

CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016  
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.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

IV. REVIEW CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROJECTS. (GREENSHEET NO. 16-05-0145)

[8:05:14 am](#) City Manager Carl Schwing furnished a brief overview. Council discussion followed, which resulted in the attached revised Open Capital Improvement Projects list.

V. FINANCE/BUDGET DISCUSSION.

[8:38:02 am](#) Anne Wright, Finance Director, addressed the budget process. Council discuss was held, with Council consensus to have Directors available to respond to questions, and to do what is normally done with respect to the budget presentation. Council Member Greg DeWitt addressed the fire department who puts aside reserves as part of their budget for future needs. Council Member Amy Quaremba stated that she felt people usually object to reserves for smaller items, and feels they should be for larger things. She also suggested any materials that can be provided to address the functional level in the budget, i.e., photocopying, etc. Council Member Fred Forbes suggested looking at projects of \$400,000 or more. Council Member Peter O'Flinn suggested debt spread out over the useful life of the project. He also suggested a workshop on impact fees/credits and downtown. He also feels there should be a stormwater utility and to see what a reasonable charge would be to charge. He also addressed outsources contracts, and the possibility of working with Estero on those. Council Quaremba stated she feels they should have a workshop on the downtown, i.e., the water utilities, the plan, the financing, etc., so they understand the downtown overlay and how it all works together.

[8:51:16 am](#) Ms. Wright informed Council of a Financial Advisor who is available to come on June 1, 2016 and present different options for refunding the City's debt and the impact on cash flow. Council consensus to schedule.

8:52:44 am Ms. Wright next briefly addressed the "Summary of 2015-2016 adopted budget for the general fund" and the "Comparison of Rates" documents in the meeting packet.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

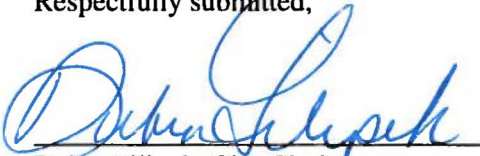
8:59:43 am Rick Steinmeyer commented on beach renourishment and also voiced his opposition to raising taxes.

9:00:20 am Donna Stone suggested the need for additional shade for the dog park.

VII. ADJOURNMENT


There being no further items to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:01 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Debra Filipek, City Clerk

APPROVED:  
BONITA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:

Date: 6-3-16  
AUTHENTICATED:

  
Peter Simmons, Mayor

OPEN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS		Available Budget as of 4/20/2016	Funding Source
<b>ROADWAY AND LANDSCAPING PROJECTS</b>			
1	<b>Implementation of Storm Water Master Plan</b> - to fund projects designed to improve water quality in the Imperial River 's Water shed by removing nitrogen from storm water run-off	473,604	GF
		400,000	GF
2	<b>Spring Creek Restoration</b> - a two part Planning Study to conduct a vulnerability assessment of Spring Creek, then to develop a long range restoration plan to offset modifications that were made by development in the creek's watershed. In addition, the project provides funding for the permitting and construction of a selective "spot" dredging. The dredging component is designed to alleviate navigational and flow-way obstructions in Spring Creek by excavating approximately 3,100 Cubic Yards bottom material throughout the creek from just east of the US 41 bridge, west to its mouth in Estero Bay	43,278	GF
3	<b>Oak Creek Dredging</b> - This project is now complete.	6,940	GR-State
		9,128	GF
4	<b>Abernathy/Felts Stormwater</b> - Design and construct a stormwater quality treatment project that utilizes bio-reactor technologies to remove nitrogen from stormwater run-off. This project is designed to demonstrate the effectiveness, flexibility of design, and efficiency of the bio-reactor technology. The project entails constructing a bed of wood chips underground that serve as an anareobic filter with an at grade parking lot constructed above the underground improvements.	250,000	GR-State
5	<b>Flow way Restoration</b> - This project originated from a recommendation put forward by the Citizens' Water Strategy Task Force to restore stream connections and flow-ways that were severed from their natural flow paths by development activities. Two primary candidates for restoration are the Jefferson Flow-way and a the Middle tributary of the Imperial River. Both are located off of Kent Road in Eastern Bonita. The Imperial River tributary is slated to be restored through the Pine Lake Preserve Re-hydration project, which is a component of CIP # 30.250.538.6801 Implementation of Storm Water Master Plan.	25,000	GF
6	<b>Road Improvements - Minor Capital Projects</b> - minor road maintenance such as bridge deck resurfacing, guardrail repair, minor road reconstruction, and re-striping.	19,600	GT
7	<b>W Shangri-La Sidewalk to Old 41</b> - Project complete, funds requested to be transferred to project on line 9 below.	46,849	GT
8	<b>West Terry Street Improvements/West Terry Pedestrian/Bike Connectivity</b> - Design and construct bicycle, pedestrian, and vehicular improvements to West Terry Street from the Downtown Improvement Project's limits at the eastern edge of the Seminole Gulf Rail Road right of way west to the Bonita Springs Middle School.	519,730	GT
9	<b>Shangri-La Paving-Windley Key to Imperial and traffic signal</b> - Remaining work is installation of the traffic signal at Shangri-La and Imperial Parkway. The majority of the remaining available budget balance (after transfer in from line 7 above) is being requested to be transferred to fund the Enhancement Alignment Study.	130,057	Rd I
10	<b>Bonita Beach Rd Vision Study</b> - Substantially complete study to create a vision of the Bonita Beach Road Corridor and its major north/south intersections, which considers the other city improvement efforts already underway.	10,334	GT
11	<b>CDBG Eligible Projects</b> - Construction of 3,700 Linear Feet of Sidewalk along the south side of Kentucky Street from the eastern edge of the Seminole Gulf Rail Road right of way west to Wisconsin Street (\$450,000) and Pueblo Bonito project (\$125,000).	575,000	GR-CDBG

Approved 5/18/16  
 Revised List - 5/18/16

<b>OPEN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS</b>		<b>Available Budget as of 4/20/2016</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
12	<b>Old 41 4 Laning-Bonita Bch Rd to Collier Cty Line including pedestrian/multi-use railroad crossing</b> - Project is to re-construct Old 41 into a 4 lane cross-section, to include bike lanes, medians, and sidewalks from Bonita Beach Road south to the Collier County Line. A 10 foot wide multiuse path is being pursued in advance of the 4 laning project by the City in a joint effort with the Lee & Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO's). The 10 foot path component of this project will provide a cross jurisdiction (Bonita Springs/Collier County) north south connection from Bonita Beach Road to US 41.	488,100	Rd I
13	<b>Res. Sidewalk/Drainage -</b> This CIP item is used to design and construct new sidewalks and drainage projects in the City.	217,345	GT
		100,000	GT
14	<b>Asphalt Overlays -</b> Resurfacing of roadways with asphalt and restriping of roadway surface markings.	592,578	GT
15	<b>Paving Unpaved Street -</b> Paving project on privately owned roads. With the City contributing 80% towards the construction costs and the roadway owners providing 20%.	93,860	GF
16	<b>FDOT Pond on Arroyal -</b> Installation of Trees and landscape plantings around FDOT's Arroyal Road storm water pond.	200,880	GF
		100,000	GR-State
17	<b>Street Lighting Uniformity -</b> Retro-fitting of existing FP&L street lighting network with recessed street light fixtures.	13,548	GT
18	<b>East Terry Wall -</b> Construction of 1,195 linear feet of 6 foot tall barrier wall on the south side of East Terry Street from Elaine Drive to Oliver Drive. <b>Bids received exceed budget by \$60,000.</b>	106,589	GF
19	<b>Bonita Beach Rd-PH II-Old 41 to Lime St. Enhanced Landscape -</b> Providing 50% funding to Lee County for the installation of landscaping on the recently six laned section of Bonita Beach Road from Old US 41 to Lime St.	250,000	GF
		254,000	Lee Cty
20	<b>E. Terry-Old 41 to Imperial Pkwy /Roadside &amp; Median Landscape Enhancements -</b> Installation of new and enhanced landscaping along major thoroughfares with the City. <b>US 41 Landscaping:</b> Construction Contract in Progress; <b>East Terry Street Landscaping:</b> Construction Complete; <b>Old 41 from Rosemary Creek north to US 41:</b> Design Proposal Received; <b>Imperial Parkway from Bonita Beach Road south to Collier County Line:</b> Design Proposal Received	772,306	GF
<b>ROADWAY AND LANDSCAPING TOTAL</b>		<b>5,698,726</b>	
Total green highlighted projects which Council identified on May 4th to be potential "holds"		<b>3,440,508</b>	

Rd I=Road Impact Fees, GT=Gas Tax, GR=Grant, GF=General Fund

Savings from General Fund	1,622,755
Savings from Gas Tax	1,329,653
Savings from Road Impact Fee	488,100
<b>Total Potential Savings from Road Projects by Funding Source</b>	<b>3,440,508</b>



<b>OPEN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS</b>		<b>Available Budget as of 4/20/2016</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
<b>WATER QUALITY, PARKS, RECREATION &amp; COMMUNITY FACILITIES</b>		<b>Available Budget as of 4/20/2016</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
1	<b>Water Issues/Land Acquisition from willing sellers</b> - By Resolution No. 15-024 approved on February 18, 2015, City Council accepted the recommendations of the City of Bonita Springs Water Strategy Task Force as revised by City Council at their January 22, 2015 Workshop.	200,000	GF
2	<b>Beach &amp; Water Access</b> - This project was placed in our budget by the previous City Council to explore the options for increased public access to our city's waterways.	84,500	GF
3	<b>Beach Renourishment 2024 Project</b> - In accordance with Ordinance 12-05, City Council established a Beach Renourishment Reserve to accumulate and preserve funds that will be annually transferred for beach renourishment.	181,634	GF
<b>Recreation Center Improvements</b>			
4	<b>Replace Roof -New Rec Center</b> - The Recreation Center Roof is 20 years old and needs to be replaced. Several leaks have been repaired over the years with a complete replacement needed.	280,007	GF
5	<b>Replace Exterior Doors</b> - Project complete, remaining budget available after payment of invoices to be determined	29,589	GF
6	<b>Replace Flooring Lobby &amp; Hallways</b> - The carpeting in the lobby and hallways emits an odor when wet.	20,000	GF
7	<b>Fitness Room Expansion</b> - The Recreation Center Fitness Room has reached its capacity in the existing 2,114 square feet for the over 1300 members of the facility. The expansion will include an additional 1,448 square feet of space, additional fitness equipment and a new HVAC system. The current HVAC system is not working properly and has been repaired on several occasions with a replacement needed. (Amt reduced by proposed dock budget transfer)	263,467	CPI
8	<b>Replace Interior Gym Doors</b> - Project complete, remaining budget available after payment of invoices to be determined	15,000	GF
<b>Community Park Improvements</b>			
9	<b>Tennis Court Shade Structure</b> - Replace existing Community Park Tennis Court Shade Structure. The existing structure is over 20 years old and in need of replacement.	19,100	GF
10	<b>Well Pump House</b> - The existing Irrigation Well Pump house is a wooden structure that is rotting away and needing replaced. This houses all of the pump equipment for the well including all of the electrical and timing clocks for the pumps and the Tennis Court Lights.	10,000	GF
11	<b>Pavilion Gutters</b> - The Community Park Pavilion is a covered pavilion, which is lined for both Basketball and Futsal Soccer. The Pavilion has a large roof, but was installed without gutters. During any rain, the rain water flows straight down the sides of the roof resulting in water accumulating on the Basketball or Futsal playing surface, causing the games to be cancelled during rain. The addition of gutters will take the rain water away from the sides of the roof to drain properly.	8,000	GF
12	<b>Playground Replacement</b> - The Community Park Playground is the largest of the City's Playgrounds with a large Play structure, swings, monkey bars and a rubber surfacing to prevent injuries during a fall. The equipment has surpassed its life expectancy and we can no longer obtain replacement parts when a piece of equipment breaks.	175,000	GR-CDBG

## OPEN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Available Budget as of 4/20/2016	Funding Source
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### Community Pool Improvements

13	<b>Pool Landscaping</b> - The Community Pool is out of compliance with the City's land development code for landscaping. It was placed in the FY 2015 budget to add landscaping and irrigation to the perimeter of the pool as well as additional landscaping in the parking area.	80,000	GF
14	<b>Children's Activity Pool</b> - The Current Community Pool is not suitable for small children as the most shallow depth is 3 feet without a proper walk in entry. The community had made requests for a Children's pool facility. The new facility will be added to the existing Community Pool location. The new facility will include a family restroom facility as well as a zero entry 18 inches of water Children's pool with an Interactive Water Playground set inside the middle of the pool.	576,632	RPI
		34,017	CPI

### Riverside Park Improvements

15	<b>Riverside Park Improvements</b> - This project is the installation of outdoor Fitness Stations in Island Park along the shell path trail. The Fitness Stations are one of the required improvements to Island Park per the Florida Communities Trust Grant used to acquire the property in 2003.	14,550	RPI
16	<b>Bandshell Resod</b> - The Riverside Park Bandshell lawn takes a lot of wear and tear throughout our City event season where thousands of people gather for various events and concerts. Periodically the lawn must be resodded to maintain the pristine condition for all our residents and visitors.	7,991	GF
17	<b>Depot Park Playground Upgrades</b> - Depot Park playground is in need of slide replacements, new sod and the addition of picnic tables under the covered areas of the restroom building. The playground is a popular Birthday party location with restroom facilities onsite, but is lacking picnic tables.	9,132	GF

### Dog Park Improvements

18	<b>Dog Park Construction</b> - The Dog Park was largely completed in January 2015, but due to overwhelming success an overflow parking area had to be constructed. New sod will be added to a few areas due to not enough water pressure for the irrigation heads to reach a few sections of the Small and Large dog runs. The water issue will be resolved before new sod is added.	7,340	CPI
19	<b>Additional Trails/Entrance</b> - The City acquired property on New Moon Court, which is located at the Northeast end of the Dog Park property. It made sense to add an additional entrance to the Dog Park for the residents living at the Northeast end of the park for connectivity through the neighborhoods. The entrance would come off New Moon Court with a multi-use trail connecting to the existing multi-use trail inside the Mayhood (Dog Park) Property. This would make a 3rd entrance to the Park. (Will obtain an estimate for a lower cost entrance.)	37,500	CPI
		37,500	CPI
20	<b>Remulch</b> - The Mulch laid during the construction of the Dog Park was Pine Straw, which is the lowest cost option of Dog friendly materials for mulch. The Pine Straw disintegrated within the first 5 months of being open. Staff had to look at other options for mulch inside the Dog Park that would be durable, dog friendly and cost efficient. Playsafe mulch was the best option.	10,467	GF
21	<b>Exotic Plant Removal-back half of lot</b> -The Mayhood Property was severely overgrown and full of exotic plant vegetation before the Dog Park was built. During the Dog Park construction clearing of the property of exotic vegetation was complete, but only the 6.5 acres of the Dog Park. In order to create the new entrance, additional Exotic removal must be completed.	9,505	GF

### Mayhood Park

22	<b>Playground</b> - A request was made during the budget process by a previous Councilmember to add a Tot Lot Playground to Mayhood Park at the back of the Dog Park for the residents of the surrounding neighborhoods. In order for the Playground to be placed in this area, additional land clearing must take place.	15,000	CPI
		40,000	GR-CDBG

### Beach Parks

23	<b>Bay Park North Parking Lot</b> - Bay Park North is a Beach Park located on the Estero Bay with a non-motorized vessel launch used mainly for Canoe/Kayak and Paddleboard launching into the Estero Bay. The park is in need of upgrades such as a lined parking lot as well as a Picnic/Shade Structure for use of the patrons. TDC grant funding was applied for in this budget year for the entire project. The Parking lot portion was deemed ineligible for grant funding so the City added matching funds to the grant for the parking lot while the TDC grant was awarded for the Picnic/Shade Structure and additional signage.	14,100	GF
		13,953	GR-TDC

<b>OPEN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS</b>	<b>Available Budget as of 4/20/2016</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
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**Bonita Springs Soccer Complex Improvements**

24	<b>Resod all 3 Soccer Fields</b> - The Soccer Complex is used Tuesday - Sunday by 3 separate Soccer leagues as well as the Bonita Middle School for 10 months out of the year. This causes extreme wear and tear of the sod given the little rest. It was requested to phase the resod of the Soccer Complex with the last and final phase to be completed this summer.	23,874	GF
25	<b>Soccer Complex Dumpster Enclosure</b> - Per City code, all dumpsters must be enclosed and away from view. The dumpster at the Soccer Complex is currently out of compliance.	12,000	GF

**Bonita Springs River Park**

26	<b>River Park Improvements</b> - River Park was constructed in Phases using Tourist Development Council grant funding. The City applied for TDC funding for the construction of a Fishing Platform at the Northeast corner of the property adjacent to the US 41 bridge. The spot was deemed a good area for fishing with a boardwalk and overlook area. After several years of TDC funding requests, the city obtained enough funding for the fishing platform to be constructed	15,900	CPI
		217,044	GR-TDC
27	<b>Shade Structures</b> - Due to the many requests to add Covered Picnic Structures by the patrons of the park to enjoy it was added to the FY 2016 budget.	23,100	GF

<b>WATER QUALITY, PARKS, RECREATION &amp; COMMUNITY FACILITIES TOTAL</b>	<b>2,485,902</b>	
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GF = General Fund, CPI = Community Park Impact Fees, RPI = Regional Park Impact Fees, GR = Grant

Total green highlighted projects which Council identified on May 18th to be potential "holds"	1,196,116
Potential savings from General Fund	284,500
Potential savings from CPI	334,984
Potential savings from RPI	576,632
<b>Total Potential Savings from Water Quality, Parks, Recreation and Community Facility Projects by Funding Source</b>	<b>1,196,116</b>