



City Council Chambers
9101 Bonita Beach Road
Bonita Springs, Florida 34135

Bonita Springs City Council
Special Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2023

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rick Steinmeyer called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m.

2. Roll Call

The City Clerk called the roll:

Present 7 Mayor Steinmeyer, Council Member Bogacz, Council Member Purdon, Council Member Carr, Council Member Corrie, Council Member Fullick, Council Member Forbes

Absent 0

3. Review of Hurricane Recovery Projects for Potential Funding from CDBG– DR Funds

Elly McKuen, Senior Project Manager, summarized the CDBG-Disaster Recovery program and project eligibility requirements. City Manager Hunter and Assistant City Manager Feeney provided an overview of current Capital Improvement Projects in low-moderate income areas of the City (presentation and areal map on file in the Clerk's office).

Council Member Corrie stated that City projects submitted to the Task Force will compete with many other projects countywide for inclusion in the action plan. He stated that projects in partnership with other communities, and projects that meet several branch committee priorities, are more likely to be included in the Task Force' action plan, to be presented to County Commissioners in December. He also said that other county municipalities have obtained a consultant, and perhaps Council should consider doing so as well.

Additional projects suggested by Council Members included septic to sewer conversions in partnership with BSU, workforce housing, and undergrounding FPL electrical lines. City Manager Hunter suggested that the City conduct a community planning project study that will cover those topics.

4. City Council Discussion and Direction

After deliberations, Mayor Steinmeyer called for two separate motions, first for transportation projects, followed by a second motion/vote for non-transportation projects.

Council Member Corrie motioned that the following transportation projects be forwarded to the Recovery Task Force; seconded by Mayor Steinmeyer. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Sun Trail (Rails to Trails)
2. Goodwin Street Sidewalk and Drainage Improvements
3. Pine Avenue Multi-Use Pathway
4. Dean Street Multi-Use Drainage and Multi-Use Pathway
5. West Terry Street South Side Sidewalk
6. Rosemary Drive Drainage and Multi-Use Pathway
7. Old 41 Road Bike and Pedestrian Improvement Project
8. US 41 Bridge Beautification

Council member Corrie then motioned that the following non-transportation projects be forwarded to the Recovery Task Force seconded by Council Member Purdon. The motion carried unanimously.

1. Parking Garage Feasibility Study
2. Maywood Soccer Fields
3. Community Pool Expansion
4. Children's Activity Pool and Family Restroom
5. Former Community Hall and Banyan Tree Park Improvement Conceptual Study
6. Bonita Springs Old Library Facility
7. Nature Place Updates and Expansion
8. Recreation Center Expansion and Improvements

Council Member Carr motioned to add **Bandshell renovations**; seconded by Council Member Bogacz. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Public Comment

Ann Grandell - Suggested the City partner with non-profit/faith-based agencies to use disaster recovery funds for the purchase of land for affordable housing.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Prepared by:


Mike Sheffield, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Date: 6-7-23

AUTHENTICATED:

Rick Steinmeyer, Mayor

