

CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017
8:00 A.M.
CITY HALL
9101 BONITA BEACH ROAD
BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34135
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Peter Simmons called the workshop to order at 8:00 A.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Simmons and all Council Members were in attendance, with Council Member Amy Quaremba arriving at 8:10 A.M.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments were made.

IV. PRESENTATION OF QUADRANT STUDY BY JOHN DEPALMA WITH MCMAHON & ASSOCIATES.

[8:05:44 AM](#) Matt Feeney, Public Works Director, began by furnishing a brief overview of the presentation.

[8:06:40 AM](#) John DePalma, with McMahon Associates, furnished a PowerPoint presentation (copy in Clerk's office) to present the Quadrant Plan.

IV. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

[8:39:23 AM](#) Council Member Quaremba expressed her support for a roundabout on Bonita Beach Road. She also appreciates and supports other items mentioned by Mr. DePalma, i.e., access to the boat ramp, extension to the property on the northeast, and providing facilities to some of the surrounding neighbors. She is pleased with the presentation. She also feels coordination with the other agencies is very important.

[8:40:13 AM](#) Mr. DePalma responded to concerns raised by Council Member DeWitt relating to a property owner near Windsor and why they couldn't take land from the existing road rather than taking land from the middle portion of his property. He also addressed a question as to the location of a roundabout in the area. He questioned why they couldn't place a roundabout at the top half and take the top half of First Street an existing road. Discussion followed.

[8:47:51 am](#) Council Member Slachta addressed residents in his district who didn't like roundabouts.

[8:48:32 am](#) Council Member O'Flinn thanked FDOT for working with the City. He also complimented Mr. DePalma on the great work and for not impacting the two businesses on Bonita Beach Road.

8:50:15 am Council Member Gibson echoed comments made on the great job. He questioned the reason for the delay on the northeast, which will be about five years before starting on the other side. Mr. DePalma explained that it will take time to draw the design and permitting, noting the recommendation for the northwest quadrant.

8:50:32 am Council Member Forbes addressed associated costs. He asked Mr. DePalma what the City could do to expand his contract that would be critically important if somehow they were to get everything put together to move forward on either portion, or moving forward with both. Mr. DePalma responded that he felt the role they could play for the City would be kind of in an oversight mode. He explained that a lot of what was shown today are the details, addressing what usually occurs once they start looking at surveys and designs. He further explained.

8:56:45 AM Mayor Simmons stated he gets asked a lot of questions relating to traffic lights and traffic. He referred to the traffic light that is to be located near the river on U.S. 41, and stated he would encourage that they move forward with the project, and questioned the timelines involved. Mr. DePalma referred to the northwest quadrant and provided an estimate of six to seven years. Discussion followed, with Director Feeney referring to the downtown project as a model, which he explained was initiated in the early summer of 2014 with the ground breaking in September 2015. That project also entailed right-of-way acquisition. Overall, he felt a 3-year window was more realistic timeframe. He noted challenges on the eastern side with the pond, but definitely he feels those timeframes are realistic for the northwest.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

9:01:22 AM Beverly Grady with Roetzel and Andress, representative for TNR Properties aka Angler's Paradise, informed Council of objections her clients have to adoption of the plan which shows the road bifurcating their property. She further explained, and stated they object to the adoption of the quadrant plan, and would request it be continued to allow them time to meet.

9:05:15 AM Wayne Arnold, representative for Hidden Lakes was also in attendance to request that they not adopt the plan today to allow them to have further discussions. The current plan has negative impacts to his client's property, which he briefly addressed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Debra Filipek, City Clerk

APPROVED:
BONITA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:

Date: 4/17/17

AUTHENTICATED:



Peter Simmons, Mayor