

**City Commission Meeting**

**June 8, 2021**

**6:00 p.m.**

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Alan Johnson, Mayor

Ward Friszolowski, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, District 3

Chris Graus, Commissioner, District 1

Mark Grill, Commissioner, District 2

Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner, District 4

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Alex Rey, City Manager

Andrew Dickman, City Attorney

Amber LaRowe, City Clerk

Michelle Gonzalez, Community Development Director

Jennifer McMahon, Parks and Recreation Director

Brett Warner, Assistant Public Works Director

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

No changes were made.

**2. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Bev Jackson, resident, addressed the continuing traffic issues along Sunset Way, more specifically along the areas of 27<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Avenues. She had a recent conversation with the City Manager that asked about the installment of a cul-de-sac. Ms. Jackson spoke to some of the neighbors who are appreciative of the idea; however, are not a fan of this. The neighborhood would prefer reduced speed along that road as well as speed tables.

Kate Brass, resident, echoed Ms. Jackson's comments. She explained that the roadway is more unique than others, meaning that there are no sidewalks but several pedestrians. Homes are built very close to the road making residents traverse the roadways for exercise, leisure, and walking their pets. Ms. Brass expressed her concerns about the ongoing safety for the neighborhood and would really like to have reduced speed and speed tables.

Commissioner Pletcher thanked both residents for coming to speak. She reminded everyone of their length of residency, so they are very educated on the growth over the years and the stress this has pushed onto the roadways, especially residential areas. She echoed their desire to find an appropriate solution.

Commissioner Grill would like to have more information on the State laws regarding local cities reducing speed limits.

Discussion ensued regarding several issues with traffic that do cause the impact to Sunset Way. Soon there will be parking sensors installed that will allow the public to be notified when there is no available parking spaces in Pass-A-Grille so that people do not turn there looking and, in essence, affect the traffic in other areas of the City.

**3. CONSENT**

- a. Commission Minutes: May 11 and May 25

**Motion:**        **Commissioner Pletcher moved, Vice Mayor Friszolowski seconded, and the motion carried**

**5-0 to approve the June 8, 2021 Consent Agenda as presented by the City Manager.**

**4. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Creative Sign Designs Bid Proposal**

City Manager Rey discussed this item and the proposal received. He reminded the Commission of the designs presented by George F. Young who used Creative Sign Designs to provide the specifications and visuals. Due to Creative Sign Designs demonstrating expertise and knowledge, staff is recommending a non-competitive procurement process to build and install the placemaking signs at the entrance from South Pasadena, Blind Pass, Corey Avenue (east/west) and City Hall. Additional signs will be placed at the Community Center, Public Works, Horan Park, McKenney Park, Egan Park, Hurley Park, and Pass-A-Grille Park.

The Commission appreciated the cohesive design; however, does not want the TripAdvisor tag on the signs. Commissioner Pletcher is more in favor of the minimalistic look, not as many colors as shown in the Agenda packet presentation. The Commission agreed and would like all signs to have the same look and feel throughout.

Vice Mayor Friszolowski expressed concern with the name being too close to the bottom on some of the signs, stating that if there is foliage planted near the base of the sign, it could block that part. Ms. McMahon agreed and will speak to the consultant about this.

**Motion: Commissioner Pletcher moved, Commissioner Grill seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to accept the bid proposal with Creative Sign Designs in the amount of \$186,629.00 for placemaking entrance and facility signs and authorize the City Manager to enter into the Agreement.**

**b. Rowland Inc. 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue Baffle Box Installation**

Brett Warner, Assistant Public Works Director, discussed the scope of work with Rowland for this project that will include excavation of the existing roadway, installation of the proposed baffle box on the existing Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) outfall pipe, backfill and restoration of the roadway. In addition to this project, FDOT has a parallel project that has been awarded to install a tidal check valve immediately downstream from the City's baffle box. The valve installed by FDOT will prevent tidal water from backflowing through the baffle box, reducing its sediment retention capabilities. He stated that the City's installment of this baffle box will satisfy the obligation to perform an in-kind project in response to the assessment of stipulated penalties under the City's existing Consent Order OGC File No. 14-0021.

**Motion: Vice Mayor Friszolowski moved, Commissioner Graus seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the cost estimate from Rowland Inc. under the existing On-Call Civil & Large Pipeline Contractor Services Agreement, in the amount of \$147,833.74, for the installation of the 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue Baffle Box.**

**c. Rowland – Change Order #1 – Belle Vista & Mangrove Stormwater**

Mr. Warner outlined the following four change order requests that are combined as one single Change Order. They are as follows:

- #1: Purchase and installation of a tidal check valve on the intersection's stormwater outfall to combat Sea Level Rise and saltwater flooding of the intersection.

- #2: Repair of existing damage to a sanitary sewer lateral and reclaimed water lateral found during construction.
- #3: Re-appropriates the costs associated with the relocation of a ten-inch reclaimed water main that is in conflict with the proposed stormwater pipes and structures.
- #4: Covers the cost to install a sanitary sewer/stormwater conflict structure.

**Motion:** Commissioner Graus moved, Vice Mayor Friszolowski moved to approve Change Order 01, 02, and 03 to the work order with Rowland, Inc. for the Belle Vista Drive and Mangrove Point Stormwater Improvements in the amount of \$74,903.00.

Commissioner Grill pointed out that the motion is for three Change Orders, but the Agenda Memorandum indicates that there are four, combined, to make one Change Order. Mr. Warner confirmed that is correct.

**Commissioner Graus amended the motion as follows: “moved to approve Change Order 01, to the work order with Rowland, Inc. for Belle Vista Drive and Mangrove Point Stormwater Improvements in the amount of \$74,903.00” Vice Mayor Friszolowski agreed to the amendment. The amended motion carried 5-0.**

#### 5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

No items for discussion.

#### 6. CITY CLERK, CITY MANAGER, CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY COMMISSION REPORTS

**Amber LaRowe, City Clerk**—announced that this is the final week of qualifying for the Special Election in August for District 2.

**Alex Rey, City Manager**—the bid opening for the stormwater/seawall repair for the Don CeSar Place Neighborhood is Friday; the information will be on the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Agenda for Commission approval of award.

He updated the Commission on red tide, stating that there are very low levels at this time; the County is monitoring and ready to deploy to the City if they need to.

Mr. Rey discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks. There is no barge available for rent; therefore, fireworks will be displayed off of Upham Beach safely. The City will be considering the purchase of a small barge in the future as the cost compared to renting one every year is not too different, and the barge can be used for other needs in the City.

FEMA provided feedback to the City on the recent Ordinance adopted for the Substantial Improvements. They requested some minor changes be made; these changes will be brought to the Commission on the June 22<sup>nd</sup> Agenda for a first read. The City is required to show proof to FEMA by end of July of adopting their recommendations.

Mr. Rey will be on vacation beginning June 11<sup>th</sup> to return June 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Attorney Dickman**—requested an Executive Session on June 22 at 4:30 p.m. to discuss Pass-A-Grille Community Church litigation.

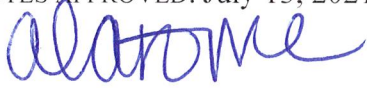
**Commissioner Pletcher**—will be attending the Tourist Development Council meeting on Friday.

**Vice Mayor Friszolowski**—thanked the Fire Department for rescuing nine people off Boca Ciega Isle recently.

**Mayor Johnson**—commented on the number of visitors on Pass-A-Grille Beach on Memorial Day weekend versus this past weekend.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: July 13, 2021



AMBER LAROWE  
CITY CLERK



ALAN JOHNSON  
MAYOR