



# City of Palm Coast

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft Utilities Advisory Committee

**Chairman Robert Wieners**  
**Vice Chair Malcolm Kennedy**  
**Committee Member Michael Hardiman**  
**Committee Member Jack Pitman**  
**Committee Member Victor Sarmiento**  
**Committee Member John J. Smarge**  
**Committee Member William Venne**

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Thursday, August 4, 2011

3:00 PM

Council Conference Room

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City Staff:

Richard Adams, Director of Public Works  
John Moden, Director of Stormwater & Engineering  
Rebeca Andrade, Recording Secretary

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**B. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Chairman Wieners, Committee Member Hardiman, Committee Member Pitman, Committee Member Smarge, and Committee Member Venne

**Excused:** 1 - Committee Member Sarmiento

**Absent:** 1 - Vice Chair Kennedy

**C. MINUTES**

*Minutes approved as presented*

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

**11-122**

**UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE UTILITY UNDERGROUND WIRE ORDINANCE**

*Mr. Richard Adams explained to the Committee about the existing ordinance. The City Ordinance is that all new Sub-Division are required to have all underground. This committee wants to have all new construction underground. Mr. Adams said that this committee wants to put it together and he will let the City Manager know about it and they will then present it to Council. Mr. Adams said since this committee is basically all new they should go ahead and draft a new presentation and present it to the Council. Mr. Venne wants the committee to know about how many new members are in this committee. Mr. Venne wants to know if this is going to be cost efficient, effective? New Cables are underground but when they run new service they are going up the pole to the house. Mr. Adams said that ITT started the cable company and now they have new cable company and the new owners wants to go over head. Mr. Hardiman said that Mr. Kelton had a problem when he was the City Manager he had a problem then. Mr. Hardiman said that the reason for this is that if they had a*

problem with the pole the entire pole would have to be replaced. There will be a time when all the city would be underground. The feeder lines would never be underground. Most of the streets the transmission line. The clothes line would remain under the new proposal. Mr. Venne would say maybe there would not be a need for underground. The individual lots we are just talking about individual house. Just the individual properties in about 50 years when they start to replace they will be replaced they will then be underground. If this became an ordinance it would be around \$500.00. Not only for the electric not only for the cable but also for phone. Mr. Venne wanted to know about the draft ordinance. Draft ordinance would have to be legal. Mr. Venne said that there is no one in the committee that is not opposing to the Ordinance. Mr. You will be getting a push back by the home builders. There was quite a bit a discussion on it they sent you back with some questions. Mr. Venne said that some people would come back with what about if there is a tree in the property. Mr. Adams said that you won't have anyone come back and say that will be the problem.. Mr. Adams said that would be one of the issues the cost. Home Builders did not disagree. Mr. Venne would like to know if they would like to do. Mr. Adams explained to Brian and now Brian would like to help but the committee they need to send a copy of the Ordinance to Mr. Venne. Mr. Venne said that they would like to do the subcommittee meeting. Mr. Venne suggested they have this meeting and discuss the Ordinance and that could take the place of this meeting. This committee is straining live and the subcommittee could go ahead form a subcommittee. Mr. Pitman said he would not be part of this sub-Committee. Mr. Pitman said that New Symrna Beach has underground and Mr. Adams said that Flagler Beach has been underground as well. Mr. Hardiman wanted to know about all the new sub-divison the city has a new ordinance and wanted to know about them. Mr. Smarge said that all underground is great. Mr. Venne said that everyone should go back a pull this ordinance out and go over it and make changes and revise it and then we could go ahead and form a committee.

## PHARMACEUTICAL DISPOSAL

Mr. Pitman said that he contacted with Dr Kanacarus and he would be interested in collecting medication that has not been opened. Major O'brien said that there is no way of knowing if the medication has not been opened. Mr. Venne said that why would the sheriffs office be involved would they be going to the clinics and the hospitals and see if they have been opened. Mr. Pitman said that he is aware of the incineration. Mr. Venne wanted to know about a couple of months ago they collected the prescription and Mr. Venne said that he thought that he heard Mr. Pitman said that he spoke with Denise Bevan about the program. Mr. Venne wanted to know if there was anything that was needed to be brought to Council?

## E. NEW BUSINESS

## I. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

*No public participation*

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO DISCUSS NEW IDEAS

*No new business*

## F. UPDATES FROM RICHARD ADAMS

*Mr. Adams showing the committee the charts*

*The white eagle fires. Mr Venne wanted to know if there were any fees in regards to using the hydrants. Mr. Adams said that we charge the county and the City about a charge but since 2008 the County has not paid the fee. one of the level. Mr. Adams is explaining to the committee why the County has not paid this. Listen to the minutes. Collecting interim rates Florida water bought the system the regulatory has to approve the sale. Florida water had agreed to cancel the charge. In 2003 the city bought the water department after the 5 years were up there was a rate study that rate increase re-implement the for the city share the utility was getting the money from the General Fund. Staff is putting together a report for Council. Or the county could implement the fire district there is a benefit for the property owner because they will be getting a discount rate fire system in palm coast fire hydrant the Utility does not get any benefits so there is. Council has been advised about this. most people don't understand that. The county had a volunteer participated in helping volunteer into this Palm Coast came along and they will tax you separate the county decided they should have more paid counties the developers built some fire stations fire men to operate maybe who paid for this service palm coast taxes were paying for these taxes. they should have done the same with the hammock making you pay for the county water*

*Mr. Adams showing the charts for all the data going back 5 years. slight increase for July because of the rain fall.*

*ground elevation is about 30 the aquifer is about still significant since we are getting the water from the ground.*

*Daily water pumping for the last 2 years.*

*8.8 was the highest day for the month.*

*several meetings into infiltration.*

*mayor in*

*Infiltration is water that comes thru pipes feeders that are not ours Beverly Beach inflow they would be paying for that. have a verbal agreement to hook up to our system. Hammock dunes bridge. if they sign the interlocal agreement if you are resident if we meet the sewer in Beverly Beach inflow infiltration. be built into our rates trying to figure it out. They have that issue the airport what they found was major cleanout caps they had to pay for all of that.*

*Mr. Venne wanted to know if the issue with the airport has been resolved.*

*somewhere along the line when they were talking about bullow being a bulk customer the county attorney.*

#### **G. UPDATES FROM JOHN MODEN**

*Mr. Moden not present for this meeting no updates for Stormwater*

#### **H. DISCUSSION OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

*Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm*