

**Special Workshop
Downtown Improvement Project
City of Bonita Springs
City Council
Tuesday, June 9, 2015
5:30 P.M.
Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District
27701 Bonita Grande Drive
Bonita Springs, FL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ben Nelson, Jr., called the meeting to order at 5:35 P.M. There were approximately 80 members of the public in attendance.

II. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Nelson and all Council Members were in attendance. Also in attendance were City Staff Members Carl Schwing, Matt Feeney, John Gucciardo, Arleen Hunter, John Dulmer, and Audrey Vance. Representatives from Wright Construction in attendance included Andy Powell, Jim Wallwork, Norman Trebilcock, Kevin Mangan, and several others.

III. PRESENTATION:

Frank Cassidy, City Staff, facilitated the workshop. He began by providing an outline of the workshop which would include a PowerPoint presentation on the plans and a short film. Representatives with Wright Construction were in attendance to respond to the total 27 questions submitted prior to the meeting to address traffic flow, medians, and general questions.

Mr. Powell next furnished a PowerPoint presentation (copy in Clerk's file) on the redevelopment project, along with a short film on other completed redevelopment projects in other areas of the country. He explained that this was the third public meeting held. They are now in the process of putting together a price for City Council.

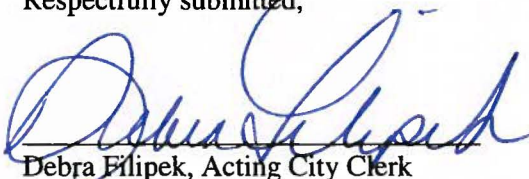
The intent is to develop a pedestrian friendly project utilizing the concept of complete streets. They have eliminated traffic signals and utilized roundabouts, which promote safety, slow traffic, act as a centerpiece for surrounding development, serve pedestrian mobility, etc. Mike Wallwork responded to several questions relating to roundabouts. Discussion was also held on medians which act to calm traffic, provide aesthetics, and act as a safe harbor for pedestrians crossing the street. Discussion was also held on drainage, underground utilities, setbacks, bike safety, etc. Representatives with Wright Construction responded to questions.

A DVD/CD of the complete workshop is on file with the City Clerk.

IV. ADJOURNMENT.


There being no further discussion, the workshop adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Debra Filipek, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED:
BONITA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:

Date: 9/7/15

AUTHENTICATED:


Ben L. Nelson, Jr., Mayor