

**UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

June 23, 2021

5:30 p.m.

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**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021 AT 5:30 P.M.**

(The following may contain unintelligible or misunderstood words due to the recording quality.)

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: I'd like to call to order the Utility Special District meeting, Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 5:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Madam, roll call.

District Clerk Anthony: Chairperson Shirley Lanier? [Pause]. Vice Chair Pro Tem KaShamba Miller-Anderson?

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Present.

District Clerk Anthony: Board Member Tradrick McCoy? [Pause]. Board Member Julia Botel?

Board Member Botel: Here.

District Clerk Anthony: Board Member Douglas Lawson?

Board Member Lawson: Here.

District Clerk Anthony: *Ex Officio* Board Member Mayor Ronnie Felder? [Pause]. City Manager Jonathan Evans?

City Manager Evans: Present.

District Clerk Anthony: Acting Executive Director Deirdre Jacobs?

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: Here.

District Clerk Anthony: District Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. District Attorney Dawn Wynn?

District Attorney Wynn: Here.

District Clerk Anthony: District Finance Director Randy Sherman?

District Finance Director Sherman: Here.

District Clerk Anthony: Thank you, Madam Chair.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Alright. We'll have a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilwoman Botel.

[Moment of silence]

Board Member Botel: I pledge of allegiance...

All: ...to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: ANY PERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM, PLEASE COMPLETE A GREEN PUBLIC COMMENT CARD LOCATED AT THE FRONT DESK AND GIVE IT TO THE STAFF PRIOR TO THE ITEM BEING TAKEN UP BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR DISCUSSION. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WILL BE GIVEN A TOTAL OF THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK ON ALL ITEMS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA, AND THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK ON EACH REGULAR AGENDA ITEM. THE TIME LIMIT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT MAY BE REDUCED BY A VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BASED ON THE VOLUMINOUS NATURE OF PUBLIC COMMENT CARDS. IN NO EVENT WILL ANYONE BE ALLOWED TO SUBMIT A COMMENT CARD TO SPEAK ON AN AGENDA ITEM AFTER THE RESOLUTION IS READ OR ITEM IS CONSIDERED.

AGENDA APPROVAL

ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, SUBSTITUTIONS

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Do we have a motion... Do we have any additions, deletions or substitutions?

City Manager Evans: None, Madam Chair.

DISCLOSURES

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Any disclosures by the Board of Directors?

District Attorney Wynn: Madam Chair?

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Yes.

District Attorney Wynn: I thought we were deleting..., did we delete that already?

City Manager Evans: Oh, this is for the USD.

District Attorney Wynn: Oh. I'm so sorry.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Disclosures by Board of Directors?

Board Member Botel: None.

District Attorney Wynn: No, Madam Chair.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Have a motion to adopt the Agenda?

Board Member Botel: Move to adopt the Agenda.

Board Member Lawson: Second.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Madam, roll call.

District Clerk Anthony: Board Member Lawson?

Board Member Lawson: Yes.

District Clerk Anthony: Board Member Botel?

Board Member Botel: Yes.

District Clerk Anthony: Chair Miller-Anderson?

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Yes. Could you.., you know how you used to say, 'We had three...

District Clerk Anthony: Okay. Madam Chair, that's now the responsibility of the Chairperson, according to the parliamentary procedure training that was done.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Okay. Well, I'm, I'm not doing it at the moment, so if you could please do that for me as we did before, and then we'll get...

District Clerk Anthony: That motion was...

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: ...back on track.

District Clerk Anthony: ...approved.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Thank you. Alright. There's a lotta extra stuff on here, so I'm sorry, I'm just trying to read through it.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Consent Agenda.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: **ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE AND ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THESE ITEMS UNLESS A BOARD MEMBER SO REQUESTS, IN WHICH EVENT, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE GENERAL ORDER OF BUSINESS AND CONSIDERED IN ITS NORMAL SEQUENCE ON THE AGENDA.**

MINUTES

1. APRIL 7, 2021 SPECIAL UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES

2. **MAY 19, 2021 UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES**
3. **MAY 12, 2021 SPECIAL UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES**

RESOLUTIONS

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Do we have anyone that would like to pull an Item?

Board Member Botel: No.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Can we have a motion to accept the Consent Agenda?

Board Member Botel: Move to accept the Consent Agenda.

Board Member Lawson: Second.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Madam, roll call.

District Clerk Anthony: Board Member Botel?

Board Member Botel: Yes.

District Clerk Anthony: Board Member Lawson?

Board Member Lawson: Yes.

District Clerk Anthony: Chair Miller-Anderson?

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Yes.

District Clerk Anthony: Motion approved.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

REGULAR AGENDA

4. **Vice Chair Miller-Anderson:** Regular Agenda Item No. 4.

District Clerk Anthony: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, AWARDING BID NUMBER 1026-21-2 TO B&B UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION, INC., TO REPLACE A WATER MAIN ALONG LAKE DRIVE FROM BAMBOO ROAD TO INLET WAY AND ALONG INLET WAY FROM LAKE DRIVE TO SOUTH OCEAN AVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,425,036.40; AUTHORIZING THE UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON AND DISTRICT CLERK TO EXECUTE THIS AGREEMENT; AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER \$756,727.00 FROM PROJECT NUMBER 18160 TO PROJECT NUMBER 18153; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS UP TO TEN

PERCENT (10%); AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE PAYMENT FROM PROJECT NUMBER 18153 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,567,540.04; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

DEIRDRE JACOBS, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 561-845-4185

District Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair, Members of the Board, there are no public comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is now closed.

Board Member Botel: Move to award Bid No. 1026-21-2.

Board Member Lawson: Second.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Alright. Mr. Evans or Ms. Jacobs.

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair, if I can have the Interim Executive Director, Ms. Deirdre Jacobs, make this presentation.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: Sure. Thank you, Mr. Evans. [Stammer]... Good evening...

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Good evening.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: ...Co-Chairperson Miller-Anderson, other Councilpersons in your respective places, City Manager Evans, City Attorney Wynn. For the record, my name is Deirdre Jacobs and I'm the Acting Director of the Utility Special District.

This particular Item deals with the Town..., the Town of Palm Beach Shores water main installation project. If you would remember, like, over the last few months, we had inquires that came over, from the Town Palm Beach Shores, as well as Councilperson Botel, making mention of this particular project.

At this time, the Utility Special District Staff, in particular, City Engineer John Armstrong, has come to a point where in a bid was actually put out and the company B&B Undergr'..., Underground Construction was selected to participate in the construction activities to being the installation project, is primarily a result of install'..., of [stammer] infrastructure improvement projects that are already taking place over in..., at the Town of Palm Beach Shores.

So, it was ideal, at this particular time, that we go ahead and install the new water main infrastructure.

In the event that you have any particular questions, our City Engineer, Mr. Armstrong, is here to answer.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Alright.

Board Member Botel: Madam Chair?

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Do we have any ques'...

Board Member Botel: Yes.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Go ahead.

Board Member Botel: Thank you.

I, I don't have a question about this particular Item. I, I support this Item. But, at some point in the future, I would like to have a presentation about the age of all of the water mains in the City and some kind of a timeline about when we intend to replace them going forward. I, I, I just wanna know where we stand, particularly, I guess, on the Island, from, from my perspective, with the age of the..., of the infrastructure.

And, it doesn't have to be tonight. Just at some point. Maybe the next meeting.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: So, Mrs. Miller-Anderson, I have a response...

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Go ahead.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: ...to Dr. Botel's question.

Mr. Armstrong is here this evening. And, in preparations for some of the questions that we realized that might come to us, he's prepared to, to address that question. So, I can't tell you how much detail he has available for you. But, in the event if it's not sufficient, we can bring you back the information at a later date.

Board Member Botel: Thank you.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: So, at the..., it was our intent to do that after we went through these Agenda...

Board Member Botel: Okay.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: ...Items.

Board Member Botel: Thank you.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: You're welcome.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Alright. Anyone else? [Pause]. Alright. Madam Clerk.

District Clerk Anthony: Board Member Botel?

Board Member Botel: Yes.

District Clerk Anthony: Board Member Lawson?

Board Member Lawson: Yes.

District Clerk Anthony: Chair Miller-Anderson?

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Yes.

District Clerk Anthony: Motion improved.

5. Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Item No. 5.

District Clerk Anthony: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE PROPOSAL FROM CHEN MOORE AND ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PERFORM ENGINEERING INSPECTION SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION BY A CONTRACTOR TO REPLACE A WATER MAIN ALONG LAKE DRIVE FROM BAMBOO ROAD TO INLET WAY AND ALONG INLET WAY FROM LAKE DRIVE TO SOUTH OCEAN AVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,540; AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER \$61,540 FROM PROJECT NUMBER 18160 TO PROJECT NUMBER 18153; AND AUTHORIZING THE UTILITY DISTRICT FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS AFTER WORK AUTHORIZATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$61,540 FROM ACCOUNT PROJECT NUMBER 18153; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

DEIRDRE JACOBS, ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, 561-845-4185

District Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair, Members of the Board, there are no public comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is now closed.

Board Member Botel: I move to approve the proposal from Chen Moore and Associates.

Board Member Lawson: Second.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Mr. Evans. [Pause]. Ms. Jacobs.

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair, if I can have Ms. Jacobs make this presentation.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: Again, thank you, Mr. Evans. And, for the record, my name is Deirdre Jacobs, again, and I'm the Active Director of the Utility Special District.

This is a companion Item to Resolution 20-21 and it's simply asking the Board if you would consider engineering inspection services for that particular installation of the water main over in the Town of Palm Beach Shores.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Alright. Any questions or comments from the Board?

Board Member Botel: No.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Alright. Thank you, Madam. Madam Clerk.

District Clerk Anthony: Board Member Lawson?

Board Member Lawson: Yes.

District Clerk Anthony: Board Member Botel?

Board Member Botel: Yes.

District Clerk Anthony: Chair Miller-Anderson?

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Yes.

District Clerk Anthony: Motion approved.

6. Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Item No. 6.

District Clerk Anthony: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE ONGOING CONTRACT WITH THE HINTERLAND GROUP TO CONSTRUCT IMPROVEMENTS TO SIXTEEN (16) LIFT STATIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,700,000.00); AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO BRING FORWARD AND TRANSFER \$1,700,000.00 FROM PROJECT NUMBER 18133 TO PROJECT NUMBER 18135; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE WORK AUTHORIZATIONS UP TO \$1,700,000.00; AND AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO MAKE PAYMENT FROM PROJECT NUMBER 18135 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,700,000.00; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

DEIRDRE JACOBS, MRA, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF UTILITIES, 561-845-3457

District Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair, Members of the Board, we do not have public comment cards on this Item. The acceptance of public comment cards on this Item is now closed.

Board Member Botel: I move to ratify the ongoing contract with the Hinterland Group.

Board Member Lawson: Second.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Mr. Evans.

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair, Members of the Board, if I can have the Interim Executive Director, Ms. Deirdre Jacobs, make this presentation.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: Thank you, Mr. Evans. Again, for the record, I'm Deirdre Jacobs, the Acting Director of the Utility Special District.

This particular Resolution 22-21 is asking your consideration and approval to allow for the Hinterland Group to perform lift station improvements to sixteen of our lift stations.

I'm not really sure if you're familiar with the many conditions and issues that we have at our lift stations over at the Utility District, but in the last couple of weeks, we really understood the urgency of it. We speak to our Staff on a regular basis, who are intimately involved in those particular work activities, wherein they have to actually enter the lift

stations. It is our understanding that there are safety and health issues that are on..., that are pending and on the rise.

So, if, if we beg your approval to go ahead and allow us to conduct the necessary rehab activities so that we can begin the process of making the lift stations safe for our employees and our City in general.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Alright.

Board Member Botel: Madam Chair?

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Yes. Go ahead.

Board Member Botel: Thank you.

I wholeheartedly support this motion to ratify this contract. I, I've seen some of the conditions of the lift stations. Not recently, but within the last couple of years and I know that some of them are in dire need.

The one that I'm concerned about is Lift Station 10 on the Island. We have had an ongoing problem with that Lift Station and the smell associated with it. There have been a number of [stammer] remedies, going back to the previous Director of the Utility District, and they never seem to get corrected. And I'm wondering, number one, if something can be done about the odor. And, number two, we were promised that there would be some beautification around that Lift Station. Is there some thought to having that happen in the, in the near future?

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: Yes, ma'am. We've, in anticipation of the inquiries dealing with Lift Station 10, Staff has worked, over the last few days, with installing landscaping materials.

Board Member Botel: Oh.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: Our Parks & Recreation Director, Mr. Blankenship, is here this evening. I will just ask if Mr. Blankenship, if you could come forward and let the Board know, and the public know, of the improvements that we've made, just in the last couple of days.

Board Member Botel: How wonderful.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: And then also, we..., there are some..., a scent that usually comes from the one off of 20th and H Avenue as well. Would that help with that improvement..., the improvement help with that as well?

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: Yes. Along with the, the landscaping activities that were done over at Lift Station 10 just recently, in the research of, not only the landscaping but the odor issues with Lift Station 10, and I believe that one is [inaudible]. And then, there was another one, Lift Station No. 12. There was an engineering company, I believe it was EAC, that actually went out and conducted an odor test and assessment of what was going on.

From my understanding, by this Friday, we should have a, a report from them, a complete report, that tells us... tells us of the findings that were realized as a result of their testing, is my understanding. I talked to the engineer on the way over to the meeting tonight. There are a couple of vendors that they are going to present to us, wherein we could work with those vendors to go ahead and install odor control measures, in those three lift stations in particular.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Okay. Thank you.

Board Member Botel: Thank you.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: Mhmm.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Mr. Blankenship.

Parks & Recreation Director Blankenship: Good evening everyone. Richard Blankenship, Parks & Recreation Director

A couple months ago, we planted shrubbery around the Lift Station itself, as a beautification effort. Yesterday, we planted some native grasses behind the guardrail to kind of beautify and clean up that area. And then, shortly, we'll be planting a, another row of something along the sidewalk, just to give it more of a, a park-like feeling, than a, than a lift station feeling.

Board Member Botel: Thank you.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: What about the building over..., the, the Utility District building? Well, I guess, that Lift Station building? That has a lot of, I guess, it's mold or something on the outside. The actual building that they go to when they're working with the Utility District equipment over there.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: This is the Lift Station on Avenue H? The, the building itself?

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Yeah.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: So, that was brought to our [stammer] attention as well, excuse me, with regards to, from my understanding, as something that's on the side of the building.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Mhmm.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: So, as a part of the lift station improvement project, we'll be addressing aesthetic issues as well.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Okay. Alright. Thank you.

Board Member Lawson: Madam Chair?

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Any other questions?

Board Member Botel: No.

Board Member Lawson: Madam Chair?

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Go ahead.

Board Member Lawson: Thank you.

Ms. Jacobs, one of the concerns that a few residents have addressed is just the money that we're spending for repairs. In the Agenda review, I was actually updated in regards to repairs that we're going to be doing for the lift stations, and they're going to interchangeable.., still be able to be utilized with the new water plant.

So, can you just kinda give some update to let them know that, with this new updating, with these renovations we're doing to these lift stations,, that it still will be used for the water plant we're gonna instill.., or install?

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: Yeah. Actually, all of the improvements that are being done to the lift stations, they deal with the sewer collection system, the lift...

Board Member Lawson: Mhmm.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: ...stations do. So, just simply put, even if we weren't getting a new water plant, it would be enhancements to our existing system.

So, in concert with the new water plant that we'll be getting, these could be just simply considered updated activities, infrastructure improvements.

Board Member Lawson: And we won't need to change out or bring in new lift stations when the water plant comes in, correct?

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: Not to my understanding.

Board Member Lawson: Okay. It was just a concern that residents had.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: [Inaudible].

Board Member Lawson: I, I spoke with Mr. Evans about that, but I just wanted to make sure that they were clear and understanding that these dollars that are being expended are gonna be necessary regardless.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: Yeah. They deal with the collection system.

Board Member Lawson: Perfect.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: As opposed to the distribution system.

Board Member Lawson: Excellent. Thank you, Ms. Jacobs.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: Mhmm.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Alright. Any other questions or comments?

Board Member Botel: No.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Alright. Madam Clerk.

District Clerk Anthony: Board Member Lawson?

Board Member Lawson: Yes.

District Clerk Anthony: Board Member Botel?

Board Member Botel: Yes.

District Clerk Anthony: Chair Miller-Anderson?

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Yes.

District Clerk Anthony: Motion approved.

END OF REGULAR AGENDA

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: That's the end of the Regular Agenda.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC – 5-45 P.M. – NON-AGENDA ITEM SPEAKERS
(Three Minute Limitation)**

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Public comments.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: PLEASE BE REMINDED THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS ADOPTED "RULES OF DECORUM GOVERNING PUBLIC CONDUCT DURING OFFICIAL MEETINGS" WHICH HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE FRONT DESK. IN AN EFFORT TO PRESERVE ORDER, IF ANY OF THE RULES ARE NOT ADHERED TO, THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S CHAIR MAY HAVE ANY DISRUPTIVE SPEAKER OR ATTENDEES REMOVED FROM THE PODIUM, FROM THE MEETING AND/OR BUILDING, IF NECESSARY. PLEASE GOVERN YOURSELVES ACCORDINGLY.

PUBLIC COMMENTS SHALL BEGIN AT 6:15 PM UNLESS THERE IS NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE CITY BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WHICH IN THAT EVENT, IT SHALL BEGIN SOONER. IN ADDITION, IF AN ITEM IS BEING CONSIDERED AT 6:15 PM, THEN COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC SHALL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ITEM HAS BEEN CONCLUDED.

ANY PERSON WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS, PLEASE FILL OUT A PUBLIC COMMENT CARD LOCATED AT THE FRONT DESK AND GIVE IT TO THE STAFF BEFORE THE PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION IS ANNOUNCED.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Madam Clerk.

District Clerk Anthony: Madam Chair, Member of the Board, we do not have any public comment cards.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Alright.

District Clerk Anthony: The acceptance of public comment cards is now closed.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Thank you.

DISCUSSION BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UTILITY SPECIAL DISTRICT OR THE CITY MANAGER

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Discussion by the Executive Director of the Utility Special District or the City Manager.

City Manager Evans: None from me, Madam Chair.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Okay.

COMMENTS BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Comments by District Attorney.

District Attorney Wynn: No, thank you, Madam Chair.

STATEMENTS BY THE DISTRICT BOARD

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Statements by the District Board. Mr. Lawson.

Board Member Lawson: Thank you, Madam Chair.

Mr. Evans or Ms. Jacobs, do we..., what is the date that we're looking for to have responses for the RFP that was put out for the new water plant?

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: June the... July the 20th.

Board Member Lawson: July 20th?

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: Yes, sir.

Board Member Lawson: And then there will be..., we're looking to have that on, possibly, the August or September's meeting?

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: I'm sorry. What was your question?

Board Member Lawson: When will we be looking to have that..., those selections of those responses on the meeting?

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: August.

Board Member Lawson: By August's meeting?

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: Yes.

Board Member Lawson: Excellent. Thank you, Ms. Jacobs. Thank you for the work you've been doing as well.

Board Member Botel: Ms. Jacobs, did Mr. Armstrong want to make that presentation? But, we could, we could wait until the next time un'.., unless it's very short. Is it a brief.., 'cause our, our Council meeting starts in seven minutes.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: Okay. So, Madam Chair, could I make a comment?

So, Dr. Botel, no. We want.., Mr. Armstrong is prepared to answer questions. And he's worked really hard on these Items, so it would be fitting and proper, especially the lift station Item to, to, to answer your questions that you have.

With r regards to your question, Mr. Lawson.

Board Member Lawson: Yes, ma'am.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: It's my understanding, in speaking with our consultant on yesterday, that we'll work as a team internally to bring before you.., I think it was the second meeting, arou'.., in August. I think the date was around the 16th, to bring the presentations before you, so that you could make your selection.

Board Member Lawson: Okay. On the.., I'm sorry. August 17th?

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: I think it was the.., I don't, I don't have... I think it was the second meeting in August. I don't have...

Board Member Lawson: Okay.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: ...it in front of me.

Board Member Lawson: No worries.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: Okay?

Board Member Lawson: Just wanted to kinda give the public an idea of the rate that we're going for trying to get this water plant up and running, the work that you guys are doing, the amazing work, and how we're gonna be bringing this to the Board for approval within the next few months.

So, thank you.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: Yeah. Yeah. I believe it was the second meeting in August. And then, by the second meeting in September, we wanted to have a contract in place.

Board Member Lawson: Beautiful. Thank you.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: So, if it's okay, Madam Chair? Mr. Armstrong is here to answer any questions and to make a short presentation about the Palm Beach Shores...

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Okay.

Acting Executive Director Jacobs: ...water main project.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: He can go ahead. I didn't see him, or didn't realize he was going to do one. But, go ahead. You're free to go.

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: Thank you.

Well, I, I don't really wanna make a presentation on Palm Beach Shores, if that's okay, since you already approved it. I don't want you to change your mind.

Board Member Botel: This is exa'... I'm sorry. Madam Chair? Yeah. This is exactly what I was interested in. I wanna...

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: Yeah.

Board Member Botel: ...know the age of the distribution system. And, particularly on the Island, what..., at what point do the..., does the infrastructure on the Island get replaced?

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: Okay.

Board Member Botel: Just for my..., I mean, I'm not only concerned about the Island, but that's the question that came up...

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: Okay.

Board Member Botel: ...at my last town hall.

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: In the Palm Beach Shores water main project, in, in your packet was the location of that. And this, this was the third slide of that, for the Palm Beach Shores project to justify why..., one of the reasons who we were gonna do the Palm Beach Shores water main project.

This map shows water mains based on age, pipe age. And, the water treatment plant was built in the 1950s. And so, the water mains, for the most part, that were constructed in the 1950s are in red or pinkish red there. Like at Palm Beach Shores, in the eastern City of Riviera Beach.

The water mains that were constructed in the 1960s..., between 1961 and 19790s, are shown in green. So, Singer Island, basically, for the most part, the water mains were constructed in the 1960s. And..., depending on pipe age, the, the type of pipe..., the typical pipe age is around seventy years.

So, based on that, the water main should be replaced in about [pause], let's see... Like in, in 1930. [Inaudible].

Board Member Botel: Madam Chair? I'm sorry. Mr. Armstrong, could you just say again where in the backup this is? 'Cause I'm having trouble finding it.

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: Okay.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: I'm looking at...

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: On the Palm Beach Shores water main project...

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Ho'... Mr. Armstrong. Do we have this presentation? Or no?

Board Member Botel: You're..., are you just saying we have this particular slide?

City Manager Evans: Madam Chair, if I may add? I don't know if you have this particular slide. We have provided this slide before in...

[Inaudible dais comment]

City Manager Evans: ...in previous Items, but, we can make sure that the Board gets this in an email.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Are you looking for an answer to a question?

Board Member Botel: Yeah. I thought that Mr. Armstrong said that this slide was in the backup for the Bamboo...

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: It, it was in the..., for the Palm Beach Shores water main project, under the, the B., the award...

Board Member Botel: Is that I'...

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: ...and the contract to B&B.

Board Member Botel: Is it Item 4? Is it Item 4 or Item 5? Do you know? Was it under the Chen Moore?

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: I mean...

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: The one before that, for B&B...

Board Member Botel: 4. Okay.

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: ...Contractors, to award the contract to B&B Construction.

Board Member Botel: So, there are..., there are eight backup. There's a memo, Resolution...

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Dr. Botel, what are you trying to find out though?

Board Member Botel: I want...

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: I mean...

Board Member Botel: I wanna...

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: ...you can't see it?

Board Member Botel: I can't see it. [Chuckle]. I can't see it. Can you see that?

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: I... Yeah. I mean...

Board Member Botel: You're good.., you good eyes that...

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: I mean...

Board Member Botel: I was...

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: See it right... Can you see it better there?

Board Member Botel: Oh, now, I can see it.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Yeah. That's what I'm...

Board Member Botel: That's...

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: ...looking at.

Board Member Botel: ...that's better.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Yeah.

Board Member Botel: Thank you.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Okay.

Board Member Botel: Thank you. Now, I couldn't see the colors. But now I can see the colors.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Yeah.

Board Member Botel: Thank you.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Alright. Go ahead. Thank you.

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: So, that's the last slide. [Stammer]... So, the water mains that are the oldest were installed when the water plant was installed in the 1950s, and that's the red or pinkish color there.

Board Member Botel: Okay.

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: So, that's basically To'.., Town of Palm Beach Shores, eastern part of the City.

Board Member Botel: Okay.

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: Excluding Singer Island.

So those, just based on pipe age, those are the ones we want to replace first. And I, I asked Mr. Bailey if he could..., when he does his CDBG projects, to try and select them based on those areas from a water and sewer perspective. I mean, there's other..., I mean, all the CDBG projects that are projected in the future, except for one, are in, in that area.

And so, the next ones..., the next oldest are shown in green, that were installed in the ninet'..., between 1960 and 1970, and that includes Singer Island, for the most part. Some water mains, you know, have been replaced but... So, those will be, like, in 1930 to 1940, those should be replaced.

However, one of the things is, when we place them, a lot of times they tear up the streets, they interfere with..., you know, create traffic. So, we try and get them done the same time that the street improvements are done because, if we..., if we just go in and replace the pipe, we're tearing up the streets and we gotta pay for the..., repair the streets versus...

Board Member Botel: Right.

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: ...if we're gonna... And then you're gonna have..., have to basically do a whole lane. So it's, it's more cost effective to do it at the same time that streets are done. So...

Board Member Botel: Madam Chair? I just have a question. I'm sorry.

So, when the streets were done in some of the neighborhoods on the Island, were the water mains replaced at that time? 'Cause the street'..., many of the streets were recently done.

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: Yes, ma'am.

Board Member Botel: So, they were... Oh good.

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: At, at Yacht Harbor Manor, there's, like, five streets there that were..., it was completed in 2019.

Board Member Botel: And new water mains were put in?

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: Yes, ma'am.

Board Member Botel: Okay. Good.

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: And, and the gravity sewer line..., the pipes were lined.

Board Member Botel: Oh good. Okay.

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: So...

Board Member Botel: Thank you.

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: I know there's..., north of that, in Palm Beach Isles, there was two bridges that were done, so the water main and the sewer main across there were replaced.

Board Member Botel: Okay. Good.

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: There's a, a third bridge in Palm Beach Isles, and those..., that's planned to be replaced, a water...

Board Member Botel: Okay.

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: ...main and a force main there.

Board Member Botel: Good.

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: And then, there was also..., Palm Beach Isles, a few years ago, Public Works retained an engineering firm to design..., to replace the, the streets, upgrade the streets and replace the water and sewer lines. Replace the water and, and line the sewer lines, replace the force mains crossing the bridges.

But...

Board Member Botel: Okay.

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: ...that is not on the CDBG..., one of their projects at, at this point.

Board Member Botel: Okay. Thank you very much. You've answered my question. I appreciate it. Thanks.

Senior Utility Engineer Armstrong: Thank you.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Any other questions or comments, or want to hear from the presentation?

Let the record reflect Counc'..., Chairperson Lanier is on the dais.

Alright. Did you have your comments, Ms. Botel?

Board Member Botel: Yeah. I've done [inaudible].

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: You're done? Okay.

Chairperson, we were at the end. We're doing comments. So, if you have any comments?

Chairperson Lanier: [Chuckle].

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: [Chuckle]. Otherwise. We'll probably go ahead and adjourn.

Chairperson Lanier: Go ahead.

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: Alright.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Miller-Anderson: We'll adjourn this meeting at this time.

[Gavel]

Board Member Botel: What time are we gonna start the...

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