

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
JULY 14, 2015

The Niceville City Council met in regular session at 7:00 PM, July 14, 2015, in the Council Chambers, 208 N Partin Drive. All Council members and the Mayor were present. Also present were City Manager, Lannie Corbin; City Clerk, Dan Doucet; Public Works Director, Bruce Price; Police Department, Chief Popwell; Fire Department, Chief Mayville; a member of the press, and 44 visitors in the audience. Councilman Henkel offered the prayer and boy scout led the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Wise called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting, June 9, 2015
Planning Commission Meeting, No Meeting Held
Local Planning Agency Meeting, No Meeting Held
Special Council Meeting, July 9, 2015

Councilman Nodjomian moved approval. Councilman Henkel seconded. Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Rominger-yes Motion passed

PRESENTATION:

Summit Professional Services – Mr Dennis Dingman, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Status – Update.

Mr Dingman stated that it has been a year and a half since his last visit to the City. He stated that the agency has been undergoing changes and wanted to come tonight and discuss those changes. He provided an overview of the New Community Wide Needs Score (CWNS) and Application Cycle. He stated that from FY 2000 the CWNS was 136.95. Then in 2010 CWNS it was 100.87 a drop of 35.98 points. He stated most community's scores have dropped because the Department (DEO? modified the CWNS scoring formula to help level the playing field between large and small communities. The City's 2010 cycle is ranked 134 out of 246 communities; the City's competitive funding position is about the same as in 2000. DEO application cycle is 1.5 years late because of adoption of a new Administrative Rule.

Niceville Grant Posture:

From FY 2014 CDBG applications just submitted on June 22, 2015. The Bad News: Niceville's 2014 CDBG HR projected applications score was 683.25, 2nd lowest of

Housing applications submitted. The lowest funded score is 802.60 submitted by Mexico Beach. The good news 1: There should be 1-2 more application cycles occurring within the next year; and

Good News 2: The City will receive 100 extra Grant History points on 7/3/2018 which will raise the City's score to 783.25 which makes the application highly likely to be funded.

After the 2000 Census CWNS release, the City received first application in 2008. At worse, it is expected the same pattern to occur this time, but there's a good possibility that the City would be funded a few years earlier.

Recommendations:

There is a need: Over the past year we received 10 calls from residents looking for help.

Wait to submit an application until next Year (Sep 2016). Fundable scores should lower because 2 application cycles will have been funded with the new CWNS and those communities that are funded will not be able to submit;

Consider becoming involved with the State Housing and Initiative Program (SHIP). The program is administered by the state which is similar to the CDBG program to rehabilitate homes. The SHIP program would raise Niceville's score by 25 points to around 710 and;

Continue to submit until the City's application is funded. Only cost to City is two Public Hearing ads per application cycle. Summit would conduct hearings and prepare each application at no cost to the city. Mr Dingman stated that the City will automatically receive 100 points in 2018 which is a design of the program to provide additional points for history. He does not waiting until 2018 to submit an application. As stated earlier the City should feel comfortable in submitting another application in 2016.

Mr Elliot Kampert – Okaloosa County Public Transit System – Update

Mr Kampert, Okaloosa County Growth Management Director thanked the council for allowing him to make his presentation. In addition, he thanked the City Council for allowing Councilman Schaezle to serve on the Okaloosa County Public Transit System committee adding that he is one of the more active members. He also noted that Councilman Nodjomian has been involved as well.

WHY SUPPORT PUBLIC TRANSIT

Public transportation in Okaloosa County supports the region by reducing traffic congestion, improving air quality, stimulates the economy.

It provides an essential lifeline to many seniors, youth, disabled, workers, shoppers, as well as provide a transportation alternative to the region's many tourists.

Incorporating public transit is critical to planning safe, convenient, economically sound, environmentally friendly and healthy communities.

PUBLIC TRANSIT & CAPTIVE POPULATIONS MOBILITY

Okaloosa County population has been growing at a steady rate. According to the U.S. Census, Okaloosa County's population in 1970 was 88,187. By 2010, it had grown by 205% to 180,822.

He stated the population estimated for 2014 was 196,512.

Mobility is one of the most fundamental and important characteristic of economic activity as it satisfies the basic need of going from one location to the other. Studies show that the most mobile vulnerable segments of the population rely heavily on public transit to meet their mobility needs. These groups are referred to as captive riders. This includes the elderly, persons under 18 and the lower income.

In 2010, Okaloosa County's population consisted of 15% of persons over 65 years of age, 2% of persons under 18 years of age, and 13% of persons below the poverty level.

PUBLIC TRANSIT BENEFITS

Public transportation is a safe and affordable way to commute that saves energy, reduces traffic congestion and helps the environment. It has many benefits for individuals and communities including:

Saves money: According to "The Transit Savings Report," a monthly report issued by the American Public Transportation Association, public transportation users can save an average of \$764 per month, or about \$9,167 annually (national average based on total cost of owning and operating a vehicle, including fuel, maintenance, insurance, and other costs).

Helps protect the environment: Automobile emissions contribute to smog and public health problems. By helping to reduce the number of cars on the road, public transportation offers many benefits to the environment:

He stated that cars account for about 50 percent of air pollution nationwide. Each year, public transportation use avoids the emission of more than 126 million pounds of hydrocarbons, the primary cause of smog, and 156 million pounds of nitrogen oxides, which can cause respiratory disease.

Public transportation helps reduce dependence on foreign oil, reducing auto fuel consumption by 1.5 billion gallons annually nation-wide. Many U.S. transit systems are continuing to invest in compressed natural gas, low-sulfur burning buses or diesel-electric hybrid buses.

Other benefits: Reduces traffic congestion; saves energy; and safer than driving. Studies have shown greater increases in the value of properties located near public transportation systems than in similar properties not located near public transportation. Americans living in areas served by public transportation save 646 million hours in travel time and 398 million gallons of fuel annually just through reduced traffic congestion. Without public transportation, congestion costs would have been an additional \$13.7 billion.

In addition, Mr Kampert's briefing included information regarding various sources to obtain grant funding. Also included was a pie chart laying out the operating expenditure allocation for FY 13/14. Federal Grants (18%); Federal/State Grant (5311) 6%; State Grants 42%; Farebox 8%; co-pays 2% Other revenue 11% and local contribution 13%.

Fixed Routes – also known as “The Wave” included a bar chart. In 2013 two Crestview routes were eliminated which contributed to an overall decrease in ridership. Ridership decreased from 186,219 in 2013 to 146,991 in 2014. The briefing included Wave fares and information on Paratransit. Paratransit is demand-response service provided to individuals who do not have access to private transportation and for whom the fixed route system is not a viable option for a variety of possible reasons (disability, distance from nearest stop, etc.). From April 2014 through April 2015, Okaloosa County Transit provided a total of 212,026 paratransit trips. Medical: roughly 53%; Employment roughly 31% and other roughly 16%. The Transit FY 2015 Budget was part of the briefing information. Discussion followed.

He advised the Transit System saves energy: Our energy consumption affects everything from the price at the pump to national security. American us more energy gr transportation than anything else. Public transit is more efficient than individual automobiles and saves more than 45 million barrels of oil a year – equivalent to the

energy used to heat, cool and operate one quarter of all American homes annually.

Safer than driving: He advised that according to the National safety Council (NSC), trips on public transportation results in 200,000 fewer deaths, injuries and accidents than similar trips made by car. The NSC estimates that riding the bus is over 170 times safer than traveling by automobile.

Increases property values; Studies have shown greater increases in the value of properties located near public transportation systems than in similar properties not located near public transportation. A transit coalition report. "Dollars & Sense: The Economic Case for Public Transportation in America found that every dollar taxpayers invest in Public Transportation generates \$ 6 or more in economic returns.

Helps communities: He stated Americans living in areas served by public transportation save 646 million hours in travel time and 398 million gallons of fuel annually just through reduced traffic congestion. Without public transportation, congestion costs world have been an additional \$ 13.7 billion

Mr Corbin stated that Mr Mark Wise, P. E., Deputy Director, Okaloosa County Water Sewer is here tonight to brief us on the status of two projects:

Supplemental Reclaimed Water Project

- Briefed City Council on this project in Sept 2014
- Memo of Understanding (MOU) was executed 10/1/2014 with the County, City, and Eglin that established a partnership
- Since then, we have been applying for grants
- The project is a \$8M estimate – rough order of magnitude
- We just received word of a \$3M state appropriation that will be administered through a FDEP Grant Agreement
- County staff is working with FDEP staff on the scope of work for a Grant Agreement that will ultimately go to the County BCC and FDEP for execution. I will be coordinating the scope of work with City and Eglin staff, so that we are all on the same page.
- Once the agreement is executed, we will go through the RFQ process to obtain engineering consultants
- Reality is that it will be about 6 months from now until the project starts moving forward with design

- The \$3M will go towards: design, environmental, easements, plant upgrades, Turkey Creek bore. With any money not utilized, we will start from the west (our plant) and lay to the east (towards the City and Eglin).

Sewer Pipeline Diverting County Flow from the NVR SB Plant

- Construction expected to occur in 2016
- Bore under Turkey Creek where the County will need an easement from the City. Bore will start in County Right-of-way (east of Hawks Landing) and end on County property. In between, it is City property (Turkey Creek Park), where we will need an easement from the City. The pipeline will be drilled in and no visible construction activity should take place on City property.
- A portion of the will be installed across the southern end of the Twin Oaks fields – because the right-of-way is too crowded to lay a large sewer main. We will seek to obtain an Eglin Easement, but will be a good neighbor and find a time to do the construction activity here that is most convenient for the City and the community. We will coordinate timing and restore the grass with like-kind.
- Mr. Corbin asked about the capacity of our sewer plant in Ft. Walton Beach. Discussion followed.
- The Arbennie Pritchett Water Reclamation Facility has an annual average daily capacity of 10 MGD. We are currently involved in expanding it to 15 MGD. Actual flows will be around 8 MGD once the County flow is diverted away from the NVR SB plant.

Ordinance 15-07-01 – An ordinance annexing to the City of Niceville, Florida, contiguous lands described as set forth herein; providing for proper advertisement pursuant to Florida Statutes 171.044; providing that the property will be zoned R-2, One or Multiple Family. Lots 4 and 5, Block 15, Valparaiso Realty Company's Pine Crest Addition, sheet no. 1, subdivision nos. 1 and 2, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1 at page 48 of the Public Records of Okaloosa County, Florida. Provided for severability of this ordinance; providing for filing with the Clerk of Court and Department of State. Property is located at 617/621 Fir Ave. Edwin and Tammy White. (Third Reading)

Mr Doucet read Ordinance 15-07-01 by title. Councilman Henkel moved approval on third reading. Councilman Schaezle seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Schaezle-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed

Resolution 15-07-02 – A resolution granting a special exception to the Land Development Code, Section 7.14.08 (a) (28) to allow for a residence in property zoned C-1, Commercial Zoning; and providing for an effective date. Paul W. Neal

Mr Doucet read resolution 15-07-02 by title. Councilman Henkel moved approval. Councilman Schaetzle seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council vote: Nodjomian-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed

CITY MANAGER REPORTS/REQUESTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Water/Sewer/Drainage Projects – Update

Mr Price briefed the status of current projects.

Water & Sewer Projects

Bayshore Sewer Force main Installation: The new sewer force main installation on South Bayshore Drive has been put on line. The flow from the Bayshore Place, Dana Pointe and Pinewood service areas that previously went into PS # 9 has been diverted into the recently upgraded PS# 7 on Bayshore Drive.

Storm Damage: During the severe thunder storm this past weekend lightning strikes damaged our radio repeater room, and numerous controls for our water system at well 5 which is located at the Cedar Avenue & College Boulevard complex. Our onsite backup generator restored power until regular power was available and crews are in the process of replacing those damaged components. The lighting system for the soccer fields at the Twin Oaks Complex was also damaged and those repairs have been completed.

Storm Water

Rattan Palm Outfall Replacement: Crews have completed the replacement of the outfall pipe at Rattan Palm and Royal Palm in the Palm estates Subdivision. 160 of deteriorated metal pipe was removed and replaced with HDPE pipe. This pipe was located in a 20 foot wide drainage easement between town homes and serves as a major out fall point for the Palm Estates Subdivision.

Bayshore 31st Vault: We have submitted the NFWF funding application for this project along with a reply to a request for additional information from NFWF. According to the NFWF, our application appeared to be in order and we are awaiting a response as to when a funding agreement can be issued.

Thomas Branch & Boggy Bayou Headwaters Projects: AVCON has provided a formal scope and fee agreement to the City for the Thomas Branch & Boggy Bayou Headwaters Restoration and we are in the process of reviewing those contracts. Once that review has been completed we will request your approval to enter into a contract for their services. The revised AVCON proposals are within the original budgets approved by NFWF and in fact provide more funding for actual construction and right of way acquisition.

NFWF Kickoff Meeting: On the 23rd of this month we are scheduled to have a Kickoff Meeting with the NFWF Team from Washington D.C. to go over the projects and address any issues or concerns they may have.

Palm Boulevard & Pine Lake Drainage Improvements: The survey team has been gathering the required data to begin the process of designing and permitting this project. As it stands now our scope of work will include the installation of a new inlet and conveyance system along Palm Boulevard south of Palm Plaza that will intercept and direct that stormwater down McEwen to the drainage easement that goes into the head of Pine Lake. This will require new pipe lines on Palm Blvd & McEwen Drive and the upgrading and replacement of the existing outfall system going into the lake. These improvements will increase the capacity of this entire drainage network and replace facilities that are not structurally sound. This retrofit project will also include replacing the Pine Lake outfall structure at 27th Street with a weir type overflow similar to the one that controls the level of Bullock Pond.

Palm Boulevard Outfall repairs: The stormwater outfall system off south Palm Boulevard adjacent to the Emerald Coast Wholesale Plants Nursery is a major conveyance and discharge point for this service area which includes Palm Boulevard from 21st Street to Valparaiso Boulevard the area west to Fink Road. We have made numerous point repairs to this pipeline that were due to structural failures and deterioration. This pipe also has grade issues that compromise the flow line. As a result of these problems large quantities of sediment continue to accumulate in the pipe and downstream of the outfall point. This system discharges into an open conveyance which eventually flows into the headwaters of Sara Anne Bayou. In order to correct this problem we will need to replace approximately 220 lf of pipe. We are preparing to replace the damaged and off grade segment of this system. At some time in the future we hope to install some type of baffle box or treatment structure to prevent the discharge of sediment and debris into the Sara Anne conveyance system. The estimated cost to retrofit this system with 36 inch HDPE is 10 to 12 thousand dollars. There is adequate funding in our stormwater budget to perform this work.

Stormwater Facilities Plan & CIE Updates: In order for a project to qualify for a State Revolving Fund loan it must be included in our Stormwater Facilities Plan and we have always used this plan as our Stormwater Capital Improvements Element. Our original Facilities Plan was adopted in 2003 and other projects were added in 2006, 2008 and 2012. In order for a drainage project to be added to the Facilities Plan it must be formally submitted to FDEP where it is reviewed and approved. All drainage improvements with a project cost that exceeds \$10,000 are considered a Capital Improvement and must be listed as a fixed asset. All SRF Facilities Plan Projects meet the CIE cost threshold however there are numerous projects past and present that also exceed the CIE cost threshold that are not listed in the Facilities plan. The solution to this problem is to develop a Capital Improvements Element for stormwater that identifies all major stormwater improvements. This CIE will clearly identify all stormwater needs and enable the City to take a more comprehensive approach in identifying and addressing our stormwater needs. The Capital Improvements Element will also supplement our efforts to seek funding outside the

SRF Program. Presently we are identifying all major drainage improvement needs that qualify as a capital Improvement and we are also identifying which of those projects need to be added to our SRF Facilities Plan. In addition we will be reviewing the projects that are already listed in the SRF Facilities Plan along with the language and supporting documentation to determine what updates or revisions may be needed. Once we have completed this process a list of recommendations will be provided to the City Council as part of the upcoming budget workshops. By updating and making the needed revisions to our original plan it will allow us to document our progress and incorporate the latest technologies into the proposed alternatives for each project.

Other Public Works Projects

Street Striping & Street Sign Upgrades: Crews are continuing with the center line striping, we are presently working on Palm Boulevard.

Turkey Creek: Crews also replaced the decking on two platforms along the Turkey Creek Boardwalk.

4th of July Fireworks: Crews provided support for the 4th of July Fireworks.

Rocky Bayou Entrance Sign: The subdivision entrance sign on Edgewater Drive off SR 20 has been completed and we have received numerous compliments.

Cedar Avenue Walkway: We are putting together the pricing for installing a 5 foot wide asphalt pathway along south Cedar Avenue between 27th Street and 21st Street. This 2000

ft. segment will connect the existing sidewalks on 21st Street with the existing asphalt walkway along Cedar Avenue north of 27th Street.

Planning & Development Updates:

LDC Article 7: The final draft of the proposed Land development Code Article 7 will be provided to each City Council Member and Planning Board Member. Those members are asked to review the proposed changes and provide any comments or questions. In addition we plan to have a workshop to go over the code changes.

Valparaiso/Palm 7 Lot: Site work is near completion. Roadway paving has been completed.

Shirks Cove & Magnolia Woods: New building permits have been issued in both of these developments since our last meeting.

Regional Sewer System – Update

No report.

Police Dept - Update

Chief Popwell stated during the month of June the Police Department responded to 2037 calls for police assistance. There were a total of 31 traffic crash reports written involving 63 vehicles. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$ 151,811. A total of 159 Traffic Citations were issued, 24 misdemeanor, 17 Felony and 1 DUI Arrest was made.

Fire Dept. – Update

Chief Mayville stated that during the month of June 2015 the fire department responded to a total of 137 calls, there were 135 calls located within the city limits with 2 mutual aid Calls. Chief Mayville stated we participated with the fire boat in the 4th of July activities. Fire crews have been doing hydrant maintenance, painting and weed eating. Annual pump testing of the engines have been completed. He advised we are waiting on phone service, cable, elevator and PA system for upstairs, everything else is completed. He advised that on duty fire crews with the fire engine have attended several public relation events in the City at church/school summer programs and with the Sheriff's Department's Summer Youth Week at the Mullet Festival site. He stated that one of our fire engines with personnel participated in the Billy Bowlegs Parade. We continue to monitor

construction in the City and crews are consistently updating/changing businesses and emergency contacts.

Technology – Update

Chad Morris stated that they have been busy performing maintenance as a result of thunderstorms that created issues for Public Works and the Children's Park. Discussion followed regarding e-mail issues that appear to be a result of sending server issues.

Library, Community Center, Children's Park – Update

Sheila Bishop stated that the library, community center and Children's Park are very busy with a higher than normal number of young people visiting because of the summer vacation. They are anxious to find books to read. They seem to drop by and visit our aquarium. The aquarium is currently empty because of a complete renovation. She stated that the Friends of the Library is paying for the renovation. The friends have published new book markers and a brochure. The friends plan to have a book sale in the near future.

Other Business: City Clerk – Financial Advisor Agreement

Mr Doucet stated that the agreement for Mr Bill Fray, our Financial Advisor will expire on the 1st of August, 2015. Mr Doucet advised that we rely on Mr Fray's expertise regarding investment of funds, bond issues, and bank financing, etc. Mr Doucet advised the agreement is for a 36 month period. He stated that Mr Bill Fray has done a great job for us by always keeping our best interests in mind by capturing all time low interest rates in recent transactions. Mr Doucet recommend approval of the new 3 year agreement.

Councilman Henkel moved approval. Councilwoman Boudreaux seconded. Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Rominger-yes Motion passed

Bills Payable:

Councilman Henkel moved approval. Councilwoman Boudreaux seconded. No one spoke for or against. Council Vote: Nodjomian-yes; Boudreaux-yes; Henkel-yes; Schaetzle-yes; Rominger-yes. Motion passed

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK