

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

NOVEMBER 21, 2023

A Utilities Department Quarterly Update Meeting 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, Minutes Clerk Welsh, and various County staff members. The following members were absent: None.

The Meeting was called to order at 10:19 am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Changes to Agenda

Addition #1: Item 4, Plant Capacity Information.

Requested by: Utilities

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

MOTION CARRIED 5:0.

Public Input

Rob Robbins remarked on Fiscal Update.

1. Fiscal Update

Rick Arthur, Fiscal Services Manager gave a brief overview of Agenda, East Port Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) Review, Burnt Store Projection Impacts, East Port Equivalent Residential Connection (ERC) Projection, Burnt Store ERC Projection, Rate Payor Dollar, and Next Steps/Timeline.

Chair Truex discussed Associate Builders and Contractors (ABC) Construction Backlog Indicator and contractors. **Commissioner Constance** commented on East Port ERC Projection, State Revolving Fund (SRF), loans, projects, bids, East Port WRF Review, Burnt Store Projection Impacts, East Port WRF Expansion Bid No. 20230485 Estimated Construction Cost Breakout by Existing Improvements, Expansion and Advanced Water Treatment (AWT), inflation, bond market, Next Steps/Timeline, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), and contract. **Commissioner Doherty** mentioned Next Steps/Timeline, funding, and Utility Reserve. **Commissioner Tiseo** noted East Port ERC Projection, FDEP,

permit, utility concurrency, septic systems, Florida Department of Health (FDOH), policy, proportionate costs, and Next Steps/Timeline.

Dave Watson, Utilities Director responded to East Port ERC Projection, permits, provision, capacity, and design criteria.

2. Connection Fees

Murray Hamilton, Raftelis Utility Rate Consultant gave a brief overview of Summary of Current Fees, Review of TAP Fees - Study Tasks, Capacity Fee Criteria, Why Capacity Fees Differ Among Utilities, Capacity Fee Comparison, Accrued Guaranteed Revenue Fee (AGRF) Criteria, Next Steps, and Projected Rate Adjustments - Residential Water and Wastewater Bill Comparison.

Chair Truex spoke to Projected Rate Adjustments - Residential Water and Wastewater Bill Comparison, Summary of Current Fees, indexing, Impact Fees, Consumer Price Index (CPI), AGRF Criteria, General Development Utilities (GDU), and acquisition. **Commissioner Constance** discussed Capacity Fee Comparison, fee indexing, costs, Rate Payor Dollar, reimbursements, data, Projected Rate Adjustments - Residential Water and Wastewater Bill Comparison, Ackerman Waterway, responsibility, infrastructure, assets, pipeline, value, investment, AGRF Criteria, TAP Fees, economic cycles, and GDU. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on Projected Rate Adjustments - Residential Water and Wastewater Bill Comparison, Summary of Current Fees, revenue, debt service, GDU, and acquisition. **Commissioner Tiseo** mentioned bid proposals, data, Capacity Fee Comparison, project deferrals, wastewater expansion program, Projected Rate Adjustments - Residential Water and Wastewater Bill Comparison, deferrals, value, loan repayment, policy, and AGRF Criteria.

Mr. Arthur replied to Rate Payor Dollar, subsidies, Operating and Maintenance (O&M) Fund, SRF, Projected Rate Adjustments - Residential Water and Wastewater Bill Comparison, Summary of Current Fees, vacant lots, projects, and AGRF Criteria.

County Administrator Flores remarked on Next Steps, policy, and cost recovery agenda items.

3. East Port WRF Construction

Tom Friedrich, Jones Edmunds Senior Consultant gave a brief overview of East Port WRF Expansion Bid No. 202300485 Estimated Construction Cost Breakout by Existing Improvements, Expansion, and AWT.

Chair Truex noted inflation, growth, capacity, plant expansions, contractors, East Port WRF Expansion Bid No. 202300485 Estimated Construction Cost Breakout by Existing Improvements, Expansion, and AWT, bid process, costs, demands, and Florida Retirement System (FRS). **Commissioner Constance** spoke to East Port WRF Expansion Bid No. 202300485 Estimated Construction Cost Breakout by Existing Improvements, Expansion, and AWT, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), funding, cost, new and existing rate payors, fees, equivalent residential units (ERU), tiered rates, consent and administrative orders, and

recession. **Commissioner Deutsch** discussed capital investment, usage fee, and benefit. **Commissioner Doherty** commented on East Port WRF Expansion Bid No. 202300485 Estimated Construction Cost Breakout By Existing Improvements, Expansion, and AWT, increases, funding, water reclamation facilities, regional water supplies, and bid process. **Commissioner Tiseo** mentioned home ownership, tiered rates, timeframe, federal funding, extensions, bidders, proposals, growth, and prices.

Mr. Arthur responded to ARPA, funding, and timeframe.

Deputy County Administrator Emily Lewis responded to ARPA funding, timeline, extensions, Legislative Delegation, and reallocation.

(Addition #1) 4. Plant Capacity Information

Mr. Watson gave a brief overview of Charlotte County WRF Capacity Evaluation and Charlotte County Water Capacity Evaluation.


Chair Truex noted Charlotte County Water Capacity Evaluation. **Commissioner Constance** spoke to Charlotte County Water Capacity Evaluation, ERC, and indexing. **Commissioner Doherty** discussed Charlotte County Water Capacity Evaluation, Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority (PRMRWSA), Comprehensive Plan, and ERC.

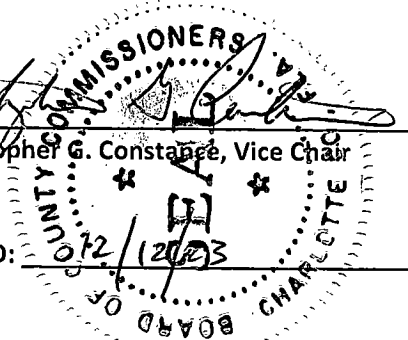
AA. County Administrator - None

BB. County Attorney - None

CC. Commissioner Comments - None

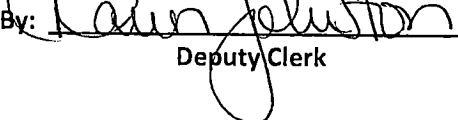
ADJOURNED: 12:08 pm



Christopher G. Constance, Vice Chair
DATE ADOPTED: 012/12/23


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