

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
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APRIL 28, 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 Mayor Allen Green
	Absent:	Vice Mayor Drew Bastian
	Also Present:	David Harden, Interim City Manager Margaret T. Roberts, City Attorney Robin Fenwick, City Clerk

Discussion Items

4. Dunlawton Avenue Drainage Improvements, Permit No. 29869-4

David Harden, Interim City Manager, asked Council for direction as to the modification of the permit relating to the berm.

Margaret Roberts, City Attorney, provided information regarding the right of way issue on the Fred L. Grubbs property. She advised that 25 feet is denoted on the boundary survey as a right of way. Only 16 feet is needed to build the berm. Her opinion is that there is room to build it if Council so decides.

Mayor Green agreed with the City Manager's suggestion to hire an outside firm to do the design of the berm to verify and confirm the results.

Councilman Stiltner is inclined to hire a new consultant to make a recommendation as to the flooding upstream. There has been evidence of the potential to make the situation worse.

Councilman Burnette doesn't believe he has enough information to make a decision either way. He doesn't want to do nothing though.

Councilman Ford asked what happened to the berm that was approved. He wants to know why the decision to build the berm changed. He wants to build the berm and wants studies to discuss the effects of the berm.

Mayor Green said the original design was to keep Dunlawton Avenue open and flooding of the homes was secondary. He wants a new consultant through an RFP with Council's review first.

Councilman Stiltner agreed and wants to see significant modeling to show the effects of building the berm.

Mr. Harden will get information from the engineer and St. John's Water Management District on the proper way to proceed with the current permit.

Public Comments:

Ted Nofall, citizen, asked if there are significant models already done. He asked to hear from the engineers regarding their opinion with building the berm or not.

Paul Rozar, citizen, believes a small raised area (3 feet high) would help move the water without flooding anyone else.

Newton White, citizen, agreed with Mayor Green in that something will happen eventually; no matter what is built.

Mike Gardner, citizen, believes the engineers should have spoken up a long time ago about the berm being deleted from the permit. He believes the berm was deleted because of political reasons.

Mark Schaefer, citizen, doesn't support paying for a new engineer to look at the issue.

Mayor Green asked Council what they'd like to do about the berm and the permit. He did not influence the project.

Councilman Ford wants to move forward with the berm.

Councilman Burnette can't support it at this time. He needs more information from a third party engineer.

Councilman Stiltner doesn't see any engineer who is supporting the project. He asked Andrew Giannini, Quentin L. Hampton & Associates Engineer, how the canal and effects were modeled.

Mr. Giannini provided details on the models used and provided calculations of the preliminary models. The berm was not modeled. Mayor Green asked Mr. Giannini if he stands behind his original design. Mr. Giannini said there was a freak storm during

construction that caused flooding upstream. He recommended against the berm unless additional storage is created upstream. Councilman Stiltner asked if the canal could be widened. Mr. Giannini said the culverts would then be undersized and create problems. Mr. Giannini provided a handout to Council relating to the disparaging remarks made by some showing the berm costs. Mr. Giannini asked for a credit to not build the berm; however, there would have been an increase to haul the dirt to the wellfields. Other materials are available for another project or to build the berm. There was a credit on the project. Mr. Giannini said the deductive change orders were stopped by Greg Kisela, former City Manager.

Councilman Ford asked if Dunlawton Avenue will be closed if the water breaks the banks. Mr. Giannini said yes.

Councilman Burnette asked about the fifth option provided by Pegasus Engineering. He would like Council to discuss that option.

Mr. Noftall asked what Mr. Giannini would recommend if the berm is not built.

Mayor Green said they need to know what will happen upstream before they decide on the berm.

Councilman Ford wants to move forward with the berm as permitted originally.

Councilman Stiltner wants to hire a third engineer to provide a recommendation and show the effects upstream. Councilman Burnette agreed.

Mr. Harden explained that no pre-pumping was done in September 2014, which limited the capacity.

Council direction was to hire a third consultant to provide a recommendation and show the effects upstream.

5. Comprehensive Update on Stormwater Efforts

Branford Adumuah, Public Works Director, discussed the update as to the stormwater maintenance program, current capital projects, and future capital projects. He also discussed the pipe lining program.

Mr. Harden provided details of the Cypress Cove pipes that have not been functioning. The pipe is in terrible shape. Staff will bring an item to Council to replace the pipe.

Councilman Stiltner stressed that Council wants the clearing sped up. He asked what Mr. Adumuah needs to get that completed.

John Pergoric, citizen, provided pictures of the flooding in Sleepy Hollow and advised Council that he and others in the neighborhood received letters from the City's

insurance company denying their claim for the flooding. He doesn't believe they should have been denied.

Bob Stoekel, citizen, advised that Cypress Cove lakes are full. Any more rain soon will result in flooding. He asked that the drain in front of Circle K be looked at for clearing. He thanked Council.

Mr. Noftall agreed with the previous citizen comments. He asked if City Staff was notified of the insurance denials. Mr. Harden advised that the City was aware of the denial by a copy of the letters. He asked where the information came from in the letter specifically the 9 inches. Mr. Harden said the insurance company hired their own engineer.

6. Marketing Strategy for City-owned Properties

Wayne Clark, Community Development Director, provided details of Eastport and the current marketing strategy being utilized, as well as comparables in the area and the process for disposing of City and/or CRA properties.

Council wants all of the Eastport properties marketed, as well as the Yorktowne property and others that don't have a plan. They want the process streamlined with Council having the final decision authority.

Mr. Harden said the first step to make the process easier is to get a price for listing the properties.

Mr. Harden suggested getting an appraisal for the larger Eastport properties.

Councilman Burnette suggested an RFSQ for an outside broker.

Mr. White advised that 45 feet height might be too low for an industrial site.

Mr. Noftall asked if the agenda item had changed since it was first posted. Ms. Roberts said she prepared documentation that is included in the system. Robin Fenwick, City Clerk, agreed. The document is included on the website as originally posted. The handout is the PowerPoint presentation only. Mr. Noftall expressed concerns regarding the City's efforts to market the Eastport properties.

7. Eastport Sign Discussion

Mr. Clark explained the history of the Eastport sign design and installation, as well as directional signs.

Mayor Green said the sign needs a solid background.

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Councilman Stiltner doesn't believe the sign was effective. He wants to see directional arrows on the sign. He agreed with Mayor Green with a background.

Councilman Burnette also agreed with a background and an arrow at the bottom of the existing sign.

Councilman Ford agreed with both items.

Mr. White supports the changes.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:42 p.m.



Mayor Allen Green

Attest:



Robin Fenwick, City Clerk