

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP

Capital Improvements Program

City Hall Training Room
June 1, 2010 5:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Mayor Fred Costello called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Mayor Fred Costello, Commissioners Lori Gillooly, Troy Kent, Ed Kelley, and Bill Partington, City Attorney Randy Hayes, City Manager Joyce Shanahan, Assistant City Manager Ted MacLeod, Finance Director Kelly McGuire, and Acting City Engineer John Noble.

II. Discussion of FY 2010-11 to FY 2014-15 CIP

Ms. Joyce Shanahan, City Manager, stated that the four town hall meetings had been completed and a summary would be provided to the public. She noted that some repeat comments were from one citizen that attended all of the meetings.

Ms. Kelly McGuire, Finance Director, stated that tonight's focus was to receive direction for next year's budget. She stated that staff had prepared the budget using a 15% reduction in property tax revenue, but they heard today that the reduction would be 9.5% or about a shortfall of \$900,000.

Ms. McGuire noted that the water main replacement program was included in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP), and staff intended to include it in the budget next year.

Mayor Costello stated that he still wanted staff to find an extra \$500,000 of cuts and not use it for CIP projects.

Mr. Shanahan stated that she heard from some of the Commission regarding issues relating to salary and benefits, which may come up at a future date.

Ms. McGuire stated that there were two very large projects in the CIP, Hand Avenue and John Anderson, which would take a couple of years to complete. She stated that there were not cash reserves to pay for them upfront so the city would have to borrow the money. She stated this would use the majority of the money in the Transportation and Stormwater Funds for the next 15 to 20 years, but there would be about \$200,000 for corrugated metal pipe replacement, stormwater, and limited road

resurfacing. She suggested having future discussion about increasing the transportation millage or increasing stormwater fees.

Ms. McGuire stated that there were projects carried forward every year, but this year everything in the CIP was something new in next year's budget. She stated that a budget amendment would show more transparency regarding the status of projects by reducing the prior year by a certain amount and increasing the next year by a certain amount. She stated this would eliminate the comparison of overstated items.

Mayor Costello stated that the CIP was understandable and transparent and he complemented staff on the CIP document.

Audience Comments

Mr. Rick Boehm, 5 Springwood Trail, stated that the refurbishing of the Magic Forest Playground was the number one item of the Leisure Services Advisory Board (LSAB). He stated he recommended the city match the cost with grants or public/private partnerships.

Mr. Boehm stated the LSAB has requested a marquee sign at the Ormond Beach Sports Complex because the current small sign was not visible to those coming from I-95, especially now since the Hull Point monument sign blocked the view of the sign. He stated that a bigger sign was needed.

Mr. Bill Partington, 1284 Fernway Drive, stated he represented Ormond Main Street regarding the construction of landscape medians on Granada Boulevard from Beach Street to Washington Street in association with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). He noted that the timing of the project was contingent on the FDOT work plan. He stated the project was scheduled to be done at that same time as the work they were currently doing at Granada and US1, but it had been pushed back to FY 2012-2013, and he requested staff to see if they could get it moved to an earlier date. He stated that Ormond Main Street had pushed for several years to get this project, and he was concerned that they would lose some of that momentum by having it delayed three more years.

Mayor Costello stated that Ormond Main Street (OMS) needed to make a formal recommendation to the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA); whereby, Mr. Ric Goss, Planning Director, advised that had not been done. Mayor Costello advised Mr. Partington as soon as OMS submitted their recommendation to the City Commission and it was adopted, then staff would go to FDOT.

SUMMARIES

Airport

Commissioner Kelley commented that the numbers were very large, but the city's portion was very small in comparison.

Commissioner Partington stated that he asked staff to provide the amount of savings the city received from renting airport land for the sports complex. He stated he felt it would be helpful to explain to people when they started talking about a deficit in airport operations.

Beautification

Mayor Costello thanked staff for the beautiful job they did improving the I-95 interchange.

Facilities Renewal & Replacement

Commissioner Kent expressed his concern about Osceola Elementary School facilities (\$40,000) being inaccessible. He suggested maybe the money could be spent better somewhere else.

Mayor Costello asked Mr. Robert Carolin, Leisure Services Director, to investigate a fencing change in order to be more accessible for a longer duration and to discuss a resolution with the School Board.

Commissioner Gillooly asked about the landscaping at City Hall (\$24,000); whereby, Ms. Shanahan stated that some of the original landscaping had deteriorated in the back parking lot area. Mayor Costello stated that he felt it was important to replace for economic development reasons. Commissioner Kent suggested the community could help; whereby, Mayor Costello asked Mr. Carolin to see what kind of plan he could come up with using volunteers.

Facilities Construction and Renovation

Ms. McGuire stated this project was for the City Hall generator (\$327,000); whereby, Ms. Shanahan recommended not funding it, as the city was more likely to receive hazard mitigation funds to help pay for a generator in the future. She stated it would be removed from the CIP at this time.

Mr. Boehm stated other priorities of the LSAB were softball batting cages at the sports complex, portable bleachers, and a marquee. He stated he felt the carpeting at City Hall should be replaced as it presented a bad image for Ormond Beach. Ms. Shanahan reminded the Commission that these were unfunded items that would be discussed later on.

Stormwater Improvements

Mayor Costello stated that his goal was to have the Hand Avenue and John Anderson Drive projects completed. He noted that the city had received \$1 million from FEMA; whereby, Mr. John Noble, Acting City Engineer, stated that the city received \$1.7 million.

Technology

Mayor Costello commented that the \$327,000 for a generator became less significant if the work would be performed offsite because of the fiber optics infrastructure.

Transportation

Commissioner Gillooly asked if the Quality of Life Board received the CIP; whereby, Ms. McGuire stated that they received a draft of the CIP and generally reviewed mostly recreation issues. Ms. Shanahan stated that the Quality of Life Board requested the audible pedestrian signals be taken out of the CIP because of liability issues. Mayor Costello suggested that Mr. Hayes should review this issue.

Vehicle and Equipment Replacement

Mayor Costello asked about the purchase of a mower; whereby, Ms. McGuire stated that staff would provide additional information on the mower and bring it forward for funding this year.

Commissioner Kent asked about a generator at Fire Station 94 that provided limited power; whereby, Fire Chief Irby stated this was the station to the west which would most likely be out of the flood area where more firefighters would be staying. He stated the generator would most likely only power the lights. Ms. Shanahan suggested pushing it back a year and reevaluating it then.

Commissioner Kelley stated his concern that the street sweeper did not sweep his street adequately; whereby, Mr. MacLeod stated that the sweeper was badly worn and needed to be replaced.

Commissioner Kelley stated he favored replacing it if staff guaranteed it would work; whereby, Mayor Costello suggested staff ask for a demonstration.

Water/Wastewater

Mayor Costello noted that it was their consensus to not raise rates any more than planned.

Commissioner Gillooly stated that there were a few citizens at the town hall meetings that favored a raise in taxes or water rates to cover replacement of the water pipes; whereby, Ms. Shanahan stated that replacement of the two-inch piping was included in the budget.

Commissioner Partington suggested that many people would favor raising the rates to speed up the replacement program.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Magic Forest Playground – Mayor Costello stated he felt the original contributors would want to contribute to the refurbishing of the park.

Ormond Beach Sports Complex Marquee – Mayor Costello stated he would like to see the sign at the Performing Arts Center (PAC) moved to the OBSC, if a bigger one could be installed at the PAC. He suggested that the Hull Point sign might also need to be moved in order to make the OBSC sign visible.

Commissioner Kent stated he favored a different sign at the PAC, not bigger. Ms. Shanahan stated that the PAC sign changed 12 times per day and was working much better.

Commissioner Kelley stated that the sign needed to be taller in order to be more visible.

Ms. Shanahan suggested that staff bring back information for a changeable sign without graphics (\$45,000).

Softball batting cages – The Commission was in consensus with this item.

Portable bleachers - The Commission was in consensus with this item.

Surveillance cameras – Mr. Boehm stated that the LSAB favored surveillance cameras at the city's sports facilities in order to deter vandalism. Mayor Costello suggested a \$50,000 placeholder; whereby, Mr. Carolin advised that staff had already started this process with the surveillance companies.

MacDonald House – Commissioner Gillooly suggested meeting with the Ormond Beach Historical Society regarding a plan to either renovate or demolish the MacDonald House.

Mayor Costello noted that the third floor was not usable and maintenance costs were rising. He suggested doing an RFP to see if an attorney or other business was interested in leasing, private renovating/restoring of the building, moving it, or demolishing it.

Ms. Shanahan stated that there was a similar situation at the Ames House, but more critical from the standpoint that city staff was housed there. She stated that at some point we would have to look at what we want to do with the Ames House. She stated her concern was it would accelerate the downhill process of the building by removing staff.

Commissioner Gillooly suggested meeting with the OBHS regarding the Ames House, as well.

Ms. Shanahan stated that staff could put the Ames House on a work plan, as it was not a new situation. Mayor Costello suggested contacting everyone that was working on downtown issues.

Central Park I and II Paving

Commissioner Partington stated he favored a level of finish at the Central Parks and Nova Community Center; whereby, Ms. McGuire advised that there was enough funding to pave both Central Parks I and II.

Ms. Shanahan suggested moving Nova Community Center paving to an out year and removing it from the unfunded list.

Technology Agenda Prep

Commissioner Kelley stated he favored getting the i-pad technology.

Transparency in Government

Commissioner Kelley stated he did not understand this item, as he felt we were transparent; whereby, Ms. Shanahan stated that the City of Palm Bay had developed this software in-house and staff was looking to develop a similar model. She stated that staff was looking at adding pdf files to the web page that would be searchable at a minimal cost.

Mayor Costello stated he favored the dais improvements and a better camera. He stated he would like televised Commission meetings; whereby Ms. Shanahan stated the vendor that staff was working with offered screening web video that would be hosted by the company.

Welcome signs

Mayor Costello asked about the cost of signs designed by city sign department employees that looked like the US1 sign that could be placed at

various city entrance locations. He stated the sign could be like the one at The Casements which looked three dimensional but was painted.

West Ormond Neighborhood Park

Commissioner Kelley asked about development of a new park; whereby, Mr. Carolin stated there was not a plan for the 40-acre parcel. He stated that their goal was to develop a master plan of the entire area and set money aside to do that.

Mayor Costello suggested contacting the list of architects and engineers regarding ideas of developing this site.

Commissioner Kelley stated he did not favor a master plan as he felt it was a way of delaying the project.

Mayor Costello suggested talking with the School Board about using Pathways Elementary and partnering with them similar to Osceola Elementary; whereby, Commissioner Kelley stated that it was currently inaccessible.

Ms. Shanahan stated that the city continued to take on more responsibility for school property and then had to fight to gain access. She suggested waiting until the new park could be developed with a master plan.

Commissioner Partington suggested a future discussion item regarding the master plan for the Speno property.

Mayor Costello suggested a future discussion item regarding Pathways Elementary.

III. Close the Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Transcribed by: Lois Towey