

PALMETTO CITY COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2003 4:00 PM

Elected Officials Present:

Larry Bustle, Mayor
Shirley Bryant, Vice Mayor
Tamara Cornwell, Council Member
Charlie Grace, Council Member
Mary Lancaster, Council Member
Brian Williams, Council Member

Staff and others present:

Jim Free, City Clerk
Captain Clyde Hedrick
Chris Lukowiak, Public Works Director
Allen Tusing, Public Works Superintendent
Diane Ponder, Administrative Assistant

Mayor Bustle called the meeting to order at 4:09 p.m.

Mayor Bustle gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Mr. Grace moved, Ms. Bryant seconded, and motion carried 5-0 to approve the October 20, 2003, 4:00 p.m. agenda.

Mr. Tusing narrated a video of the 24" pipe being jet cleaned and filmed prior to the project to reline the pipe. He discussed the abundance of debris removed from the pipe, which has contributed to the reduced capacity of the system. Mr. Tusing estimated the vitreous pipe was installed around 1960, and by relining the pipe its life span will be extended another 50 years. It is estimated the video taping will be complete within a week, after which the construction portion of the project will begin.

Continuing the discussion of the project, Mayor Bustle directed Council to tab 10 of their agenda books, which is a resolution amending the FY2003-2004 budget. The resolution will amend the \$325,000 I&I Lift Station #1 Trunk Sewer project to allow for approval of change orders; \$1,200 to relocate pipe from private property; \$2,080 to lease equipment to cut through a private driveway; \$20,000 for six week's additional rental of the bypass line.

Mayor Bustle recessed the meeting for five minutes.

Mr. Free informed Council the November 3, 2003, Cody & Associates presentation of the pay plan has been rescheduled to November 17, 2003, at 4:00 p.m. The November 3, 2003, agenda will be a one-item agenda for a report from the Charter Review Committee.

2. WASTE WATER FACILITY PLAN

Mr. Free informed Council the loan request for the Waste Water Facility Plan was signed in 1998, and contained an initial preconstruction amount of \$415,000; \$385,000 for the preparation of the plan and preliminary design work. To date the city has used \$158,000, leaving approximately \$250,000.

To receive the balance of the available preconstruction funds, the city must submit a completed application, which requires a public hearing to discuss the plan, the projects contained in the plan and their funding. Mr. Free stated he would like to hold the public hearing November 13, 2003, to allow for proper public noticing. The Capital Finance Plan will be prepared the first week in November and will address primarily three projects; PARS, the ASR and the Bradenton Coastal Interconnect. Mr. Free stated the balance of the projects would require funding from different sources, possibly an SRF loan, or a bank loan.

Mr. Tusing discussed the City's ability to change the priority listing of the projects and the reallocation of project funds.

Discussion ensued on revenues, with the possibility of adjusting rates a necessity. Mr. Free informed Council the City had pledged water, sewer and reuse fees to pay the loan. Mayor Bustle addressed how a 1/2 cent sales tax could help pay for the projects. He also advised Council that the Manatee-Sarasota Fish & Game Association would address the 1/2 cent sales tax referendum to purchase environmentally sensitive lands at a meeting October 28, 2003, and encouraged Council Members to attend.

Mr. Free discussed the time line of the Waste Water Facility Plan, stating the first thing Council must do is hold the public hearing so comments received can be included in the completed application.

MOTION: Mrs. Lancaster moved, Ms. Bryant seconded, and motion carried 5-0 to schedule a public hearing for the Waste Water Facility Plan for November 17, 2003, at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Bustle updated Council on the Jackson Park project. SWFWMD will not agree to exempt the project from permitting. JEA will modify the model flood plain. When SWFWMD issues the permit, Manatee County will work with the City in getting the construction started.

Mayor Bustle brought forth the topic of the letter received from Manatee County regarding impact fees, stating the City needs to tell the County we want public hearings on the subject and the City isn't happy about the imposition of impact fees in the cities. Discussion ensued on the impact fees being part of the ACCORD, which addressed a sales tax before the implementation of impact fees. The Mayor stated he is having discussions with the County on the topic.

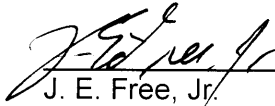
Mayor Bustle suggested not renting a fair booth. Council discussed designing a booth that would require no City employee workers, or the municipalities could each participate in the cost of a central kiosk where the public could input questions for their respective

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government. Staff will gather information on the topic and bring it to the next Council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes approved: November 3, 2003 with corrections



J. E. Free, Jr.
City Clerk