

**MINUTES OF THE ECUA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE ECUA BOARD ROOM AT 9255
STURDEVANT STREET, ELLYSON INDUSTRIAL PARK, PENSACOLA, FL**

Members present: Lois Benson, Chairman
Elvin McCorvey, Vice Chairman
Vicki Campbell
Tim Common
Michael Harmon
David Karasek
Chuck Kimball
Dale Perkins
Louise Ritz
Hurey Smith
Kelley Thompson (arrived at 2:48 p.m.)
Larry Walker (arrived at 2:10 p.m.)

Counsel present: Brad Odom

Staff present: Steve Sorrell, Executive Director
Nathalie Bowers, Public Information Officer
Debra Buckley, Director of Finance
Linda Iversen, Executive Assistant to the Board
Bill Johnson, Director of Engineering
Jim Roberts, Public Information Officer
Randy Rudd, Deputy Executive Director-Shared
Services

ITEM A - CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Benson called the regular meeting of the ECUA Citizens' Advisory Committee to order at approximately 2:00 p.m.

ITEM B - INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Benson provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM C - ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Benson called for introduction of members since this was the first meeting for three new Committee members.

A motion was made by Mr. Common, seconded by Ms. Campbell, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried 9-0.

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ITEM D - OPEN FORUM

(1) Mr. Ed Reynolds, 1035 Sagebrush Trail, Pensacola, addressed the Committee relative to problems at the landfill, stating that he has 21 years of experience as a County Supervisor in New York. Further, he is available to present solutions should anyone wish to discuss those with him. Mr. Reynolds was asked to meet with Mr. Randy Rudd of the ECUA staff to discuss the issue.

(2) Mr. Robert C. Kintz, 836 "K" Street, Pensacola, addressed the Committee stating that he would like to be appointed to the Committee. Mr. Kintz also stated that he would like to see the Board meetings changed to the evening hour and the meetings televised.

ITEM E - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. McCorvey, seconded by Ms. Campbell, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 14, 2012 as presented. Motion carried 10-0.

ITEM F – EXTENSION OF CONTRACT – HYDROFLUOSILICIC ACID

A motion was made by Mr. McCorvey, seconded by Ms. Campbell, that the Board approve the extension of the contract with Harcros Chemicals, Inc., of Mobile, AL, for the supply of hydrofluosilicic acid for the first optional year of the two-year option to extend at the terms and rates offered by the supplier, with funding from the appropriate budget line item. Motion carried 9-1 with Mr. Common voting against the motion.

ITEM G – ONE-TIME LEAK ADJUSTMENT POLICY

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Common, that the Board change the policy to allow one leak adjustment per customer at 100% of the charges for the first leak and one additional adjustment of 50% of the charges for any other leaks reported by the same customer. Motion carried 9-1 with Dr. Walker voting against the motion.

Chairman Benson requested that staff report on a regular basis on the impact of this change.

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ITEM H – MAIN STREET WWTP PROPERTY SITE

The following individuals addressed the Committee concerning the property formerly occupied by the Main Street WWTP.

Mr. Joseph G. Buehler
205 Bayshore Drive
Pensacola, FL 32507

Mr. Ray Palmer
100 High Point Drive
Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

Ms. Ryan Winterberg-Lipp
City of Pensacola
Community Redevelopment Agency
222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Mr. Beuhler stated that he is a member of NAIOP Commercial Development Association and has 38 years of experience in commercial real estate. Further, Mr. Beuhler stated he would like to see ECUA follow the same process as was followed with the new Central Water Reclamation Facility. Mr. Beuhler also expressed his concern about the City of Pensacola having the “right of first refusal”, stating it would present a negative to any potential contracts.

Mr. Palmer commented that he has 17 years' experience in real estate law and recommended that ECUA not be in a rush to dispose of the property, but to take the time to get the best price and use for the property. Mr. Palmer concurred with Mr. Beuhler in that giving the City the right of first refusal would be a negative.

Ms. Campbell commented that she is also concerned about the right of first refusal and would like to see more research on it.

Mr. Perkins commented that he still would like to see “for sale by owner” signs placed on the property for a short period of time and if nothing is received, then get a national brokerage firm to list it.

A motion was made by Mr. McCorvey to table this issue to allow an opportunity to conduct more research and evaluation by staff and the attorney.

Mr. Common suggested that ECUA look into the possibility of renting the property out for parking. Mr. Odom responded that there would be some liability issues associated with such an action.

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Ms. Winterberg-Lipp addressed the Committee recommending that ECUA discuss its concerns with the Mayor of Pensacola, as well as the zoning issues and plans associated with the property and surrounding area.

Ms. Ritz seconded the motion and the motion carried 9-2 with Messes. Benson and Campbell voting against the motion.

ITEM I – INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Mr. Common stated that he recommends ECUA reimburse the City of Gulf Breeze \$3,653 in traffic control expenses incurred by the City in response to an ECUA main break on May 15, 2011.

Mr. Karasek commented that in looking at the number of police and city workers that were called out to control traffic flow, his experience in law enforcement would suggest that they went overboard. Therefore, he does not feel that ECUA should reimburse the City of Gulf Breeze.

Concern was also expressed by the Committee that if they are reimbursed, this would set a precedent that ECUA could not afford.

A motion was made by Mr. McCorvey, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the Board take no action on this request. Motion carried 10-1 with Ms. Benson voting against the motion.

ITEM J – SEWER EXPANSION PROGRAM

Mr. Sorrell provided a verbal overview of the current program.

Dr. Walker commented that he feels it is time to start giving priority to areas where septic tanks are not working and possible public health nuisance. Further, the Board needs to be sensitive to the issue of failing septic tanks and the impacts associated with problems resulting therefrom.

Chairman Benson stated that she would like to see this issue discussed more in-depth during the budget process.

Ms. Campbell requested that staff provide an update at the next CAC meeting on the Restore Act and possible funds that could be used for this program.

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ITEM K – INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

The following reports were presented for information only and did not require any action.

- (1) Financial reports for the period ended December 31, 2012
- (2) Financial reports for year ended September 30, 2012
- (3) Regional Services report – November 2012
- (4) Regional Services report – December 2012
- (5) Regional Services report – January 2013
- (6) Water Production report – November 2012
- (7) Water Production report – December 2012
- (8) Water Production report – January 2013
- (9) Water Reclamation report – July 2012
- (10) Water Reclamation report – August 2012
- (11) Water Reclamation report – September 2012
- (12) Water Reclamation report – October 2012
- (13) Water Reclamation report – November 2012
- (14) Water Reclamation report – December 2012
- (15) Water Reclamation report – January 2013

ITEM L – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

ITEM M – NEW BUSINESS

None.

ITEM N – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the regular meeting of the ECUA Citizens' Advisory Committee, Chairman Benson declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen E. Sorrell
Executive Director and
Secretary

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APPROVED BY THE ECUA CITIZENS' ADVISORY
COMMITTEE IN A MEETING ON _____.

- () Without corrections/amendments.
- () With corrections/amendments being: