

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OCTOBER 10, 2023

A Utilities Department Quarterly Update was held at the Murdock Administration Complex in Commission Chambers; Room 119, Port Charlotte, Florida.

The following members were present: Chair Truex, Commissioner Constance, Commissioner Deutsch, Commissioner Doherty, and Commissioner Tiseo. Also in attendance were: County Administrator Flores, County Attorney Knowlton, and Minutes Clerk Welsh. The following members were absent: None.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to the Agenda

Change #1: Item 1, Added attachments - Revised Presentation & East Port Bid Cost Comparison.

Requested by: Utilities

Change #2: Item 4, Added attachment – Revised Surface Water Supply Expansion Project.

Requested by: Utilities

Change #3: Item 4, Added attachment – Revised Phase 2B Update.

Requested by: Utilities

COMMISSIONER CONSTANCE MOVED TO APPROVE CHANGES TO THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOHERTY

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Public Input

Don Dyer, Deep Creek Non-Urban Street and Drainage Unit Advisory Board Member and Deep Creek Section 20 Property Owners Association (POA) Director remarked on drainage issues, challenges, Public Works Director John Elias, pipes, sinkholes, Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), Seasons Drive, Rio De Janeiro Avenue, and Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) meeting.

1. Fiscal Update

(Change #1) Added attachments – Revised Presentation & East Port Bid Cost Comparison.

Rick Arthur, Fiscal Services Manager gave a brief overview of Agenda, Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Comparison to Model, East Port Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Review, Bid Impacts to Burnt Store, Funding Gaps – Projects, and Funding Mitigation Options.

Chair Truex discussed East Port WRF Expansion Bid Tabulation, discrepancies, suppliers, savings, advanced wastewater treatment (AWT), cost, indexing, bonding, impacts, benefits, expansion, fees, and Funding Mitigation Options. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned FY 2023 Comparison to Model, revenues, expenditures, Reserves, East Port WRF Expansion Bid Tabulation, projects, capacity, cost, scope process, Jones Edmunds, Funding Mitigation Options, rate payers, indexing, bonding, resiliency, Burnt Store WRF, fees, and calculations. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on FY 2023 Comparison to Model, East Port WRF Expansion Bid Tabulation, Charlotte County Utilities (CCU) Design Manual, price differential, Funding Gaps - Projects, options, Jones Edmunds, AWT, cost, timeframe, procurement process, components, bonding, Burnt Store, debt service, phasing, rates, capacity increases, connection fees, cash flow, benefits, statutory requirements, bid award, and Funding Mitigation Options. **Commissioner Tiseo** spoke to East Port WRF Expansion Bid Tabulation, funding sources, Jones Edmunds, cost opinions, needs, prioritization, bonding, fee schedule, rate payers, base and usage rates, new construction, options, allocation, proportionate share agreements, permits, property rights, responsibility, impacts, challenges, and extension.

Dave Watson, Utilities Director replied to East Port WRF Expansion Bid Tabulation, Jones Edmunds, AWT, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), construction permit process, capacity, options, and Community Development regulations.

County Attorney Knowlton interjected on Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (PRMRWSA) Attorney Doug Manson and bid proposals.

County Administrator Flores responded to East Port WRF Expansion Bid Tabulation, cost increases, Jones Edmunds, October 24, 2023 Regular and Land Use Meeting, Purchasing, and bid extension.

2. Utility Update

Mr. Watson gave a brief overview of Agenda, Monthly Purchases from Water Authority Average Daily Per Month, Water Produced at Burnt Store Average Daily Per Month, Reclaimed Distributed, Water Reclamation Facilities Percent of Capacity - Last 12 Months, Water Distribution, Wastewater/Reclaim Events, Source of Sanitary Sewer Spills (SSOs), Cause of SSO's, Customers Per System Type, New Customers, Engineering, Business Services, Customer Support Data, Public Relations, Employee Performance Measures, Babcock Water Supply Timeline, and Utility Initiatives.

Chair Truex noted low pressure sewer (LPS) connection fee, Florida Aquastore Utility Construction, Inc., West County, and lift stations. **Commissioner Constance** discussed New Customers, connection fees, fee schedule, MSBU assessments, Burnt Store, East Port, West Port, Community Development, FDEP, and Florida Department of Health (FDOH). **Commissioner Deutsch** mentioned Cause of SSOs and equipment failure. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on plant capacity and approved permits. **Commissioner Tiseo** spoke to sewer capacity and availability, concurrency, expansion, projects, Burnt Store Road, facilities, moratorium, development, Utility Initiatives, life cycle, and meter technology.

Mr. Arthur replied to connection fees, rate impacts, MSBU assessments, and fee schedule.

3. Projects Update

Kenneth Stecher, Utilities Operation Manager gave a brief overview of Engineering Projects, Development Projects, East Port Expansion, Burnt Store Replacement, Ackerman - Water Quality Improvement, Lakeview/Midway - Water Quality Improvement, Cape Haze - Water Quality Improvement, State Road (SR) 776 Force Main Replacement (Biscayne to Sports

Park), Master Plans & Reports, West Port Expansion, South County Upgrades, Repair and Replacement (R&R) Projects in Design, R&R Projects in Planning, and MT003: Resiliency and Modernization Grant.

Mr. Watson remarked on R&R Projects in Planning, water main interconnect, elevated tank, and November 21, 2023 Joint Meeting with City of Punta Gorda.

Commissioner Constance noted location, height, November 21, 2023 Joint Meeting with City of Punta Gorda, and Charlotte Harbor Water Association.

4. Water Authority Update A.AGR 2022-023

(Change #2) Added attachment - Revised Surface Water Supply Expansion Project.

(Change #3) Added attachment – Revised Phase 2B Update.

Michael Knowles, PRMRWSA Project Manager gave a brief overview Regional Integrated Loop Phase 2B Pipeline: Agenda, Peace River Preferred Route 2B, Project Savings from Coordination with Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) & Sarasota County, Phase 2B 42-inch Pipeline Benefits for Charlotte, Charlotte County Parallel 8-inch Water Main Coordination, Cost Escalation January 2022 to September 2023, Rough Order of Magnitude Update: Cost Saving Opportunities (Realized), Cost Saving Opportunities, Rough Order of Magnitude and Draft Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP), and Schedule going forward.

Terri Holcomb, PRMRWSA Engineering Director gave a brief overview of Agenda, Surface Water Supply Expansion Project (SWSEP), Peace River Regional Reservoir Number 3 (PR3) Preliminary Design Update: Received 30% of Design Documents, Permitting, PR3 Preliminary Design Update - Third-Party Review, Peace River Facility (PRF) Expansion Project Update: Received 30%/Design Criteria Documents, PRF Expansion Project Update - Third-Party Review, PR3 Procurement Strategy: PR3 Components, Construction Management at Risk/Design-Bid-Build, PRF Expansion Project Procurement Strategy, SWSEP Funding Opportunities, Updated Cost Estimates in April 2024 to allow for Alternative Comparisons, and SWSEP Project Schedule.

Chair Truex discussed Permitting. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned Charlotte County Parallel 8-inch Water Main Coordination, placement, rates, Hillsborough Boulevard (Blvd), Interlocal Agreement, capacity, cost, efficiency, fees, SWSEP Funding Opportunities, interest, bonding, expansion, and modular breakdown. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on Interlocal Agreement, amendment, Permitting, SWSEP Funding Opportunities, wetland mitigation, and Myakka and Peace River Basins. **Commissioner Tiseo** spoke to proportionate share, SWSEP Funding Opportunities, future needs, projects, and water demands.

County Attorney Knowlton interjected on Interlocal Agreement and amendment.

Attorney Doug Manson, PRMRWSA General Counsel remarked on Interlocal Agreements, amendment, Charlotte County Parallel 8-inch Water Main Coordination, cost increase, options, base rates, interest, debt service payment, Master Water Supply Contract, treatment, demand, surface water projects, and contractual requirements.

Mr. Watson replied to Charlotte County Parallel 8-inch Water Main Coordination, Capital Improvement Projects (CIP), City of North Port, integration, improvements, benefits, savings, and Interlocal Agreement.

Mr. Stecher responded to Charlotte County Parallel 8-inch Water Main Coordination, City of North Port, Hillsborough Blvd, water quality, and service improvements.

Mr. Arthur noted City of North Port and utility bills.

County Administrator Flores spoke to State Legislative Agenda.

COMMISSIONER DOHERTY MOVED TO REVISE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT 2022-023 AS STATED, INCLUDING 8-INCH LINE AND CHANGES IN FINANCIAL PICTURE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TISEO

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

5. Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention Manual

Mr. Watson gave a brief overview of Current 2008 Program, Timing of Program, Implementation of Program, and Communication of Program.

Ashley Miele, Kimley-Horn Professional Engineer gave a brief overview of Proposed 2023 Update, Federal and State / Local Regulations, Regulation Review, Charlotte County Utilities Review, Charlotte County Utilities Manual Updates, and Summary of Manual Updates.

Chair Truex discussed location, disclosures, requirement, West Port, transfer fee, Murdock Village, realtors, landscaping, guidelines, and height requirement. **Commissioner Constance** mentioned Implementation of Program, maintenance, realtors, disclosure, transparency, and responsibility. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on Implementation of Program, FDEP, FDOH, requirements, backflow prevention devices, additional costs, Building Code, funding sources, and Timing of Program. **Commissioner Tiseo** spoke to meters, location, Implementation of Program, Code, disclosures, responsibility, private transactions, design, and options.

County Attorney Knowlton interjected on Murdock Village, transfer fees, and responsibility.

6. Design Compliance Standards

Mr. Watson gave a brief overview of Charlotte County Current and Proposed Fees, Existing Lift Station Secondary Power Supply, Proposed Lift Station Secondary Power Supply, Lift Station Comparison, and Design Compliance Standards Proposed Implementation Timeline.

Chair Truex noted Charlotte County Current and Proposed Fees, Florida Building Code, elevation, lift stations, compliance, Englewood Beach, Hurricane Irma, Englewood Water District, FDEP, Proposed Lift Station Secondary Power Supply, October 30, 2023 Design Manual Final Review Meeting, input survey, and final changes. **Commissioner Doherty** discussed Charlotte County Current and Proposed Fees, City Works, CCU Design Manual, Collier County, City of Punta Gorda, compensation, justification, cost, estimates, criteria, Sunseeker, October 30, 2023 Design Manual Final Review Meeting, requirements, Proposed Lift Station Secondary Power Supply, and master pump stations. **Commissioner Tiseo** mentioned Charlotte County Current and Proposed Fees, services, estimates, Proposed Lift Station Secondary Power Supply, stationary and portable generators, maintenance, performance levels, cost, upgrades, requirements, Hurricane Ian, and resiliency.

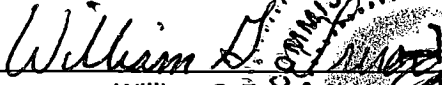
County Administrator Flores replied to input survey and timeline.

AA. County Administrator - None

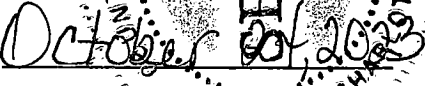
BB. County Attorney - None

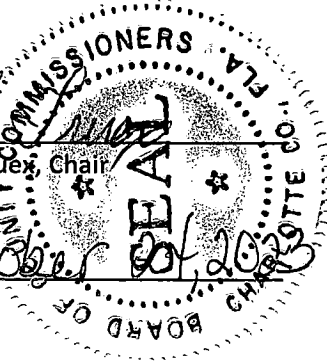
CC. Commissioner Comments - None

ADJOURNED: 4:28 pm



William G. Truex, Chair

DATE ADOPTED:  _____



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