

**City of Jacksonville Beach
Minutes of Fiscal Year 2014 Council Budget Tour
Friday, August 2, 2013 – 1:30 PM**

The Council Budget Tour began at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

City Council members in attendance:

Mayor Charlie Latham

Keith Doherty

Steve Hartkemeyer

Chris Hoffman - *Absent*

Tom Taylor

Phil Vogelsang

Jeanell Wilson

Department Directors and Staff participating in the Tour:

Ty Edwards, Public Works

Gary Meadors, Parks & Recreation

Gary Frazier, Fire Chief

Karen Nelson, Human Resources

Jason Phitides, Purchasing Administrator

Steve Sciotto, Fire Marshal

Roy Trotter, Beaches Energy

Harry Royal, Finance Officer

Pat Dooley, Police Chief

Steve Lindorff, Planning & Development

Marty Martirone, Public Works

Also present were City Manager George Forbes, Budget Officer Trish Roberts, and City Clerk Judy Bullock.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prior to the beginning of the tour, City Manager George Forbes made the following announcements:

- The Budget meeting scheduled for August 6, 2013, will be for Public Works. Mr. Forbes added that he would try to get through the meeting as quickly as possible, to allow councilmembers to attend the “National Night Out” event.
- Board Member Interviews will be conducted at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2013.
- NAS Jax has requested that they host the 2014 Air Show, and Jacksonville Beach will host the 2015 Air Show.

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2013/2014 Capital Budget Item – SCBA (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus)

The FY 2014 budget tour began with a presentation by Fire Chief Gary Frazier on the need to replace 22 SCBAs (Self Contained Breathing Apparatus).

The rest of the budget tour was conducted by visiting various sites throughout the City.

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Vision Plan Improvements Projects

Planning and Development Director Steve Lindorff provided tour members with an update on the Downtown Redevelopment.

Public Works Director Ty Edwards reviewed the Vision Plan Improvement Projects and the estimated construction schedule. He also went over the A1A Water Main Improvements, the 2nd Street North Sewer and Related Improvements, Lift Station Rehabilitation and Improvements on Stations No. 7 and No. 9, and the Ocean Forest Area Stormwater Infrastructure Improvements – Phases 1 and 2.

Bus Stop Shelters

Mr. Forbes reviewed the Bus Stop Shelters (10 to be installed throughout the City) that the City will be installing on Penman Road and 9th Street South. It was noted that the new shelters have no walls and a divider will be added to the middle of the benches.

Mr. Forbes advised that Jacksonville Transportation Authority would be responsible for installation of the new bus stop shelters on A1A, Beach Boulevard, and Marsh Landing Parkway.

Mr. Meadors added that there are additional upgrades planned for H. Warren Smith Cemetery.

Beaches Energy Services – Outage Management System (OMS) Study

Beaches Energy Director Roy Trotter and staff reviewed the request for an Outage Management System Study (the systems are used to reduce outage times and allocate resources for system restoration).

Beaches Energy Services – WI-FI/Broadband Canopy Study

Staff also provided council members with information on a WI-FI/Broadband Canopy to transmit and retrieve data over a secured wireless network. They are requesting funding for a WIFI Study.

Replacement of Servers at Police Department

While at the Operations and Maintenance Facility, the council reviewed equipment that was in the Beaches Energy budget. The councilmembers also reviewed the need to replace computer servers at the Police Department. It was noted that the servers house the Police Department's report generating, evidence tracking, and operational software. Recently it was brought to their attention that the software is designed for more state-of-the-art processors. Additionally, the existing six servers (clustered) will be replaced with three (non-clustered) dual processor servers.

Paws Park Improvements

Director of Parks and Recreation Gary Meadors explained improvements to the dog park and stormwater retention pond; which include shoring up the sides of the pond, adding a concrete cap on

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top of bulkhead, installing brick pavers around the pond, and new fencing. He added that the magnetic locking system for the park would be installed as part of the improvements.

Golf Course – Bulkhead at Hole No. 14

Mr. Meadors reviewed the problems with the failing bulkhead and the necessary repairs to the bulkhead of the retention pond at Hole No. 14.

Raw Water Well #11 Improvements

Mr. Edwards reviewed plans for the raw water well located at Shetter Avenue and 6th Street South.

Council members also toured the Wastewater Treatment Facility and Mr. Edwards explained the three electric motor valves to be installed.

Wastewater Treatment Facility Lift Stations

Mr. Edwards also explained the rehabilitation of Sanitary Sewer Lift Station No. 1 at South 2nd Avenue and 4th Street. Construction is anticipated to begin this year.

Rehabilitation of Lift Station No. 15 is underway and approximately 60% complete.

Florida Rock Property

Mr. Forbes discussed the possible purchase of the former Florida Rock Company land. He advised that it is 4.5 acres with a selling price of two-million dollars. He stated the immediate uses could be Beaches Energy Services training location, addition to the current City owned Industrial Park, or for storm debris. Mr. Forbes stated that purchase of the property would require a long-term strategic plan for its use.

He then asked council members for their thoughts:

- Mayor Latham and Mr. Taylor were in favor of the purchase
- Mr. Doherty said to purchase the property if it will generate income for the City
- Ms. Wilson and Mr. Vogelsang advised that the City should have a use for the property before purchase

The direction of the Council was to have a short-term plan before considering purchase of the land.

10th Street South Commercial Area Infrastructure Improvements

Mr. Edwards reviewed the project and advised that the area is bounded by South 10th Street to 9th Street and South 5th Avenue to 12th Avenue. This project will be in the design phase in Fiscal Year 2014.

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Central Stormwater Basin Erosion Control Project – Fabriform

Mr. Edwards also gave a status report on the Central Stormwater Basin Improvements between 9th and 10th Streets South and 12th and 13th Avenues South.

Manholes/Valve Maintenance/Replacements

Mr. Edwards reviewed the emergency repair of a collapsed sewer manhole and displayed the repaired manhole with the protective coating, Spectra Shield. He also advised that water distribution system valves located throughout the City were replaced during June 2013.

Manhole & Reuse Line from Golf Course

Mr. Edwards explained the infrastructure in the South Beach Redevelopment area and reviewed installation of the water reuse line for irrigating the golf course.

Water Plant #2 Utility & Storage Building

Mr. Edwards also gave an overview of the Water Plant No. 2 Utility and Storage Building. He explained that the project design is 98% complete and approval to build will be presented to the council in the fall.

Stormwater Line in Sandcastle Shopping Center Parking Lot

Mr. Lindorff advised council that the landscaping in the South Beach Parkway median would be removed for installation of a reuse water line for irrigation. The landscaping to be installed will have no turf and will be Florida friendly plants.

Downtown Vision Plan (South of Beach Blvd.)

Mr. Lindorff provided a report on the proposed improvements in the South Beach Regional Shopping Center. He advised that there are two existing stormwater pipes underneath the shopping center's parking lot. The plan is to install two access manholes for maintenance.

Mr. Lindorff added that a new business may be opening in the shopping center. A *Trader Joes*, which is a specialty retail grocery store, will be opened where the *Applebee's Restaurant* was located.

He also reviewed redevelopment plans for the area between Beach Boulevard and 13th Avenue South. He advised that it would probably be accomplished in five phases.

Mr. Forbes advised council members that redevelopment improvements between 13th Avenue South and 16th Avenue South would be funded from the General Fund.

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Note:

Chief Dooley reported that a resident has requested a four-way stop to be installed at the intersection of 11th Avenue South and 2nd Street.

Studies show a stop sign at this intersection is not required. However, there is already a stop sign at 12th Avenue South and 2nd Street that could be moved to this location. There is a restaurant and a large condominium building at 11th Avenue South.

The Budget Tour ended at approximately 4:50 p.m.

Submitted by: Judy L. Bullock
City Clerk

Approved:

/s/William C. Latham

William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date: August 19, 2013