

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSHOP MINUTES
LAKESIDE COMMUNITY CENTER
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JANUARY 29, 2015

THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING/WORKSHOP of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Mayor Allen Green at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Silent Invocation

Roll Call:	Present:	Councilman Bob Ford Councilman Donald Burnette Councilman Scott Stiltner Vice Mayor Drew Bastian Mayor Allen Green
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Also Present:	Alan Rosen, Interim Assistant City Manager Margaret T. Roberts, City Attorney Robin Fenwick, City Clerk
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SPECIAL MEETING

4. Halifax Paving Contract Extension

Margaret Roberts, City Attorney, provided information regarding changes to the agreement: paragraph #8 was added, as well as a definition of "substantial completion". She has received the Bond from Halifax Paving and the agreement has been signed. Tad Durrance and the Bond Company have both received copies of the changes and approved same. She believes everything is in order for Council to consider this item. The insurance and list of contractors has also been received.

Motion to approve the extension as
presented was made by Vice Mayor
Bastian, and Seconded by Councilman
Burnette.

Councilman Ford advised Staff that Council expects a lot of oversight to keep the contractor on time.

Ms. Roberts advised that the previous bond will be released and the substitute bond will be recorded.

Council agreed to the changes and the extension.

Ted Nofall, citizen, doesn't believe Council can provide records to show why they are voting the way they are voting tonight. He is disappointed that Council is in agreement with this project moving on.

Councilman Ford advised that he has done due diligence, as has all of Council. He reviewed City records, talked with Staff, and has a good understanding of the project to move forward with more oversight.

Mayor Green has had conversations with the Staff and the City Attorney regarding the project. He met with Mr. Durrance to discuss the outstanding documents due.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

WORKSHOP ITEMS

4. City Gateway Signage

Bobby Ball, Zev Cohen & Associates, discussed the gateway signage options and locations. The three sign locations discussed previously are US 1 to the north and south, as well as I-95.

Vice Mayor Bastian asked if solar lighting can be provided as an option. 25 feet is too high.

Councilman Ford asked to keep it simple. He would like to see a sign that is graffiti-proof as much as possible.

Councilman Burnette would like signs that are the same to the north and south on US 1. He'd like to see lighting and simple landscaping. He doesn't think 25 feet is a good idea either.

Councilman Stiltner asked that they keep the line of sight in mind on US 1. He agreed with the signs being lit. He would like to see some history tied into the sign.

Mayor Green wants a sign that is vertical near the interstate to be seen from I-95 before the Port Orange exit.

Mr. Ball asked for thoughts on material types. Council agreed with natural materials: coral, stone, etc.

Newton White, citizen, agreed with the discussion and liked the options presented. He suggested more than three signs.

Mike Gardner, citizen, suggested not using green lettering with a green background or concrete signs in front of concrete buildings. He thinks maybe using orange lettering would be better.

Ben Talluto, citizen, warned Council about putting too many signs up and cluttering the roadways.

James Turner, citizen, suggested copying the sign in South Daytona on US1.

Phil Klema, citizen, suggested using the overpass for signage.

Mayor Green asked if neighboring cities' signs can back-up to each other. Mr. Ball will check into it.

Mr. Ball advised that \$12,500 was approved by Council for Zev Cohen's design fees. There is a grant from the City of Daytona Beach Racetrack District in the amount of \$146,400 that Mr. Ball was able to obtain through Pop Warner for them to improve the Coraci fields. Those improvements will belong to the City of Port Orange.

Councilman Burnette agreed with city limit signs throughout the City on various roadways upon entry into the City.

5. Storm water plan

Mike Silvey, Interim Public Works Director, provided details of the flooding problems since 2009 within Port Orange, as well as ongoing maintenance activities, short term drainage improvement projects, pipe failures, and possible long term drainage improvements.

Councilman Ford doesn't believe dredging the ponds will provide more volume. Mr. Silvey said that's why an engineer is needed to evaluate each pond individually.

Councilman Burnette asked how much of the dredging has been done. Mr. Silvey said they are approximately 40% into the project. More discussion was held regarding maintenance of ditches. Staff is working with County Staff to get their ditches cleaned out. Fred Griffith, City Engineer, advised Council that Staff is working on grants for drainage improvement.

Mr. Silvey discussed his equipment and employee experience. He is looking into renting a Gradall to do minor ditches.

Councilman Stiltner asked how many linear feet can be dredged per day. Mr. Silvey said 100-150 linear feet per day. Councilman Stiltner wants to prioritize projects and get more "shovel-ready".

Councilman Ford would like to get projects "shovel-ready" in the next few months so they are ready for federal funds. He asked for Staff to visit residents to show the City cares for them and is working on the flooding issues. Councilman Ford would like Community Development to look into new construction and the resulting potential flood hazards.

Vice Mayor Bastian asked Mr. Silvey to provide a priority list with funding amounts during the upcoming budget discussions. Councilman Ford suggested Staff consider hiring contractors to help get drainage issues taken care of. Vice Mayor Bastian believes an engineer in Public Works is going to be needed. He asked if the maintenance and dredging at Jackson Street will relieve Springwood Sq. and Moonstone area. Mr. Silvey said yes, they are working to get the ditch back to as-built standards, which will allow for more volume.

Mr. Turner advised that the water from Grant Street and Church Street drains to his home. He provided an abstract from the 1930's to the City for the easement. They didn't used to flood (2004-05).

Jim Meadows, citizen, believes the pipes are too small in Sleepy Hollow.

Councilman Ford asked if there is anything that can be done immediately to reduce the probability of more problems. He asked that the City Engineer look at the problem in Sleepy Hollow to determine what the problem might be and what can be done right away to help.

Mr. Klema asked when the storm water maps will be completed and distributed. He asked how the City's work is documented so that tracking can happen. Mr. Silvey said they are working on documenting everything as they go so that they can track and have the historical knowledge in the future. Councilman Ford asked that the storm water map project get completed as soon as possible.

Mr. White suggested Mr. Silvey look into Lucidity software for tracking. He wants the City to address the drainage structures, ponds, etc. within homeowner's associations that are no longer existent. He doesn't support the cuts in personnel without cuts in the taxes.

Margaret Paterson, citizen, suggested Staff work with Pegasus. Council advised Pegasus has been hired for the berm only at this point.

Nick (last name unknown), citizen, asked if the information provided tonight has been provided to the Florida League of Cities for the flooding claims. Mr. Silvey said if there is a claim filed; information is requested by the Florida League of Cities and provided by the City.

Krista Grubb, citizen suggested Council purchase lots in the Virginia Avenue area for water retention. Staff and Council are looking into this already.

Margie Preston, citizen, asked if the pipes under Palmetto Avenue could be fixed.

Mr. Nofall asked how many employees were lost to grass cutting when the City took over that function. Mr. Silvey said the whole division.

Alan Rosen, Assistant City Manager, has direction from Council as follows:

- Prioritized list of shovel ready projects.
- Current Budget amounts and other funding opportunities
- Prioritizing what projects are budgeted next year
- Review of the drainage fund

Council wants to have another flooding workshop in March. Old Police Department Building discussion will be in February.

6. Dunlawton Avenue Walk lights

Wayne Clark, Community Development Director, provided details of the issues with the walk lights on Dunlawton Avenue. He also discussed some policy options for Council to discuss.

Councilman Ford thanked Staff for discussing this issue. Council needs to deal with all of the issues of the City. He wants to focus on flooding issues before these walk lights. He believes the business should build the walk lights but the City should maintain them. He'd like a long term plan to move the privately owned lights to City owned.

Councilman Burnette believes the walk lights promote safety. He doesn't support spending a lot of money on walk lights. He wants the code to be updated so that the business installs the light and the City maintains it.

Councilman Stiltner wants to know what can be done in the current budget to get the City owned lights working. Council agreed to work west to east along Dunlawton Avenue starting at Clyde Morris Blvd. Councilman Stiltner would like proactive work on the lights in the future. He'd like Staff to establish an inventory as to what the power source is for each light.

Mr. Clark advised that recent construction projects have been required to provide the power source in a place where City Staff can access them. He suggested language changes to Council regarding the business installing the lights and the City maintaining them with appropriate and accessible power sources.

Jack Wiles, citizen, agreed with the need to be consistent. He is concerned with fairness for all developers, new and old. He asked for the City to consider a standard on what lights to install.

Mr. Rosen asked if Council wants a proposal that leads all repairs, replacements, and new construction to the new, lower maintenance LED lights. Council does not want a mismatch of lights. Discussion was held regarding the types of lights in each section.

Mr. Klema suggested Mr. Clark look at Donna Steinebach's previous CRA presentation. Mr. Clark has discussed this topic with her.

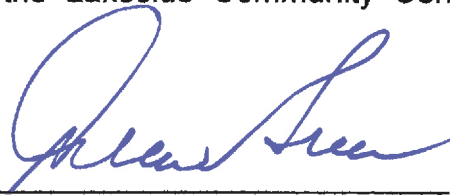
Mr. Nofall asked Council if they would prefer streetlights or walk lights. Council said walk lights because streetlights are too expensive. Funding was discussed.

Mr. Rosen suggested Council consider a Community Improvement District.

Dianne Gardner, citizen, wants the focus on the east side. Mr. Clark said the TPO grant would redo the area.

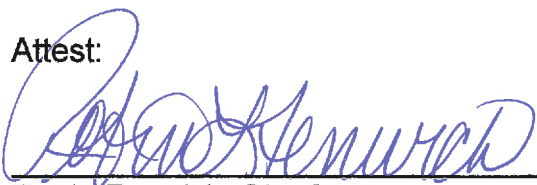
Councilman Stiltner doesn't like the set-up of the Lakeside Community Center for meetings. Council agreed.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:32 p.m.



Mayor Allen Green

Attest:



Robin Fenwick, City Clerk

