

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 28, 2016, 5:30 PM

The Public Works and Utilities Committee held its meeting on Wednesday December 28, 2016 at 5:30PM in the City Hall Administrative Conference Room with Mayor Pro Tempore Mac Morrow presiding.

Present: Mayor Pro Tempore Mac Morrow, Council Member Maurice Jones, City Manager Jim Fatland, Public Works Director David Lutz, WWTP ORC Emory Owen, WTP ORC Dennis Richardson and Citizen Appointment Clay Sykes

Others Present: None

Absent: Jill Murray, Deputy City Clerk

1. **Call to Order.** Mayor Pro Tempore Mac Morrow, Committee Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Agenda was accepted as presented.
2. **Certification of Quorum.** City Manager Fatland certified that a quorum was present.
3. **Review of Minutes** The minutes of November 14, 2016 were approved unanimously as submitted
4. **Oskar Blues Pretreatment** City Manager Fatland reported that the original permit issued to Oskar Blues was at a time when the wastewater treatment plant was operating poorly and Oskar Blues did not have pretreatment. Both Oskar Blues and the City of Brevard WWTP were in non-compliant with the State of North Carolina Department of Environmental Natural Resources Division of Water Quality. Oskar Blues moved forward with the design and installation of pretreatment equipment. Subsequent to the establishment of City Council Committees, options were explored at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to improve plant operations. The option to invest \$9 million in an activated sludge process was terminated and instead \$600,000 was invested in rehab projects including replacement of the RBCs. According to Emory Owen, the WWTP is running its best in over 17 years.

Fatland reported that he has revisited the pretreatment permit with WWTP Staff Emory Owen and Tom Williams based upon Oskar Blues completion of phase I of its

pretreatment program and the improved operations at the WWTP. Tom Williams, WWTP Lab Director, reported that it makes more sense to raise the threshold for BOD and TSS to 1,000 pounds.

Clay Sykes questioned whether or not the City was recouping the full cost of the impact of Oskar Blues on the WWTP for high strength wastewater for BOD and TSS. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that another Committee meeting would be necessary following a review of the WWTP Budget. Sykes offered to meet with WWTP and Finance Staff to evaluate the fiscal impact to ensure rates are appropriate. Fatland reported that the City Council can set rates at any time of the year if it was determined that a change was necessary.

5. **PW: Railroad Avenue Bridge Discussion** City Manager Fatland and Public Works Director David Lutz updated the Committee on their recent meeting with NCDOT in Raleigh. A copy of the minutes from the NCDOT meeting were presented. Staff reported that the meeting went very well and that a letter to NCDOT would be sent justifying the change in design from a 54 foot width bridge to a 33 foot width bridge and a separate bridge for the pedestrian/bike path. Staff also shared that recent legislation that was effective January 1, 2016 where communities up to 10,000 population would not be responsible for utility relocation costs. Fatland stated that an amendment to the existing MOU with NCDOT would reflect this change along with revised project costs and change in project scope.
6. **Set Date for Next Meeting January 11, 2017 at 5:30PM** was approved as the next meeting date
7. **Adjourn.** With no further business coming before the Public Works and Utilities a motion to adjourn was passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

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Mac Morrow
Chair, Council Member

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Jill Murray
Deputy City Clerk