

City of Gainesville

*City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 21, 2005

1:00 PM

City Hall, Ground Floor, Room 16

Public Works Committee

*Commissioner Warren Nielsen, Chair
Mayor Pegeen Hanrahan, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Nielsen moved and Mayor Hanrahan second adoption of the agenda presented.

Approved, as shown above

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Nielsen moved and Mayor Hanrahan second approval of the minutes presented.

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

001074 Flood Lights on Right of Way (B)

Brian Kanely, Transportation Services Manager consulted with the Code Enforcement Manager, Jim Garrett regarding the issue of Floodlights on the Right of Way.

Staff discussed their response to the Public Works Committee. Thier investigation found that several of the floodlights had been added after the original construction. Apparently, after the City's Building Division reviewed their building plan, extra floodlights were added to thier design. One of the locations received permits for the additional light fixtures. Staff advised the store manager to comply to Code requirements as the current light fixtures are in violation. The manager agreed to correct the problem and is searching for an electrician to disconnect the switching to the fixtures. In the interim, the floodlights will remain in the off position.

Public Works Committee Recommend Staff: 1) review the initial plan review from the Building Division to find a preventative solution to additional floodlight added to reviewed plans; 2) check the status report on the GRU floodlight shields; and 3) staff continue to work with Code Enforcement for further review

RECOMMENDATION *Public Works Committee: 1) discuss the Community Development report; 2) take action as necessary; and 3) remove this item from the active referral list.*

Approved, as shown above

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040742**Left Hand Turn Lane 1005 and 1007 SW 13th Street (NB)**

Public Works Department staff discussed the issue of adding a left turn lane for southbound traffic on SW 13th Street turning east onto SW 11th Avenue with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). The response from FDOT is that they are not in favor of approving a left turn lane for the following reasons:

- 1. Insufficient lane width. Any lane width less than 11 feet would have to be reviewed by the District Design Engineer. The reduced bike lane width is also questionable.*
- 2. Insufficient distance from the overpass to SW 11th Avenue. Trips generated to and from the project could cause a sharp increase in this left turn movement with insufficient room to develop the left turn lane. The possibility of rear end crashes could increase dramatically. Northbound right turns from SW 13th Street onto 11th Ave would also increase, making less opportunity for the southbound left turn movement, and causing queues to back up in the left turn lane.*
- 3. There is alternate access from points north and south. While less convenient, it would not cause the safety concerns a left turn lane would on SW 13th Street.*

The issues mentioned above, including trip generation and distribution, would have to be thoroughly addressed in an engineering report prior to FDOT review.

The Public Works Committee Recommend Staff: a) review the information provided by the FDOT with respect to the installation of a southbound left turn lane on SW 13th Street at SW 11th Avenue; and b) request the developer to provide additional traffic information when this item is forwarded to the City Commission agenda.

RECOMMENDATION *Public Works Committee hear an update of this issue.*

Approved, as shown above

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MEMBER COMMENT

The Public Works Committee title should be changed to reflect as the Public Works Environmental Committee

CITIZEN COMMENT**NEW BUSINESS****NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next meeting date is scheduled to occur April 7, 2005 at 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.