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Meeting Minutes City Council Workshop

Mayor Jon Netts
Vice Mayor Heidi Shipley
Council Member Jason DeLorenzo
Council Member Bill McGuire
Council Member Steven Nobile

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9:00 AM

City Hall Community Wing

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A. Call to Order

Mayor Netts called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

C. Roll Call

Records Coordinator Barbara Redline called the roll.

Present: 5 - Mayor Netts, Vice Mayor Shipley, Council Member DeLorenzo, Council Member McGuire, and Council Member Nobile

D. PRESENTATIONS

1 [16-148](#) PRESENTATION ON STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN EVALUATION RESULTS

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item. Ms. Denise Bevan, City Administration Coordinator, gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached to these minutes).

Goal 1: Expansion slide:

VM Shipley (Strategy 1.1.1-Old Kings Rd. street resurfacing) - Does that mean this hasn't been budgeted yet? Ms. Bevan - Good point, it probably should have had an X by street resurfacing because it is a budget concern.

CM McGuire stated he would like to see a projected completion date under the

"status" column. There was discussion about "ongoing" or "underway" and start, target and completion dates for strategies/points of interest; some projects take years to complete, etc.

CM DeLorenzo - Where are we with replacing the cabinets (optimization project) on the Belle Terre corridor between Pine Lakes and Palm Coast Pkwy. westbound? Mr. Landon - Signalization coordination/optimization; we are in the process of soliciting proposals and bids to bring back to City Council and from there I will start implementation.

CM Nobile - Change out of the cabinet modules so we can communicate with them remotely? - Mr. Landon - Yes, fiber connection to it, the software, monitor and physically doing the improvements at the different intersections. The rest of the project will be done in-house - signage and that will be put into our schedule.

Goal 2: Economic slide:

Mayor Netts (2.3.2. Secure consultant to recruit and support start-up companies in high tech sectors) how that differs from what the County is doing. CM Nobile - Last year, we asked the County to come in and have them do presentations on what they are doing so the next step would be - no consultant; strictly in-house - we need to find out what we can do that doesn't overlap what they do. Then, find out who do we do it to; attracting companies. How do we get in touch with the retailers, organizations that if we had something to entice high tech companies to come here. Find out who we have to deal with. Then next year, how can we get there? Then put a plan together to reach these people. He brings this up because in the survey it comes in very low with economic opportunities, etc.; public is saying they don't see improvement there. Mr. Landon suggested CM Nobile get with Mr. Beau Falgout, City Administration Coordinator and the County and vet through this idea and then bring it back to City Council for discussion.

CM DeLorenzo suggested to work with the players that are already doing this and focus on getting them in the County, not just Palm Coast. CM Nobile agreed; it doesn't have to be Palm Coast; it can be Flagler County. He wants jobs for people in Palm Coast; we have to work together. He hopes everyone wants the success of the County.

Goal 3: Financial slide:

VM Shipley (Strategy 3.2.2 - Implement electronic processes to improve permitting and customer satisfaction) - So, eventually we want to do all our permitting online? Mr. Landon - It is not going to be totally online, but you shouldn't have to drive down here, have us scan it in and then review. This is in process.

Mayor Netts updated Council regarding their request, he wrote a letter to the County Commission asking to discuss Fire/EMS; he got a response from Chairman of the County Commission, Ms. Revels basically saying she was out of town and is back now; how about getting together to discuss this. He responded, he would love to but talking one on one . . . you still have County Commissioners saying they don't understand what the problem is; we need to sit down with them; it a work in progress.

CM McGuire - Hasn't that work jumped the tracks, because haven't they responded that they don't want to talk to us because there might be new Council members and it should be put off until then? Mayor Netts - The response he got from Commissioner Revels is that she would be happy to meet one on one; it is a step. Ultimately, it has to be the two bodies sitting together.

VM Shipley (Strategy 3.2.3 - Volunteers - Identify methods of encouraging

participation) - Have we seen a decline in the volunteer members? Mr. Landon spoke of the volunteer firefighters, law enforcement has COPs. We have an organization that coordinates volunteers in town here (Flagler Volunteer Services-FVS).

Mayor Netts - We don't want to duplicate the services of FVS; how can we use their volunteers for City services; what can we do internally to see where we can use volunteers. Mr. Landon - Yes, water sampling.

VM Shipley - Do we have something on our website that shows volunteer opportunities? Mr. Landon - No, a lot of them it is a case by case basis, ongoing; special event, recreation department, etc.

There was further discussion about coming up with new opportunities for volunteers to serve the community; not just for special events, using FVS.

Goal 4: Environmental slide:

CM Nobile (Strategy 4.3.4 - Report on Alternative Energy strategies and results) - What is this, the process for finding alternative energy? Ms. Bevan - Yes, and that overall focus and what staff heard is that maybe that's not known that well in the community, so we took that as a report to City Council.

Goal 5: Quality of Life slide:

VM Shipley (Strategy 5.1.2 - Evaluate cost-benefit of heating and swimming pool) - Didn't we used to keep the pool heated all the time? Mr. Landon - Yes, you are talking about keeping it open all year round. He explained there was only a small group that would come in the morning and it would be mostly empty for the rest of the day. So we no longer have the pool open during the winter; Belle Terre Racquet & Swim Club is open. This was her idea, but she sees after Belle Terre Racquet & Swim Club's struggle that this is no longer needed.

VM Shipley (Strategy 5.2.1 - Evaluate stormwater pond/drainage features for safety fencing City-wide) - Her concern was the drainage pond behind CVS off of Old Kings Rd., it was green, mucky water and somebody could fall into that pond and you could never find them. So, in just the cases where they are like that; if we could put a fence around it to make it safer. Mr. Landon - All the canals have dark, murky water; this one the neighbor complained about a wet ditch that goes into the canal and the canal water backs up into it at certain times; it is virtually impossible for us to get in there and maintain it. We have 100's, maybe 1000's of these.

VM Shipley thinks this particular one maybe we could put fences around; it is small and very dark; small kids play around there and there is a lift station there also.

VM Shipley - Maybe we could have some type of grading/ranking for these. Mayor Netts - It is up there for consideration.

Mayor Netts (Strategy 5.2.2 - Funding for Belle Terre safety improvements to be incorporated into CIP/Capital Improvements Plan) - Is this the kind of thing that might be TPO (River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization) funded? CM DeLorenzo was not positive, but generally not. We have been thinking of it as safety improvements but maybe we should think of it, to be competitive with funding, as a different type of road improvement.

CM DeLorenzo (Strategy 5.2.2 - Implement bus stop solutions, etc.) - Where are we with the sign portion of that? Mr. Landon - He will have to get an update for Council.

VM Shipley (Strategy 5.2.2 - Develop continuous street lighting plan for major roads)

thought we were already doing this. Mr. Landon - We have a plan; there are two elements to our program; one is neighborhood lights which are potential street lights at each corner that we request from FPL. We won't put them mid-block or in front of someone's house, however, people can order their own privacy light and they can point it towards their own house. The other thing that we do is continuous lighting along major thoroughfares. Any time we do a street project now, you will see continuous lighting along those; Belle Terre north is a good example. When ITT built the community, they didn't put street lights in. At one time before the recession, we had planned to retrofit our major thoroughfares with continuous lighting but that was one of the programs that was cut. If Council is in agreement with this, the idea would be to start implementing that program again. The next one in our plan was to continue with Belle Terre all the way down to SR100.

Mayor Netts - If you put up 100 lights it is going to cost a certain amount of money; if you put up 1 light only is it 1/100ths of the cost or is it a mobilization kind of characteristic where you need to put up a certain number for it to be cost effective? Mr. Landon - One size doesn't fit all, if you already have a pole and you just need a light it's one cost; if you have to put a pole up it's different; some of the programs they don't charge anything for them to put up; the cost for the light and pole is all included in the monthly charge.

Mayor Netts - There is the segment of Belle Terre that we all agree needs continuous lighting, say we don't have the budget capacity, are we better off putting every other pole a light or take the whole northern section and do it thoroughly; is there one better than the other? Mr. Landon - It really needs to be continuous from a safety standpoint as per the standards of street lights; it can be done in chunks, etc.

CM DeLorenzo - Is continuous street lighting an antiquated method? Are modern cities really using continuous street lighting with all the advances in our cars in lights? Mr. Landon - It is also bicyclists and pedestrians.

CM Nobile - Is there a possibility of pedestrian lighting versus street lights? Mr. Landon - Your biggest challenge on Belle Terre is you have sidewalks on both sides of the street.

VM Shipley (5.2.4 - Develop a plan for emergency communication upgrades, etc.) - Do we put money aside right now; is there money right now put aside for it? Mr. Landon - We put money aside every year to replace our radios and we are working on if we have to replace them all that we will have money at the time we have to do that. There are certain parts that makes no sense for us to do like dispatch; we could spend a lot of money but it would be duplication; we need to work with the County to update it.

Mayor Netts - There are two pieces to this that are important to the City's perspective: one will the ultimate system that the County puts in, will our existing radios be upgradable to meet that new standard; the other issue is the towers; if there are towers going to be put in Palm Coast, he would like to know how many, where, etc. It is an important issue for us.

CM Nobile - When does support end for the current system? Mr. Landon - End of 2017. Mayor Netts - The County has claimed that their provider has the resources to fill that gap from 2017 to 2021.

CM DeLorenzo - Are our radios budgeted under the fleet fund? Mr. Landon - We have a separate fund for communications.

Goal 6: Workforce Talent slide:

CM McGuire (Strategy 2.3.1 - Secure consultant to recruit and support start-up companies in high tech sectors) - He was concerned that there are certain tasks that only certain members of the staff can do and we have lost some employees over the last year. His concern is having cross-training in place. Mr. Landon - We have a very rigorous cross-training program and he explained it further.

CM Nobile - Pension plan; he would like to get in touch with other cities and look at the salaries and their retirement plans and see how much they end up with. The feedback he gets is that we are losing people because they are moving to places that have a post-employment (defined) pension plan. He is not in favor of any post-employment pension contribution. However, he would like to see an example of two different employees moving through 30-year employment term and look at the salaries and the pension contribution so we have that to show people; you are not getting more because you are getting a pension; he would like to see the comparison. He spoke of the potential liability to the City with the defined pension plan and how it is better for employees to own their money (401a) versus losing it when they die or the City not being able to finance the plan, etc. Mr. Landon stated staff can put together a comparison.

CM DeLorenzo (6.3.1 - Develop Customer Rating Survey options to be readily available to our customers) is looking for a kiosk in City Hall or some sort of method, a volunteer perhaps, to engage people coming in and out of this building and also a link in email signatures. He believes that is very common for a government agencies; where you can get instant feedback about how your interaction went.

(6.3.2 - Create a virtual Citizens Academy program) VM Shipley's idea; Council liked it. Mr. Landon - We can work on this; it may take some resources and some time. Mayor Netts suggested to possibly do one night (of the academy) at a time.

CM DeLorenzo (6.4.1 - Implement targeted internship opportunities) - We should highlight the water operators' class with FTI (Flagler Technical Institute) and they have already done job placement. Mr. Landon - Yes, it is an excellent career.

VM Shipley - Was it something that we started or that FTI started? Mr. Landon - It was kind of a combination. Mayor Netts stated he was pushing for a number of years for it; it's a good job, public safety, etc.

City Council Feedback - Summary slide:

VM Shipley 5.1.2 - Take off heating swimming pool

CM Nobile 2.3.1 (support start-up high tech companies) - Redefine it more. Mayor Netts - Yes, take out consultant.

CM McGuire suggested ranking sheets for each item when it comes back to Council.

VM Shipley asked if it is too late to add an item. Mr. Landon - Not too late.

2 [16-137](#)

RESOLUTION 2016-XX APPROVING THE TRANSPORTATION IMPACT FEE CREDIT AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ALLOCATION, CONSTRUCTION, AND DEDICATION OF LAND, WITH PV - PALM COAST, LLC, FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO BELLE TERRE BOULEVARD

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item. Mr. William Hoover, Senior Planner, gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached to these minutes). Mr. Sean Castello, Traffic Engineer, was present for questions.

CM DeLorenzo (*Estimate of Impact Fees Generated/Project Costs slide*) - Highest intensity use calculated? Mr. Hoover - Yes, that number is the educated guess on the worst case side.

CM McGuire - When you come down Belle Terre and cross Moody Blvd., how far before you come to the entrance of this facility? Mr. Hoover - Probably, the southerly entrance is about 600 ft.

CM McGuire - So, what about traffic building up for people that want to make a left turn off of there off of Belle Terre once they cross Moody? Mr. Castello - That is why we are asking them, once we get enough impact fees available to us, then we will do southbound lanes.

CM McGuire - Do you envision a signal? Mr. Castello - No, the turn lane will keep the majority of the vehicles at the intersection rather than backing up.

CM McGuire - So, if I am southbound on Belle Terre then you would prefer me to make a left hand turn onto Moody then a right turn into here? Mr. Landon - If you are coming southbound on Belle Terre you have two options. He explained, if you get in the most left turn lane at the signal; as if you are going to I-95, then you can make the right turn into this shopping center. The other way, is you go through the intersection and then come in the other southerly entrance.

CM McGuire - Does the developer see this as an incentive? Mr. Landon - Most businesses are going to contribute an impact fee, and they like this because it benefits their business too.

The Resolution was Continued.

Enactment No: R2016-33

3 [16-146](#)

RESOLUTION 2016-XX APPROVING CHANGE ORDERS FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE OF THE HOLLAND PARK IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item. Mr. Carl Cote, Manager of Construction & Engineering Management Division, gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached to these minutes).

CM Nobile - Is any of this due to the prior contractor? Mr. Landon - Yes, many times when you have a project that is delayed, it costs us more money and then we pass that on to the contractor (liquidated damages).

CM DeLorenzo - The construction portion, is that construction management? Mr. Cote - We asked them to do certain things, review shop drawings, request for information; if we can't respond to the questions we refer them to the engineer.

CM McGuire - Do we have a plan or a concept of recouping the not-to-exceed amount if the City Council approves it? Mr. Landon - That is the liquidated damages end of it, if we can demonstrate that the delays cost us money, and we are pretty confident we can, then yes. Attorney Reischmann added, every contract will provide for a retaining/hold back some of the payment; there is normally a final payment when a project is done and all the change orders are done, that is when there will be a determination of the charge against that final payment.

The Resolution was Continued.

Enactment No: R2016-37

E. WRITTEN ITEMS

- 4 [16-130](#) RESOLUTION 2016-XX APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH POMEROY APPRAISAL ASSOCIATES OF FLORIDA, INC., TO PROVIDE REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE OLD KINGS ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item.

CM McGuire - What would be the timeframe that we could expect to be compensated by FDOT (Florida Dept. of Transportation) after we pay for the appraisal? Mr. Cote - We usually do it on a monthly basis. We have an active agreement with them for a portion of that amount; then there will be an agreement put together to fund the balance. Mr. Landon - This one we don't have to go through the County for conversion.

CM McGuire - Where is the money going to come from to pay for the appraisal(s)? Mr. Landon - It is in our transportation fund and then we will be reimbursed.

CM DeLorenzo - Is this a not-to-exceed amount? Mr. Cote - It is a not-to-exceed amount, etc.

CM DeLorenzo - Did they bid a rate, a price? Mr. Cote - We have a per parcel price, they provided a proposal with qualifications; the criteria was based on: FDOT experience, experience in the County, their team and schedule. We ranked the firm most qualified and then we negotiated with them.

CM DeLorenzo - Primarily commercial? Mr. Cote - Mostly, commercial.

The Resolution was Continued.

Enactment No: R2016-34

- 5 [16-134](#) RESOLUTION 2016-XX APPROVING PIGGYBACKING THE NATIONAL JOINT POWERS ALLIANCE AGREEMENT #031212-GPC WITH NAPA-GENUINE PARTS COMPANY (BUNNELL AUTO SUPPLY COMPANY) TO PURCHASE FLEET PARTS AND SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S FLEET

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item.

No Council comments.

The Resolution was Continued.

Enactment No: R2016-35

- 6 [16-139](#) RESOLUTION 2016-XX APPROVING EXPENSES FOR ROADWAY BORES FOR THE BELLE TERRE MEDIAN LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION PROJECT

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item.

CM Nobile - This is going under the road? Mr. Landon - Yes, under each intersection.

The Resolution was Continued.

Enactment No: R2016-38

- 7 [16-145](#) RESOLUTION 2016-XX APPROVING CHANGE ORDER 2 WITH S.E. CLINE CONSTRUCTION, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR THE SEMINOLE WOODS RECLAIMED WATER MAIN, PHASE 1 PROJECT

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item.

CM McGuire - This is the second change order in this project? Mr. Landon - Yes, the first one was within his signature authority but this one pushes it out.

CM Nobile - So this one came to Council because it was \$29,000 and now it is \$34,500; it is not the \$5,000? Mr. Landon - He can approve under \$30,000; they are tied together.

The Resolution was Continued.

Enactment No: R2016-36

F. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Participation shall be held in accordance with Section 286.0114 Florida Statutes. After the Mayor calls for public participation each member of the audience interested in speaking on topics on the workshop agenda or any topic or proposition not on the agenda, shall come to the podium and state their name. Each speaker will have up to three (3) minutes each to speak. The Mayor will advise when the three (3) minutes are up and the speaker will be asked to take a seat and wait until all public comments are finished to hear answers to all questions. Once all members of the audience have spoken, the Mayor will close public participation and no other questions/comments shall be heard. Council and staff will then respond to questions posed by members of the audience. Should you wish to provide Council with any material, all items shall be given to the City Clerk and made part of the record. If anyone is interested in discussing an issue further or ask additional questions, individual Council Members and staff will be available after the meeting to discuss the matter and answer questions.

Annette Russo Pilgin - Senior Center. We gave up our meeting to come here. This City really needs a senior center. When we started in 2010 and in three months we had 150 members; we had to turn people away. We have no place to store things; every event is stored at her house. We are not over the hill. We need events, programs. We need a senior center run by seniors. We don't want to wait another 10 years.

Michael Groves, President of Family Matters of Flagler - Senior Center. There is a difference between a senior center and a community center. When you say you are going to make the community center and senior center, according to the Older Americans Act and Elders Affairs of Florida there are 9 separate elements necessary; you will need to make the 9 elements happen. That is a lot of parking that will be needed to be redesigned for. City limits is not just Palm Coast Pkwy., it is also in the Seminole Woods area. We have a lot community down there and no place to go either. The Matanzas area, no place to go. We need to think about spreading out even if it is in small components; networking with our partnerships, other municipalities that we have and the County. The population of seniors is 89,000, that doesn't include the handicapped and disabled, in Flagler County. Seniors feel disenfranchised. Seniors are not dead. The ITT concept of this place in 1979 was for

seniors.

Sims Jones - Senior Center. He remembers when the County was looking to turn over the senior citizens coalition and aging to Volusia County and there were people that fought hard to keep it here in Flagler County. One of the things he has seen with talking to the seniors is they are not getting the proper acknowledgement they should be getting. They call it a senior center in Flagler Beach, but we need to give our seniors a normal meal not convection type of meal; something that they can enjoy. They need time to fellowship; do crafts and we would also like to see the seniors helping, teaching the younger ones. Seniors should have a senior center; Community Center expansion is not enough; conflict with trying to do too many things. Our seniors are the ones that paved the way for us; we need to stand up for them.

George Mayo - Senior Center. He agrees we need a senior center. Two other items - Belle Terre Blvd./SR100 development plat, it did not show the roadway; at the most southern entrance and exit on Belle Terre Blvd. He thinks that where you have the exit further north where it is a right turn only. He lives in that area and he can see cars pulling out of there and waiting for traffic to go and then making the left. He hopes they have some kind of fiberglass sticks in the center of the road preventing cars from doing that otherwise he can see that happening all day. The other thing - Keeping Firefighters and getting local citizens to join our Fire Dept. He saw in Maryland where the fire dept. went in conjunction with the school system and said we have a need for inductees and they started an after school training program and once they graduated, they were guaranteed a job and certification with the fire dept. They got their 8 inductees. That is something we may want to look at here, we could partner with the schools.

Louis McCarthy - Whiteview Parkway and Belle Terre. The left lane; you have left lane turns going east and west; the problem is the signal does not have a left lane so you can have tricky situations there. He didn't notice it until CM DeLorenzo pointed it out that the left lanes are there but the turn signal is not. He thinks that should be put on a fast track.

Sara Repetti of Flagler Beach. Firefighters and schools. They are doing that in Flagler Beach; it is a good thing to do. We need a senior center.

Carol Cosso - Senior Center. Someday all of Council will be senior citizens, and hopefully you will still reside in Palm Coast and you will all benefit from the senior center.

Mary Valley - Holland Park. Is there a bocce court being put in? Community rooms in City Hall, what does that mean? We need a senior center.

Joanne Campos - Public Transportation. We do not have any public transportation; we do have Flagler County transportation buses, but you have to call days or weeks in advance to use it. Sometimes it takes an hour for them to pick you up. She would like to see some regular routes around Palm Coast and Flagler County; inexpensive transportation.

Milissa Holland - Communications (Radio System) between City and County. She would add the evacuation facilities which are housed in our school districts. There is zero communication currently within those school districts outside of it. So, think about that, they are shelters in case of emergency and first responders are unable to communicate in those buildings. Although, it is a County function, it is important to the City. She knows the County is retrofitting antennas on some of the schools. Jobs - make sure that you are also coordinating the appropriate work force to bring those in.

We have two technology companies now that are very successful; high paying jobs; they can work anywhere in the world but they chose to be here because they love the community. When they expand, they send the jobs to her; she gets emails. She has worked with our Center for Excellence, Embry Riddle; they are very difficult to match the jobs with that particular need. She would suggest that we work with Daytona State College and perhaps addressing some different curriculum offerings to our students, particularly in the dual enrollment program, they would add that viability so when they are tracking that particular technology company you are matching it with the workforce.

Shirley McDuff - Senior Center. She works with the seniors. She was donated a slushy trailer and it is going to help her seniors; she is going to put on a prom for seniors. She is trying to help the seniors. We do all our activities at Annette's house and we have no place for storage and our group is growing. We need a place for our seniors.

Jack Carall - At the (Matanzas) school where the new exchange/interchange was built you need a light. He spoke to the engineer and they are talking about it. Who is going to be responsible for that light, the City, County or school? It's not City property. Whose budget does it come out of? This is a great place to live but why are people moving out? Every day he sees a new for sale sign go up. People don't leave a great place.

Roseanne Sectors - Senior Center. Volusia County has several, St. Augustine has nine. Why don't we have one? Don't we deserve it?

Responses:

Firefighting training in the schools. Mr. Landon - We are coordinating with FPC/Flagler Palm Coast High School for a training program for high school students to work with our fire dept., County fire dept. and we provide some equipment and expertise.

Senior Programs and required storage; will there be provisions for storage? Mr. Landon - Yes, major issue out there; plenty of storage. Mayor Netts asked for one of Council's workshops, an overview of what the finished project will look like. Mr. Landon - Yes.

Holland Park. Mr. Landon - The bocce court will stay. Next phase will have a cover over it.

Community Room. Mayor Netts - Because it is intended for community use; not just for City Council meetings.

Public transportation. Mayor Netts - Once upon a time quite a few years ago, he proposed that the large big box stores, Publix, Target, Albertsons, that they fund a circular bus route; parking lot to parking lot to parking lot, but that idea was soundly rejected. The issue that he continues to see with any public transportation, even if you put a bus route on Florida Park Dr., how do the seniors who don't drive get to the bus stop? They would have to walk and that was almost a self-defeating issue.

Matanzas Woods High School traffic lights. Mayor Netts - Traffic lights at the interchange, would be owned by FDOT, maintained by FDOT and paid for by FDOT and it would be their decision. He has asked the school board to meet jointly with us. The question is pedestrian safety. If two high school students walk along Matanzas to Matanzas high school, the cost benefit ratio isn't there; if 200 kids walk or bike there,

that is another story. It depends on what the pedestrian traffic is there.

CM DeLorenzo - Mr. Mayo suggested some signage, striping and painting might go a long way for safety walking area/cross walk area; low cost may improve the visibility might go a long way. Mayor Netts - Perfectly good idea, right now Matanzas Woods Pkwy. is a County road not a City road. The interchange and ramps that is FDOT property and roads. There is an interlocal agreement between the County and the City that when this project is complete, Matanzas Woods Pkwy. will be turned over to the City at that point we could go ahead with FDOT approval and put signage and striping, etc. This is not to say that we shouldn't have a conversation with the County now while the County owns Matanzas Woods Pkwy. to do that same kind of thing. Mr. Landon - We will have a new intersection at Old Kings Rd. and that is going to have a crossing and we insisted on a signal because it is going to be a City street. A little further to the east, there is the new intersection of Matanzas Pkwy. and Palm Harbor and that is going to change the traffic pattern too so you can't get to Forest Grove when you are on Old Kings Rd. Our goal is to look at the whole area and all of these improvements and that is in our plan.

G. DISCUSSION BY CITY COUNCIL OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

CM DeLorenzo - Royal Palms east of Belle Terre; the path that runs along the south side/road side when you come out of Pt. Pleasant the neighborhood is having difficulty getting across Royal Palms. He was wondering about a pedestrian actuated blinking light to alert drivers there is a pedestrian attempting to cross Royal Palms; so the pedestrian would hit a button at the intersection and then at a distance from the intersection a light would blink to hopefully slow down. Mr. Landon - Like we did at Lehigh Trail, Rymfire? CM DeLorenzo - Correct. Mr. Landon invited Council Members to look at the area and decide if that is what they would like to do.

VM Shipley - Bus routes there are people riding bikes to work and if we did with major stores like Target, etc., she doesn't think it is just a senior issue, she thinks it is something we could use for everybody. Maybe when it comes to the senior centers, get their input somehow on what they are looking for at the Community Center; what we think they want and what they are looking for may be a different story.

CM DeLorenzo - Regarding buses and bus stops; he went to a presentation, as well as some County representatives and a consultant spoke about a fixed route system; there is some planning going into it. He didn't know the viability of the plan but it was to be built in phases and basically run from Target at Belle Terre and up to Island Walk eventually. They are expensive to operate unless you have riders to offset it.

CM Nobile - He can't imagine buses stopping on Belle Terre. On Royal Palms west of Belle Terre, are we working on a natural barrier there along those houses? Mr. Landon - He hasn't seen anything recently come up about that.

H. DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Attorney Reischmann-We attended mediation for the McDonalds' pending litigation in which the City is a party defendant. There are some options that he would like to discuss with Council next Tuesday after the business meeting (4/19/16) in executive session regarding the settlement negotiations and litigation expenses; all consistent with the Sunshine Law.

Mayor Netts - What action does that require from City Council? Attorney Reischmann - Nothing.

Mayor Netts explained the process of executive session; it is not a meeting open to the public; under Florida Law there must be a court reporter there and the meeting is transcribed and when the issue is completed, then it becomes public record to be read, heard, etc.

I. DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Arbor Day event is coming up Saturday, May 7. It starts off with a 5K run at 8:00 a.m. and the main event starts at 9:00 a.m.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Redline*

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