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Knoxville Utilities Board Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, August 17, 2017, Noon

Call to Order

The Knoxville Utilities Board met in regular session in the Larry A. Fleming Board Room at 445 S. Gay Street, on Thursday, August 17, 2017, pursuant to the public notice published in the January 7, 2017, edition of the *News Sentinel*. Chair Herbert called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Jerry Askew, Kathy Hamilton, Celeste Herbert, Sara Pinnell, Tyvi Small, Nikitia Thompson, and John Worden

Commissioners Absent: None

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the June 15, 2017, Board Meeting were approved as distributed upon a motion by Commissioner Askew and seconded by Commissioner Small.

Old Business

None

New Business

Resolution 1369, A Resolution Authorizing the transfer of Property of the Knoxville Utilities Board Located on Woodson Drive to an Adjacent Property Owner

President Roach advised Commissioners that KUB has a piece of property on Woodson Drive that was purchased as part of the South Loop project. Now that the pipeline is complete, KUB has determined that it no longer needs the property for its natural gas system or other systems. KUB has been approached by an adjacent property owner who is interested in acquiring the property. She recognized Gabriel Bolas, Chief Engineer and Senior Vice President, to discuss the proposed transfer request.

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President Roach recommended adoption of Resolution 1369 on first and final reading. Her written recommendation is included in Attachment 1.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Thompson and a second by Commissioner Pinnell, Resolution 1369 (*Attachment 1*) was adopted by a roll call vote on first and final reading. The following Commissioners voted "aye": Askew, Hamilton, Herbert, Pinnell, Small, Thompson, and Worden. No Commissioner voted "nay".

President's Report

Human Resources Strategy Investing in People

President Roach reminded Commissioners that KUB staff spends a lot of time talking with the Board about how KUB cares for our utility assets – pipes and wires – through the Century II program. It's important for the Board to know that we are also investing in our most important asset – our workforce. She recognized Susan Edwards, Chief Administrative Officer and Senior Vice President, to talk about how our Human Resources function is helping to support our mission so we can better serve our customers.

Mark B. Whitaker Water Plant Disinfection Conversion

President Roach reminded Commissioners that KUB is in the process of changing the disinfection process of our treatment plants. She recognized Chris Thomas, Acting Manager of Plant Operations, to report on our successes at the Mark B. Whitaker Water Plant.

TeenWork Mentor Program

President Roach advised Commissioners that the 2017 TeenWork program had wrapped up and recognized Leslye Hartsell, Manager of Communications and Community Relations, to provide an overview of the role of mentors in the program.

Other Business

Nominating Committee

Commissioner Thompson announced that the Nominating Committee met today to begin this year's process for nominating candidates for the Commissioner term that begins January 1, 2018. She also announced that the application has been available on KUB's website, and the deadline for applications is 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 14. Knoxville's City Charter requires that five or more candidates will be nominated at the October meeting for transmittal to the Mayor for final selection.

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Adjournment

There being nothing further to come before the Board, Chair Herbert declared the meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

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Attachments

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Knoxville Utilities Board 445 S. Gay Street Knoxville, Tennessee 37902-1109

Commissioners:

KUB owns approximately 0.51 acres of land on Woodson Drive. The property was purchased for the construction of the South Loop Natural Gas Pipeline. With the pipeline complete and a permanent utility easement recorded, KUB no longer needs the property for the operation of its natural gas system or other systems. KUB has been approached by an adjacent property owner who is interested in acquiring the property, subject to KUB's utility easement for the South Loop Natural Gas Pipeline that crosses the property.

State law and bond resolutions authorize the disposition of any real property of KUB which the Board has determined to be no longer useful and necessary for its operations. After consultation with Staff, I have determined that the 0.51 acres is not useful and necessary for KUB's continued operation of its systems, with the exception that KUB will retain an easement for utility lines that cross the property.

Through Resolution 1369, which is attached for your information, the Board will approve the transfer of KUB's Woodson Drive property to an adjacent property owner. I recommend adoption of Resolution 1369.

Respectfully submitted,

Mintha Roach

Mintha E. Roach President and CEO

RESOLUTION NO. 1369

A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Property of the Knoxville Utilities Board Located on Woodson Drive to an Adjacent Property Owner

Whereas, the Knoxville Utilities Board ("KUB") holds title to certain real estate, located at Woodson Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee, and being all of CLT Map 122-K, Group A, Parcel 1.01 recorded in the Knox County Register of Deed's Office at Instrument No. 201409150015599, consisting of approximately 0.51 acres of land; and

Whereas, the adjacent property owner seeks to acquire from KUB the Property, (the "Surplus Property), and

Whereas, KUB, pursuant to Article XI, sections 1106(D) and (T) of the Charter of the City of Knoxville and Section VII of the KUB Procurement Procedures, has the authority, subject to the applicable provisions of any bonds or contracts, to transfer title of real property or any right or interest in such property in connection with the operation of its systems; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section VII of KUB's Procurement Procedures, public advertising and competitive bidding are not required for the transfer of the Surplus Property where the value of the property in its current condition is negligible and KUB determines it is in its best interest to transfer the property to adjacent property owner; and

Whereas, the Surplus Property is not useful and necessary for the continued operation of KUB's systems substantially as they now exist, with the exception that KUB will retain easements for current and future utility lines and facilities, across the Surplus Property; and

Whereas, pursuant to Section VII of the KUB Procurement Procedures, the President and CEO has determined that the Surplus Property is not needed by any of KUB's systems; and

Whereas, the bond resolutions for KUB authorize the disposal of KUB property which the KUB Board of Commissioners (the "Board") determines to be no longer necessary and useful in the operation thereof.

Now, Therefore, Be it Hereby Resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Knoxville Utilities Board:

Section 1. That the Surplus Property is not useful and necessary to the continued safe, efficient and economic operation of any of KUB's systems.

Section 2. That it is in the best interest of KUB to transfer the Surplus Property to the adjacent property owner.

Section 3. That the President and Chief Executive Officer or her authorized designee be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to transfer the Surplus Property in a manner consistent with KUB's Procurement Procedures and state law, to execute a deed of the transfer of the Surplus Property and to do all things that the President and CEO or her designee deems reasonable and necessary to effectuate such transfer.

Section 4. That this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

Celeste Herbert, Chair

Mark Walker, Board Secretary

APPROVED ON 1st & FINAL READING: <u>8-17-17</u> EFFECTIVE DATE: <u>8-17-17</u> MINUTE BOOK <u>39</u> PAGE <u>8978-8979</u>

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