

City of DeBary
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Wednesday
October 19, 2005
7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Mayor Rosamonda called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Carmen Rosamonda, Vice Mayor Richard Gunter, Council Member Christopher Carson, Council Member Patrick Fulton and Council Member Danny Tillis

Others Present: City Manager Maryann Courson and City Clerk Stacy Tebo

III. Business

1. Discussion of Stormwater Projects.

David Hamstra, with Professional Engineering Consultants, gave an overview of the stormwater projects completed in the last year and a status report of the current projects that are underway. He explained the five phases that need to be completed to move water through the City to the borrow pit. He clarified the list of sixty problem drainage areas within the City that have been identified by staff and asked the Council to prioritize the projects.

Vice Mayor Gunter stated that safety issues such as street flooding that prevent access by emergency vehicles should be addressed first. He said that structural flooding should be considered after the safety issues are resolved. Council Member Fulton added that the structural flooding problems could be grouped so that the City could do those projects that benefit the most people first.

Mayor Rosamonda stated that he believed the highest priority should be the western pumping system. He added that, other than safety issues, the City should then address the projects that can be fixed easily with the least money and effort, to eliminate as many as possible.

Council Member Tillis said he did not want to wait ten or fifteen years to fix the drainage problems. Mayor Rosamonda stated that the Charter limits borrowing to five years. Vice Mayor Gunter asked Mr. Hamstra how much the western pumping system might cost. Mr. Hamstra answered that it would be somewhere between four and seven million dollars. Mr. Hamstra said he could assign an approximate cost to each of the sixty projects so that the Council could get a

better idea of how many could be done each year. He added that some could even be grouped together as a single project. Council Member Fulton said that they could bypass the Charter and send it directly to the voters.

Trudi Oakley-Watson, 27 Monroe Avenue, asked the Council how the water would be moved if the City builds a retention pond on Monroe Avenue. Mr. Hamstra answered that they would build inlets and pipes to transfer the water. Ms. Oakley-Watson stated that many people on her street have problems using their septic tanks when it rains heavily, and the street is often flooded. She asked the Council to consider placing Monroe Avenue higher on the priority list.

Dan Feller, 30 Wisteria Drive, spoke to the Council regarding Miller Lake and Lake Anna Marie.

Danny Allen, 140 Fort Florida Road, asked Mr. Hamstra why the water could not be routed through the open ditch down Highbanks Road to the river. Mr. Hamstra answered that it would add at least two years of permitting in terms of water quality standards. He said they will still try to permit an emergency overflow to the river in case the borrow pit reaches capacity in an extreme condition.

Fran Henry, 309 Riviera Drive, told the Council about septic problems, roadway flooding, and mosquito infestation on her street. Ms. Courson said that the City could provide her with mosquito treatment to put in the standing water. Ms. Henry said she would be selling her property soon and offered to sell the vacant lot separately to the City for use as a retention pond.

Mayor Rosamonda asked the other Council members if they agreed with the prioritization discussed during the workshop. The Council agreed. Mr. Hamstra encouraged the public to keep calling in additional problem areas so that they could be added to the database.

VIII. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

**APPROVED November 2, 2005
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Carmen Rosamonda, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stacy Tebo, City Clerk