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City of Gainesville

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200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 14, 2010

1:00 PM

City Hall, Room 16

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee

*Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Scherwin Henry, Chair
Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Member
Commissioner Lauren Poe, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM

ROLL CALL

*Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Scherwin Henry, Chair and Commissioner Lauren Poe
Commissioner Jeanna Mastrodicasa entered the meeting room at 1:08 PM*

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

*Commissioner Poe moved and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Henry seconded to
adopt the agenda as presented.*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

*Commissioner Poe moved and Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem Henry seconded to
approve the minutes as circulated.*

090673. Approval of the November 18, 2009 Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Minutes (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee
approve the minutes of the November 18, 2009 meeting as
submitted.*

Approved

DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

*These minutes are a summary of the meeting and is not a verbatim discussion. A copy
of this meeting recording will be provided upon request.*

090556. Flooding in Older Neighborhoods and Process for Road Repair (B)

**This item is offered as an update on the status of Public Works' residential
roadway pavement program.**

*Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers kicked off the meeting by explaining that he has
had conversations with Chair Henry and Public Works Director Teresa Scott
regarding this referral. Mr. Folkers advised that Mrs. Scott and her staff will provide
a review on how Public Works approaches capital projects and will do a review of the
Pavement Management System.*

Teresa Scott provided a brief overview of the different types of projects that Public

Works deals with. For example: one of the categories is to repair maintenance of existing infrastructure like repairing a roof on a house. There is a program under the Pavement Management Systems that deals with providing maintenance to existing asphalt; which primarily involves the City's local neighborhood streets. The City budgets \$300,000 to \$400,000 per year for resurfacing neighborhood streets. Another category is the Capital program which is completed from a dedicated revenue source because of the adoption of the additional gas tax. The Florida Statute established it for developing capacity improvements; it cannot be used for operating expenses. It can be used for resurfacing of major streets; such as, 8th Avenue that runs through the City. A capacity improvement includes adding turn lanes; adding additional pavement, adding new sidewalks; anything that includes the improvement of the transportation system would qualify. There are also times when we have neighborhood drainage problems and they are dealt with through the department's operating budget where funding is available. These improvements are completed with in-house crews. There is no funding source to go in and do any major improvements. Major roadway improvements are identified through the CIP process and when grants become available.

Mrs. Scott advised that the sales tax initiative, Better Parks Better Roads, that was undertaken several years ago would have been used for specifically upgrading neighborhood streets; these types of projects could qualify under sales tax initiatives; as well as, all the other gas tax revenue that the City gets, but the majority of that gas tax about 85% goes for transit service which is about \$3 million.

Commissioner Poe inquired as to how funding is generated from the five cent gas tax. Mrs. Scott advised the City gets approximately \$1.4 - \$1.5 million, but that amount has to be used for capacity related improvements by Statute or transit capital operating.

Assistant Public Works Director Don Hambidge provided an update on neighborhood flooding issues and provided an update on the Pavement Management Program. A general discussion ensued.

Chair Henry suggested a conversation with the County due to the fact that many of their roads are in need of repair.

Commissioner Poe inquired as to our options as a City to generate revenue. City Attorney Marion Radson stated that a special assessment could be done.

MOTION: A motion was made by Commissioner Poe and seconded by Commissioner Mastrodicasa to have this item presented to the full City Commission for further discussion.

Commissioner Mastrodicasa suggested running this presentation on Channel 12 as an educational tool and Commissioner Henry suggested revising the presentation to include funding scenarios as to a referendum and what it would take to accomplish for maintaining the current overall rating and for bringing up all rebuilds and maintaining overall good ratings.

RECOMMENDATION *Recommended Motion: The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and*

Public Works Committee: 1) view a presentation on the Pavement Management Program; and 2) request additional research or ask staff to present the presentation to the City Commission at a future date.

A motion was made by Member Poe, seconded by Member Mastrodicasa, that this matter be Approved as shown above (See Motion). The motion carried by the following vote:

Votes: Aye: Jeanna Mastrodicasa, Lauren Poe and Scherwin Henry

MEMBER COMMENT

CITIZEN COMMENT

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting is scheduled to occur on Thursday, February 11, 2010 at 1:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 PM