

**Notice of Public Meeting of the Technology Advisory Board**  
**Official Minutes**  
**July 18, 2022 @ 5:30 pm**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**  
**9101 Bonita Beach Road**  
**Bonita Springs, FL 34135**

	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INFO</u>	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION</u>
I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER	5:30			Action

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL				Action
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**Present**

Jim Kauffman  
Tim Deaton  
John Poldoian  
Ron George

**Staff**

Addison Smelko  
Chris Corrie

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 20, 2022	5:32			
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John Poldoian made a motion to accept the June 20, 2022 minutes as written. Motion was seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. COUNCIL LIAISON ITEMS	5:35			
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Councilman Corrie shared that the budget process for the city will begin during Wednesday's council meeting. This process will identify the priorities for operations and capital improvements for the city. Chris identified about a 13% increase in taxable values for property. He noted the inflation rate has been running at 9.5% and even higher for things the city buys. Final budget approval will happen at the 9/20/22 council meeting.

Jim Kauffman asked if there is a timetable for Community Development to honor the request from Council and the Mayor on cell tower heights. Chris will contact John Dulmer for a response to this.

V. STAFF INFO & UPDATES	5:32		Discussion	
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No staff information

VI. NEW BUSINESS			Discussion	
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Rob Sypniewski resignation was brought to the attention of the board. Tim Deaton will reach out to Herman Potter and Mark Parr to see if they are interested. The question was raised whether applicants need to reside in Bonita Springs. Addison will check into this.

## VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

5:39

Discussion

Ruth Condit asked if the budget workshop was televised. Chris Corrie responded it will be. Ben Hershenson spoke about the problems with cell phone coverage. He shared that T-Mobile service has been down for four days. Jim Kauffman asked where Ben lives. Ben indicated he is on Avalyn Drive, off Paradise Road and told the committee the service from Paradise Road to Shangri La is horrible. He will be looking at switching to Verizon to see if his service improves. The committee asked him to continue to let them know how his service is going.

## VIII: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5:44

### Electric Vehicles

John Poldoian provided an update on electric vehicle charging stations. In reference to the article Chris Corrie shared regarding GM/Pilot stations, John reached out to see how Bonita Springs can participate in the program and was told they already have a location in Fort Myers and they like to keep their charging stations fifty miles apart.

A recent Bloomberg News article quoted growth in the adoption rate from two percent to five percent in the United States. We are on track with others that have grown and John expects to see continued growth, possibly to 25% by 2025.

DC Fast Tracking stations- Bank of America and Electrify America. John spoke with a Program Manager from Electrify America and they have accepted the Bank of America location next to Home Depot in Bonita Springs. This will be the first charging station in our city. Next, they will do site analysis and preparation.

Wynn Properties and TESLA charging stations – John has been on Team’s meetings and this also looks to be moving forward. The target location they are looking at is near the soft serve ice cream stand in Sunshine Plaza. The next step will be the site survey. Jim Kauffman asked if the TESLA stations will eventually be universal charging stations and John believes they will. TESLA sees it as a revenue opportunity and it will require a separate cable but it will happen.

John estimates that the process will take twelve months before the charging stations are installed.

### Cell Tower Heights

Tim Deaton provided an update on cell tower heights. A question came up asking if there were any pending applications for tower permits in the city. Tim Deaton replied there are not. Jim Kauffman asked that Community Development forward to the Technology Advisory Board all wireless tower applications in process – along with their status within Community Development – on a continuing basis.

Tim attended the meeting an AT&T cell tower height meeting in Estero regarding the cell tower proposed for the Elks location. Tim feels that restrictions in their code reduced the cell tower height from 150’ to 100’. This cell tower will not benefit Bonita Springs residents at all. It appears if we have something in Bonita it would be in the Southeast. AT&T is no longer looking at Bonita Springs.

Tim spoke about industry fall radius and shared the towers would break at a certain point. The towers are made to fall down, but not out. Because Estero had their own fall radius rather than an industry fall radius the process took two years.

Tim feels that the problem working with the cell tower companies is that too often cities are objective rather than subjective. The Ordinance needs to be simple and non-repetitive. The manufacturer does not want anyone to get hurt and wants to protect their equipment. Tim is hoping to get back in touch with Mark Paar regarding the ordinance.

Chris Corrie mentioned that Jim Magnus has property behind his storage facility and might be willing to build a tower on that property. Chris will send Jim's contact information to Tim.

Cell towers talk to each other and 5G might offer improvements but will still need cell towers.

VIII: NEXT MEETING

Discussion

August 15, 2022.

IX: ADJOURNMENT

Action

***Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

***Debbie Vallante, 07/19/2022***

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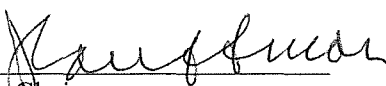
Debbie Vallante, Office Assistant

APPROVED

TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD:

Date: 9.12.22

AUTHENTICATED:

  
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Jim Kauffman, Chairman