

Palmetto City Commission
June 6, 2005 4:00 PM

Elected Officials present:

Larry Bustle, Mayor
Brian Williams, Vice Mayor
Eric Ball, Commissioner (entered at 4:10 PM)
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner (entered at 4:15 PM)
Mary Lancaster, Commissioner
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner

Staff and others present:

Michele Hall, Attorney
Chief Garry Lowe
Chris Lukowiak, Public Works Director
Diane Ponder, Deputy Clerk-Administration

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

A moment of silence was observed for the 61st anniversary of D-Day and for overseas military personnel, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Geoff Seger, Parks & Recreation Deputy Director, updated the Commission on the 4th of July event. Free parking will be provided at Sutton Park and the soccer field; Manatee Fair Grounds will be contacted regarding free parking; the shuttle service will not run. Mr. Seger reviewed the planned exhibitions, planned entertainment and their sites, vendor locations, as well as the street closures. He informed the Commission the Green Bridge will not be closed. Event goers will be allowed to utilize the first 1,000 feet of the fishing pier, which will be monitored by the Police Department. A special function permit will be submitted for Commission's approval.

1. APPROVAL OF WORKSHOP AGENDA

MOTION: Mrs. Lancaster moved, Mr. Williams seconded and motion carried 5-0 to approve the June 6, 2005 4:00 PM agenda.

2. 7TH AVENUE RE-DIRECTION – ITEM OF SPECIAL INTEREST

As directed at the May 16, 2005 Commission meeting, property owners along the section of 7th Ave. staff proposes to make a southerly one-way street were notified and advised Commission would accept public comment at this meeting. No property owners came forward to speak on the topic. Commission discussed the traffic patterns in the area. Staff will contact the owner of the commercial center on the corner of 10th Street and 8th Avenue and FDOT regarding a possible entrance and exit onto 8th Avenue.

3. DISCUSSION OF FUNDING FOR THE APPROVED CIP

The CIP was approved May 16, 2005, contingent upon funding. Karen Simpson, Deputy Director-Finance discussed the funding sources and the potential \$7 million future debt that should be acquired to complete planned projects through calendar year 2006.

Ms. Simpson discussed the savings in the fiber optic ring project that will be utilized to replace air-conditioning units and repair the east side doors at City Hall. Mr. Lukowiak stated City Hall has been included in the ADA compliance, which will address the door repairs. Staff will determine if it is possible to retain one of the air-conditioners so that replacement will be staggered rather than both occurring in the same year in the future.

Mr. Ball discussed the reuse water project, questioning the necessity of the accelerated installation schedule when reuse water is not always available, suggesting a pace based on ability to supply water may be something the City should consider. Mayor Bustle discussed the installation plan previously approved by Commission, as well as the ASR well approval schedule. Mr. Woodard stated his belief it could be as much as five years before the ASR is operational.

The City is in the first phase of the ASR project, a feasibility study, which is due to be completed within four months. The next step is an exploratory well that will be monitored and tested over a period of time. If testing is successful the operational well will then be implemented.

Commission requested that the non-city funding sources be separated to more clearly define what the \$7 million proposed new debt will fund. It was also requested that the funding schedule be related to fiscal year rather than calendar year.

Mayor Bustle stated he felt staff had presented a financially feasible plan, but staff may need to adjust some of the projects slated for 2006. He asked that Commission approve the proposed CIP in principal and allow staff to refine the schedule, not only for financing but to also better distribute their efforts.

Commission discussed the plan and requested that staff resubmit a plan at the June 20, 2005 4:00 meeting to include any project schedule changes, to clearly define what the proposed \$7 million debt will fund, separation of projects being funded by non-city resources, and a fiscal year schedule.

4. THM TRENDS AT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Jim McLellan, Jones, Edmunds and Associates, updated Commission on the trihalomethane (THM) compound compliance levels, as established by FDEP in the discharge permit for the wastewater treatment plant. Mr. McLellan explained the THM level applies only to discharges to Terra Ceia Bay, not the reuse system.

The permit's limit for the THM compound dichlorobromomethane (DCBM) level has been established at 22.0 ug/l and becomes effective September 2005. The permit limit is an annual average that was begun with monthly reports to FDEP in September 2004. The annual average in September 2005 must be equal to or less than 22 ug/l, or the effluent will be in non-compliance. Currently the City's DCBM level is at 35.6 ug/l.

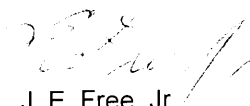
Mr. McLellan described the disinfection and dechlorination process and how the current piping at the WWTP may contribute to the problem because of the length of time chlorine has to react with wastewater. He explained one channel of the chlorine contact tank was closed in January 2005, which has significantly decreased the DCMB levels. He recommended relocating the dechlorination tank to a point before the effluent monitoring point, which can be done without a permit modification, and can be accomplished by staff. Piping involved in the relocation will be approximately two to three inches in diameter. He further recommended a meeting with FDEP to discuss the status of the City's compliance and steps and proposals the City intends to implement to proactively address the DCMB levels.

Staff was authorized to work with JEA to develop a cost to address the topic. The quote and any budget impact will be brought to Commission at the June 20, 2005 meeting.

The balance of the agenda was moved forward to the 7:00 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Minutes approved: June 20, 2005


J. E. Free, Jr.
City Clerk