MINUTES

Monday, August 15, 2011

PUBLIC WORKS SERVICES INC. – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

TOWN HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2523 ESTERO BOULEVARD
FORT MYERS BEACH, FLORIDA 33931

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kiker called to order the August 15, 2011 Meeting of the Town Council at 7:35p.m. Present along with Chairman Kiker: Vice Chair Raymond, Directors Kosinski, List and Mandel; General Manager Stewart, Corporate Attorney Miller, and Corporate Clerk Mayher.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Open Public Comment
No Speakers.
Closed Public Comment

III. ADMINISTRATIVE AGENDA

A. Wholesale Water Rate Adjustment

General Manager Stewart discussed how the Town had to purchase water from Lee County in bulk and then use a distribution system to dispense it to residents and businesses. Lee County recently completed a rate analysis and determined there was a need to adjust the wholesale water rate from $3.20 to $3.46 per thousand gallons, which was approximately an 8% increase. He noted in the Interlocal Agreement between the Town and the County there was a 90-day notice of intent and pursuant to this provision the adjustment could be implemented no sooner than November 9, 2011 and as such he sent a letter to the County Manager informing her of this clause in the Interlocal. He added that the County would discuss the proposed rate increase tomorrow. He requested approval for staff to inform the residents on the matter.

Director List noted the notification to residents would only be if the County approved the rate increase tomorrow.

General Manager Stewart acknowledged in the affirmative, and suggested a Workshop for public input if the County approved the rate increase.

Public Comment Opened.
No Speakers.
Public Comment Closed.

MOTION: Motion by Director List to authorize staff to move forward with the preparation of the petition for a rate adjustment to reflect the increase to the wholesale water rate that will be charged by Lee County; second by Director Mandel.

VOTE: Motion passed 5-0.

Director Mandel noted newspaper articles regarding the size of the Town's government and discussed his belief to keep the emphasis on government smart. He reminded the Board of Directors with their new representation to date they have saved the Town $60,000. He asked about the status of the water management report.

General Manager Stewart stated the water management report would be given to the Board / Council fairly soon.

Chairman Kiker reported that he and the General Manager were interviewed today regarding the water system.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Director List, seconded by Director Mandel to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Adopted 9-26-11 With/Without changes. Motion by Kasinski/Mandel

Vote: 5-0

Michelle D. Mayher, Corporate Clerk

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