

St. Lucie West Services District
Workshop Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.
VIA TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS
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(Please note: This is not verbatim. A CD recording of the Workshop Meeting is available on file.)

Board Members Present

Vincent D'Amico – Chairman – in-person
Gregg Ney – Vice Chairman – in-person
Dominick Graci, Supervisor – in-person
Viorel Mocuta, Supervisor – in-person

Staff Present

Bill Hayden, District Manager, St. Lucie West Services District ("SLWSD") – in-person
Thomas Bayer, Assistant Utilities Director, SLWSD – in-person
Laura Archer, Recording Secretary, Special District Services, Inc. ("SDS") – in-person

Guests Present (Sign-In Sheet Attached)

A. Call to Order

The Workshop Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

It was noted that Secretary Jack Doughney was the only Supervisor not present at today's meeting.

D. Approval of Minutes

- 1. July 11, 2022, Workshop**
- 2. July 12, 2022, Regular Board Meeting**

There were no revisions to either set of minutes.

Mr. Hayden then introduced Trevor McCarthy and Tony Hairston of Raftelis, who presented their annual rate study.

Mr. McCarthy reminded the Board that the last rate increase occurred in 2010 and that Raftelis had recommended a 2% increase after last year's study.

Mr. McCarthy advised of their study objectives and gave an overview of the District's system by looking at customer sales trends, operating expenses, capital improvement projects, debt service requirements, revenue requirements, operating cash reserves and rate comparisons.

Mr. McCarthy went on to note, when preparing this year's study, inflation was taken into consideration and advised that they were recommending a 5% increase for fiscal year 2023 and a 2.5% increase for fiscal years 2024 through 2027.

Mr. McCarthy then offered a Q&A period where the Board had their inquiries answered.

The Board thanked Messrs. McCarthy and Hairston for their presentation.

E. PUBLIC HEARING 1

1. PH 1 – Consider Resolution No. 2022-04 – Amending the St. Lucie West Services District Employee Pay Grade Schedule

Resolution No. 2022-04 was presented, entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE ST. LUCIE WEST SERVICES DISTRICT AMENDING THE EMPLOYEE PAY GRADE SCHEDULE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Hayden presented the item, asking if there were any questions. There were no questions from the Board Members.

F. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

**G. District Attorney
DA 1 – Status Report/Updates**

Mr. Hayden was not aware of any items Mr. Harrell would be presenting.

**H. District Engineer
DE 1 – Status Report/Updates**

Mr. Hayden was not aware of any updates from Mr. Zanganeh.

**I. District Manager
Action Items**

DM 1 – Consider District’s Holiday Schedule for the 2023 Calendar Year

Mr. Hayden presented the item, indicating that it was the same schedule as presented in previous years.

There was no further discussion regarding this item.

DM 2 – Consider Cigna Insurance Provider

Mr. Hayden presented the item, indicating that staff had received proposals for the renewal of health insurance. He further indicated after working with Mary Leighton from Benefitability and evaluating the proposals, staff is recommending contracting with Cigna, which will be a 17.23% increase in premiums. Mr. Hayden noted that Cigna not only provided the lowest quote, but they also offer comparable plans to the current provider.

Discussion ensued regarding the specifics of going with Cigna. Mr. Hayden noted that Blue Cross’s proposal came in at a 58% increase over last year’s premiums.

There was no further discussion or questions regarding the health insurance.

J. Consent Agenda

CA 1 – Monthly Report on Public Works Department

CA 2 – Monthly Report on Utilities Operations

CA 3 – Monthly Report on Capital Improvement Projects

CA 4 – Monthly Report on Billing and Customer Service

CA 5 – Financial Statements for June, 2022

CA 6 – Consider Approval to Transfer Funds for the R&R Account, WCF Account, WWCF Account and WMB Account Requisitions

CA 7 – Surplus Items

There was no discussion regarding Consent Agenda items CA 1 through CA 7.

K. Supervisor Requests

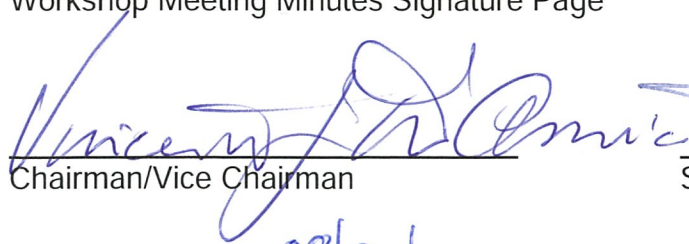
Supervisor Graci noted that the Budget Workshop held last Monday was very good.

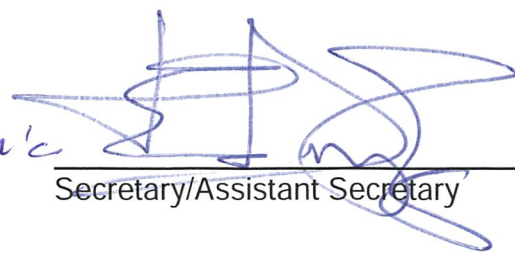
That concluded Supervisor Requests.

L. Adjournment

There being no further items to be addressed, the Workshop Meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m. There were no objections.

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Chairman/Vice Chairman


Secretary/Assistant Secretary

Date Approved 08/30/22