

City of DeBary
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Thursday
September 11, 2008

6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Mayor Coleman called the workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor George Coleman, Vice Mayor Christopher Carson (late), Council Member Norman Erickson, Council Member Jack Lenzen, and Council Member Leonard Marks

Others Present: City Manager Maryann Courson, City Clerk Stacy Tebo, and Stormwater Engineer David Hamstra with Professional Engineering Consultants, Inc.

III. Business – Evaluation of Stormwater Capital Improvement Program

Mr. Hamstra stated the purpose of the workshop is to provide a listing of several different projects to enhance the flood protection in the City, and give the Council all of the options. He informed everyone that on September 18th, the State Division of Emergency Management would be sending a speaker to answer citizen questions at Town Hall.

Mr. Hamstra began by explaining the east side permitted system and then the proposed west side system. He informed the Council that the City received the St. Johns permit for the West Side System the prior Tuesday; that the City will then give the permit to FEMA to allow them to finalize the contract to release the \$3.5 million for construction; that he anticipates advertising for bid this fall; and that construction would begin next year.

He gave an overview and status of the Stormwater Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which is separate from the West Side System. He noted that nine projects have been constructed, and the remainder should be in the construction phase by 2009.

He provided a summary of the current stormwater utility, which generates approximately \$775,000 per year.

In terms of future flood control problems, Mr. Hamstra stated that he developed another twenty conceptual projects based on the flooding that occurred in 2008 that are not included in the current Stormwater CIP and West Side System. He outlined each of the twenty additional projects, provided a general idea of what each would involve, and gave an estimate of the costs.

Mike Kolba, 441 Quail Meadow Court, asked the City's plan if another storm hits the City and if there is a backup plan for pump failure. He asked the City to ensure that if buyouts occur, the homeowners get the full-appraised value of their homes. Mr. Hamstra responded that each underground pump station would have a standby pump, backup generator and a quick neck so that there are three backup options.

Darcie DiTaranto, 300 May Place, said that she currently has no home and needs a decision from Council so that she can go on with her life. Mr. Hamstra said that in Ms. DiTaranto's situation there are two options that include acquisition and a larger pump, but the larger pump would be difficult to permit through St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD).

Albert Whitecavage, 222 Lourdan Court, asked if the City would consider another bond referendum and if they could pump the lakes down four or five feet ahead of hurricane season. Mr. Hamstra answered that SJRWMD does not permit the City to drain the lakes at will.

Lori Wolfe, 103 Black Hickory Way in Ormond Beach, stated that she is a homeowner in Lakeside Villas and they are left with flooded properties that need to be bought out by the City.

Danny Allen, 140 Fort Florida Road, asked why the City could not run a huge pipe down Highbanks Road to the river and stated that raising 17-92 would not help the neighbors in terms of flooding. Mr. Hamstra said that from SRWMD's perspective, running a large pipe down Highbanks to drain at the river would ruin the river's water quality, and there are multiple permitting complications that would not allow it.

Morton Culligan, 66 Tanglewood Road, said that only one percent of the homes in DeBary experienced flooding, and he does not feel that the other citizens should pay for their problems.

Krystyna Tagg, 557 Quail Lake Drive, asked about the failed retention pond in Saxon Woods. Ms. Courson answered that it was fixed. Ms. Tagg asked if Volusia County would be contributing financially to the stormwater projects. Mr. Hamstra responded that they would not.

Ms. Courson asked if the Council could be available for the question and answer session with FEMA representatives on Thursday September 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Council Member Marks asked Mr. Hamstra to provide an update at the first Council meeting of each month.

IV. Adjournment. The workshop adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

**APPROVED November 19, 2008
CITY OF DeBARY
CITY COUNCIL**

George Coleman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stacy Tebo, City Clerk

City of DeBary
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday

September 11, 2008

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MINUTES

III. Call to Order

Mayor Coleman called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

1. Invocation
2. Flag Salute

IV. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor George Coleman, Vice Mayor Christopher Carson, Council Member Norman Erickson, Council Member Jack Lenzen, and Council Member Leonard Marks

Others Present: City Manager Maryann Courson, City Clerk Stacy Tebo, Finance Administrator Jimmie Seelbinder, and Assistant City Attorney Giffin Chumley

III. Public Participation For Any Issues Not On the Agenda - Citizen comments are limited to three minutes per speaker.

Dick Harkey informed the audience that Congressman Mica said he would work with everyone to come up with a long-term solution to the flooding problems in West Volusia County.

Mark Meister, 146 Pine Tree Drive, reminded everyone of the events that occurred on September 11, 2001.

IV. Approval of Minutes

None.

V. Additions, Deletions, or Amendments to the Agenda

VI. Presentations

None.

VII. Consent Agenda

*Agenda items marked with * are considered routine matters or have been previously discussed by the City Council. All items are considered by one motion unless removed from the Consent Agenda by a member of the City Council.*

None.

VIII. Public Hearings

Members of the Council should disclose for the record the substance of any ex-parte communication that has occurred before or during the public hearings for the following item:

1. Resolution #08-20 Adopting a Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for Solid Waste Collection, #08-21 Adopting a Special Service District for Street Lighting, #08-22 Adopting a Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for the Stormwater Utility Fund and #08-23 Adopting a Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for Orlandia Heights Special Neighborhood Improvement District.

Mr. Chumley read resolutions #08-20, #08-21, #08-22, and #08-23 aloud by title.

Ms. Courson explained that the City has to adopt the non-ad valorem assessment rolls every year to give notice to the property appraiser's office.

Mayor Coleman entertained a motion for approval of Resolutions #08-20, #08-21, #08-22, and #08-23. Motion made by Council Member Erickson and seconded by Vice Mayor Carson. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Growth Management and Development Review

None.

X. Old Business

None.

XI. New Business

1. Authorization to Pay for Damage to City Computer System as a Result of Lightning Strike.

Mr. Seelbinder said that the deductible is \$500 for this claim, and it would cost \$9,900 to repair the damage from the lightning strike.

Vice Mayor Carson made a motion to approve the payment, and Council Member Erickson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. Council Member/Committee/Staff Reports

1. Member Reports/Communications
 - A. Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Coleman said that he received a letter from a resident on Pine Valley Court. Ms. Courson said that the road has been patched, and they would be out soon to do the sod work.

- B. City Attorney

Mr. Chumley informed the Council that Mr. Langley was successful with the motion for summary judgment to dispense with the golf course litigation.

- C. City Manager

Ms. Courson said that the applicant for the River Bend PUD is requesting a 6:00 p.m. workshop on September 17th to review the changes to the development agreement.

XIII. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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