

City of DeBary
City Council Workshop
WEDNESDAY
February 26, 2003
6 PM

Florence K. Little Town Hall
12 Colomba Road
DeBary, Florida 32713

MINUTES

I. Call To Order

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Carmen Rosamonda, Vice Mayor George Coleman, Council Member Danny Allen, Council Member Christopher Carson, and Council Member Richard Gunter.

Others Present: City Manager Richard Diamond and Assistant City Manager Yaskanich.

III. Business

1. Discussion: Future Transportation Map Roadway Alternatives

City Manager Diamond reviewed the Future Transportation Map, stating that Ghayabi and Associates had completed the Traffic Study.

Gary Huttman, Ghayabi and Associates reviewed the areas studied; that scenarios for future development were discussed; that a system to tie in Saxon Boulevard to Dirksen Drive would alleviate Highbanks Road traffic; that a capital investment in Highbanks was not needed at this time; that information was taken from the County MPO Transportation Network and Land Use information to project local needs; and that additional input from City Council would be used to make additional changes.

It was discussed that alleviation of traffic on the west side of Highbanks needed to be addressed; that the City had objected to the County proposal of a western bypass that would impact Orlandia Heights; that the Saxon Boulevard Extension would involve the County; and that rights of way would have to be investigated. Various options were discussed regarding Hamilton, the Saxon Extension, Dirksen Drive north of Konomac and Donald B. Smith Boulevard; that the County had proposals for the Saxon Boulevard Extension; that Progress Energy had concerns about Dutchmans Bend; and that it did not belong to them. There was discussion that a T21 Grant had been applied for in regard to connection with proposed commuter rail; that the County map did not appear to have the Saxon Extension running to the railroad tracks; that there had been previous discussions with the County regarding the proposed Extension; and that there would be economic advantages if the Extension were completed.

There was further discussion of relief on the west side of Highbanks; that there would be concerns with

crossing the RR tracks by emergency vehicles; that the Saxon Extension seemed to be the best recommendation at this time; that a traffic count for Donald B. Smith Boulevard had not been completed yet; that the City would need to determine whether land purchases should be made in anticipation of future additional lanes; that commercial development could be encouraged near the RR tracks; that traffic could be diverted from Highbanks if access to I-4 could be made convenient; that there were also concerns about rail sidings for existing business in the area; and that there would be Wetland concerns on the west side.

There was additional discussion of four lanes on Dirksen Drive; if there was a way for the City to decertify that area to prohibit that; that there might be concerns about future development in that area; that the level of service could be amended; that the Comprehensive Plan did not allow for shopping center development; that City Manager Diamond did not recommend City takeover; and that drainage liabilities would be a concern. It was discussed that City Manager Diamond would review the impact of a roadway west of Highbanks, taking into consideration existing residential area, Wetlands, existing industrial properties, transmission lines, and the Progress Energy plant; that the possibility of using Progress Energy easement should be investigated; that part of the easement was on private property; that road construction needed to be included in the 5-year Capital Improvements Plan; and that the map should be amended and the Comprehensive Plan changed to constrain four lanes on Highbanks and the requirement for a road connecting Dirksen Drive to Highbanks. Specifics for proposed road additions, elimination and changes were reviewed. It was also discussed that Dutchmans Bend Road, if taken by the City, would be for the area residents only; that there was an agreement in place between Progress Energy and the Developer for access for residents in that area; that the proposal would be brought back before the Council; that the Council could review aerials to assist in determining feasibility; that additional improvements to the intersection at Highbanks would relieve some congestion at that area; that additional study of traffic impact on Fort Florida with a loop road was needed; and that some traffic in the City would also be relieved by the widening of Enterprise Road.

There was further discussion that City Manager Diamond would provide information on obtaining right of ways for a proposed loop road and investigate feasibility issues; that a list of short-term improvements included intersections at Highbanks at Highway 17-92 and at the Elementary School; that Donald B. Smith Boulevard would be reviewed in the future after signalization; that the County proposed approximately eight months for the Signal Warrant Study; that funding was already in place for the signalization at Donald B. Smith Boulevard. It was noted that the consultant would bring back a final report after review of the information to be provided by City Manager Diamond to the City Council and changes to the Map and textual changes to the Comprehensive Plan; and that changes to the Comprehensive Plan would be done in the coming year.

2. Additional items discussed included VCOG holding Volusia Day in Tallahassee and that a request for a contribution of \$311.18 was approved without objection. An update regarding pending litigation was noted from the City Attorney; that an executive session might be needed; that there were issues with Freedom Mobility that might need to be addressed; and that they had concerns with zoning restrictions. It was also discussed that the County was to take the lead in any major emergencies or disasters that might occur; that there was a seat provided at the EEOC for a City official to maintain a presence during those situations; that City emergency plans had to be coordinated with the County; that the issues with the recent water plant concerns had been resolved for future occurrences; that the County had DeBary information for the Reverse 911 system; and that a presentation would be made to the City after new revisions were completed.

IV. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

**APPROVED APRIL 2, 2003
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CITY COUNCIL**

Carmen Rosamonda, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maryann Yaskanich, City Clerk