



PSC MEETING MINUTES OF June 5, 2018

In attendance: John Struzziery
Phil Lemnios

Commissioners: Rick Mattila
Richard Booth
Peter Pyclik
Lou Collins

Financial Assistant: Carol O'Connor

Member of the Public: Kevin Dawyskiba of Horizons Condominium

Absent: Andrew Grosso

Meeting called to order @ 4:30 pm by Rick Mattila

Rick Mattila started the meeting with a review of what was discussed and voted at the May 23, 2018 meeting and suggested that based on updated information provided by the Sewer Department and W&C, the Commission may want to rescind the prior vote and accept the recommendation by the sewer Department and its consultant.

Kevin Dawyskiba noted that the condominium fee for Horizons would need to be raised to cover the increase the sewer charge and requested that a letter be sent identifying the increase to be used at the condominium board meeting. The Sewer Department will send letters to all the condominium complexes that are impacted by the new base fee per dwelling unit.

The Commissioners reviewed the information provided by the consultant regarding the process that was used to create the financial model and the rationale for the fixed base fee charges. They also reviewed the data that identified what the future volumetric rate increases would need to be in future years to obtain the same goals identified in the consultant's financial model and the historic customer usage data.

To meet the goals identified in the financial model the volumetric rate increases would need to be:

FY 2020 – 8.5%

FY 2021-FY 2023 – 8%

FY 2024 – 10.1%

FY 2025-FY 2027 – 4%

The customer usage data showed that raising the base fee from \$15.00 per month to \$20.00 per month will negatively impact most of the customers and that it shifts the burden to the customers who use less water and the customers least able to pay. Peter Pyclik noted that the rate policy is designed to meet the needs of Sewer Department and that the customer's financial needs should be dealt with via a different mechanism. Rick Mattila concurred.

The Commissioners continued the discussion on the rate and the fact that the \$15.00 base fee had previously been communicated with the public and determined that they would rescind the vote taken at the May 23, 2018 meeting.

Rate Setting:

Base Fee:

Richard Booth made the motion to rescind the vote of May 23, 2018 implementing a base fee of \$20.00 per month, and set the base fee at \$15.00 per month, seconded by Lou Collins. Voting affirmative Rick Mattila, Peter Pyclik, Richard Booth, Lou Collins. Absent Andrew Grosso

Usage Rate:

Richard Booth made the motion to rescind the vote of May 23, 2018 implementing a volumetric usage rate of \$12.00 per 100 cubic foot unit, and set the volumetric usage rate at \$13.00 per 100 cubic foot unit, seconded by Lou Collins. Voting affirmative Rick Mattila, Peter Pyclik, Richard Booth, Lou Collins. Absent Andrew Grosso

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm – motion by Lou Collins seconded by Richard Booth–
Unanimous vote by Commissioners in attendance