

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
NOVEMBER 17, 2015

THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Vice Mayor Drew Bastian 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
	Absent:	Mayor Allen Green
	Also Present:	Jake Johansson, City Manager Margaret T. Roberts, City Attorney Robin Fenwick, City Clerk

Rules of Procedure as approved by City Council on December 2, 2014, specifically page 3, portions of letter (e) and #9 (a-e) were read by Robin Fenwick, City Clerk.

Council thanked Wayne Clark, Community Development Director, for his service. Mr. Clark thanked Council for their support over the years.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

5. Fluoride Discussion

Dr. Paul Connett provided information and his opinion relating to fluoride being added to public drinking water.

Dr. Jan Westberry spoke in support of fluoride in drinking water to protect teeth of children and adults.

Jim Scholtz, citizen, is not in support of fluoride being added to drinking water.

Sarah Jones, citizen, asked if Dr. Connett had any knowledge as to any motivation from the dental community supporting the issue.

Newton White, citizen, spoke against fluoride additives.

Alex Snyder, dentist at Greenburg Dental, asked Council to research the issue and not rely on what was presented. He read from the CDC website that they support the addition of fluoride in public drinking water.

Steve Taborda, local dentist, addressed Council regarding the impact of toothaches in children.

Jillian (inaudible), citizen, is concerned that she has no choice. She asked for a referendum so the people can vote.

Allen Burton, Ormond citizen, said the Volusia Soil and Water Conservation District is taking efforts to get this issue on the ballot as a water additive accountability ordinance. It asks the chemical company to provide the elected officials with a toxicology report and a certification that the chemical is beneficial to the members of the community. He has read both sides as a scientist and believes Dr. Connett's position is stronger.

Wendy Westberry, dentist, encouraged Council to consider all of the research and the type of research they review.

Dr. Howard Pranikoff, expressed his concerns with the research presented.

Mike Gardner, citizen, does not support the addition of fluoride.

Malina Bowers, dentist, is concerned with people being fluoride-phobic.

Ted Nofall, citizen, believes the issue is about informed consent. He encouraged Council to remove it from the water.

Dianne Gardner, citizen, asked how many dentists take Medicaid and/or do pro bono work.

Jill Jenkins, citizen, does not support fluoride being added to the public drinking water source.

Jason Larkin, orthodontist in New Smyrna Beach, said he can tell where patients live based on the condition of their teeth. He also advised that he and several other local dentists provide pro bono work for local children. He reminded Council to consider the type of research presented. The research is not peer reviewed.

Ron Freeman, Florida Department of Health, advised that they strongly support the addition of fluoride in drinking water. He left a copy of the Policy Statement on Community Water Fluoridation dated January 2015.

Dr. Connett reiterated his position and research.

Councilman Ford said there will be fluoride in the water either way since it is in the water naturally.

Councilman Burnette is not convinced that the IQ argument is completely valid since the IQ level in Port Orange's children and adults is high yet Port Orange has had fluoride in the water for several decades. Port Orange has top performing schools at every level.

Vice Mayor Bastian thanked all for their input.

6. Time and Attendance Presentation

Jake Johansson, City Manager, provided a summary of the timekeeping/payroll process for all employees.

Councilman Ford doesn't like that it is still being done manually in Police and Fire. It is too time consuming.

Mark Schaffer, citizen, agreed that the system should be automated.

Mr. Nofall asked how the numbers are tracked for Department Heads. Mr. Johansson said he sees them working. Mr. Nofall suggested bi-weekly paychecks rather than weekly.

7. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Presentation

Kent Donahue, PIO/Grants Coordinator, provided an overview of the CDBG program and background/history information.

Mr. Schaffer suggested creative ways to get more CDBG funds.

8. Inflow & Infiltration (I&I) Study Results

Andrew Neff, Public Utilities Director, discussed the plant and lift station I&I analysis, corrective costs and repair recommendations, and benefits of corrective action.

Councilman Ford asked if Staff has considered accepting infiltration and treating the water instead. Mr. Neff said they have considered it but these lift stations are the worst and need repairs. Councilman Ford wants to support Mr. Neff's plan within reason and wants to be sure it is cost effective.

Councilman Burnette asked if infiltration is the only issue with the lift stations. Mr. Neff said the inflow is also a problem during significant storm events. Other fixes are needed as well, including lining.

Vice Mayor Bastian asked how much has been spent on the system in the past five years. Mr. Neff will find out and let Council know.

Mr. Noftall confirmed the capacity and usage of the system currently. He asked if there is a breakdown for inflow and infiltration. He asked how much was paid for the study. Mr. Noftall would like to know how much was pumped back into the sewer system from Memorial Park per day on average. Mr. Johansson will provide responses to Mr. Noftall's question after he has researched them. Mr. Noftall also would like to know how much has been spent on the system in the past five years. He would like to see a budget showing where these monies are coming from. He doesn't want to see rates raised to cover these repairs.

Mr. Schaeffer believes Mr. Neff is on the right track with his plans.

Mr. Neff said there is more to consider than just the rating of the plant and the flows. He is trying to figure out the problems with the system.

9. Water Audit/Status of Meter replacement Program

Mr. Neff provided information on water use/losses, status of the meter replacement program and system revenues.

Tracey Riehm, Finance Director, discussed historical metered revenue and consumption.

Councilman Burnette asked if 4500 meters will be replaced each year going forward. Mr. Neff said he will build a replacement program as he studies the lifespan of the meters in the ground in Port Orange. Councilman Burnette asked how many fire hydrants are being checked each year. Mr. Neff will find out and provide the information to Council. Councilman Burnette asked how this data compares to previous data provided regarding water loss. Mr. Neff will provide the information after analyzing it.

Councilman Stiltner asked what else can be done to bring the water loss percentage down. Mr. Neff said finding areas where water is unaccounted. Staff has worked hard to replace zero-read meters.

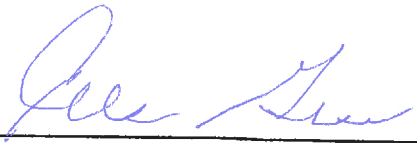
Councilman Ford asked how the Sensus radio data is working. Mr. Neff said there are failures reported and Staff checks on them and replaces as needed.

Vice Mayor Bastian discussed the loss rate. He didn't see any data for firefighting or maintenance. He asked if there was a way to track the water used for firefighting. Mr. Neff said they estimate the amount used. Vice Mayor Bastian asked what the warranty is on the meters. Mr. Neff will find out.

Mr. Johansson asked if it would be beneficial to know addresses for snowbirds as it relates to zero reads. Ms. Riehm said if the resident contacts Customer Service and requests vacation status, Staff will monitor it for leaks or additional usage to ensure the service is turned back on. The garbage rate is reduced when on vacation status.

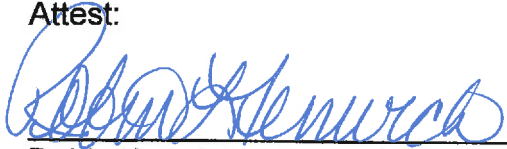
Mr. Noftall asked what the financial condition is of the system. He wants to know if a rate increase is going to be requested next year. Mr. Johansson said he is not prepared to address the report Mr. Noftall is referring to. This workshop is only a briefing on the report as Councilman Burnette requested.

ADJOURNMENT: 10:35 p.m.



Mayor Allen Green

Attest:



Robin Fenwick, City Clerk

