

# INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 10, 2008

5:30 pm

Attendees: Diane Schleicher, Bill Lovett, Eddie Crone, Joe Wilson, Barry Brown, Paul Wolff

Paul Wolff motioned to approve the minutes from the March 27, 2008 Infrastructure meeting. Barry Brown seconded.

## I. FT. SCREVEN WATERLINES

### A. Recommendation of Award

- a. Southern Champion remains the low bidder at \$1,071,000. Excellent price compared to the city's estimate of \$1,400,000. Recommendation of award is on the agenda for tonight's Council meeting.

### B. Landfill Issues

- a. Bill Lovett states that there is a permitted landfill in a small section of the area where the work will be done. The Contractors can start work in other areas until we get the situation resolved. Since it was a permitted landfill for inert items, there should not be any surprises. The city will just need to make sure it will not interfere with any of the lines.

### C. Unmetered Usage of Water

- a. There are several homes in the area that are not metered and essentially have been receiving free water and sewer illegally. The unmetered properties are not included in the plans for new lines or the price. To add the unmetered lines will be an additional cost. It is discussed that the unmetered residents should be given a 30 day notice, or grace period, to come forth to the city and potentially pay for their new lines otherwise they will be fined and no longer have water. The old lines will be shut down when the new system is put into place.

### D. GEFA Loan Status

- a. Bill Lovett has redone the GEFA budget so that it covers 100% of the construction costs up to \$1,083,000 and 100% of engineering fees up to \$216,000. The city will pay all amounts over that such as contingency, legal or admin fees or we could go back to GEFA and get a loan increase.

## II. WATER AND SEWER RATE STUDY

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- a. Bill Lovett explains that the contract states that the study should be finished by June 15, 2008 but they are shooting for May 31, 2008 as a final date. Meeting with the city to discuss options should take place within the first few weeks of May.

### III. GROUNDWATER WITHDRAWAL PERMIT

#### A. Special Conditions Fee Proposal

- a. Bill Lovett will have the proposal at the next meeting.

### IV. WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

#### A. Antidegradation Review

1. Submitted to EPD on March 6, 2008
2. Awaiting EPD's comments
  - a. The had very few comments and we are moving forward
3. Will require a 30 day public notice and comment period

#### B. Watershed Assessment

1. Monitoring Plan Approved by EPD
2. Proposed Sampling Schedule Submitted to Joe Richardson
  - a. He will start working next week

#### C. Phosphorous Study

1. Preliminary Feedback received from Equipment Manufacturer
  - a. May have problems getting the phosphorus out of the system. It can be removed in the aeration basin but it has to be the type of system that can be turned off or on. Right now we have a brush aerator and it would cost millions of dollars to change this system. Our only justification is that we are discharging to the ocean and not to the river so there should be no limit.

#### D. Grit Removal and Odor Control

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1. Under Design
2. EPD Submittal Mid May
3. Funding Mechanism
  - a. Bill asks how we are going to fund this project. It is already included in this year's budget. If we need any more we could borrow it from GEFA.

### E. Wasteload Allocation

1. HGBD has requested an extension
2. Also requested written justification for the proposed phosphorus limit

## VI. TYBRISA/STRAND UPDATE

- a. The contractor told Bill that he would be finished with the landscaping April 9, 2008 which is the last thing to do. There will be a preliminary walk through on Tuesday morning at 8:00am. There will be an electrical inspection on Monday. Diane will have an updated budget tomorrow but believes there are still funds and we have not gone over budget. Also discussed was planning for Cigarette receptacles.

## VII. UPDATE ON TE GRANT FOR HWY 80 SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND ADA RAMPS

1. New TE Agreement with New Funding
  - a. Need a recommendation from the committee to take this to city council at the next meeting. We have a new agreement from GA DOT to shift funding from the Tybrisa project and move it to the HWY 80 Sidewalks project. It will be \$160,000 for sidewalks. The city will contribute another \$40,000. Paul Wolff moved to approve the new agreement. Barry Brown seconds.

## VIII. PROPERTY OWNER'S CONCERNS REGARDING THE HEIGHT OF THE PALM TREE PLANTING AT THE END OF 17<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND THE POTENTIAL FOR BLOCKING THE VIEW OF THE OCEAN IN THE FUTURE.

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- a. Susan Blakey describes that the residents do not want the trees removed they would just like for the shorter, slower growing trees be switched and put in place of the ones blocking their view. Claims the trees also affect their property value. Some of the committee members think they should look at the view for themselves to be able to make a justified decision. Barry Brown raises the question of who is going to pay for the cost to move the trees. Susan says they have agreed to pay some of the cost. She argues that the residents should have been consulted before these trees were planted and that the residents are not at fault for the situation. Susan plans to attend the next city council meeting about this issue. This will give the council members, who are present at this meeting, time to view the property so they can make an educated decision.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.

These minutes were respectfully submitted by Jackie Cary.