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INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

General Manager's Office

DATE: January 8, 2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

FROM: Ed Bielarski, General Manager for Utilities 

SUBJECT: UAB Vacancies

As you are aware, UAB Members Michael Selvester and Mary Alford recently resigned. Both of these members' terms would have been up on March 20, 2020, just a couple of months from now. At your January 16, 2020 regular meeting, you will vote to appoint two citizens to fill these partial terms.

We would like to request that you consider appointing the two new members to full four-year terms and include the two months that remain in Members Selvester and Alford's terms. We provide an extensive orientation to new members in order to help them learn about the utility and we feel it would be inefficient to invest that amount of time into members who may only be on the board for two months.

Of equal concern is the fact that we are at the beginning of budget preparation for FY2021. We feel it is critical that the new members are able to attend all of the budget workshops and we don't want to take a chance of having a gap between the end of these partial terms and the appointment of citizens for new terms.

Given the above concerns, we will appreciate your consideration of our request.