



**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
8:00am, Wednesday, July 1, 2020**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom call due to COVID-19 Pandemic
broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>**

MINUTES

1. Call to order

Present: Council members Pounds, Smith, and Streetman

Staff Present: Administrator Fragoso, Director Pitts, Asst. Director Asero, Director Kerr

2. Approval of previous meeting's minutes – June 4, 2020

Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2020 meeting, and Council Member Smith seconded the motion.

3. Citizens' Comments – none

4. Department Reports – Director Pitts and Assistant Director Asero

Director Pitts said he did not have the data for garbage, yard debris, or miscellaneous collections for June. He did report that his vehicle maintenance budget ended FY20 right on budget.

Asst. Director Asero reported the work at Wills Way is complete and operational. He reported on several drainage projects including: Eadie's digging a vegetation ditch and cleaning pipes on 2nd Avenue, 28th Avenue, Forest Trail, and Allie Court, pumps being deployed at 32nd Avenue and Palm Boulevard and completely flowing, the completion of the swell reconstruction at 110 Sparrow Drive, 29th and Hartnett Blvd., and 23rd-24th and Hartnett Blvd., and completion of pipe cleaning at 32nd and Palm Boulevard. Council Member Smith asked about the possibility of putting some sort of cautionary signage at 29th Avenue and Hartnett as there is a new opening there people may be unaware of.

He also reported on various facilities maintenance being done as well as landscaping efforts at the Leola Hanbury Park and the installation of five palm trees on the connector sidewalk next to the Department of Public Works. He said the Pleasant Places is working in the park today.

5. Old Business

A. Update on Phase III Drainage Project and small internal projects

Administrator Fragoso reported that Thomas & Hutton has completed the specifications and the plans for all three outfalls and are permitting those projects separately as some mitigation may be required. She added, "they are working on the project and getting some details and cost estimates

for a mitigation project rather than paying credits for that because it is less expensive that way, and they are working on the coordination with the Water & Sewer Commission to do that. We are going to coordinate a meeting with the Wild Dunes Resort to get starting talking more about the potential impacts to the golf course and getting squared away when it comes to our drainage easements and any impact that would be necessary to know before design is complete for that mitigation project.”

Regarding the small internal drainage projects, she said the City is waiting on the final formal letters from DHCE and MS4. The bidding process can begin after those letters are received.

Administrator Fragoso reported that following the publishing of the agenda, they received a proposal from Thomas & Hutton for bidding assistance and construction services in the amount of \$28,000. She said the revised estimate for the project leaves room in the budget to cover these services. She added that she and Director Kerr have talked about reducing the scope of their bidding assistance to reduce some costs. She hopes to have all the necessary information available by the July Ways & Means Committee meeting.

B. Discussion of outsourcing household garbage collection services

Director Pitts reported he met with Carolina Waste and Republic regarding the costs of their garbage collection services and also collected information from Sullivans Island, Kiawah Island and Summerville on their outsourced garbage collection costs.

Administrator Fragoso reviewed their findings and analysis of possible outsourcing of garbage collection. While there are still missing pieces of data, the analysis indicates the City would not be saving any money having these services outsourced. Chair Pounds asked for the missing data to be added in when received.

6. New Business

A. Discussion of timeline to reinstate plastic ban on IOP businesses

Administrator Fragoso reported that the feedback received from a few business owners about returning to non-plastic containers was cost-related. They would like to see the waiver extended until the fall. Council Member Smith expressed concern about keeping the waiver past the August 24 expiration date, noting that the costs of pollution need to be considered. Council members Streetman and Pounds said they are open to extending the waiver. Council Member Smith suggested social media messaging to remind the public the plastics ban is still in effect on the beach. The topic will be revisited during the August meeting.

B. Discussion of drainage impacts of new construction and lot elevation on neighboring properties

Director Kerr gave a brief history of the work and recommendations made by the Planning Commission with regards to drainage planning during construction. He also detailed what is required of homeowners now if they plan to move “significant ground” on their property. He said what is currently in place works well but admits there are occasional issues.

Committee members discussed the drainage concerns at 408 Carolina Boulevard. Director Kerr said that the City has been very proactive in “ratcheting down” activities that could cause drainage issues.

7. Miscellaneous Business

The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 8:00am.

8. Adjournment

Council Member Streetman made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Smith seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane
City Clerk