

**City of DeBary
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

Wednesday

January 28, 2009

6:00 PM

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

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Mayor Bob Garcia, Vice Mayor Norman Erickson, Council Member Van Conoley, Council Member Jack Lenzen, and Council Member Leonard Marks

Others Present: City Manager Maryann Courson, City Clerk Stacy Tebo, and Stormwater Engineer David Hamstra

III. Business – Evaluation of Stormwater Capital Improvement Program

Stormwater Engineer David Hamstra gave a summary of the water quality sampling program and explained the purpose. He noted that out of thirty DeBary lakes, twenty-eight are considered healthy, and two lakes need to be monitored.

Mr. Hamstra gave a status overview of the 2004 neighborhood stormwater projects. He stated that nine projects are built and in the ground, five projects are under construction or will be shortly, seven projects are designed and under permitting, and six projects are in the design phase and have not been submitted to the St. Johns River Water Management District (SJRWMD).

Trudi Oakley, 27 Monroe Avenue, asked Mr. Hamstra to explain the Pine Valley Court project and the timeline for the Monroe project.

Tina Rose, 122 Pine Valley Court, asked if the Pine Valley project is part of the West Side System. Mr. Hamstra answered that it is separate. Ms. Rose voiced the importance of building the West Side System.

Dick Kearley, 57 Bougainvillea Drive, asked for clarification on the stormwater project in his area and advocated preventative pumping on Lake Susan. Mr. Hamstra stated that the SJRWMD would not allow pumping unless the lake is at the permitted pump-on elevation. He added that in the future, the City would have more latitude when the West Side System is built because the pumped water would not be discharged to the river.

Mr. Hamstra explained the SJRWMD's view of water quality issues as they relate to pumping floodwaters into the river.

Dolores Lukomski, 204 Lourdan Court, asked about the City's plans for emergencies in the future. Council Member Marks answered that the City learned lessons from Tropical Storm Fay and will be working on improving its procedures in the future. Ms. Courson noted that the City has a FEMA approved emergency management plan. Ms. Lukomski said that she and others in her neighborhood would be willing to disseminate information to the community.

Mr. Hamstra updated the Council on the West Side System. He stated that Volusia County would not connect to the West Side System as originally planned, which results in a lower cost for the entire system. Ms. Courson noted that there is a tentative agreement with the County, but it has not been presented to the County Council or to the City Council. Mr. Hamstra said that the ten million dollar estimate includes the County's withdrawal from the connection.

Mr. Hamstra stressed that the 2004 neighborhood projects are completely separate from the West Side System; that the ten million dollar loan is paying for the neighborhood projects; and that the West Side System would be funded by grants and other sources.

Mr. Hamstra provided a summary of the new projects that were identified in 2008, following Tropical Storm Fay. He gave an extensive explanation of the Lakeside project, which was approved by FEMA for a fifty percent grant.

Geraldine Bennett, 207 LaMonte Pointe Court, said she is still out of her flooded home and is very frustrated with the time it would take to get the Lakeside system in place.

Jim Gangitano, 309 La Creek Court, stated that his neighborhood has been devastated by flooding; that the Lakeside project would benefit fifty homes; that there is a high benefit to cost ratio with matching grant funds from FEMA; and that he asks the Council to rank the project as a number one priority.

Al Whitecavage, 222 Lourdan Court, said the residents really need the Council's help to make the Lakeside system a priority.

Vito Multari, 134 Lower Lake Court, thanked the Council and Mr. Gangitano for all the assistance they provided to the Lakeside community. He asked the Council to place a priority on their project.

Carl Evans, 105 Lower Lake Court, agreed with the comments made by previous speakers and reiterated the need to focus on the Lakeside project.

Tina Rose, 122 Pine Valley Court, asked how Pine Valley Court would be affected by the possible raising of 17-92. Mr. Hamstra explained the plans for the area.

Alex Urchuk, 105 Glen Club Court, asked for clarification on the drainage system and cost for Glen Abbey. Mr. Hamstra explained his reasoning to the Council.

Thomas Marshall, Sr., 301 Glen Club Drive, stated that the Glen Abbey Club project would benefit mainly others outside his community and felt they should not have to bear the cost, as they did not create the problem.

Eugene Stump, 106 Birkwood Court, suggested that the City raise US Highway 17-92.

Council Member Conoley asked Ms. Courson to explain the pervious stormwater issues in Saxon Woods. Ms. Courson gave a brief history of the issue and stated that the Saxon Woods Homeowners Association has complied with the settlement agreement as approved by a previous Council.

Robert Knott, 100 Glen Club Court, spoke about the dual-breach blowout and the flooding that occurred during Tropical Storm Fay. He challenged the premise that the Glen Abbey Club project should be private.

Dolores Lukomski, 204 Lourdan Court, asked the Council to consider the order of magnitude associated with the stormwater projects and the funding commitments that have already been made.

Mr. Hamstra spoke about the NRCS grant for the Glen Abbey Club project, which must be completed by June. Ms. Courson said that it is an extremely short time frame to complete the project in four months. Mr. Hamstra stated that the pond berm should be fixed immediately so the water does not end up in Pine Valley Court.

Tina Rose, 122 Pine Valley Court, said that the Council should not leave the decision about the Glen Abbey Club project up to a group of people that are not directly affected. She added that the City would take on the project if Glen Abbey Club were not a private community.

Ms. Courson stated that the NRCS emergency grant does not provide for any extensions, and she feels it will be impossible to complete the project by June.

Mr. Hamstra said that fixing the berms could probably be done in thirty days if the City uses Briar Corporation and waives the formal bidding process, in lieu of the total reconstruction associated with the NRCS project.

Ms. Courson said that she would contact the Briar Corporation and have an estimate ready for the second February Council meeting.

Mr. Hamstra listed the top ten new projects identified in 2008, with Lakeside topping the list. He presented the various funding options to the Council.

Council Member Marks asked about President Obama's stimulus plan. Ms. Courson answered that she has submitted various requests to be included in the stimulus package for shovel-ready projects. She added that she also met with Congressman Mica the previous Friday to request that the West Side System be included in the stimulus package.

Jim Gangitano, 309 La Creek Court, thanked the City staff and Council on behalf of the Lakeside community. He asked the Council to use the 2004 funds and move the Lakeside project to the front burner.

IV. Scheduling of Executive Session and Land Development Code Workshop

Ms. Courson said that February 4th prior to the regular meeting is the soonest they could schedule the executive session. The Council agreed to meet at 4:30 p.m. on February 4th for an executive session.

Ms. Courson asked the Council to email her suggested dates for the Don Ward workshop and the land development code workshop.

V. Adjournment

The workshop adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

**APPROVED May 6, 2009
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Bob Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stacy Tebo, City Clerk