
COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 13, 2016 - 5:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Council Public Works & Utilities Committee met on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber at Rockledge City Hall, 1600 Huntington Lane, Rockledge, Florida.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilman Ted J. Hartselle, Chairman
Councilman Frank T. Forester
Councilman T. Patrick O'Neill

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager James P. McKnight
Assistant City Manager David A. Henderson

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Hartselle.

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request: Application to Vacate Right-of-Way, Hamilton Avenue, South Side of Westport Drive (this item taken out of order – Item B was considered first)

City Manager McKnight reviewed the request, which had come to the Committee after a letter of request was received from the land owners on the east and west sides of the street. He noted there are drainage utilities, and other conflicts, and recommended the request be denied for reasons of public purpose. Councilman O'Neill then offered the following motion:

That the Public Works & Utilities Committee recommends to the City Council that the request for vacation of the right-of-way be denied given the reason enumerated.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Forester whereupon is passed unanimously.

- B. Request: Road Connection, Barnes Boulevard (Cross Bridge Church)

City Manager McKnight briefed the Committee on the nature of the request. The Cross Bridge Church has requested that an entrance be made on the right-of-way along their west property line connecting to Barnes Boulevard. They note that while no driveway exists at that location as yet, that their long range plan calls for a drive to connect their property. The City Manager spoke in favor of the plan, and noted that the County has no objection to it, since it would facilitate the expansion of the driveway facilities of the church without a need to modify the roadway as it is being reconstructed. After some discussion on the matter, Councilman Forester offered the following motion:

That the Public Works & Utilities Committee recommends to the City Council that the request by Cross Bridge Church be approved and that the appropriate permissions are passed on to County Personnel overseeing the Road Project.

The motion was seconded by Councilman O'Neill whereupon is passed unanimously.

C. Discussion: Cardboard Recycling Collection Center (Councilman O'Neill)

Councilman O'Neill led a discussion about the need for large cardboard recycling containers that would be conveniently located throughout the City to augment the current residential recycling effort. This would facilitate the recycling of bigger cardboard boxes that when placed curbside advertise recent purchases in the residential environment. City Manager McKnight indicated he would look into options for this kind of recycling and would report on the same at a later meeting.

D. Discussion: Hazardous Materials Recycling (Councilman O'Neill)

Councilman O'Neill introduced this subject noting the number of batteries, different types of oils, and other materials that are not readily recyclable under normal circumstances, but for which recycling efforts should be increased. Councilman Forester discussed the possibility of a trial period to consider how best to go about this, and further, to gauge the interest of the residents on this type of recycling effort. After some additional discussion among those present, the City Manager noted he would look into the matter, discuss it with the Public Works Director, and develop a scenario for future consideration.

4. ADJOURN

Submitted by:

David A. Henderson
Assistant City Manager