

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTHORITY,
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008, 4:00 P.M., CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS.

Members Present: Chairman, Darrell Drummond; Vice Chairman, Pamela K. Cully; Secretary, Robert W. Summerhays, Jr.; Deputy Secretary, Thomas K. Perona; Mayor Robert J. Benton III, Ex-Officio Member/City Manager, Dennis Beach.

Others Present: Director of Utilities; Director of Shared Services; Director of Electric/Gas Systems; Director of Water/Wastewater systems; Risk Manager; Community and Corporate Relations Manager; FPUA Attorney; Purchasing Manager.

Chairman Drummond called the meeting to order.

The invocation was given by The Reverend Ted Rice of St. Peters Lutheran Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The roll was called and a quorum declared.

Motion by Mayor Benton, seconded by Mr. Perona and unanimously carried to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 15, 2008.
2. Bid 5786: Award bid to only bidder meeting all specifications, Terex Utilities, for purchase of a track driven mini derrick in the amount of \$109,700.
3. Bid 5604: Approve additional \$50,000 to existing contract with Clay's Asphalt and exercise last renewal option for the period of April 4, 2008, through April 3, 2009, with an increase in funding in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 for the final year.
4. Approve Change Order #2 with Youngquist Brothers, Inc. for testing of the Island Water Reclamation Facility monitoring well in the amount of \$35,735.00.
5. Bid 5801: Accept highest bid received for sale of 89 pad mount and pole mount scrap transformers in the amount of \$28,068.00.

A note of appreciation was received from The Mustard Seed thanking FPUA customers for a donation of \$222.44 from Project Care.

Mr. Bill Thiess presented a request for approval of the First Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement Creating the Treasure Coast Regional Utility Organization (TCRUO).

Mr. Thiess stated this organization was created in May of 2002. The original focus was to get all the local utilities to group together and pursue construction of a regional wastewater biosolids processing facility. That project wound down to a point where the County split off and pursued their own biosolids processing facility. The remaining members were FPUA, Martin County Utilities, City of Stuart and the Town of Jupiter Island. This group decided to pursue the lowest cost alternative, which was piggybacking a contract for a centrifuge, on-site

service where they come in and centrifuge the solids and haul off the residuals. That is what we are doing now. With that addressed, the biosolids issue is stabilized for the foreseeable future. We have changed our focus, and the group is looking at other things like multiple interconnects amongst utilities for water and wastewater and, conceivably, if we actually connected the systems, we could send water from Indian River County to Jupiter Island. That would be helpful in emergencies and other situations, such as plant capacity. We have been looking at things like testing and certification of employees. The purpose of the Amended and Restated Agreement is to loosen up some of the specific language regarding meeting times, budget requirements, etc. It is a housecleaning item. We still intend for the group to be functional and work for the good of all the utilities. We want to make sure we can function without violating the strict terms of the original agreement.

Mr. Drummond asked how the representation is selected. Does this Board actually select the representative for that? Mr. Thiess said the original agreement might have had the names of the representatives in it, and he stated that the main representative of this utility was himself when he was Director of Water/Wastewater Systems. The alternate was Richard Stenberg, Water Resources Superintendent. Page 7 of the revised and restated agreement states one representative is appointed and replaced from time to time by each of the general members. It doesn't spell out how that person is appointed or replaced. It leaves it to the discretion of the Board signing the agreement. That could be delegated to the Director of Utilities. Right now, he is the main voting member of the group and the person who most frequently accompanies him to the meeting is Tim Perkins, Director of Water/Wastewater Systems. At this point, the representation would probably be best stated as himself as the primary, voting member with Tim Perkins as alternate. Mr. Drummond feels it is a highly technical organization, and we would want that level of participation. He would like for that to be decided here. Mr. Thiess said the Board can make that appointment today. Typically, representation on the TCRUO is Utility Directors or Assistant Utility Directors.

Mr. Drummond said his other question was with regard to the annual budget. He didn't see anywhere there was a mechanism and how much the level of our participation would be on an annual basis. Mr. Thiess said when we were pursuing capital projects, he believes the maximum contribution we made was \$10,000 per year. That is when we were looking at consultants and doing RFP's and design and spending some real cash. Now, with our focus much more localized and not looking at major capital projects, there is probably in the neighborhood of \$50,000 left in the account for TCRUO. At the rate we are going now there are just some administrative and publishing costs and minor items. That could last five to eight years without any of the members anteing up again. When we do exhaust those funds or get close to it, he would think it would be \$2,000 to \$3,000 per year instead of \$10,000. For the time being we don't have to worry about contributions. He is sure it would be below the Director of Utilities' signature authority at that time. Mr. Drummond said he knows this organization has been in place for some time, and he doesn't know how often we get a bite at the apple. He is suggesting at this time that this Board make the decision on who their representative is and that we get a chance to sign off on the budget even if it is under the Director of Utilities' authority, that the Director would bring it to the Board after that so they will know the amount. Mr. Thiess said yes. He can bring a copy of the organization's budget for this fiscal year.

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Motion by Mrs. Cully, seconded by Mr. Summerhays and unanimously carried to approve the First Amended and Restated Interlocal Agreement Creating the Treasure Coast Regional Utility Organization.

Motion by Mr. Summerhays, seconded by Mr. Perona and unanimously carried to ratify Bill Thiess and Tim Perkins as the Board's primary and alternate member to the TCRUO.

Mr. Don Landin of the Electric Engineering Department presented a request for approval of an expenditure of \$340,000 for installation of fiber optic cables.

Mr. Landin explained the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office made a request to FPUA to connect five remote sites to their headquarters on Midway Road. We are in a position to fulfill that request for four of those remote sites and the headquarters office, but not the fifth location, which is in Port St. Lucie. The Sheriff's Office is fine with our ability to connect four of those locations. Those would be the St. Lucie County jail, St. Lucie County Emergency Operations Center, St. Lucie County Sheriff's Aviation Unit in the airport industrial park, the District 19 courthouse downtown, and the headquarters on Midway Road. This expansion coincides with other needs for both internal and external customers. One of the primary customers is the Treasure Coast Energy Center, and another is the Mainland Water Reclamation Facility. He displayed an overview of the fiber optic system. There are two closed loops indicating any service in those areas can be reached from two directions. If there is a car wreck or a pole is knocked down, we have an alternate route. There is also a green ring displayed indicating that area is not closed yet. We do have a single link to the TCEC and mainland water reclamation facility. To complete the second link to make a closed loop, we have to run a link to the turnpike. We have an agreement with the Turnpike Enterprise to share their fibers. This will bring us very close to the headquarters of the Sheriff's Office on Midway Road and make it possible to continue up to the jail. The plans are to go around all of downtown so we can access any of the businesses located there. We have a couple of them signed up now. The final location is off the map up at the airport industrial park where we have about seven companies interested. This project is \$340,000, and it is projected to pay for itself in four years with revenue from these sources.

Mrs. Cully asked about the loops. Mr. Landin said these circles are just symbols and indicate the fiber is continuous all the way around the area. It is to remind us these are looped areas.

Mr. Perona said the significance of that is with fiber you are able to offer reliable service without any down time. He was looking at the difference in fiber and other cables that are out there for internet service. The big thing is reliability. Because new have the loop, no matter what, you have the least amount of interference and down time, especially for businesses.

Mr. Landin said for the key FPUA sites, we considered it a requirement to have two paths into those sites for redundancy and reliability. On our network that provides internet access to external businesses, those are businesses outside FPUA's electric, water, wastewater and gas companies, we have automatic failover, so that if something happens like it did last year on one of the cables, the data automatically reroutes in about four seconds to the other direction. It doesn't even have to be manned.

Mrs. Cully asked if this is strictly for businesses and not residential. Mr. Landin said at this time it is strictly for businesses. We are creating a new plan, which we will be bringing before the Board, where we are looking for opportunities to address the residential market. One opportunity is the recent agreement we made with Home Town Cable, which provides fiber to home services in Tradition. As the real estate market picks up, they will be able to do greenfield development. As far as older neighborhoods, we are looking at possibly marketing wireless internet services. That is speculative right now. We would like to make sure that everybody has that opportunity.

Motion by Mr. Perona, seconded by Mrs. Cully and unanimously carried to authorize expenditure of \$340,000 for installation of fiber optic cables in four areas to provide communication services for FPUA, St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office and other customers.

Mr. James Carnes of Water/Wastewater Engineering, presented a request for approval of an Interlocal Agreement with the St. Lucie County School Board.

Mr. Carnes explained the new Fort Pierce Central High School is 2,500 student capacity school located on the west side of 25th Street just north of the North St. Lucie River Water Control District and south of the River Oaks Subdivision. Aside from the multiple utility extensions required to serve this site, FPUA is recommending the proposed lift station be upsized - not only the lift station, itself, but supporting manholes that border along 25th Street in anticipation of serving future projects on the east side of 25th Street. Fort Pierce Utilities Authority, as the engineer of record, and the St. Lucie County School Board have determined this upsizing will not exceed \$75,000.12. The benefit of these funds for upsizing is that one lift station is more economical to maintain than the two or three that would be required to serve these properties. In addition, this Agreement provides for a grant to FPUA of certain utility easements in order to maintain the facilities on the School Board site. Also, some off-site utility easements were granted to FPUA in connection with other projects associated with the School Board. This Agreement also defines the terms and conditions and usage costs associated with connecting to the utility system and provides for four emergency generators to aid in servicing these lift stations located specifically at the school, as well as lift stations in the area.

Mr. Drummond had a question regarding the credits for Gaines Academy and Forest Grove. Those have been in place for some time, and he remembers we had an agreement with Gaines Academy. Those were not resolved at that time as it relates to giving them credit? Mr. Carnes said there were some things that needed to be resolved concerning the size of the easement. This takes into consider the additional easement that needed to be appropriated in order for additional utilities that were not appropriated specifically for Gaines Academy to be handed over to us that went across the site. We requested another utility be placed in that easement, which expanded that, therefore, this agreement takes into account the extra utility easement that was appropriated. Mr. Drummond asked if that occurred after we had already approved the Gaines Academy agreement. Mr. Carnes said it was in conjunction, but the terms were not settled at that time, so it is still owned by the contractor. This just resolves the transfer to us as well as the property, which the School Board earmarked to us now. Mr. Drummond asked if Mr. Carnes would envision something similar happening in the future where we see an additional credit going to Fort Pierce Central High School. Mr. Carnes said no, he does not.

Motion by Mr. Perona, seconded by Mr. Summerhays and unanimously carried that the Board approve Interlocal Agreement between FPUA and St. Lucie County School Board for Water/Wastewater and Natural Gas Service for the new Fort Pierce Central High School on South 25th Street including FPUA contribution in the not-to-exceed amount of \$75,000.12.

Mr. Drummond acknowledged the presence of Mr. Sanders and Mr. Harrell from the St. Lucie County School Board and said it is nice to see them here.

Mr. Bill Thiess presented a comparison of residential electric rates as Nina Hurtubise, Acting Director of Corporate Services, is out of town today.

Mr. Thiess displayed charts on the overhead camera, as we do not have a power point presentation available today. He explained the electric rate comparison for 1,000 kilowatt hours for December, 2007. We have 19 utilities lower than us and 13 higher. We are a little to the right of the median now. We approved an escalation of the power cost adjustment over a period of several months. He believes it ends in April. This increase is moving our position a little to the right. The increase was largely a result of increasing power costs from FMPA due to losing two inexpensive power contracts and decommissioning of the King Plant. We think the PCA will move back down next year. It will continue to rise for another couple of months. The comparison for 2,500 kilowatt hours indicates there are 22 utilities lower than we are and 10 higher. We are slightly above the municipal average and above the investor owned utility average by about \$20.00. The third comparison we do is a comparison of our local utilities. If you look at the bottom line, we are slightly below Port St. Lucie's number and slightly above the Vero Beach bottom line by less than \$2.00.

Mr. Drummond suggested that as he is understanding it, we are also anticipating these other utilities are going to be showing increases in the future. Mr. Thiess said it is hard to predict which utilities are doing what, because it all depends upon their financial situation and where they sat on the power cost adjustment a while back. All of the FMPA utilities face the increase in the wholesale rate caused by losing two low contracts, so they all bumped up a little bit. As far as each individual utility and where they will be in the mix, really depends on their specific situation.

Mayor Benton said he is hoping Mr. Beach can take a copy of this comparison and we can put it on channel 27 and run it as an educational item, continually, with a lot of our other efforts, because it appears this information isn't getting out to the public and to our Commissioners. Maybe we can get a copy of these charts to our Commission on a monthly basis. He asked if the King Plant is now decommissioned. Mr. Thiess said no. There is an item on this agenda to retire Unit #8. That is the unit we had the problem with five or six weeks ago. The repair is too costly and lengthy to take on between now and the time the plant will be decommissioned. The other units will continue to run. There are going to be some repairs to Unit #7, and we will get that up and running. Our most efficient unit will be running right to the end. It is his understanding that the May 1 date for the Treasure Coast Energy Center probably will be bumped back a little bit, so we might gain some additional standby credits for those working units. That helps keep down the power costs.

Mr. Tom Richards presented a request to approve early retirement of Unit No. 8 at the King plant. Mr. Richards we had an incident on No. 8 generating unit on January 3rd. It was a cold day and FMPA had called for all units to come into operation. The steam units take over eight hours to start up. The boilers were made operational and brought up to pressure during the night and this particular unit blew a tube on the bottom without any warning. The unit was actually on line and operating at minimum load when it happened. The damage is pretty significant, and our estimate is that it would take over a month to repair and would take well over \$150,000 to repair. We don't think time and resources would be well spent to repair the unit, which is scheduled for retirement on May 1st. We asked FMPA if they would waive our obligation to make a good faith effort to repair it in exchange for an additional two months' worth of capacity payments on that unit. FMPA agreed, and it requires this Board's approval, also. Capacity payments for these units are \$125,000 per month. Under the arrangement we had proposed, we would collect those for two months. If we had to meet our contractual obligation, we would have to make a good faith effort to repair the unit during this time. Our insurance will not cover the first \$100,000 in repairs. If we did not get it fixed in another month, capacity payments would stop until we got it back on line. On the day it came back on line, FMPA would resume capacity payments and, also, begin to pay back the payments that were missed. Those only come back over the time the unit is operational. It would be so close to the May 1st retirement date, we didn't feel it would be worth the effort to try to repair it. It is not unrepairable, but the damage is pretty significant, and for an old unit like this, he thinks we just want to say we got a full life out of it. We still have No. 7 unit and No. 9 and 5, which is a combined cycle, and they will continue to operate until May 1st.

Mr. Perona asked if we are dealing with the insurance company on a settlement since we did have coverage on the machinery. It seems there should be some negotiation. Mr. Richards said the insurance does provide for a settlement for actual cash value if we decide not to repair the unit. Once we make the decision not to repair it, we will make that claim. We don't know how that will come out. He doesn't know how these people compute the actual cash value.

Mrs. Cully said she noticed a couple of weeks ago when she drove by that there is a hole in the building. She doesn't remember that being there before. Mr. Richards said that is a result of the accident that occurred on January 3rd. The entire pressure of the boiler was released in about thirty seconds and increased the pressure inside the building enough to blow some of the panels off. Mrs. Cully asked if we are going to repair that or if we need to. Mr. Richards said those panels are not available to replace. We don't care if it stays open to the air at this point.

Mr. Perona said this is an asset we are using that is held together with band aids and rubber bands. He thinks it is fantastic when you can get to the end of an asset like that. We have not had as many problems over the years as we have had in the last year. It seems the building itself knows it is about to be decommissioned. Mr. Richards said we have really wrung the last dollars out of that facility. There is not much left.

Mr. Summerhays said the City of Vero Beach has a similar generator of a similar age. Mr. Richards said yes, they do.

Motion by Mr. Summerhays, seconded by Mayor Benton and unanimously carried to approve retirement of the King generation Unit No. 8 effective January 3, 2008.

Mr. Thiess thanked the Board Members for participating in the Strategic Planning session last Friday. The Mayor had a conflict, but the remaining Board Members did show up. It was a very worthwhile planning session. We will have the summarized results back to the Board, hopefully, by next week. That is something we plan to do on an annual basis.

Mr. Thiess said we are getting ready to send a letter back to the City to see how we can set up a conservation program and utilize FPRA funds. The letter will probably go out late this week or the first of next week. Mr. Perona expressed an interest in participating in the front end of that process. He doesn't know if the Board wants to make that designation as a Board. Mr. Perona said this has always been an interest of his. If someone else would like to be involved, he has no problem with that. If not, he will volunteer. Mr. Drummond said he doesn't have a problem with that. He likes it when members participate. Mr. Thiess said the next step will be to get the letter to the City. We will meet and see what funding is there and in what ways we can spend the money, what the City would do for their part and what we would do for our part. We will flesh out the whole thing, get a conceptual idea, and move ahead with it.

Mr. Thiess sent out a memorandum this morning regarding the meeting of the City Commission last night. He thinks the things that jump out with respect to what this Board is doing is that the City Commission is going to take the Utility Advisory Committee under their wing, and this Board will not be involved in the selection of the Committee or in its structure. That will be a City function altogether. He is sure staff will be interacting at some point with the Advisory Board, but it will not be under the umbrella of the FPUA Board. The process would be to put the Committee together by the next City Commission Meeting, which he believes is two weeks from today, have the Committee come up with questions they want an investigation to answer, and then City staff will write an RFQ for a consultant to answer those questions and do what they want them to do. We would be involved in it, maybe, to the point of communicating with the Advisory Board if requested, or communicating with the consultant and providing information so they can make their assessment. In the end he thinks it will be good for the Utilities Authority, because it will answer questions that we are comfortable with answering as far as rates and billing issues. It will give the information better visibility. If folks have had a hard time believing our story, maybe, they will believe the consultant's story. We will open our doors and data to that consultant and let them look at whatever they want to look at.

Mr. Drummond said he picked up the newspaper this morning and was dismayed with the headline, which suggested the Commission was moving forward with their investigation of the Utilities. Then, he remembered he was reading *The Tribune*. Having actually seen the meeting last night, he felt very good and felt the Commission was very supportive. He was very positive. He especially wants to thank the Mayor, because he feels he did an excellent job of outlining everything we have been doing on an ongoing basis. He is with Mr. Thiess in that, ultimately, another independent review of our organization is going to do one thing, demonstrate just how well we are running this organization. Most certainly he agrees with the Mayor. First and foremost there must be a buy-in with regard to exactly what's going to be done. Secondly, he thinks it is extremely important that everyone is reading from the same

page when the results come back. He has absolutely no problem and is certain everyone here will be supportive of the Committee and staff moving very aggressively in working with whatever consultant comes in.

Mayor Benton said when he brought up the task force idea in November, he was hoping this task force would already be organized and staff would already be answering a lot of their questions. He is hoping that is going to be the case where there might only be a few items. He doesn't think the City Commission is going to buy into a huge amount of money being spent on this. He thinks if there are a couple of questions that can't be answered by staff and the information that was forwarded on last night with the things we've asked FMPA to look into as far as our billing process and other things we've done in the last five years, if those answers aren't good enough, he can see, maybe, there will be some other things coming in front of the Board. He is satisfied with the answers he's gotten from this Board with the consultants that we've brought in, FMPA with their findings. Most of the time we've incorporated what they've asked us to do. He thinks it is mainly getting that information to the elected officials so they can get that information out to the public. Like his challenge was last night to the media – once this does get straightened out that they give us equal time getting the appropriate information out to the public instead of the misleading information that has been given so much press time. Mr. Drummond agrees.

Mr. Koblegard said before the meeting he distributed a copy of a letter Hopping, Green and Sams have written to the Carolina Transformer PRC group. Back in December he brought this matter to the Board. The group has made a claim against FPUA based upon kilowatt output to put us in a category saying we should contribute \$90,000 toward clean up of the site in the Carolinas. Further review has determined we only purchased transformers from them, which were confirmed to be PCB-free. That is the only information they have found to try to tie us into this claim. Based upon that, the letter was written by the Attorneys we hired in Tallahassee to represent us is denying the claim and setting out the reason. It states there is no basis to try to claim that we in any way contributed to the site. We are denying their request for us to participate. We will defend it to the end if necessary. If we can keep the cost of winning down, he thinks we should be in pretty good shape on this claim. We should know something from them maybe by the next meeting.

Mrs. Cully asked what fee the law firm is charging us. Mr. Koblegard said they charge by the hour. There are three attorneys and a paralegal. He believes the fees average out to about \$300 per hour. We have sent them a retainer of \$7,500, and at this point he believes they are well within that amount. We are waiting on a response from the group to see if they will accept our position. If we do have to litigate the matter in the Carolinas, he will bring it back to this Board well before it occurs.

Mr. Drummond said he knows we had a discussion at the last meeting with regard to an organizational change. Mr. Thiess indicated he would send the information out, and he believes everyone did receive a copy of the new organizational chart. Mr. Drummond thought it would come before this Board for approval or some formal presentation. Mr. Thiess said by Charter we are required to bring appointments of Directors to this Board for approval, and the only part of the change that involves the appointment of a Director is Nina Hurtubise filling Frank Varella's position as former Director of Corporate Services. Under the

reorganization, Mrs. Hurtubise would be the new Director of Finance. He apologizes for not getting that on the agenda for today's meeting. It will definitely be on the agenda of the next Board Meeting, which will be four days after the effectual change, but, obviously, if the Board had a problem with that, we would act according to the Board's direction.

Mr. Thiess further stated if the Board would like a presentation regarding the changes, we would be glad to do that, too. Mr. Drummond said he would like to see a presentation. Mr. Thiess said we will present that at the next meeting. Mrs. Cully asked when the changes are supposed to take place. Mr. Thiess said February 15th is when the changes officially take place. We can defer any personnel action on the Director of Finance until after the Board Meeting on the 19th if we need to for procedural purposes.

Mrs. Cully said she wanted to report that she did attend the FMPA meeting with Mr. Thiess and Mr. Richards on January 24th. It was a very interesting meeting and long. All of the contracts we have approved for the Treasure Coast Energy Center were approved by FMPA at that time. She passed out a newsletter that she received regarding updates of that meeting.

Mr. Summerhays said at our Strategic Planning Meeting he was intrigued with the presentation of our facilitator from FMPA about the photovoltaic project they are working on. He would like for us to be a part of that if there is a financially responsible way to do it. He understands it requires a piece of land that we may not have, but if we could at least take a look at it and see if we have a place it would be appropriate to install one, it would be good, he thinks, from a public relations viewpoint and a responsible position for us to be a part of that as long as it doesn't cost our ratepayers a lot of money. Mr. Thiess said we could certainly take a look at it. We have some vacant land, but all the vacant lands that have any significant area to them, other than the parcel behind the new substation on Selvitz Road, are available short term. We were only going to use the front part of the lot on Selvitz Road. The back portion is about two acres and is available indefinitely if we're not going to sell it. The original intent was to use the front part for the substation and sell the back part off when the real estate market goes in the other direction. That piece is available long term. The 16 acres on 37th Street is not used now, but it might be used in six or eight or ten years. He doesn't know that FMPA is looking for a temporary site, but we can make that contact and find out. We will bring back something at the next Board Meeting.

Mr. Drummond said he would like to remind everyone that we are being televised, and the general public may not have a clue as to what we are talking about. Mr. Thiess said FMPA is looking into a photovoltaic generation project. Ultimately, it could go up to 100 megawatts, which is huge. Mr. Reedy, our facilitator, told us it would be the largest project east of the Mississippi River for photovoltaics. They are looking to put these panels on member sites. Key West has already offered a couple of acres down there. They are looking for other member utilities that have vacant lands to work with them to site these panels on vacant land. The approach is to distribute the panels, not to put them all in one location where they would have to have transmission lines to get it somewhere else. They would like to have them spread throughout the system. That has advantages for transmission. The initial part of this is 20 megawatt hours and going up to 100, eventually. We would be glad to look at our

potential to participate in that. He thinks it is limited to the two acres on Selvitz, but we will double check our resources.

Mr. Perona said the penalty of having that question answered by an Engineer is the assumption that everybody knows what photovoltaic is. This is a process of harvesting sunlight and turning it into energy. These are low panels. They are not windmills or anything like that. They are low profile panels that are placed over a parcel of land that can really generate a lot of electricity just from sunlight. It does not have a big impact on the environment. The environment can function freely with it. It is something that FMPA is getting very involved in and wants the members to participate. Fort Pierce Utilities Authority is a member of FMPA. Mr. Summerhays said there are no moving parts and no noise. Mr. Thiess said there all kinds of ways you can go with this, but these would be flat panels in a fixed position on a vacant tract of land. Mr. Summerhays asked about property at the Treasure Coast Energy Center site. Mr. Thiess said we have 25 acres out there that will be developed as the Mainland Water Reclamation Facility at some point. In some areas FMPA is looking at having these panels over a parking area. You don't necessarily preclude another use of the land. Mr. Summerhays said we can put them on top of the City's parking garage. Mr. Thiess said FMPA has a hesitancy to put them over structures, because it involves roof penetration, especially in a coastal area for wind load, so they want to go to vacant land. Mr. Perona said if we had an idea of exactly what they are looking for when we come in contact with a project or something that is happening in our community, we can have that in the back of our minds and think it could be a great application and a partnership could happen. He called Mr. Thiess on one idea, but it is depending on the other people, and if they would like to be a part of it. He was glad to see we are doing something more than burning oil and coal. Mr. Summerhays said these panels are kind of expensive up front, but after that, the fuel is free.

Mayor Benton asked if FMPA handed out any literature on this. Mr. Summerhays said Mr. Reedy didn't come prepared to discuss this, but was asked a question by Mr. Richards concerning this. Mayor Benton said if we can get any information from FMPA he would like to get it as soon as possible, because of the debate on the windmills coming. If these panels can throw out this much power, and they are looking at nine windmills to produce enough electricity for 3,000 homes on a good day, he thinks FPL is way off base, and, maybe, we could offer another solution. Tomorrow at Rotary, they are talking windmills, he hears. Mr. Thiess said there was a report generated by FMPA, and we can certainly get a copy and get it to the Mayor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

CHAIRMAN