

**MINUTES OF THE ECUA CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2016 AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE ECUA BOARD ROOM AT 9255
STURDEVANT STREET, ELLYSON INDUSTRIAL PARK, PENSACOLA, FL**

Members present: Vicki Campbell, Chairman
Deborah Benn
Catherine Booker
Tim Common
Chuck Kimball
Dale Perkins
Randy Ponson
Louise Ritz

Members absent: Lois Benson
Elvin McCorvey
Kelley Thompson
Larry Walker, Vice Chairman

Staff present: Steve Sorrell, Executive Director
Nathalie Bowers, Public Information Officer
Tim Haag, Director of Government Affairs
Linda Iversen, Executive Assistant to the Board
Bill Johnson, Director of Engineering
Jim Roberts, Public Information Officer

ITEM A - INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Common provided the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM B - CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Campbell called the regular meeting of the ECUA Citizens' Advisory Committee to order at approximately 2:03 p.m.

ITEM C - ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Common, seconded by Mr. Kimball, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

ITEM D - OPEN FORUM

(1) Mr. Barry Tweedie, 10395 Old Dairy Lane, addressed the Committee concerning ECUA's use of eminent domain, stating he is not a fan of eminent domain and it should be rare that ECUA takes property.

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Mr. Sorrell responded stating that it is very rare that ECUA uses eminent domain and only when it is for the good of the customers.

ITEM E - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Ritz, seconded by Ms. Booker, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 18, 2016 as presented. Motion carried 8-0.

ITEM F - AWARD OF CONTRACT – ALUMINUM SULFATE (LIQUID ALUM)

A motion was made by Mr. Common, seconded by Mr. Kimball, that the Board award a one-year purchase contract for aluminum sulfate to the low bidder, Southern Ionics, Inc., in the amount of \$219.00 per dry ton, with two one-year options to extend, and authorize payment from the appropriate budget line items. Motion carried 8-0.

ITEM G - AWARD OF BID - BROOKMEADOW LANE FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Kimball, seconded by Ms. Benn, that the Board award the bid for the Brookmeadow Lane force main replacement project to B&W Utilities, Inc., the lowest bidder, for the base bid in the total amount of \$113,923.96, with a funding transfer from CIP Project RS624 - Inflow/Infiltration to IP Project RS626Y in the amount of \$135,000.00 for the base bid and contingencies. Motion carried 8-0.

**ITEM H - DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY – FORMER LIFT STATION
#140 SITE-101 SHEPPARD STREET**

A motion was made by Mr. Kimball, seconded by Ms. Benn, that the Board authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract to sell the former lift station #140 site parcel to Ms. Margaret A. Floyd for the amount of \$100, with all closing and transactional costs being borne by Ms. Floyd. Motion carried 8-0.

**ITEM I - PROTECTION OF WASTEWATER TRANSMISSION MAIN-POWER OF
EMINENT DOMAIN**

A motion was made by Mr. Kimball, seconded by Ms. Benn, that the Board authorize the initiation of a quick-take eminent domain proceeding to acquire the needed easements from South Palafox Properties, LLC, should ECUA be unable to negotiate the purchase of the needed easements during the mandatory pre-suit period. Motion carried 8-0.

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ITEM J - FISCAL YEAR 2017 OPERATING AND CIP BUDGETS

There was considerable discussion relative to the various budget options that were presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Common, seconded by Mr. Ponson, to approve Scenario #2 [2.27% rate increase based on the CPI in combination with the described capital assessment fee, and approving the \$20 million cash-funded CIP shown in the budget, and no additional debt] and a 2.27% rate increase based on the CPI for sanitation. Motion carried 6-2 with Messrs. Kimball and Perkins voting against the motion.

Mr. Kimball stated he would be in favor of Scenario #3 [5.0% rate increase plus a capital assessment fee, allowing for \$25 million cash-funded CIP].

ITEM K - INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

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

- (1) Regional Services monthly report – May 2016
- (2) Water Production monthly report – May 2016
- (3) Water Reclamation monthly report – May 2016

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 Campbell declared the

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meeting adjourned at approximately 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Stephen E. Sorrell
Executive Director and
Secretary**

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

- Without corrections/amendments.**
- With corrections/amendments being:**