

**MANATEE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, Florida
September 18, 2018**

Meeting video link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUlgjuGhS-qV966RU2Z7AtA>

Present were:

Priscilla Whisenant Trace, Chairman
Robin DiSabatino, First Vice-Chairman
Carol Whitmore, Second Vice-Chairman
Charles B. Smith, Third Vice-Chairman
Betsy Benac
Vanessa Baugh
Stephen R. Jonsson (entered during meeting)

Also present were:

Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator
Mitchell O. Palmer, County Attorney
Vicki Tessmer, Board Records Supervisor, Clerk of the Circuit Court



Chairman Trace called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

AGENDA

BC20180918D0C001

4. **MOCCASIN WALLOW**

BC20180918D0C002



Sage Kamiya, Deputy Director of Traffic Management, used a slide presentation to review the Florida Job Growth Grant for public infrastructure projects that can include transportation and utilities needed to support the North River Partnership proposed project on Moccasin Wallow Road from 115th Avenue East to U.S. 301. The project would be done in phases. He reviewed existing conditions of Moccasin Wallow Road deficiencies.

(Enter Commissioner Jonsson)



Sia Mollanazar, Deputy Director of Engineering Services, continued the slides to review the scope of the project including widening lanes and only one signal is in the grant proposal at U.S. 301. Right of way could be obtained through Land Development Agreement (LDA) with Neal Communities. Impact fee credits could be exchanged for the right-of-way. The total project cost is \$9.2 million with \$3 million in County funding.



Discussion ensued regarding the opening of the elementary school in 2019, and the next steps include drafting an agreement with the North River Partnership.

There being no public comment, Chairman Trace closed public comment.



Dan Schlandt, Deputy County Administrator, explained that the Fort Hamer project can come in lower, funds could be borrowed against impact fees in that area.



Discussion ensued regarding impact fee agreements, forward funding and what is the plan if the estimated cost is higher.

Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator, stated at this point, the focus is to submit the grant application.

 Pat Neal explained the proposal is to save \$1.3-2 million of wasted improvements that can be folded in with Fort Hamer extension permit.

It was the consensus of the Board to have this move forward and seek grant funds.

1. **TRANSIT UPDATE**

BC20180918D0C003

 Ed Hunzeker, County Administrator, reviewed a request from Sarasota County to have Manatee County join in a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a privatized transit system. He submitted a summary of the RFP scope of services and stated Sarasota County is going to proceed with the RFP.

 Discussion ensued regarding scope of services, contractor would be encouraged to hire the current employees, intent is for employees to work for the private contractor, Sarasota County has union employees for operating and maintenance, Sarasota has privatized paratransit, and there have not been positive comments.

 Bill Steele, Transit Division Manager, stated there does not appear to be a cost savings with privatization.

 Discussion continued to wait and see how it works for Sarasota prior to getting involved, opposed to this concept, protect County employees, regional transit, and it is expensive to run a transit system.

 Mr. Steele explained many private systems have gone back to public systems.

 There being no public comment, Chairman Trace closed public comments.

It was the consensus of the Board to not move forward with a partnership with Sarasota.

2. **LAKWOOD RANCH MASTER PLAN**

BC20180918D0C004

 Tom Yarger, Construction Services Director, stated there are projects proposed for Lakewood Ranch Park (LWR) including resurfacing and renovation of eight tennis courts, add LED lightening, remove the hand ball courts and replace with pickle ball courts, and propose a Hockey Rink with funding though the Tampa Bay Lightning Foundation, SMR and Manatee County.

 Charlie Hunsicker, Parks and Natural Resources Director, shared SMR and The Lightning Foundation feel the best opportunities exist at LWR. The County will prep and pour the concrete at the site, and then be reimbursed by SMR, County is responsible to maintain the facility. The Lightening Foundation will outfit the rink with hockey supplies. The last project is to add new lighting to Soccer fields along the western edge of LWR Park.

 Discussion ensued about the development order that may limit the height of light poles at park, concerned with tall towers, light spillage, and how it could affect citizens residing around the park.

 Joy Leggett-Murphy, Land Acquisition Division Manager, stated the American Red Cross Building will sell their building to the County for \$650,000 to for a new EMS location in east county for Public Safety. The size of the building is adequate for staff and two ambulances. Some interior renovations will be needed for conversion to an EMS Station.

 Mr. Yarger stated the total cost would be around \$200,000-\$300,000 to renovate the building by adding sleeping quarters, training areas, address electric issues and updates to the AC and generator.

 Bob Smith, Public Safety Director, stated EMS is to move out of the Fire Stations due to growth in east county. The building is hurricane graded and has enough space to accommodate 2 EMS Stations.

 Discussion ensued regarding the need of both EMS and the Sheriff office to expand out east, the building is not large enough to accommodate both, price of the building is a good return on investment that can accommodate future expansion.

It was a consensus of the Board to conduct and advertise a public meeting regarding lighting.

 There being no public comment, Chairman Trace closed public comments.

3. **COQUINA BEACH PARKING STORM WATER IMPROVEMENTS**

BC20180918D0C005

 Charlie Bishop, Property Management Director, used a slide presentation and map to describe the improvements needed including new storm pipe along the entire parking lot, pervious concrete in the parking areas, underdrain system connected to storm pipe, and striped parking areas with parking blocks. He reviewed examples of a similar parking area at Siesta Beach. Current funding is from storm water, LAP agreement with Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), City of Bradenton Beach and Tourism Development Council (TDC). The improvements will be done in two phases with total construction costs of \$5.94 million.

 Discussion ensued as to where the drainage will go, current outfall, total costs, will pervious concrete withstand harsh beach conditions, and will landscape be included.

There being no public comment, Chairman Trace Closed public comment.

 Discussion ensued that more projects can be added to the infrastructure sales tax list, concerns regarding changes to the list approved by voters, need more time to look at the CIP, and the Infrastructure Sales Tax Committee was charged with verifying the funds are spent correctly, not to add or remove projects.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Chairman Trace adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m.

Minutes Approved: _____