

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
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FEBRUARY 24, 2015

THE CITY COUNCIL 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:	David Harden, Interim City Manager Margaret T. Roberts, City Attorney Robin Fenwick, City Clerk
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Port Orange Historical Trust Building

Kent Donahue, Grants Coordinator/PIO, provided some history of the Port Orange Historical Trust, as well as their events and ceremonies. He asked Council for direction on moving the building/organization to another site. The building on Commonwealth Blvd. at Buschman Park is available as an option. The Adult Center Annex on Halifax Drive is also available. Another option for consideration is the Reed House on Halifax Drive. Mr. Donahue suggested a site in Riverwalk Park. Discussions have been held with the South Daytona Historical Society to join the two.

Vice Mayor Bastian asked how much space is needed for the artifacts. Phil Klema, Port Orange Historical Trust Treasurer, believes a joint place with South Daytona would be the best option. The items need to be secured and they need a meeting facility. He estimated a need of 2500 square feet. Vice Mayor Bastian would like to keep it at Riverwalk. Mr. Donahue said there are options for grants. He suggested the old wine warehouse building. Mayor Green suggested some property that is owned by the Daughterly's. Vice Mayor Bastian supports keeping it in the Riverwalk area.

Councilman Burnette asked if there is an agreement with the Historical Trust. He believes the Trust members need to determine where is best for them to meet.

Councilman Ford supports the Trust. He suggested moving the materials to the Buschman Park building and utilizing the Adult Center Annex for their meetings. He wants to plan something in the future. There isn't enough money to do anything big.

Councilman Stiltner wants the materials in a place that is utilized by the citizens. He supports a facility at Riverwalk Park in the future.

Mayor Green suggested getting sponsors.

Direction from Council was for the Trust and Staff to work on a plan as well as using the Adult Center Annex for their meetings and the Buschman Park building for the artifacts.

Newton White, citizen, supports the train depot as a site for the historical materials. He suggested display cases in City Hall and the old police building to put the items out for viewing. He believes it's worth spending taxpayer money on.

Ted Nofall, citizen, asked if there is any history other than the river area. He asked what the costs are for moving these items. Mayor Green's plan was to include the train depot.

5. Stormwater update

Mike Silvey, Interim Public Works Director, discussed the current maintenance program, current capital projects, future capital project needs, and reviewed the drainage funds. The City owns 74,100 linear feet of ditches. There is a backlog of 62,100 linear feet that needs significant attention. Crews are currently only able to clear 30 linear feet per hour due to lack of maintenance and vegetative overgrowth. Crews are currently averaging a 6-year cycle (12,000 linear feet per year) due to the overgrowth. The standard for dredging is a 3-4 year cycle (24,700 linear feet per year). Once current backlog is cleared, crews can maintain a 3-year cycle with one crew.

Options were presented to hire a contractor, bid out for 16,600 linear feet of clearing; or hire five additional staff members to begin clearing ditches. There are currently \$83,122 in funds that can be reallocated for ditch clearing.

Future capital needs were presented and discussed. The five year plan totals \$5,130,000.

Councilman Ford asked for the status of the Sleepy Hollow neighborhood flooding. Mr. Silvey said there was so much concrete dumped in the drains that it took three dump trucks to remove.

Tracey Riehm, Finance Director, discussed the drainage funds (412-drainage operating and 414-bond sinking funds).

Options were discussed for additional funding, including grants, bonds, increasing the stormwater fee, implement community improvement districts, or re-prioritizing the entire capital plan now and moving unrestricted money.

Mayor Green asked to include funding for acquisition of property.

Discussion was held regarding staffing levels and duties from 2008 until now.

Councilman Stiltner supports hiring a contractor to handle the 5,000 linear feet initially. Mr. Silvey will bring a plan to handle the remaining ditch clearing.

Councilman Ford would not support rushing this through. He would rather fast track it and follow the purchasing policies currently in place. He asked the City Attorney how fast a contract can be prepared. Ms. Roberts advised that she needs three days from the date she receives all documents.

Councilman Burnette doesn't support a "band aid" approach. He would like to put the project out to bid. Mr. Harden said the bid will go out for the full catch-up project. He supports contracting it out.

Alan Rosen, Interim Assistant City Manager, advised that Staff can bring an item to approve the closing of the capital project on the March 3, 2015 agenda and ask for approval to use the excess funds for drainage ditch clearing. Staff will be able to keep up with the clearing once the backlog is caught up.

Vice Mayor Bastian supports a 3-year cycle and wants Council to provide the resources to get caught up and then maintain.

Mayor Green reminded citizens to stop throwing trash out and stop throwing their yard waste into the drainage ditches.

Jim Cameron, Senior Vice President Daytona Beach Chamber of Commerce, advised that this topic will be discussed during the upcoming legislative session. Volusia Days is scheduled for March 25, 2015.

Derek George, citizen, asked how much additional water would be held with the clearing. (No one had an answer.) He suggested purchasing property for retention ponds as they will hold more water than clearing the ditches. Mr. Harden advised that the ditches are for moving water not retaining water.

Greg Pentz, citizen, believes the dam at the Dunlawton pond is on the wrong side of the hole, which is backing up the canals.

Mark Schaefer, citizen, asked how much of the 74,100 linear feet needs to be cleaned and suggested prioritizing them based on what needs to be cleaned. Mr. Silvey said the ditches have already been prioritized. Mr. Schaefer asked if the pond at Memorial Park on Jackson Street is pumped down. Mayor Green said he doesn't believe so.

Mike Gardner, citizen, said he was told there was a pump for that pond. He asked Council to find out. Mayor Green asked Mr. Harden to check into it.

Ted Noftall, citizen, expressed concern with the reduction in drainage maintenance while still collecting the drainage fee from citizens and businesses. Mr. Harden stated all residents and business owners use streets throughout the City, whether or not their particular street floods. Mr. Noftall asked if the Cambridge project is complete. Mr. Silvey advised that phase II bid opening will be on February 26, 2015. The excess money is available because the State covered both halves of the costs (there was no requirement for a match.)

Audrey Pentz, citizen, asked what the point is of the workshop and how a solution can be determined. Councilman Ford said Council will be touring the areas that are flooding. Staff and engineers will attend as well. Mayor Green suggested inviting the County Staff and others involved in the maintenance.

Tim Dyson, citizen, asked if the lining changes the flow of the pipes. Mr. Silvey said no, it will increase the flow.

Mr. Schaefer doesn't believe based on the numbers that there is a crisis. Mr. Harden advised him that it is just to get caught up then Staff can maintain.

Mayor Green wants a doable plan and wants to see the results. Councilman Ford wants some projects to be shovel-ready so that state funding options are available.

6. Reuse of the Former Police Department Building

Wayne Clark, Community Development Director, discussed the size of the building, operating costs per year to maintain the empty building, and options for reuse. Secondary options for the building include records storage and a YMCA Day Care moving into the space. It will cost an estimated \$150,000-200,000 to repair the building and make it useable for office spaces.

Mayor Green met with a guy from a radio station who wants to move to Port Orange. Ms. Roberts advised that the Sheriff uses the tower and it must remain clear for that use.

Councilman Burnette sees the building being used by multiple departments. He doesn't want to see duplication of jobs and staff. He wants to ensure the span of

control is still in place. He asked if the EOC should be moved to the new Police Department Building.

Council supports moving Customer Service (building permits and Finance Customer Service Division) and City Clerk records to the building. They also support moving the EOC to the new Police Station.

Mr. White supported moving the records storage and EOC. He believes doing nothing with the building for the past five years was a waste of money. He urged Council to move forward with the plans discussed.

7. Dunlawton Walk lights Update

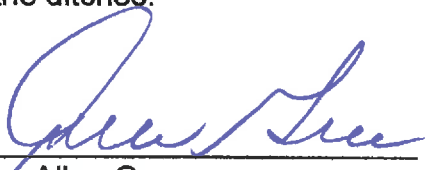
Mr. Clark provided an update as to the database/inventory of all of the walklights. Funding of the initial phase (Clyde Morris to Nova Road) can be transferred from current TPO project.

Council supports pacing the project (funding-wise) but wants the lights to be in working condition. They like the Gardco lights.

Mr. Klema asked how soon this will be implemented into the private sector. Mr. Clark said the construction standard needs to be changed. He is planning to bring an agenda item on April 7, 2015.

Mayor Green asked Mr. Harden to look into the pump at Memorial Park. He suggested contacting Steve Beeman regarding the clearing of the ditches.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:28 p.m.



Mayor Allen Green

Attest:



Robin Fenwick, City Clerk

