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Meeting Minutes City Council Workshop

Mayor Jon Netts
Vice Mayor Bill McGuire
Council Member Jason DeLorenzo
Council Member David Ferguson
Council Member William Lewis

Tuesday, March 26, 2013

9:00 AM

Council Conference Room

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A. Call to Order

Mayor Netts called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

C. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Mayor Netts, Vice Mayor McGuire, Council Member DeLorenzo, Council Member Ferguson, and Council Member Lewis

D. PRESENTATIONS

1 [13-86](#) PRESENTATION ON THE 10-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

Attachments: [10-Year CIP 3-19-13](#)

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item. Mr. Carl Cote, Construction Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached to these minutes). Mr. Ray Tyner, Planning Manager, and Mr. Chris Quinn, Finance Director, were available for questions.

TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS:

Bridge Rehabilitation-

VM McGuire - Who rates the bridges? Mr. Landon - Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Mr. Cote - They are typically inspected every two years.

Capacity Improvements-

VM McGuire - *Where do the funds come from, if not grants; is this tax money? Mr. Quinn - Yes, combination of gas tax, State Revenue Sharing and sales tax.*

VM McGuire - *The Council agreed previously that the Old Kings Road Extension project must be done in conjunction with, or before the Matanzas Woods interchange, right? Mr. Landon - Yes.*

VM McGuire - *You don't see the County abandoning the Matanzas Woods interchange project, do you? Mr. Landon - No, it's fully funded at this point.*

CM DeLorenzo - *The blue area, is it 100% grant funded or are there some local dollars in that? Mr. Landon - Most of them we have some local dollars; each one is a little different; we're not trying to show funding sources at this point; very complicated. Mr. Cote - Palm Coast Pkwy., some of the utility work is funded by FDOT, Old Kings Rd. Extension is all FDOT money.*

VM McGuire - *Belle Terre Pkwy. 6-Laning from Palm Coast Pkwy. to Pine Lakes Pkwy., taking it from four lanes to six lanes for 200 yards; why are we doing that? Mr. Landon - This is mandated by the State; concurrency; it has to do with Cobblestone Village due to the traffic studies; level of service issue, and he explained the process.*

Mayor Netts - *Will there be sufficient wetland mitigation credits that we might sell some or do we have enough projects that we'll use them all up? Mr. Cote - The rules have changed quite a bit; it's more project specific; it's much more difficult to go through that bank process.*

VM McGuire - *Without wetland mitigation land approval, we can't do the Old Kings Rd. Extension? Mr. Landon - Yes, they are tied together.*

CM Ferguson - *If you were to apply the wetland mitigation line item to each project above, would it fit into one of those categories? Mr. Cote - It can fit into the design or construction phase per FDOT. Mr. Tyner added it could be used for future projects as well.*

ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS:*Sidewalks and Bikepaths-*

VM McGuire - *Are our employees constructing (the Seminole Woods path)? Mr. Cote - Yes, there is one ditch crossing that will require some type of bridge over it that will have to be outsourced. Mr. Landon added we can do concrete but not asphalt.*

VM McGuire - *How many benches can you add for \$60,000? Mr. Cote - They are roughly \$3,500 per location (usually every 1,500 ft. of path); includes bench, trash receptacle, concrete/curbing, landscaping, etc. CM Ferguson responded - 17 (bench areas for \$60,000).*

CM Lewis - *Seminole Woods multi-use path is projected out to 2023; why so long? Mr. Cote - It's a very long stretch of trails; some bridges; big project. Mr. Landon - The total project is over \$2 mil., but we're staying within our current funding levels (stretching over time); you can advance it, but you'll have to put more funding dollars towards it.*

CM Lewis - *Can't we go after more grant dollars? Mr. Landon - Yes, always, but we don't anticipate a lot of enhancement dollars coming from the State.*

Beautification Projects-

VM McGuire - Designing median improvements; is that for landscaping, trees and shrubbery? Mr. Cote - We typically do the landscape plan and outsource the irrigation plan.

VM McGuire - Isn't one stretch of a median the same as others? Mr. Cote - Not necessarily; he explained the variables. Mr. Landon added there are utilities involved as well.

CM DeLorenzo - Seminole Woods-from Citation to Ulturn, he believes has extensive landscaping already; Ulturn and north is very sparse, what's the plan for that section? Mr. Cote - This is to do the stamp median tips at the ends and add the additional landscaping that is in our other medians; we wouldn't be taking things out; we would just add to it.

CM DeLorenzo - Is there another way to irrigate from Royal Palms to SR100; are we going to be able to use the reuse somewhere else if we bring it down to Belle Terre? Mr. Landon - Yes, possibly tying it into the main fire station, trailhead, etc.

CM DeLorenzo - Long term plan for reuse and Cigar Lake; how are we in the whole reuse plan? Mr. Landon - Right now we have too much reuse; problem with storage; Target Center doesn't have reuse yet; it's just a matter of keep expanding the reuse opportunities.

CM DeLorenzo - The last segment will be done all the way from SR100 down to Matanzas? Mr. Landon - Yes, that's the game plan.

CM DeLorenzo - North side of Royal Palms for the pipe? Mr. Adams, Public Works Director - Not sure.

CM Lewis - Why not a major gateway sign at US1 and Palm Coast Pkwy.? There was discussion why this is slated for a minor and not a major gateway sign; it's just terminology (major for entering the City and minor for when you're already inside the City). Also that sign is pushed further out because of the Neoga Lakes development; do not want to put it in and have to remove it because of the development.

VM McGuire - Are these transportation projects partially or fully funded by gasoline taxes or taxes we collect to pay for roads? Mr. Landon - Primarily.

VM McGuire - Not ad valorem taxes? Mr. Quinn - It can be; a lot of this is in our streets fund; 98% is from gasoline, local infrastructure and sales taxes.

Safety Projects-

VM McGuire - Is this because Flagler/Palm Coast High School (FPC) sits in a box canyon and the water comes up all around it, but wasn't this construction part of the stormwater capital plan? Mr. Cote - No, Bulldog Dr. is part of the FPC stormwater system; right now Bulldog drains into the ponds that are part of FPC, so in order to make improvements on Bulldog Dr. we have to address the whole stormwater system. Mr. Landon - This is being funded 100% by the CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency) funds.

VM McGuire - How about SR100, how is that funded? Mr. Landon - Same thing CRA funds.

CM Lewis - When do you anticipate the shovel into the ground (Bulldog Dr.

improvements)? Mr. Cote - Initially, it was June of this year, but we had to deal with some conflicts regarding Florida Power and Light, etc. Mr. Landon - The goal was to get this started before school let out, early spring; we may need to delay it so it's next summer when school is out; due to bus issues, etc.

VM McGuire - What would happen if we had the 100 year flood with the school flooding problem? Mr. Landon - We're pushing as hard as we can to get this done.

Street Resurfacing -

VM McGuire - How is the \$50,000 per lane mile changed over the last 2-3 years; better performance; leveled out; cost reductions? Mr. Quinn - It's related to commodity prices; not likely.

CM Ferguson - Is this the typical cost for street resurfacing for 16 lane miles? Mr. Cote - Yes, this is to maintain right now.

CM Ferguson - Palm Harbor Pkwy. is in need of repair in the bridge area by Club House Dr. and Tidelands areas. Mr. Adams - Yes, that's a section(s) that will be repaired.

VM McGuire - We don't put expansion joints in our roadways, do we? Mr. Cote - Usually done at bridges or concrete, not asphalt.

Traffic Operations -

Mayor Netts - Are we going to do countdown signals at pedestrian crossings? Mr. Cote - Yes.

CM Lewis - At some of the intersections where pedestrians are trying to cross and we have countdown lights; when is a pedestrian is crossing change the timing? Landon absolutely, if the pedestrian is pushing the button to cross and every signal is tripped by traffic.

VM McGuire - Is this a (traffic) study that we do ourselves? Mr. Cote - No, we don't have the software system.

VM McGuire - How much would it cost to buy the software? Mr. Cote - We're not sure.

VM McGuire - Maybe we can piggyback with the County or something? Mr. Landon - Cypress Point to Florida Park Dr. is really the only place we're considering this.

VM McGuire - What do we get for \$350,000 (traffic signal operations study)? Mr. Landon - You get a synchronization study. Mr. Cote - We don't have a scope of work yet. Mr. Landon added we're not at that detail level; maybe this year we don't need it.

CM Ferguson would like to see where we're not using actual tax dollars. Mr. Quinn stated during budget discussion we will definitely come back with more detail showing percentages.

RECREATION PROJECTS:

Parks & Recreational Facilities -

CM Ferguson mentioned there were some questions raised about what we had to do as far as the grant (Long's Landing). Mr. Tyner gave the history.

CM Ferguson - So we have no expenses in the project except for engineering and

design? Mr. Cote - Yes, the cost of the land was split between the County and the State.

CM Ferguson - If you don't do all these things do they take away some funding? Mr. Cote - We don't know.

CM Ferguson - This is a nice to have, not got to have; he'd like to know if this can be spread out over three to five years. Mr. Landon - We'll take a look at that.

VM McGuire stressed it's a beautiful project, but this is not the time for this.

Mr. Landon - The \$1.2 mil. has to come down. Mr. Cote - We'll take a harder look at this number; we were looking at park impact fees, FIND (Florida Inland Navigation District) grant and small county surtax.

CM DeLorenzo - Does ESL (Environmentally Sensitive Lands) have any improvement dollars? Mr. Tyner - He doesn't believe they do, but we'll look at it.

CM DeLorenzo - What about TDC (Tourism Development Council)? Mr. Landon - We'll take a look. VM McGuire added he thinks it's capped at \$40,000-\$50,000 for municipalities.

VM McGuire - Is the vision that there would be admission charged for this park? Mr. Landon - Did not see that as part of the proposal; staffing was to be volunteers.

Park Renovations -

Mayor Netts - We seem to be in agreement that this needs to be rephased and pared down.

VM McGuire would like to see a profit and loss statement regarding the fields; how much has been spent and how much received. Mr. Landon - The revenue side is zero; we don't charge for the use of the fields, but the tournaments bring in people from out of town to stay in our hotels, use our restaurants, etc. Since 2009, he's seen figures that they've had a \$3 mil. economic impact on the community. Mayor Netts added this is also economic development.

VM McGuire - Did we get any feedback on the QR (Quick Response) codes? Mr. Landon - He didn't get much feedback on them. CM DeLorenzo - We actually dropped it in home magazines and moved to an app.

VM McGuire - Affect our (insurance) premiums at all? Mr. Landon - No.

Public Safety Projects-

VM McGuire - \$250,000 for a new fire house (Fire Station 22 replacement)? Mr. Cote - No, that is design; \$2 mil.+ for construction (no equipment or personnel included).

VM McGuire - A fire emergency in Seminole Woods, who would respond? Mr. Landon - The County, if they are not out west on another fire, then Fire Station 25; Fire Station 92 by the airport can get there quickest.

CM Lewis - What does that do to our response time? Mr. Landon - We did a study - It's not bad, but eventually it will make sense to build a fire station.

VM McGuire - What would happen to the current site at Fire Station 22, if you were to build a new site? Mr. Landon - That is part of the whole corridor; no firm ideas. Mr.

Quinn - This is something that would take significant operating costs for staff, etc. Mr. Landon - Minimum of nine firefighters to a fire station.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT PROJECTS:

VM McGuire asked about converting fire trucks to natural gas and thought Waste Pro was going to let us use their facility. Mr. Landon stated that is why you don't see any figures for that on the list.

VM McGuire - What is a traffic operations center? Mr. Cote believes it is a combination of sign shop, traffic count equipment, intelligent signalization computers, etc. Mr. Landon - Let's just take that off the list.

The Presentation was Received and Filed.

E. WRITTEN ITEMS

2 [13-83](#) RESOLUTION 2013-XX AUTHORIZING LOW LEVEL FLIGHTS IN CONNECTION WITH OPERATIONS OF THE EAST FLAGLER MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT

Attachments: [Resolution Mosquito Control Low Flying Agreement](#)
[Mosquito Control District Authorization](#)

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item.

VM McGuire - Why does this need City action; doesn't FAA (Federal Aviation Authority) take care of this? Mr. Landon - This is more the spraying part of it and public notification.

The Resolution was Continued.

Enactment No: R2013-26

F. DISCUSSION BY CITY COUNCIL OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

CM DeLorenzo - The sidewalk in front of Elizabeth Seton and the underbrush between the road and the sidewalk; a woman tripped but did not get hurt, however, she was worried no one would see her with the shrubbery overgrowth. Mr. Landon - We will take a look at it; church property.

VM McGuire - State legislature has outlawed internet cafes, is that right? Attorney Reischmann - Not yet, but the momentum is strong.

VM McGuire - Red light cameras? Attorney Reischmann - Not the same momentum.

VM McGuire - Do they affect us? Attorney Reischmann - Yes, operation of the the red light cameras. Mr. Landon - They continue to put more controls on it; especially right turns on red.

VM McGuire - If the legislature declares them to be illegal what are our liabilities with ATS (American Traffic Solutions)? Attorney Reischmann - None, we have a clause in the contract. Mr. Landon - The City doesn't have any dollars in the cameras whatsoever.

CM Ferguson mentioned Duval County is now looking at the red light cameras.

CM Lewis mentioned that they have cameras taking pictures of license plates in certain California cities for any vehicles coming in or going out.

G. DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Attorney Reischmann spoke of the "Right to Speak" bill regarding the right to speak at public meetings; it is going to allow for timeframes and local controls.

CM DeLorenzo - Does it affect our workshops? Mr. Landon - No. Mayor Netts - Because we don't take actions at the workshops.

H. DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Landon - Sports events are really taking off.

Rock-N-Rib Fest is coming up and Ms. Lisa Gardner, Events Coordinator, has accepted a job with one of our private real estate companies, but Ms. Luanne Santangelo, Parks & Recreation Director, will handle it and events will go under Parks and Recreation.

VM McGuire - Is she accepting a better opportunity or is she leaving for another reason? Mr. Landon - An opportunity that she couldn't turn down.

We are still working on our neighbors to the south on the TPO (Transportation Planning Organization).

I. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Redline*

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MEETINGS CALENDAR AND AGENDA WORKSHEET

Attachments: [Meeting Calendar](#)
 [Agenda Worksheet](#)

J. CITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE SESSION RELATING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING NEGOTIATIONS WITH IAFF LOCAL 4847; CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO SECTION 447.605, FLORIDA STATUTES.