

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
FEBRUARY 9, 2016

THE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Mayor Allen Green at 6:00 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
	Also Present:	Jake Johansson, City Manager Margaret T. Roberts, City Attorney Robin Fenwick, City Clerk

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Direction on whether or not to build the berm based on the CDM Smith Report "Stormwater Modeling for the Nova/Halifax Canal"

Motion to approve amendment of the SJWMD permit to exclude the building of the berm was made by Councilman Stiltner, and Seconded by Councilman Bastian.

Councilman Ford wants to move forward. He discussed the solutions as discussed with the consultant. He suggested reducing pressure on the pump by beginning to work on the infiltration issues with the water plant as determined in the I&I Report. He also proposed a study of Oak Street to either raise the road or build a berm to prevent flooding of Oak Street. He also would like to see what can be done with other canals in the area. Councilman Ford asked that City Staff work on these options and report to Council to move forward. He is willing to close the berm with the agreement of Council to work together to move forward with mitigation of the flood area.

Councilman Burnette asked if FEMA would help purchase flooded properties. Mr. Johansson said FEMA is very interested in purchasing flooded homes, as well as raising them up on stilts or other platforms to allow the water to flow under the homes. Mayor Green suggested the City pay the difference between the FEMA value and the homeowner's value when reasonable.

Vice Mayor Bastian agreed with Councilman Ford's comments and would like to have Staff and engineering work on options. He asked that the Nova Canal be dredged and cleaned.

Mayor Green suggested talking with Walmart for water storage near Madeline Avenue.

Mr. Johansson advised that FDOT is also working with City Staff to work on Dunlawton Avenue issues. He will move forward with a holistic approach with direction from Council.

Councilman Stiltner is looking for solutions from professionals. He would like to see who is interested in selling, as well as those interested in raising their home up to allow water to flow under their home. He agreed with exploring the options as discussed.

Mike Gardner, citizen, addressed Council regarding his concerns with the project and the original design. He believes the berm should be built.

Phil Klema, citizen, discussed his observations of the area at Dunlawton Avenue and Powers Drive.

Dianne Gardner, citizen, is disappointed in Council. She is not interested in selling her home and hopes that Staff will not put pressure on her neighbors.

Ted Noffall, citizen, discussed his concerns with not building the berm. He supported discussions regarding additional options. He doesn't believe upstream flooding is an issue with the berm.

Vice Mayor Bastian confirmed that he is not interested in forcing anyone to sell. Council agreed.

Motion carried 3-2 by roll call vote with
Councilman Ford and Vice Mayor
Bastian voting no.

Council agreed to move the I&I Report details into this year's budget rather than next fiscal year's.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:58 p.m.



Mayor Allen Green

Attest:



Robin Fenwick, City Clerk