

**Notice of Public Meeting of the Technology Advisory Board**  
**Official Minutes**  
**January 23, 2023 @ 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 5:34 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL				Action
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**Present**

Jim Kauffman  
Tim Deaton (by phone)  
Susan Bickel  
Ron George  
Vincent Marchesani  
John Poldoian

**Staff**

Addison Smelko

III. PUBLIC COMMENT  
There was no public comment.

APPROVE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2022	5:38
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A motion was made to accept the September 12, 2022, minutes as written with the addition of comments by John Poldoian that Tim Deaton went to the Miromar Outlets and noted there are 32 charging stations, 16 dedicated to Tesla and 16 generic charging stations. The generic ones are free but slow in charging. Motion was approved as amended. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Remote Attendance for members of public  
Addison will talk with his director to see if this is possible.

IV. COUNCIL LIAISON ITEMS	5:38
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No information shared.

V. STAFF INFO & UPDATES	5:39	Discussion
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Addison shared that things are back to normal at the City Office building. He shared the generator kept things up and running through the storm.

The committee discussed that cell phone service was better with Hurricane Ian than it was with Hurricane Irma.

### Cell Tower Heights

Vincent Marchesani made a proposal relative to the cell tower ordinance, suggesting that the ordinance is left as is and an addendum is added. The addendum would address circumstances where an emergency call goes to Naples, and then must be sent to Bonita. Due to health and risk to life circumstances, a cell tower higher than 75' could be installed in that area. The addendum would be written by the TAB committee and health and safety concerns would supersede requirements in the ordinance. Documentation where warranted must be available.

The committee discussed this working for some communities, but not others. In some cases, the problem is due to inadequate coverage, not because the calls are going to Collier County. It would be a temporary solution.

An amendment would be broadly based but have definable exceptions. Tim and Vince will work on the amendment. Addison will check with his director to see what rules need to be followed surrounding these two members meeting on this topic, due to Sunshine Laws.

## VII: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6:13

### Electric Vehicles

John Poldoian spoke about the \$7,500 rebate opportunity presented by the Inflation Reduction Act through March, to purchase an electric vehicle.

### DC Fast Chargers

John briefed everyone on the 12 chargers for Sunshine Plaza. Wynn Properties is negotiating with Tesla on lease pricing. Tesla is planning to make their chargers universal this year. John is going to see what other locations are paying to lease space.

Bank of America and Electrify America now have an agreement to do the installation. It is in design phase right now for four – six stations. A project manager is being assigned and should be finished with the design by March, and the committee is being asked to help them with permitting. There are fewer chargers because there is less space, but they are high-speed chargers. Electrify America typically has smaller stations and John estimates the cost to be \$.46/kilowatt hour if the consumer doesn't have a contract with Electrify America

Ron George brought up the lack of charging stations in downtown Bonita. Would the Downtown Alliance be interested in this?

A motion was made by Ron George to approach the city council to see what their interest is in getting some EV chargers on city property in the downtown city area. The motion was approved.

A separate motion was made that the city consider the economy and wisdom of gradually converting its fleet of vehicles to electric vehicles, joining the hundreds of other municipalities that have done so. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

There doesn't need to be a cost to the city for this. FPL was mentioned for installing.

Traffic Preemption

Jim will follow-up at the next meeting

Next meeting date

The committee discussed the recent city council motion to have committees meet quarterly. The committee feels that meeting quarterly will not allow them to be effective and move forward with their initiatives.

Jim Kauffman made a motion that there is a sense from the Technology Advisory Board that this would cripple their existing initiatives and they would urge the city to grant them an exception or immunity from the four times a year requirement. Ron George seconded, and the motion was unanimous.

VIII: NEXT MEETING

Discussion

The next meeting date was proposed for April 17<sup>th</sup> but is subject to change.

IX: ADJOURNMENT

6:59 pm

Action

*Motion to adjourn passed.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Debbie Vallante, 01/25/2023*

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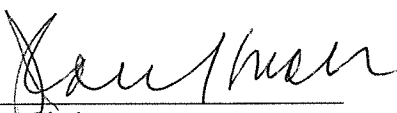
Debbie Vallante, Office Assistant

APPROVED

TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD:

Date: 3/20/23

AUTHENTICATED:

  
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Jim Kauffman, Chairman