
The Council Briefing began at 6:15 P.M.

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor: William C. Latham

Council Members: Lee Buck Keith Doherty (*absent*) Christine Hoffman
Bruce Thomason Phil Vogelsang Jeanell Wilson

Also present were City Manager George Forbes, Deputy City Manager Trish Roberts, Director of Beaches Energy Services Allen Putnam, Director of Planning and Development Bill Mann, Police Chief Pat Dooley, Commander Mark Evans and Property and Procurement Officer Luis Flores.

Purpose of Briefing

The purpose of the briefing was to update the Council Members on projects including the following items:

City Manager

DONNA Marathon

Commander Mark Evans gave an overview of the Police coverage and set-up for the upcoming DONNA Marathon this Sunday. Commander Evans stated the police officers and volunteers would be set-up by 7:00 A.M. He stated not much has changed from the past years.

Comcast

Chief Dooley stated the Department of Management Services for the State of Florida renegotiated the provider contract for the company who provides data services for the Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) program. The service provider would now be Comcast. This renegotiation would be at no cost to the City and the City Manager has executed a letter allowing Comcast to place broadband into the Police building.

Sampson Substation

Mr. Forbes reported that after the previous Council Briefing on January 16, 2018, where he *explained that a tap changer for one of the large transformers (T-3 a 224 MVA transformer) at the Sampson Substation had failed causing the transformer to no longer be operable*, and a tap changer on one of our other transformers (T-2 112 MVA) also failed.

Mr. Allen Putnam, Director of Beaches Energy, stated T-2, the smaller of the two transformers, would cost approximately \$89,000 to repair and the repair could take approximately 6 weeks. Mr. Forbes stated an emergency purchase order was signed to replace the T-2 tap changer.

Mr. Putnam stated the cost to replace the larger transformer (T-3 224 MVA) has been budgeted for 2020, will cost approximately \$3.0 million, and that it could take up to 48 weeks to be delivered; one of the smaller 112 MVA transformers is scheduled for replacement a few years later. We may also sign an emergency purchase order to repair the T-3 transformer.

Community Service Center

As reported during the Council Briefing on December 18, 2017, Mr. Luis Flores, Property and Procurement Officer, stated once the previously approved construction project started at the Community Services Center, it was noticed much more work is going to be needed for the building due to water damage that was not visible prior to the construction beginning. Mr. Flores stated the additional repairs to the Community Service Center would cost \$81,000 making the project's total cost about \$241,000.

Industrial Park tenant

Mr. Forbes stated that Mauriello's Lawn Service, a tenant for the industrial park, was scheduled to take occupancy of the site in August 2017. However, due to costs associated with site work that the tenant was paying, they were offered a three-month grace period of free rent ending in December. Mr. Flores reported that due to permitting and other scheduling issues that delayed the tenant from occupying the space, the move in date has been pushed back to April and the grace period would be extended accordingly.

FDOT Drainage Improvement Project

Mr. Forbes provided the Council Members an informational handout [on file] regarding the plans for the Florida Department of Transportation Drainage Improvement Project for State Road A1A. The construction is expected to begin mid-February and is expected to take 2.5 years.

Jacksonville Housing Authority

Mr. Forbes stated he spoke with Mr. Fred McKinnies, President, and CEO of the Jacksonville Housing Authority and was informed of some upcoming changes in Jacksonville Beach. Mr. Forbes stated 64 housing units would be taken down and replaced with 127 housing units. Mr. Forbes stated the planned construction is scheduled to start in 2019. Mr. Forbes stated he requested that Mr. McKinnies attend a Council Briefing or meeting to update the City Council.

Sealed proposal to the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)

Mr. Forbes stated the City has received an unsolicited offer from Mr. Steve Diebenow, the representative for the owner of the former Johnson Gallery property. Mr. Forbes stated the offer has not been opened and the contents are unknown. The City has contacted its Redevelopment attorneys for guidance.

The briefing adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

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Approved:



William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date: February 19th, 2018