

**VERO BEACH UTILITIES COMMISSION MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022 - 9:30 A.M.  
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

**PRESENT:** Chairman, Jane Burton; Vice Chairman and Indian River Shores Representative, Bob Auwaerter; Members: Bill Eggers, John Sanders, Mark Mucher and Judy Orcutt **Also Present:** Water and Sewer Director, Rob Bolton; Assistant City Attorney, Jenny Flanigan and Deputy City Clerk, Sherri Philo

**Excused Absence:** JT Mooney

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chairman called today's meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and the Deputy City Clerk performed the roll call.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A) June 14, 2022**

**Mrs. Orcutt made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2022 Utilities Commission meeting. Mr. Auwaerter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**6. CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

**A) Update on Stormwater Utility ERU Assessment Role – Ms. Cindy Lawson, Finance Director**

Ms. Cindy Lawson, Finance Director, reported that the City Council adopted the Initial Assessment Resolution on June 7, 2022, which contained the cost of \$7.17 per Equal Residential Unit (ERU), as well as the methodology for calculating ERU's for each type of property. Based on the Initial Assessment Resolution, an advertisement was published in the newspaper and individual notices were mailed to each parcel owner showing them their assessment for the coming year. The notice also contained a telephone number for people to call if they had any questions, as well as the ability to contact the City Clerk's office to review the assessment roll. She reported that the final assessment Resolution would be heard by the City Council at their July 19, 2022, City Council meeting. If the City Council adopts the Final Assessment Resolution at the rates that were contained in the

notices and in the Initial Assessment Resolution, the assessment roll would be sent to the Tax Collector to be included in the tax bills in November.

The Chairman opened and closed public comments at 9:34 a.m., with no one wishing to be heard.

#### **7. MEMBER'S MATTERS**

Mr. Auwaerter referred to the City Council Budget Workshop meetings scheduled this week. He asked why staff was not using the previous procedure of bringing the budget proposal before the Utilities Commission for their opinion. He said that this also did not go before the Finance Commission for them to give their opinion.

Ms. Lawson explained that this is the City Manager's proposal to the City Council. It is not the final budget. She explained that there are times during the Budget Workshop meetings where the City Council would request that a Commission look at certain aspects of the proposed budget. She said after the City Council reviews the budget it will be brought before the Utilities Commission and the Finance Commission in August at their regular meetings.

#### **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Today's meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

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