll see different lighting systems based on when the subdivisions were installed. If the HOA's want to upgrade them, they can do that, they can ask us to do that.

Commissioner Kelly stated so the LED conversion kits, how reliable are those, I mean we've used those at stores, and they did not have great shelf life.

Ms. Couillard stated so the new ones we're getting are industry grade and they're 20, 30 years. We don't have to replace the entire unit; we can convert it in the heads which is nice. So like the ornamentals, you don't have to take the entire Acorn piece off the top, we can convert it and we're getting good success with them.

Commissioner Kelly stated okay, so right now the lighting you're putting in is what, that's the bright blue that you were talking about or is that?

Ms. Couillard stated that was one of the couple that we tried, but we're going with the 4,000 as a daylight standard. It's more gentle on people's eyes.

Commissioner Kelly stated okay.

Ms. Couillard added, some people don't like LEDs at all, but we don't have any options anymore, we're going to LED and we're working with Mrs. Fisher to do a campaign and education around that. And that's sort of what prompted the updating the streetlight rates as well, because we can't get certain ones anymore.

Commissioner Kelly stated okay, thank you.

Ms. Couillard stated you're welcome.

Chairman Davenport stated thank you Ms. Couillard. Anything else Commissioner Kelly?

Commissioner Kelly stated no sir.

(7-a) Scheduling of Public Hearings with FPSC Electric Rates Submittal (cont.):

Mrs. Simmons then requested to go back and make a motion on scheduling the public hearings.

Commissioner Smith stated so moved; specifically a motion authorizing the scheduling of two public hearings regarding the proposed rate adjustments for June 27, 2022 and July 25, 2022, preliminary and final respectively, at 3:00 p.m. prior to the Regular U.C. Meetings on those dates, and for General Counsel to submit the electric rates to the Florida Public Service Commission for the required rate structure review.

Chairman Davenport interjected I don't know how we passed that.

Commissioner Hawes stated second.

Chairman Davenport commented well, somebody got the meeting away from me awhile ago for a minute or two, I don't know how that happened.

Mr. Bunch commented I think I was moving ahead a little too fast.

Chairman Davenport stated I don't know how that happened, but it slid right out beyond me.

Mr. Bunch then commented, it was the tie, the tie was cutting off the blood supply.

Chairman Davenport stated okay, did we get a motion and a second?

Mrs. Simmons stated Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Hawes.

Chairman Davenport then stated can we get a roll call please.

Mrs. Simmons stated yes sir.

Commissioner Smith's motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Chairman Davenport commented okay, leave it to Mrs. Simmons to keep us all straight around here.

Mrs. Simmons mentioned it was Tim Beyrle who brought it up.

(8) Possible Other Business – Time for Commissioners (cont.):

Chairman Davenport thanked Mr. Beyrle and then asked Commissioner Smith if he had any comments.

Commissioner Smith stated I was just very impressed with what the staff is doing as related to E.V.'s, it's a challenge and they're handling it. There was one thing that was mentioned some time ago about updating the rebate form for installing higher grade air conditioners, is that in process or?

(8) Possible Other Business – Time for Commissioners (cont.):

Mr. Bunch stated Mr. Chavez, can you speak to that?

Commissioner Smith commented, yes, that's the fellow that brought it up.

Mr. Chavez stated we are reviewing the programs. I mean that's what we're in the process of evaluating those. We want to get through the next couple of months on the customer experience, but yes, we are looking at the programs.

Mr. Bunch stated so is that still open as a rebate form?

Mr. Chavez stated yes, that's still out there, so it's definitely available, nothing's changed.

Chairman Davenport stated explain that, what, you buy an air conditioner, what's the...

Commissioner Smith stated yes, if you go to a certain SEER, I believe it's 14 SEER air conditioners to replace your old air conditioner, you get like a \$500 rebate on your electric bill. And I think there's some other things that we can maybe add to that to encourage energy conservation.

Chairman Davenport stated where do we find that information now?

Mr. Chavez stated it's on the website.

Chairman Davenport confirmed, online.

Mr. Chavez stated just for all, full transparency, we're looking at the whole program because we want to have a combo of energy efficient practices. Maybe not necessarily the focus of substantial rebates because we want to tie it to more on as we're going to the customer experience, the SilverBlaze rollout, part of that is the conservation program. Because folks will need to upgrade regardless of, you know it's a replacement cycle. We want to have more well thought out and kind of more focusing on the conservation and the usage, more education. But rebates will be considered as well, and its still available and nothing has changed.

Mr. Bunch stated yes, most utilities still have a version of that, I anticipate that we'll have something in that space. The old demand side management program is an unsupported system, it's kind of hanging out there, we will probably do something with that, whether it sort of sunsets and moves to a new program not sure, but we'll be looking at all those for some recommendations. But I would anticipate either rebates or reduced rates for the conservation type things would continue.

Chairman Davenport stated thank you, anything else?

Commissioner Smith stated that's it. Commissioner Hawes?

Commissioner Hawes stated no, thank you.

(8) Possible Other Business – Time for Commissioners (cont.):

Chairman Davenport stated I appreciate everybody. I wanted to ask you Mr. Bunch, what's the status, where are we on the Swoope Plant still, what's going on, and we're going to?

Mr. Bunch stated so the Swoope Plant for us is a Fleet Facility, we worked with the City last year, did the Joint Fleet concept study. They said neat idea, we like it, we don't want to participate because it involves a several million-dollar expenditure for them, estimated. So fast forward to now, Ms. Couillard is working with our consultant to try to find the best place on the site, WRF site, for a new building and I anticipate real soon we're going to be in front of you talking about where we think that can go and how much we'll be talking about. And then its probably a year and a half to two from go to finish construction for us to get off of the site. And that's the corner where that steel building is within the fenced area and when we get off that site, we'll turn it over to the City and they'll move it or convert it into more parking places for the boats.

Chairman Davenport stated that's what I wanted to know. I had my Florida Inland Navigation District, and we were talking, they came up the Executive Director and some of the board were up here traveling the intracoastal to look at sites about things like that; that's a great construction site. Of course they're redoing the whole inlet up there now, as you can see the big boulders up there if you drove up, they're as big as cars up there, they're loading out at the inlet on cranes, so it's very fascinating.

Mr. Bunch stated what I'm not sure about is the City's arrangement with the County for the reef construction, whether they're going to allow them to stay or if they have to move off when we move off; I honestly don't know about that part.

Chairman Davenport stated that's what I've been trying to negotiate, working with the County to work with the City so we can utilize all that for boat parking, every bit.

Commissioner Smith commented well, there's some tortoises on that site.

Chairman Davenport then stated do you know how much it costs to get rid of a tortoise, do ya'll want to know? No, I'm serious. To get rid of a gopher tortoise is a minimum of \$8,000, minimum. And then you've got to go buy, it's two tortoises to an acre, it's crazy what's going on, but you've got to do it, anyway. What about our septic at Silver Sands, we getting anywhere, I mean any City or ?

Mr. Bunch stated okay, so we met with the City, talked about moving forward. Feasibly with both a., the Aqua Golf and Silver Sands, we would commit to work with them. Mrs. Simmons as I recall on the last budget prioritization discussion with the City, they did not set aside money for the Aqua Golf project, is that correct? And we knew the County didn't think they had funds that they would be able to work with us on, however we would move forward to try to get grant funding for one or both of those. So I think where we are now, Ms. Couillard is working, we'll have a discussion with the consultants about trying to get grant funding. Now if we don't get grant funding, the question is how interested are the residents on pursuing this on their own, because you heard Mr. Cloud's presentation about what we can do and can't do. The same would apply for expanding sanitary sewer into those areas, that would have to be borne by the residents for what we can't get grant or City funding for. So

(8) Possible Other Business – Time for Commissioners (cont.):

Ms. Couillard, any thought on the timeline of trying to approach for grant funding for these projects or project?

Ms. Couillard stated so you approved the agreement with the new grant funding group today. I'm going to schedule a meeting, probably in a couple of weeks to sit down with them about all our projects, including those two. And we'll get them started on a search and see what we can come up with.

Chairman Davenport stated Ms. Couillard we had, and I took a group out the other day to look at the water and talk about the environmental quality of the water and to look at the inlet. And took County Councilman Danny Robbins with us and he's really into the water quality number one, in helping us get money and working with the City number two on getting those off septic tanks. And he told me about a lot of money that's available with grant money on a Federal level, he used some specific, and I said I'm going to relay that on. So we need to keep Danny Robbins in mind, and what he recommended and of course they've got people at the County that could work with us. But they're on board with us to get those converted, everybody that I'm talking to, even the FWC's got a lot of money, believe it or not, for things like that. So we need to keep him in mind, please.

Ms. Couillard stated will do.

Mr. Bunch added the consultant will be trying to assess all the various avenues for potential funding. So you mentioned the Commissioner (County), and Senator Wright's probably another at some point, we're going to reach out to.

Chairman Davenport stated exactly, Senator Wright, and the City will help us, all of them have.

Mr. Bunch added, but we have talked with the County as well, so George Recktenwald, Mike Ulrich, their Water Director. But I think the consultants' got to do some homework, make the recommendations and then we'll circle back with you if there's an opportunity to reach out to some contacts like that.

Ms. Couillard stated right, definitely.

Chairman Davenport stated but they're all on board with us, I'm excited about it, we're starting to make a little headway, so maybe that will happen one day.

Mr. Bunch stated hopefully.

Ms. Couillard confirmed that would be nice.

Mr. Bunch thanked Ms. Couillard.

Chairman Davenport stated anything else anyone? I appreciate everybody, I'm going to call this meeting adjourned, bang on that motion, thank you.

(8) Possible Other Business – Time for Commissioners (cont.):

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Regular U.C. Meeting closed at 4:37 p.m.

{NOTE – Effective at the U.C.’s 3-22-21 Regular U.C. Meeting, commencing with the minutes for Two Final Public Hearings and Regular U.C. Meeting Held 2-22-21, the Commission will start approving annotated minutes within the agenda package.}

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