

FINAL

THIRD TAXING DISTRICT
of the City of Norwalk
Commission Meeting
June 17, 2019

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners: Johnnie Mae Weldon, Chair; Debora Goldstein; Pamela Parkington; Ed Holowinko, Treasurer

STAFF: Kevin Barber, General Manager
Ron Scofield, Assistant General Manager/District Clerk

OTHERS: Peter Johnson, CMEEC Ratepayer Representative
Atty. Chris Hodgson, Berchem Moses

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Weldon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public was in attendance to comment.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Collective Bargaining

**** COMMISSIONER PARKINGTON MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.**

**** COMMISSIONER WELDON SECONDED.**

**** TWO IN FAVOR; ONE ABSTENTION (COMMISSIONER GOLDSTEIN)**

**** THE MOTION PASSED.**

The Commissioners, Treasurer, Atty. Hodgson and Messrs. Barber and Scofield entered into Executive Session at 7:02 p.m.

The Commissioners, Treasurer, Atty. Hodgson and Messrs. Barber and Scofield returned to public session at 7:12 p.m.

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**** COMMISSIONER GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO ADD AN AGENDA ITEM TO VOTE ON THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.**

**** COMMISSIONER PARKINGTON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**** COMMISSIONER PARKINGTON MOVED TO RATIFY THE TENTATIVE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED BETWEEN THE THIRD TAXING DISTRICT AND LOCAL 1303-364 OF CONNECTICUT COUNCIL 4, AFSCME, AFL-CIO DATED MAY 31, 2019.**

**** COMMISSIONER GOLDSTEIN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 3, 2019 Regular Meeting

**** COMMISSIONER PARKINGTON MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 3, 2019 REGULAR MEETING .**

**** COMMISSIONER WELDON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

CMEEC EQUITY DISTRIBUTION

Mr. Barber told the Commission on May 23, 2018, the CMEEC Member Delegation voted unanimously to distribute the 2018 Distribution Eligible Equity to the member utilities. The total equity distribution for 2018 is \$4,498,270 of which TTD's portion is \$218,579. TTD's portion is a little less than previous years due to unbudgeted legal expenses that CMEEC incurred during 2018.

Mr. Barber reviewed the options with the Commission for receiving the eligible equity.

- Apply the equity distribution to the Municipal Trust.
- Apply the Equity Distribution to the Rate Stabilization Fund (RSF).
- Receive as a direct cash payment for deposit into TTD's Capital Improvement Investment account.

Mr. Barber also pointed out to the Commission that following the completion of the CMEEC-Wallingford arbitration, CMEEC has incurred additional expenses that exceeded the amount previously held in reserve for the settlement. TTD's portion of these expenses will be approximately \$58,000-59,000. The final amount is yet to be determined.

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It is Mr. Barber's recommendation to receive the full distribution of equity available to TTD and apply the required amount to pay TTD's share of the Wallingford arbitration settlement and deposit the remaining amount into TTD's Capital Improvements Investment account.

**** COMMISSIONER PARKINGTON MOVED TO DIRECT KEVIN BARBER, GENERAL MANAGER, TO TAKE THE GROSS CMEEC EQUITY DISTRIBUTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$218,579 AND DEPOSIT IT INTO THIRD TAXING DISTRICT'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT INVESTMENT ACCOUNT, LESS THE TOTAL WALLINGFORD ARBITRATION EXPENSE.**

**** COMMISSIONER GOLDSTEIN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

RESCHEDULING OF JULY 1, 2019 COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioner Weldon told the Commission that she would be away from July 1 to July 15, 2019 and would not be able to attend the July 1, 2109 Commission meeting. The Commission discussed their options on how to handle the meeting.

**** COMMISSIONER GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO CANCEL THE JULY 1, 2019 COMMISSION MEETING.**

**** COMMISSIONER PARKINGTON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

**** COMMISSIONER GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** COMMISSIONER PARKINGTON SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Tenney
Executive Assistant
Third Taxing District