



CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS

Minutes - Final - Final Public Utilities Commission

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

8:00 AM

Conference Room of Public Utilities Service Center

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to due notice and call thereof, a Special Meeting/Work Session of the Grand Rapids Public Utilities Commission will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at 8:00 AM in the conference room of the Public Works/Public Utilities Service Center at 500 SE 4th Street, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

BE ADVISED: Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 13D.021, Subdivision 1, some or all members may appear by telephone or other electronic means.

COMMISSIONERS: To access conference bridge: Dial in to 218-326-7680
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CALL OF ROLL

President Tom Stanley announced the Roll Call, requesting members of the Commission present in the Meeting Room or participating by conference call to please indicate their presence by stating "here" as he called their names. Present in the meeting room were President Tom Stanley, Commissioner Rick Blake, and Commissioner Luke Francisco. Present via telephone conference call were Secretary Kathy Kooda and Commissioner Rick Smith.

Present 5 - President Tom Stanley, Commissioner Rick Blake, Secretary Kathy Kooda, Commissioner Luke Francisco, and Commissioner Rick Smith

Others Present in the meeting room: General Manager Kennedy, Electric Department Manager Goodell, and Administrative/HR Assistant Flannigan. Present via telephone conference: Dave Berg, NEMMPA Consultant.

- 1 [20-1429](#) Acknowledge the proper posting of the special meeting date, time, and purpose.

President Tom Stanley acknowledged the proper posting of the special meeting/work session date, time and purpose.

- 2 [20-1435](#) Consider approving the Mid-month Accounts Payable list for \$96,315.58.

A motion was made by Secretary Kathy Kooda, seconded by Commissioner Luke Francisco, to approve the Mid-month Accounts Payable list for \$96,315.58. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 5 - President Tom Stanley, Commissioner Rick Blake, Secretary Kathy Kooda, Commissioner Luke Francisco, and Commissioner Rick Smith

- 3 [20-1430](#) Consider a motion to approve and authorize the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with AFSCME Local 3456 and Linda D. George establishing the terms and conditions for implementation of a Minnesota Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Phased Retirement Option (PRO) Agreement, approve the hiring of Linda D. George as of January 1, 2021 under said PERA PRO terms and conditions as specified in the MOU and attached Exhibits (A-C) and authorize the execution of the PRO with PERA.

A motion was made by Commissioner Luke Francisco, seconded by Commissioner Rick Blake, to approve and authorize the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with AFSCME Local 3456 and Linda D. George establishing the terms and conditions for implementation of a Minnesota Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Phased Retirement Option (PRO) Agreement, approve the hiring of Linda D. George as of January 1, 2021 under said PERA PRO terms and conditions as specified in the MOU and attached Exhibits (A-C) and authorize the execution of the PRO with PERA. The motion carried by the following vote.

Aye: 5 - President Tom Stanley, Commissioner Rick Blake, Secretary Kathy Kooda, Commissioner Luke Francisco, and Commissioner Rick Smith

- 4 [20-1436](#) Northeast Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (NEMMPA) discussion.

Dave Berg, consultant for Northeast Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (NEMMPA), gave a virtual presentation on wholesale power supply.

- 5 [20-1434](#) Governance discussion.

No items.

ADJOURNMENT

The next Regular Meeting of the Commission has been rescheduled to Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Public Works/Public Utilities Service Center at 500 SE 4th Street.

The next Special Meeting/Work Session is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Public Works/Public Utilities Service Center at 500 SE 4th Street.

By call of the chair, the regular meeting was declared adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted: Christine Flannigan, Administrative/HR Assistant.