

**Minutes of City Council Workshop
Thursday, March 12, 2015, 6:00 P.M.
in City Council Chambers**

“Proposed Project to Improve Traffic Safety and Congestion on South Beach Parkway”

Mayor Pro-Tem Wilson called the workshop to order at 6:12 P.M.

The following City Council members were in attendance:

Keith Doherty
Lee Buck
Bruce Thomason
Phil Vogelsang

Mayor Pro-Tem Jeanell Wilson

Also present were City Manager George Forbes, Public Works Director Ty Edwards, and City Clerk Laurie Scott.

Purpose of Workshop

The purpose of the workshop was to hear staff and traffic-engineering consultant updates on the status of the proposed project to improve traffic safety and relieve traffic congestion on South Beach Parkway.

Discussion

City Manager George Forbes introduced Public Works Director Ty Edwards.

Mr. Edwards presented a brief overview of the project which is to alleviate traffic congestion and improve safety in the segment of South Beach Parkway and the J. Turner Butler Boulevard overpass.

Mr. Edwards introduced Michelle Mecca with Kimley-Horn who provided a PowerPoint Presentation (on file) and responded to questions resulting from the December 1, 2014 Council Meeting.

City Manager George Forbes summarized council members and citizen’s comments and suggested changes as follows:

1. Redesign the median on the South Beach Parkway entrance/exit to the shopping center to encourage the right turn only movement exiting the shopping center.

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2. Remove the south median on South Beach Parkway to allow for additional vehicle storage.
3. Minimize north median on South Beach Parkway while maintaining some landscaping.
4. Under the JTB overpass, ensure that the final design will not allow skateboarders to use the abutment as a ramp. Final design will require FDOT approval.
5. Investigate the intersection of Palm Way and Sanctuary Drive and address any safety issues.
6. Investigate changes to the bull-nose median at Jacksonville Drive on the eastside of South Beach Parkway.

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:33 P.M.

Submitted by: Laurie Scott
City Clerk

Approved:

/s/ W C Latham

William C. Latham, Mayor

Date: April 6, 2015