

METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT

**Regular Meeting
&
Public Hearing**

8:15 a.m.

December 7, 2011

AGENDA

1. Roll Call
2. Open Meetings Act Notice
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Approval of Minutes - Special Board Meeting, November 23, 2011
5. President's Report

- C & O** 6. Bids on Materials and Contracts
7. Omaha Downtown/Midtown Transit Alternatives Analysis

- AEF&R** 8. Public Hearing – 2012 Budget
 - a. Presentation by Management
 - i. 2012 Gas and Water Budget – **Tab No. 8**
 - ii. Proposed Increase in Capital Facilities Charges – **Tab No. 9**
 - iii. Proposed Adjustment to W-4 Water Rate – **Tab No. 10**
 - b. Comments from Public

11. Approval of 2012 Budget (RESOLUTION)
12. Approval of Proposed Increase in Capital Facilities Charges (RESOLUTION)
13. Approval of Proposed Adjustment to W-4 Water Rate (RESOLUTION)

- BOARD** 14. Other Matters of District Business for Discussion

**METROPOLITAN UTILITIES DISTRICT OF OMAHA
MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
&
PUBLIC HEARING**

December 7, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha met in the Board Room of the Headquarters Building at 1723 Harney Street in special session at 8:28 a.m. on December 7, 2011.

Advance notice of the meeting was posted on the first floor of the Headquarters Building from November 23, 2011 to December 7, 2011. Notice of the meeting was published in the *Omaha World-Herald* on November 13, 2011. The agenda of the meeting was available for public inspection at the office of the Secretary and President and copies were delivered to Board Members on November 18, 2011.

**AGENDA NO. 1
ROLL CALL**

Vice-Chairperson McGowan called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. On roll call vote, the following members were present:

Jack Frost
Steve Patterson
Amy Lindsay
Tim Cavanaugh
Mike McGowan
Tom Dowd
Dave Friend
Doug Clark, Secretary

Also present were various members of the staff, representatives of Local Union IBEW #1521, and members of the public.

**AGENDA NO. 2
OPEN MEETINGS ACT NOTICE**

Chairperson Friend advised those in attendance that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted in the back of the Board Room.

**AGENDA NO. 3
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Friend invited those who cared to participate to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA NO. 4

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 23, 2011

Mr. Frost moved for approval of the minutes of the Special Board Meeting held November 23, 2011, which was seconded by Mr. Frost and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, Cavanaugh, McGowan, Dowd, Friend

Voting No: None

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136780

AGENDA NO. 5

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Clark presented the President's Report discussing the highlights for the month, including budget variances on gas and water, year-to-date payroll and overtime statistics, headcount, and degree-days. There were three new crossbores to report for a total of 26. Mr. Clark gave updates on the infrastructure statistics. The District received the JD Powers Award for the Midwest Region 2011 Gas Utility Residential Service Satisfaction Award, tying with another company. Fueling activities have continued to increase at the CNG stations.

AGENDA NO. 6

BIDS ON MATERIALS AND CONTRACTS

Mr. Frost moved for approval of the bids as set out in Mr. Goodwin's letter to the Committee dated November 28, 2011, which was seconded by Mr. Cavanaugh and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, Cavanaugh, McGowan, Dowd, Friend

Voting No: None

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136781

AGENDA NO. 7

OMAHA DOWNTOWN/MIDTOWN TRANSIT ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS

Mr. Frost moved for approval of the President to enter into a partnership as set out in Mr. Crouchley's letter to the Committee dated November 29, 2011, which was seconded by Mrs. Lindsay and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, Cavanaugh, McGowan, Friend

Voting No: Dowd

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136782

AGENDA NO. 8

PUBLIC HEARING - 2012 BUDGET

Mr. Friend opened the Public Hearing on the 2012 Budget.

PRESENTATION BY MANAGEMENT

Mrs. Schneider gave a slideshow presentation covering the 2012 Gas and Water Budget.

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136783

AGENDA NO. 9 PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT TO W-4 WATER RATE

Mrs. Chantry gave a slideshow presentation covering the Proposed Adjustment to W-4 Water Rate for the 2012 Budget.

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136784

AGENDA NO. 10 PROPOSED INCREASE IN CAPITAL FACILITIES CHARGES

Mrs. Chantry gave a slideshow presentation covering the Proposed Increase in Capital Facilities Charges for the 2012 Budget.

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136785

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

Mr. Jay Wilke, Superintendent of Miracle Hills Golf Course, stated they are one of the 11 large users. Last year there was a 9% increase in water. They went up over 70%. The rollback on the 2011 bills of over 40% still leaves them at over a 30% increase. Mrs. Schneider explained that the 9% increase was an average and it was different for each category. Mrs. Chantry explained that the W-4 water rate was also restructured and how the cost of service study was performed. The cost of service studies show the District is inline. The proposal is for going forward only and does not include a refund on the current rates. Mr. McGowan stated he would like more information on the impacted customers and then assess if an adjustment should be made.

Mr. Jerry Wilke, Miracle Hills Golf Course, stated they were not notified of the large increase ahead of time and should have been. If they knew in advance, they could have budgeted. They need numbers in order to budget for next year.

AGENDA NO. 11 APPROVAL OF 2012 BUDGET (RESOLUTION)

Mr. McGowan moved for approval of the 2012 Budget with the exception of increasing the number of employees to 877 and freezing the number at 867, which was seconded by Mr. Frost and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, McGowan, Dowd

Voting No: Cavanaugh, Friend

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136786

AGENDA NO. 12
APPROVAL OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN CAPITAL FACILITIES CHARGES
(RESOLUTION)

Mr. McGowan moved for approval of the increase in capital facilities charges, which was seconded by Mr. Cavanaugh and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, Cavanaugh, McGowan, Dowd, Friend
Voting No: None

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136787

AGENDA NO. 13
APPROVAL OF PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT TO W-4 WATER RATE (RESOLUTION)

Mr. McGowan moved for approval of adjustment to the W-4 water rate, which was seconded by Mr. Cavanaugh and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, Cavanaugh, McGowan, Dowd, Friend
Voting No: None

MINUTES FILE DOCUMENT NO. 136788

AGENDA NO. 14
OTHER MATTERS OF DISTRICT BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION

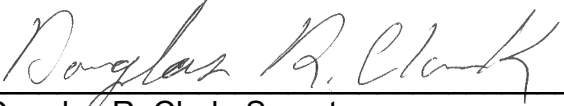
Chairperson Friend asked if there were any other matters of District business for discussion. Mr. McGowan stated that he was really impressed with the hard work put into the budget. Mr. Patterson commended Lisa Hale for her assistance in getting financial assistance for a customer so her water could be restored.

At 10:38 a.m., Mr. Frost made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mrs. Lindsay and carried on roll call vote.

Voting Yes: Frost, Patterson, Lindsay, Cavanaugh, McGowan, Dowd, Friend
Voting No: None

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The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.



Douglas R. Clark, Secretary

DRC/sms