



Town of Belleair

901 Ponce de Leon Blvd.
Belleair, FL 33756

Meeting Minutes Infrastructure Board

Monday, May 17, 2021

5:00 PM

Town Hall

Welcome. We are glad to have you join us. If you wish to speak, please wait to be recognized, then step to the podium and state your name and address. We also ask that you please turn-off all cell phones.

Meeting called to order at 5:03 PM with Chairman Pace presiding.

ROLL CALL

Present 6 - Chairman Doug Pace, George Mariani, James White, Gayle Grady, Shon Flaharty, and Joe Oder
Absent 1 - John Hail

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Tom Olson-Finance Board Chair-spoke on water project analysis and finance board discussions thus far; spoke on Raftelis Corporation's summary and rate increase recommendations; does not recommend proceeding with project based on numbers presented.

Dan Harshorne-VC Finance Board-spoke on size of tax basis; concerns with increase to debt taken on by town; all numbers are not yet known, here to listen to infra thoughts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[21-0122](#) Approval of January 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes

George Mariani moved approval of the minutes. Seconded by Joe Oder.

Aye: 6 - Chairman Pace, Mariani, White, Grady, Flaharty, and Oder

Absent: 1 - Hail

GENERAL AGENDA

[21-0136](#) Master Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Discussion

Mr. Murphy requested both boards keep thoughts on options open to consider all; spoke on infrastructure funding being a high topic for potential federal funding; going through due diligence of best options for town; new group from Pinellas County is working on a valuation model, agreed revisions needed; Gerry Hartman is working with town to provide a third party evaluation; many other options not previously looked at such as public-private partnership, privately owned, etc.; Mr. Hartman will be presenting his findings at tomorrow night's commission meeting; county working with stantek to provide a better valuation, most likely won't hear back for 60-90 days;

Ms. Grady spoke on time constraints; concerns with water quality; Mr. Murphy stated may need to have a few upgrades done in interim

Mr. Mariani spoke on ARP act funding; questioned adjusting rates in anticipation of needed new funds regardless; Mr. Murphy stated not evaluated yet, however similar to solid waste rates, may need to address.

Mr. Olson spoke on recommended increases in proposal; not opposed to an increase, board can evaluate any options presented.

Deputy Mayor Kurey spoke on commission sensitive to water rates, debt and funding; keeping town in a financially conservative position; evaluating all options.

Discussion ensued regarding current rate structure Vs county structure; having a rate increase model; water issue has been a long discussed item, importance of vetting out best issue

Mr. Pace spoke on having a joint Finance and Infrastructure Board meeting once all factors are known.

[21-0144](#)

General Staff Updates- CIP and Water.

Mr. Murphy introduced Phil Lock from McKim and Creed, the Town Engineer of Record; here to provide insight and ranking of capital projects; spoke on options for ARPA funding as a potential source for projects.

Phil Locke-provided background regarding development of capital improvement plan; spoke on pavement condition, seawall, and bridge evaluations conducted; discussed development of prioritization criteria and weighting methodology; public safety is top criteria for weighting factors; spoke on projected costs and percentage increases built in; bridge evaluations came back in generally good condition

Mr. Oder spoke on many of items being previously discussed; requested a high level overview of report.

Mr. Locke continued with recommendations; projects identified within first few years, take care of bridges and seawalls; recommendations for implementation.

Mr. Mariani questioned if similar projects can be combined; Mr. Locke stated several of them can be such as the bridges, kept separate for pricing purposes but recommends combining to save mobilization and other costs.

Mr. Murphy stated if board approves, will be brought to Commission for approval in subsequent budget year; spoke on previous project funding; drainage; seeking recommendation

Mr. Pace commended Mr. Locke for his analysis and presentation.

Brief discussion regarding buildings, not factored in.

George Mariani moved that the board has reviewed the structure of the CIP program and recommending the 5 mil for the fiscal year. Seconded by Gayle Grady.

Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jim White commented on RPD and radio system, will be discussing tomorrow at Commission meeting; funding that has gone through legislature and is awaiting Governor's signature; working with Sand Key to seek alternatives.

Keith Bodeker-Construction Project Supervisor-provided a brief update on status of current capital projects; upcoming community meeting for project;

Mr. Mariani questioned services for testing mixed design; Mr. Bodeker stated contractor is responsible for contracting with an outside party; Mr. Mariani suggested extracting that out in the future and the Town hiring the third party testing company. Ms. Grady verified that the way the Town is doing it is how DOT does it as well; testing lab provides all certified data. Discussion regarding verifying process.

Mr. Murphy stated Indian Rocks Road project is still in house budget; if anyone knows Governor, please reach out to him for support of bill; widens east side of road, project is a multimodal connector project. Stop sign installed at Eagles Nest and Rosery due to safety concerns, working with homeowners to clear vegetation; working with Forward Pinellas to coordinate potential bundling of future projects.

COMMISSION ADVISOR REPORT

Deputy Mayor Kurey echoed Mr. Murphy's comments regarding importance of state funding; spoke on new Mayor and Commissioners; compensation study done, Finance Board to review; strategic plan items to be put to action.

ADJOURNMENT

James White moved to adjourn. Seconded by George Mariani.

Aye: 6 - Chairman Pace, Mariani, White, Grady, Flaharty, and Oder

Absent: 1 - Hail

APPROVED:

Chairman