

**CITY OF PALMETTO**  
**CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING**  
**July 16, 2012**  
**4:30 PM**

Elected Officials Present

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor  
Brian Williams, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 3  
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2  
Charles Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1  
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2  
Alan Zirkelbach, Commissioner-at-Large 1 (Entered the meeting at 4:58 p.m.)

Staff Present

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney  
Jeff Burton, CRA Director  
Jim Freeman, City Clerk  
Allen Tusing, Public Works Director  
Rick Wells, Chief of Police  
Amber Foley, Assistant City Clerk

Mayor Bryant called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

1. ASR WELL UPDATE

Allen Tusing gave a power-point presentation regarding the ASR Well and the options of proceeding with the project. The presentation is attached and made part of these minutes.

Mr. Tusing discussed the design-build/construction manager at risk (CMAR) approach. The benefits of CMAR approach are:

- Lower costs
- Fewer change orders and claims
- Construction quality
- Price certainty
- Speed of delivery
- Having the builder involved in the process
- Single point accountability

The recommendation from Public Works is to partner with Veolia and use a modified CMAR approach for this project.

Mr. Tusing introduced Javier Vargas, the new Superintendent of Public Works.

Mayor Bryant feels that time is of the essence to move this project forward. She feels that using the current contract the City has with Veolia would be the best option for this project.

Allen Tusing informed Commission that he anticipates a completion time frame of eighteen months, once a contract has been approved.

Jim Freeman discussed the budget for the ASR Well. He explained that this project is currently budgeted in the 2012 CIP. There is \$1.6 million budgeted, of which \$800,000 is City money and \$800,000 is SWFWMD matching grant. Discussion continued regarding funding.

Commissioner Zirkelbach arrived at 4:58 p.m.

Commissioner Varnadore is in favor of using Veolia since they know the wastewater plant thoroughly.

Mr. Tusing explained that there are only three qualifying drillers for the ASR Well in the State and Veolia could work with any of those three.

Commissioner Cornwell expressed concerns regarding arsenic issues. Mr. Tusing explained that the resolution to arsenic issues came directly from SWFWMD.

Commissioner Williams questioned the contract with Veolia. He expressed concern with paying 15% on top of cost. Discussion ensued regarding the costs for Veolia to contract for ASR Well.

Commissioner Zirkelbach is in favor of the CMAR approach. He support using Veolia for the project, but he agrees with Commissioner Williams that the 15% mark-up is too much.

Mr. Tusing informed Commission that 80-85 percent of the residents have reclaimed water. If they do not have it, they are not paying for it. The current charge is \$5.80 for residential reclaimed water. Eventually there will be rate studies done to determine if the current fees are sufficient to fund future capital projects.

Consensus of Commission is to have Legal review everything. Commission is in favor of the CMAR approach.

Mayor Bryant requested a meeting be set up between Mr. D'Aiutio, Mr. Tusing, Attorney Barnebey, Mr. Vargas, and herself for sometime this week to determine if Veolia can proceed with construction of the ASR under the existing contract with the City.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Minutes approved: August 6, 2012

*James R. Freeman*

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