



**Wednesday, August 23, 2017**  
**Special Joint Meeting with Utilities Commission City Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**6:00 PM – Commission Chamber, 210 Sams Ave, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Jason McGuirk	Commissioner	Present	
Jim Hathaway	Mayor	Present	
Judy Reiker	Commissioner	Present	
Jake Sachs	Vice Mayor	Present	
Randy Hartman	Commissioner	Present	
Bill Biedenbach	Chairman	Present	
Jack Holcomb	Vice Chairman	Present	
Bernadette Britz-Parker	Secretary Treasurer	Present	
Lee Griffith	Assistant Secretary Treasurer	Present	
James Davenport	Commissioner	Present	

Having been duly advertised as required by law, the special joint meeting of the City Commission and Utilities Commission of the City of New Smyrna Beach, Florida, was held on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at the City Hall Commission Chamber, 210 Sams Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, Florida 32168.

Mayor James W. Hathaway called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

City staff present included City Manager Pamela Brangaccio, City Attorney Frank Gummey, Assistant City Manager Khalid Resheidat, Planning and Zoning Director Amye King, CRA Director Tony Otte, Assistant Finance Director Lewie Wise, City Clerk Johnny Bledsoe and Assistant City Clerk Kelly McQuillen.

Utilities Commission staff present included CEO/General Manager Ray Mitchum, UC Attorney William Preston, Finance Director Brian Bilinski, and, Chief Engineer Derek Wainscott.

**II. PRESENTATION: UTILITIES COMMISSION PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FY 17/18**

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1. Presentation: Utilities Commission Proposed Budget for FY 2017/2018

Utilities Commission Director of Finance Brian Bilinski outlined a PowerPoint Presentation for the Utilities Commission proposed budget for fiscal year 2017-2018. Mr. Bilinski explained the expenses;

to include operating, capital improvement plan, staffing and all other expenses included in the proposed budget.

Mayor Hathaway asked what the total outstanding debt of the combined system was.

Mr. Bilinski answered approximately \$34 million.

Mayor Hathaway commented on the sewer mirror plan projection date of 2023 and the water plant.

Mr. Bilinski stated they were simultaneous; the projected date for both is 2023.

Assistant City Manager Khalid Resheidat asked when the lift station on 5th Street project would commence.

Director of Engineering Utilities Commission Derrick Wainscott stated the current plan does not interrupt the bridge. He stated they have to submit for a right of way permit.

Mayor Hathaway asked if there was an exposed line over the Barracuda Bridge. Mr. Wainscott answered yes. He stated they have met with FDOT regarding the bridge.

Vice Mayor Sachs asked if the Capital Improvement Projects would include outages that occur beach side.

Utilities Commission General Manager William Mitchum stated they would be working on the beach side outages.

Vice Mayor Sachs asked for an estimated time frame regarding the beach side work. Mr. Mitchum stated annually.

Mr. Wainscott stated the Utilities Commission approved a contract and the vendor is reserving this type of work until the winter. He said they would do an abatement and then begin work on January 2, 2018 for the demolition of the building and then work will commence shortly after.

Mayor Hathaway asked about the cleanliness of the site.

Mr. Wainscott said there would be a cleanup effort to clear the site.

Mayor Hathaway asked if commercial structures would be on site.

Mr. Wainscott said he would have to get an answer for that. He stated they would have to get an RFQ.

### **III. OTHER BUSINESS**

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#### **1. Discussion: Utilities Commission property located west of I-95**

Chairman Biedenbach commented on the funds for the road located west of I-95; stating the County, City and State did not have funds for this road.

Commissioner McGuirk confirmed the statement.

Chairman Biedenbach stated he would give copy of a new development map of the area to City Clerk Johnny Bledsoe for Mayor Hathaway to read regarding the study.

Mayor Hathaway commented about the number of days the Utilities Commission has to determine the best use of that property and the use of a consultant.

Commissioner Holcomb commented on what our actual use would be. He hoped that before a step is taken with consultant, a plan needs to be made first. He suggested we look at a plan first, and then move forward.

Mayor Hathaway stated he wanted to make sure they have the funds first.

Commissioner Holcomb commented about Capital Improvement Plan allocation. He said he cannot comment on something unknown.

Commissioner Griffith commented about prioritization about the projects so we have a good clear picture of what is needed and when.

Commissioner Davenport would like to see nicely landscaped industrial park that could generate businesses.

Vice Mayor Sachs asked if we are speaking of the same land that may be a water recharge area; where residents draw our potable water. He commented on maintaining some of the land fallow. He questioned if it was wise to sell it or develop when those types of lands are diminishing.

Mayor Hathaway commented about the tax abatement and the Utilities Commission taking the property. He stated the plant was built in 1999 and the money was supposed to come back to the residents. He stated that the plant never materialized.

Commissioner Holcomb commented about what his ideas are for the property.

Commissioner Ritz-Parker thanked all for their patience, adding life and development had changed. She said we need to understand the plan and alternatives better than they do today. She spoke of concerns, highest and best use, what is smartest thing long-term for all parties involved?

Mayor Hathaway commented on a concern about the roadway off of Pioneer Trail Interchange. He commented on the need to make sure, where we think the best location is presently and in the future.

Commissioner McGuirk stated he has been involved with this project discussion since 2004.

City Manager Brangaccio stated Shell Point was the area and everything but utilities will be set by next year in terms of the alignment. Probably within year or two for Cloverleaf Alignment.

Chairman Biedenbach asked about the location. City Manager Brangaccio stated there were meetings and at the meetings, the need for a right-of-way and building a road through a large property was discussed.

#### **IV. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

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Commissioner Reiker loaned Chairman Biedenbach a book named "Start Grid Water" that she received at the Florida League of Cities.

Chairman Biedenbach commented on the Pennsylvania Utilities System, said he was aware of this issue, and said there has been a lot of pushback for this type of meter. He commented on the differences of water meters.

#### **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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There was none.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

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As there was no other business to discuss, Mayor Hathaway declared the meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.