



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Office of the Town Clerk

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017

1 **I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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3 The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order on Monday, November 20,
4 2017, at 1:00 p.m., in the Town Council Chambers. On roll call, all Committee Members
5 were found to be present.

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7 **II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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9 It was the consensus of the Public Works Committee to approve the Agenda as printed.

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11 **III. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS – None**

12 **IV. CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH JOINT TRANSMISSION PIPELINE**
13 **IMPROVEMENTS – PROJECT COST OVER-RUNS REQUEST**

14 *H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works*

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16 Public Works Director Brazil provided an update on the agreement for the Joint
17 Transmission Pipeline Capital Improvements project which included the history,
18 geographical perimeters, the Town's portion for the shared costs, and the cost overruns that
19 will be submitted to the Town Council for approval.

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21 Discussion ensued regarding the Town's portion of the shared cost and what the
22 ramifications would be if the Town does not go through with the project.

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24 **V. CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH LAKE MANGONIA 42" FM AERIAL**
25 **CROSSING – FY2018 CIP BUDGET**

26 *H. Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works*

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28 Director Brazil provided an update on the agreement between the City of West Palm Beach
29 and the Town of Palm Beach for the FY2018 CIP Budget for the Lake Mangonia 42" FM
30 Aerial Crossing project. Mr. Brazil reported on the status of the project design, the
31 condition of the existing pipe, the preliminary project costs, the Town's projected financial
32 responsibility and the source of the funds for the project. He also reported that the
33 recommendation of award to the construction bidder will be brought back to the Public
34 Works Committee for a vote before it is presented to the Town Council.

VI. **CITY OF WEST PALM BEACH WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENTS –
5 YEAR INTERLOCAL ARGREEMENT UPDATE**

Patricia Strayer, Town Engineer

Town Engineer Strayer provided an update of the agreement with the City of West Palm Beach regarding the Water System Improvements for overall water supply and water replacements.

Discussion ensued regarding the City of West Palm Beach's performance and how the projects are identified, scheduled and prioritized and what the impact would be if a water main were to fail or break.

VII. **HURRICANE IRMA DEBRIS REMOVAL - UPDATE**

Eric Brown, Assistant Director of Public Works

Assistant Director Brown provided a summary of the Town's disaster debris removal efforts.

Discussion ensued regarding contractor responsiveness and the timing of vegetative debris pick-up with post-storm debris removal.

VIII. **TRUCK TRAFFIC STUDY – UPDATE**

Eric Brown, Assistant Director of Public Works

Assistant Director Brown provided an overview of the cost and scope of services for the proposed truck traffic study. Mr. Brown asked the committee for guidance on how to proceed with the final scope and whether this should be deferred from bringing to the Town Council until after the Comprehensive Review of Town Operations (CRTO) takes place.

Discussion ensued regarding the timing of the proposed study and the committee's preference to defer this project until the CRTO process is completed.

Public Works Director Brazil recommended placing signage with warning language for trucks at South County Road north of Wells Road and South of Bradley Park with the use of existing operating expenses as a more cost effective option. Mr. Brazil presented examples to the Committee.

Susan Gary, 229 Onondaga Ave., spoke in support of installing signs on Onondaga Avenue in order to alleviate the issue with truck drivers using that street to turn around.

John David Corey, 226 Barton Ave., spoke regarding designating Cocoanut Row and other narrow streets in the Town as "No Truck" zones.

Discussion ensued regarding proper language, locations and size for Town road signs, concerns with enforcement and legal complications with imposing speed limits for certain vehicles.

1 It was the consensus of the Public Works Committee to move forward with the signage
2 that was proposed by Public Works Director Brazil with the condition that the size of the
3 sign be reduced and that the purchase of the signs go through the normal purchasing process
4 via the Town Manager and Police Department.

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6 **IX. CROSSWALK REQUEST**

7 *Eric Brown, Assistant Director of Public Works*

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9 Assistant Director Brown provided an overview of the request from a Town resident to
10 revise existing crosswalks to a higher (more visible) emphasis and for the creation of new
11 crosswalk locations.

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13 Mr. Brown spoke regarding the Town's assessment for future crosswalk installations
14 including sidewalk improvements for ADA compliance, the cost for installing and
15 maintaining the crosswalks and provided some cost effective alternatives. He also spoke
16 regarding his concern with the timing of the project and the CRTO process.

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18 Deputy Police Chief Ann-Marie Taylor reported on the accident data gathered for the list
19 of desired crosswalks locations over the past year.

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21 Public Works Director Brazil and Assistant Director Brown proposed coinciding new
22 crosswalk installations with the Underground Utilities Project as a cost saving alternative
23 since that will provide opportunities for upgrading and improving the sidewalks and
24 crosswalks.

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26 Discussion ensued regarding future projects that may allow opportunities to install new
27 crosswalks such as the mast arm project at the Palm Beach Biltmore Condominium since
28 that area is somewhat problematic as well as the potential for running into drainage issues
29 when tearing up sidewalks.

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31 **The Public Works Committee requested that staff research the Coconut Row and Bradley**
32 **Place intersection for accident data.**

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34 John David Corey, 426 Australian, spoke regarding his request for special emphasis cross
35 walks needed on South County Road and North County Road since it is a four (4) lane
36 highway.

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38 Discussion ensued regarding the amount of projects taking place and that proper
39 procedures are followed when taking future sidewalk and crosswalk intersection
40 installation projects are taken into consideration.

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42 The Public Works Committee thanked Mr. Corey for bringing these safety issues to their
43 attention.

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45 ***Clerk's Note: The Public Works Committee adjourned for a 2 minute recess.***

1 Susan Gary, 229 Onondaga Ave., asked for clarification on the Town's water line
2 replacement needs since she was under the impression was that the Underground Utilities
3 Task Force was addressing all water line replacements with the Underground Utilities
4 Project. She requested to see a copy of the comprehensive report.
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6 In response to the question from Mrs. Gary, Director Brazil spoke regarding the Town's
7 future plans to replace the water lines and clarified that the City of West Palm Beach will
8 identify the projects and the Town of Palm Beach will provide the civil work on the most
9 imminent projects.
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11 Town Engineer Strayer further added that the City of West Palm Beach has not identified
12 and does not feel that there are any water main lines that are in imminent need of
13 replacement and/or repair at this time.
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15 **X. AUSTRALIAN AVENUE PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS – UPDATE**
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17 Town Engineer Strayer provided an update on the Australian Ave parking lot improvement
18 project to replace the sewer line. She reported that it is 90% complete and explained the
19 reason for the project and how it led to an opportunity to repave the sidewalk.
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21 John David Corey, 426 Australian Ave., thanked the Public Works Department for a job
22 well done.
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24 **XI. FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITMENT TO**
25 **WIDENING PARTS OF THE SIDEWALK ALONG NORTH SIDE OF ROYAL**
26 **POINCIANA PLAZA - UPDATE**
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28 Town Engineer Strayer provided a report on the outcome of the request to the Florida
29 Department of Transportation (FDOT) to optimize the size of the sidewalk south of Royal
30 Poinciana Way.
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32 Director of Public Works Brazil reported that the FDOT was absolute in the design and
33 ADA requirements of the sidewalk.
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35 Discussion ensued regarding the drain that would have to be removed in order to resolve
36 the issue and the issue with encroachment on private property and the gate.
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38 Bradford Gary, 229 Onondaga Ave., spoke regarding the need to mitigate this issue and
39 encouraged the Town Council to continue to work with the FDOT on this safety issue. He
40 suggested that the Town Council draft a letter to send to the FDOT requesting them to re-
41 view the safety issue.
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43 John David Corey, 426 Australian Ave., spoke regarding his previous work on this matter.
44 He explained that in the past, the FDOT has recognized the north side of the sidewalk on
45 Royal Poinciana Way as a multi-purpose path and suggested that it be widened to a 9 foot
46 clear path for the Lake Trail going North and South.

1 It was the consensus of the Committee to bring this matter to the Town Council for their
2 input.

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4 **XII. BICYCLE SAFETY AND SIGNAGE**

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6 Assistant Director Brown spoke regarding the request to study bicycle safety awareness.
7 He informed the committee that the safety issues are not clear and that any perceived
8 problems should be more clearly defined and provided recommendations that would help
9 define the issues at hand.

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11 Deputy Chief Anne-Marie Taylor provided an overview of her study on the accident data
12 for the requested locations. Deputy Taylor reported on the existing educational campaign
13 initiatives for bicycle and pedestrian safety that will be taking place this year that was
14 provided by grant funds for this season to April 2018.

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16 Committee Member Moore thanked Deputy Taylor for going above and beyond to
17 provide safety initiatives to the Town.

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19 **XIII. FY 2018 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

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21 Town Engineer Strayer provided an update on the FY2018 and 2019 construction
22 projects.

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24 John David Corey, 426 Australian Ave., inquired about the schedule of projects for
25 Bradley Place and Sunrise Ave.

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27 **XIV. ANY OTHER MATTERS**

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29 Chair Zeidman spoke regarding safety issues with the Primavera and Lake Trail
30 intersection and Committee Member Moore brought up safety concerns with Pendleton
31 Avenue also.

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33 Director Brazil suggested installing a bollards at the intersection of Primavera and Lake
34 Trail and Pendleton Ave. He also will address traffic crossing issues at Seaview with the
35 FDOT.

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37 **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

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39 There being no further business, the Public Works Committee of November 20, 2017,
40 was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

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46 Margaret Zeidman, Chair
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Kathleen Dominguez
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Town Clerk

12/12/17
Date

