

REGULAR MEETING OF KISSIMMEE UTILITY AUTHORITY HELD WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 1, 2017 AT 3:30 PM, BRINSON BOARD ROOM, ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING, 1701 WEST CARROLL STREET, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA

Present were Chairman Reginald Hardee, Vice-Chair Jeanne Van Meter, Director Kathleen Thacker, Director Ethel Urbina, Director Manuel Ortega, Mayor Jose Alvarez, General Manager, James C. Welsh, General Counsel, Grant Lacerte and Recording Secretary, Leticia Rivera.

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Director Hardee called the meeting to order @ 3:30 pm.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Board members and staff recited the pledge of allegiance.

C. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. 5-YEAR SERVICE AWARD – DAN GOETZ, FINANCIAL ANALYST, FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
2. 5-YEAR SERVICE AWARD – ZORAIDA VELEZ, ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF ASSISTANT I, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
3. 10-YEAR SERVICE AWARD – RUSSELL ST. JOHN, PP OPERATOR/MECHANIC, POWER SUPPLY
4. 15-YEAR SERVICE AWARD – JIM HARNOIS, SUPERVISOR OF SCADA, ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS
5. 30-YEAR SERVICE AWARD – JAY TAYLOR, LINEMAN FIRST CLASS, ENGINEERING & OPERATIONS
6. EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY 2017 – MARCOS DIAZ, CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE II, CUSTOMER SERVICE

Mr. Welsh congratulated Marcos for being selected employee of the month for February 2017.

D. HEAR THE AUDIENCE

At this time, Director Hardee asked if there was anyone from the public who would like to address the Board to please come forward.

Steve Lackey, Assistant Director from Kissimmee Parks & Recreation thanked the Board and KUA for its past and continued support.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: Director Van Meter made a motion, seconded by Director Thacker to approve items 1 - 4 on the Consent Agenda.

MOTION PASSED 5 - 0

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES JANUARY 11, 2017 REGULAR MEETING
2. KISSIMMEE PARKS & RECREATION SPONSORSHIP

RECOMMENDATION: Approve KUA's sponsorship of the City of Kissimmee's Parks & Recreation Department programs and events in the amount of \$25,000.

3. FOUNDATION FOR OSCEOLA EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP

RECOMMENDATION: Approve \$15,000 sponsorship to support the Foundation for Osceola Education. This is a worthwhile effort and worthy of the KUA's consideration as part of our ongoing investment in the community we serve.

4. PLEASANT HILL ROAD FEEDER EXTENSION – CONDUIT INSTALLATION

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Infratech to perform the installation of the conduit for the Pleasant Hill feeder extension in the amount of \$132,427.95 plus 10% contingency for any unforeseen cost that may arise due to field condition issues.

5. SCHEDULE FOR BOARD MEMBER RECRUITMENT FOR TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the schedule, advertising and questions to be asked of the candidates for recruiting a nominee to fill the upcoming vacancy.

At this time, a discussion on item 5 of the consent agenda commenced.

Director Van Meter commented that during a meeting with Mr. Welsh, he advised that the County is wanting to have representation on the KUA Board and that's fine however, the advertisement that is going to go out states "County residents preferred" and she feels that statement is discriminatory. She stated that the board should recruit, then when the Board conducts interviews, they can see if County people are qualified to send to the City, Putting a limit on who can or cannot apply puts the Board in a bad situation.

Mr. Welsh wanted to correct for the record, it was the City Manager and the Mayor that made the suggestion not the County. Mayor Alvarez stated that the County did approach the City in the past about this however, it should be put out for everyone.

Director Thacker advised that this item and the wording has already been approved. After a short discussion, it was agreed that there was a motion and a vote.

Grant Lacerte, General Counsel advised that the maker of the motion would need to move to reconsider the previous motion that passed and if it passes, a motion to pass the consent agenda without that item is needed.

ACTION: Director Van Meter made a motion, seconded by Director Urbina to reconsider the adoption of the consent agenda.

MOTION PASSED 5 – 0

ACTION: Director Van Meter made a motion, seconded by Director Urbina to approve the consent agenda minus item # 5.

Director Van Meter commented that she felt that KUA is discouraging people from applying if that language is included.

MOTION PASSED 5 – 0

Mayor Alvarez asked to see the verbiage of the ad. Mr. Welsh read the verbiage in question as follows, "Applicants for this seat must be qualified electors within KUA service territory; currently there is a seat available for those who live outside the City limits. Applicants residing outside the City limits are preferred for this opening." Mayor Alvarez commented that he had not seen the verbiage, and with this verbiage no one is excluded and the verbiage is fine.

Director Urbina advised that it also states "there is a seat available for those who live outside the City limits" which can be interpreted that the Board will choose someone from

outside the City. Director Van Meter added that this is a City Board and its fine to have the County represented but it's not that they shall be represented. Director Ortega advised that he will be looking for the most best, qualified individual. Director Thacker advised that the two sentences in the ad should be updated.

After some discussion on the verbiage of the ad the following motion was made.

ACTION: Director Van Meter made a motion, seconded by Director Ortega to update the ad to remove the sentence "currently there is a seat available for those who live outside the City limits" and state "Applicants residing outside the City limits are encouraged to apply for this opening".

MOTION PASSED 5 - 0

Director Hardee advised the motion just made only approves the modification of the ad, there are other action items included in the agenda item.

ACTION: Director Ortega made a motion, seconded by Director Van Meter to approve item E 5 under consent with the ad adjustment.

MOTION PASSED 5 - 0

F. PUBLIC HEARING – None

G. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATIONS (REQUIRING NO ACTION)

1. OSCEOLA COUNTY YMCA PRESENTATION

Chris Gent, vice president of Corporate Communications introduced Gilbert Garcia, executive director of Osceola County YMCA. Mr. Garcia thanked KUA and the Board for its continued support and presented the Board with a plaque for supporting the recent golf outing sponsorship. Mr. Garcia shared a quick presentation on the impact of what KUA means to the YMCA.

2. OSCEOLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY PRESENTATION

Chris Gent, vice president of Corporate Communications introduced Danita Dampier, executive director of the Osceola County Historical Society. Ms. Dampier thanked KUA for its continued support and shared recent renovations and future construction that is expected.

H. OLD BUSINESS – None

I. NEW BUSINESS – None

J. STAFF REPORTS

1. SEMI ANNUAL CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS

Susan Postans, vice president of Customer Service provided the Board with updates on Solar Education, Customer Experience, Fiscal Responsibility, Pilots and the Good Neighbor Fund.

K. HEAR ATTORNEY, GENERAL MANAGER, DIRECTORS

Grant Lacerte, vice president and General Counsel reminded the Board of the upcoming APPA Legislative Rally on February 26th.

Mr. Welsh shared dates of upcoming events and also asked if the Board would consider moving the final Strategic Planning session from the March board meeting to

the April board meeting as Mayor Alvarez will not be available to attend the board meeting in March and would like to be in attendance. It was the consensus of the Board to move the Strategic Planning session to the April Board meeting.

Mr. Welsh advised that KUA is partnering with the Osceola School district and FMPA to explore solar projects.

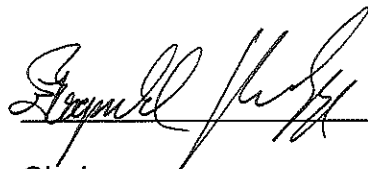
Mr. Welsh also shared that he records quarterly videos and invites Board members to participate if they would like to do a segment with him. The next segment is scheduled for March 6th at the Davis Service Center.

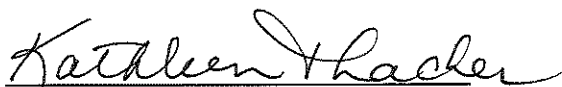
Director Van Meter shared that she is excited seeing solar move forward. She also congratulated Brian and Director Hardee on being selected for Leadership Osceola.

Director Urbina, Director Ortega and Director Hardee thanked the EOC for a great field day.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Director Hardee adjourned the meeting 4:33 p.m.


Chairman


Secretary