

Town Hall Meeting

November 13, 2019

Updated 1/3/2020

Q & A

1. Regarding the Spill Report
 - a. Why was it submitted the day after the Commission meeting whereby residents came to discuss the recent flooding?
 - i. ***The final report was submitted to FDEP on 8/27/2019. The initial report was made to the State Warning point on 8/15/19. In order to submit the final report, water surface samples must be collected and analyzed. After the results are supplied to the City, the final report is prepared. The final results for this spill were received on Friday 8/23/2019. The report was prepared and submitted 3 days later on the Tuesday 8/27/2019.***
 - b. Answers on report related to 8, 10, 12 appear incorrect, will they be corrected?
 - i. ***#8 - Who was affected? – Service was not interrupted. We have always taken this to indicate interruption of service.***
 - ii. ***#10 – Time taken to repair? No repairs were necessary. There were no repairs made to the system at this time. Corrective actions are ongoing.***
 - iii. ***12 - Ultimate destination of overflow: into a surface water body was not checked. This information was relayed to the State Warning Point on 8/15/2019.***
 - c. Why is there no name and title or date and time submitted to FDEP, Manatee County Health Department and Sara Title II?
 - i. ***We are required to report to State Warning Point who distributes this information to related agencies.***
2. With all the Flooding, why is the City allowing new developments to be built in the City?
 - a. ***The system has capacity for additional homes. Refer to question 13 below.***
3. Who owns the canals between 20th and 26th Avenue West and who is responsible for upkeep and maintenance?
 - a. ***Legal is looking into this.***
4. Are there warranties on the lining of the infrastructure and is there money budgeted if they fail?
 - a. ***Yes, there is a 1 year warranty and there is money budgeted for repairs.***
5. Residents asked for more information to be distributed about flushable and non-flushable items and the fats, oils and greases.

- a. *Please reference this link [“Protect our Sewers”](#) for updated information regarding Do’s and Don’ts for the City Sewer system.*
- 6. What percentage is complete for the lining of pipes?
 - a. *Approximately 57% of the entire system has been lined or replaced with newer PVC pipe that requires no lining.*
- 7. What percentage is left to be completed for the lining of pipes?
 - a. *Approximately 43% of City owned lines have not been lined.*
- 8. What is the timeline for completing all of the lining of pipes?
 - a. *We estimate the remaining mains will be lined by the end of 2023.*
- 9. What projects are being funded with the increase monies from the utility rate study increases?
 - a. *Funding is provided to the respective department for which it is collected. For FY2020 the City estimated approximately \$900,000 of monies associated with the rate increase is going to fund capital improvement utility projects. A substantial portion of this amount is being used to fund inflow and infiltration improvements to the sewer system. Please refer to the link [“5-year capital” improvement plan](#) for more detail.*
- 10. Can we request WCIND monies to help with dredging the canals?
 - a. *Legal is looking into this.*
- 11. Can the City obtain a permanent dredging permit for the canals?
 - a. *City currently applies for permits to dredge outfalls as needed. We are required to obtain permits for its own outfall maintenance.*
- 12. Will the EQ Basin be covered or open?
 - a. *Open – A closed roof EQ basin would create more impermeable property on the WWTP property thus requiring additional stormwater ponds.*
 - b. *The S.E. corner above the wet well area is covered.*
- 13. How many homes can the WWTP handle?
 - a. *The waste water treatment plant is rated to handle 2.4 million gallons per day of sewage. We currently average 1.4 million gallons per day or 58% of capacity. As such, we have 42% capacity available. The City has approximately 13,000 residents and we assume 2.5 person per household. This equates to approximately 5,200 households that are currently being served. Based on these assumptions, the City sewer system could handle 22,413 residents total or an additional 9,413 residents above the 13,000 residents. Assuming 2.5 person per household, the additional 9,413 residents equates to an additional 3,765 households of capacity. This is a very conservative estimate, because water conservation efforts and reduction in inflow and infiltration will also have positive effects on the capacity available.*
- 14. Why is the City lining laterals if they are owned by the residents?
 - a. *The City owns laterals from the main line to the property line.*
- 15. Do any other lift stations pump into lift station 2?

- a. Only 1. System 3.**
- 16. What would be the cost to complete all lining of pipes in 3 years, 5 years, etc.?
 - a. \$3-5 Million**
- 17. Will the City consider raising the streets?
 - a. No.**