

City of Jacksonville Beach
Minutes of Fiscal Year 2012 Council Budget Tour
Friday, July 29, 2011 – 1:00 PM

The Council Budget Tour began at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

City Council members in attendance:

Lee Buck	Tom Taylor
Penny Christian (<i>absent</i>)	Jeanell Wilson
Steve Hartkemeyer	Mayor Fland Sharp
Rick Knight	

Department Directors in attendance:

Ty Edwards, Public Works	Roy Trotter, Beaches Energy
Gary Meadors, Parks & Recreation	Harry Royal, Finance Officer
Gary Frazier, Fire Chief	Bruce Thomason, Police Chief
Karen Nelson, Human Resources	

Also present were City Manager George Forbes, Budget Officer Trish Roberts, Acting City Clerk Judy Bullock, and Business Tax Official Nancy Pyatte.

Fiscal Year 2012 Council Budget Tour

The FY 2012 budget tour began with a brief presentation on the General Fund Budget and Budget Issues facing the City (*on file*). The presentation included the City's Mission, which is *Quality of Life*. Other topics covered included the City's financial condition, major budget concerns – external and internal, freezing workforce salaries, funding from leased City facilities, and upcoming projects designed to make the City more family-oriented. Mr. Forbes concluded by informing council members that the City's budget is balanced.

Stop 1- Downtown Vision Plan – Project Area #1

The Downtown Vision Plan, Project Area 1, was reviewed. Project Area 1 will include the following streets;

- Beach Boulevard from 3rd Street to the beach.
- 1st Street between Beach Boulevard and 4th Avenue North.
- 2nd Avenue North streetend including demolition of the existing restroom building and construction of new public restrooms.
- 4th Avenue North from 3rd Street to 1st Street and including redesign of the entrance way and parking immediately to the west of the pier.
- Removal of the medians and resurfacing of 1st Avenue North, 2nd Avenue North, and 3rd Avenue North (alternate bid item)

The project has been submitted to the DEP for coastal construction permitting and the project engineering is finalizing the plans for bidding and constructing the project.

Public Works and Planning and Development are working on development of a contractor pre-qualification process to use to ensure that prospective bidders have the capacity and experience to properly carry out the type of streetscape improvement project envisioned in Project Area #1.

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Participants on the tour were shown schematics and some street ends that are nearly complete.

**Stop 2 –
Firing Range**

Police Chief Bruce Thomason explained that police officers are required to demonstrate proficiency with firearms and this training is conducted several times a year. When the police department facility was built, a portion of the grounds around the building was set aside for a four-lane, indoor firing range if funding should become available.

The cost to construct the indoor range is estimated at \$60,000 to \$70,000 per lane, putting the total estimated cost at \$240,000 - \$280,000. Chief Thomason advised this project is planned for the future as funding in the Equitable Sharing Fund is insufficient to fund the firing range at this time.

**Stop 3 –
Beaches Energy**

Beaches Energy Director, Roy Trotter lead council members on a tour of SCADA and provided an overview of Capital Projects for FY2012. The projects included overhead line rebuilds, underground feeders and switch gear replacements. Also covered were NERC's requirements to improve the reliability of bulk power.

**Stop 4 –
Property owned by Florida Rock Industries**

Council members were asked to look into future possibilities by purchasing the property formerly occupied by Florida Rock Industries. The parcel is adjacent to other city owned properties and acquisition of the property could be advantageous for future expansion of the water/wastewater facilities or the industrial park.

**Stop 5
Lake Mildred Stormwater Project**

Tour participants were taken by the Lake Mildred stormwater project to allow them to see the lake banks after regrading and the location of the stormwater pump station currently under construction.

**Stop 6
6th Street Land at 16th Avenue South**

This property is located to the west of Pablo Plaza Shopping area. The council was directed to 4 lots, for possible purchase due to area wide drainage considerations.

**Stop 7
City of Jacksonville Beach – 77 foot Ferrara Quint Fire Engine**

Fire Chief Gary Frazier invited council members for a closer look at the fire engine, which replaced a 20-year old unit. It was explained that the vehicle has a 77-foot extending ladder accompanied by a variety of ground ladders, as well as holding 500 gallons of water.

**Stop 8
Water Plant #2 (Osceola Avenue at South Beach Park) -**

Mr. Edwards reviewed necessary maintenance which includes repair of the roof façade and replacement of scuppers and downspouts. Also included in the budget is the design for future construction of the Storage and Utility Building at Water Treatment Plant #2.

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Well 22 (Pullian Street in South Beach Subdivision) -

He listed the following repairs: replace flat roof membrane, scuppers and downspouts; repair roof facade and dome hatch

Well 23 (9th Street South at Seabreeze Avenue) –

Also in need of repair is the flat roof membrane, scuppers and downspouts, repair of roof façade and dome hatch.

Stop 9

South Beach Park Water Play & Playground

The tour continued onto the South Beach Park where Mr. Meadors showed council members the newly installed Rubber Rainbow Turf safety surfacing under the playground area in place of the mulch. The newest addition to the park, a water play feature, was demonstrated for council members.

Stop 10

South Beach Parkway Traffic Safety Improvement (Jacksonville Drive to Marsh Landing Parkway)

Mr. Edwards reviewed the project on behalf of Planning & Development Director Steve Lindorff. He advised that the segment of South Beach Parkway, located between Jacksonville Drive and Marsh Landing Parkway, includes relocation of the traffic signal at the north side of the Butler Overpass to align with the rear entrance to South Beach Regional Shopping Center. Also included are additional turning lanes to facilitate traffic flow at Jacksonville Drive. Mr. Edwards added that acquisition of some right-of-ways on the west side of South Beach Parkway will be required.

Also proposed are the addition of bicycle-pedestrian trails between Osceola Avenue and Jacksonville Drive. At this time, there is no current timetable for undertaking the project.

Stop 11

Tennis Center Improvements

Mr. Meadors introduced the Tennis Center improvements. All courts have been resurfaced with Plexicushion, with the exception of one. Council members toured the tennis center to see the resurfaced courts and upcoming improvements.

The Budget Tour ended at approximately 4:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Judy L. Bullock
Acting City Clerk

Approved:

Fland O. Sharp, Mayor

Date: August 15, 2011