



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

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REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2009

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Public Works Committee was called to order at 1:00 p.m., on June 4, 2009, at the Emergency Operations Center, 355 South County Road. On roll call, Chair Coniglio and Member Diamond were present.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as printed.

III. EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT PLANNED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Jim Bowser, Town Engineer, introduced Engineers Leisha Pica and George Bisbano from Jordon Jones and Goulding (JJG). Jordon Jones and Goulding is the Engineering Consultant for the ECR Board. They gave a power point presentation to the Committee and a copy was submitted into the record. The Solid Waste Authority (SWA) will be closing their current facility in 2015 and the ECR will need to have another disposal option.

Ms. Pica indicated that the costs could be anywhere from \$40-110 million depending on capital costs and working with SWA. There will be long term operating costs but annual operational costs savings to the Town could be approximately \$400,000.

Town Manager Elwell said that when the options and numbers have been refined, JJG should come back and present this to the public at a Town Council meeting.

Committee Member Diamond wanted to state that the Committee looks favorably on the pellitization project. Chair Coniglio indicated that she would state that to the Town Council in the report.

IV. PROGRESS REPORT-SINGLE FAMILY SEWAGE EJECTOR STATION REPLACEMENT

Public Works Director Paul Brazil noted that the Town owns several single-family and multi-family ejector stations. Scheduled construction for replacing the ejector stations was slated to begin in summer 2009. Mr. Brazil has drafted a letter that is currently under attorney review, and will send it as notification to the affected homeowners shortly.

The cost for the project is \$50-60,000.00 per individual household. There are some alternatives for collecting payment. Chair Coniglio reaffirmed that this was discussed last summer in the budget process and asked why the homeowners had not yet been notified. Mr. Brazil responded that they did not know costs or what was going to be built until recently. Chair Coniglio also added that the old age of the systems is on private property and the Town has had to access the private property in the middle of the night to make repairs. The replacement is required and if it is on private property, it should be the responsibility of the homeowner. She asked that the homeowners be provided with initial costs of construction, life expectancy, maintenance, and options for their own emergency power. The Town Attorney was involved in the discussions last year as well and clarified the legal issues. Town Manager Elwell said the homeowners would have the option of financing the project or paying in one lump sum. The Town would work with the homeowners.

V. SEWAGE FORCE MAIN REPLACEMENT AND UPDATE ON CITY OF LAKE WORTH CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

Town Staff recommended that the Committee review the staff reports provided in the meeting back-up and authorize staff to develop a plan for upgrading the sanitary sewer force main and pump station system in accordance with a set schedule, as opposed to an "as needed" basis. Upon completion of the force main and pump station study north of Sloan's Curve that was authorized by the Town Council on May 12, 2009, a detailed analysis will be presented outlining the cost and schedule alternatives to upgrade the Town's sanitary sewage system. Mr. Bowser informed the Committee that this should take 60-90 days.

Chair Coniglio stated that the plan seems to be to remove Lake Worth from future plans. Mr. Brazil said they could begin segmented changes of infrastructure and taking the 5-10 year program and expedite it into a 3-5 year plan. The Town could pay as you go, issue bonds, have assessments, or Member Diamond suggested creating a special taxing district.

Chair Coniglio asked about the \$260K savings referenced in the materials and was informed by Mr. Bowser that it would be an annual savings if the Town used the West Palm Beach system that eventually will be a more reliable source. Lake Worth could not account for their monies and the Town is holding money back in escrow and only paying for the documented expenses. Town Manager Elwell asked for Committee approval of the staff recommendations.

Motion made by Member Diamond to accelerate the sanitary sewer replacement and remove the Town from the Lake Worth system. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. FY10 PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Town Staff recommended that the Committee approve the draft FY10 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget and recommend approval of the CIP by the full Town Council. Mr. Brazil provided a draft copy of the budget to the members in the meeting back-up materials.

The Committee went line by line over the proposed budget and each was explained by either Paul Brazil or Town Manager Elwell. Town Manager Elwell asked the Committee to recommend to the Town Council that the capital improvement plan budget be approved as presented.

Motion made by Member Diamond to approve the proposed FY10 Capital Improvement Program. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. SUMMER FY09 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT WORK PROGRAM

Town Staff recommended that the Committee review the information provided in the meeting back-up regarding the proposed minor and major projects that were designed and/or constructed for this summer. Mr. Brazil noted that any projects over \$100,000 must have Town Council approval. Chuck Langley provided specific time lines on some of the projects.

Town Engineer Jim Bowser announced an additional summer project by Florida Department of Transportation on Royal Poinciana Way - they will be installing a slotted drain and to the outfall from Cocoanut Row to the driveway into the Plaza. Work is expected to begin after July 4th and be completed by September 1.

The Town projects are scheduled to begin at the end of October with micro-paving and resurfacing, unless the Town Council changes the timeline. The streets that would be affected were outlined by Mr. Brazil and were distributed to the Committee on coded street maps in the back-up.

The Committee recommended that the paving projects be done in the summer of 2010 for FY 10 with a budget of \$250,000.

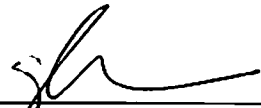
VIII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

As a recap, Chair Coniglio requested another Public Works meeting, possibly in September after the Sewage Force Main report is completed, and she would like an update on the ECR project at that time.

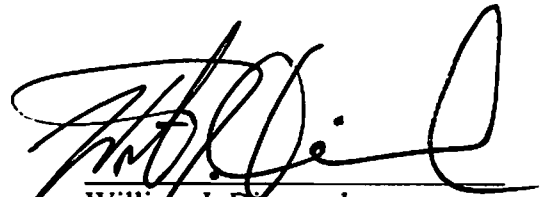
IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Public Works Committee Meeting of June 4, 2009 was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

APPROVED:



Gail Coniglio
Chair



William J. Diamond
Member