

Minutes of City Council Briefing
Monday, December 18, 2017 – 6:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers
11 North 3rd Street, Jacksonville Beach, FL

The Council Briefing began at 6:00 P.M.

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor William C. Latham
Lee Buck

Keith Doherty
Christine Hoffman
Bruce Thomason
Jeanell Wilson
Phil Vogelsang

Also present were City Manager George Forbes, Deputy City Manager Trish Roberts, Director of Public Works Ty Edwards, Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides 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

Community Service Center

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 all work had been put on hold and a reassessment would be done before work is restarted.

Golf Course

Jason Phitides, Director of Parks and Recreation, explained the original plan to irrigate greens with well water may not be feasible due to restrictions within the Consumptive Use Permit issued by the St Johns River Water Management District. The new plan is to direct the effluent water supply from the Waste Water Treatment Plant to bypass the current lake that is used to irrigate the golf course and other city facilities, to another lake that did not have a high methane content. The revised irrigation plan would not affect the original budget.

Mr. Phitides stated the golf course is scheduled to close in January 2018 for construction to start but the buildings and driving range would remain open until April 2018.

Paws Dog Park

Mr. Phitides stated the installation of the new turf for the dog park is almost complete and a re-opening ceremony has been planned for January 3rd, 2018.

Shore Protection

Dr. Kevin Bodge, Senior Engineer at Olsen Associates, provided an update regarding the shore restoration and protection projects. Dr. Bodge stated the three major impacted areas on the beach were as follows:

- Just north of 22nd Ave South walkover
- Just north of 25th Ave South walkover
- Just south of 30th Ave South walkover

To repair the three areas, it was recommended to rebuild and expand the storm water outfalls east and to the originally permitted length.

Additionally, Dr. Bodge recommended installing sand fencing starting at 25th Avenue South to the St. John's county line to assist with dune restoration. Once installed, the sand fencing could take up to two years to restore the dunes.

City and Florida Municipal Power Agency Resolution and Agreement regarding Vero Beach

Mr. Forbes explained the City of Vero Beach wants to sell their electric utility to Florida Power and Light (FP&L). The current contract does not allow a project participant to exit the project without approval from all of the other members.

Vero Beach participates in the following three Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA) power projects totaling 51 MW:

- St. Lucie (13 MW)
- Stanton (21 MW)
- Stanton II (17 MW)

Vero Beach is asking FMPA All-Requirements Project (ARP) participants to assume Vero Beach's entitlement shared in the three FMPA Projects. This action would require 19 votes from the members. Mr. Forbes suggested the City approve this action and be the last member to vote on the agreement.

Mr. Forbes informed the Council this matter would appear on an upcoming agenda.

The briefing adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

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Approved:



William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date:

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