

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
CITIZENS STORMWATER COMMITTEE
VENICE, FLORIDA

February 2, 2010

A Regular Meeting of the Citizens Stormwater Committee was held this date in Council Chambers at City Hall. Vice Chair Ralph Engle called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m.

I. ROLL CALL

The following Board members were present: Vice Chair Ralph Engle, Don Griffin, Hugh Dinkler, and Robert Kovarik.

Also present was City Engineer Kathleen Weeden, Stormwater Supervisor Al King and Recording Secretary Susan Schult.

Mr. Engle expressed his condolences on the passing of Mr. Tomaso.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Griffin **moved** that Minutes of the Regular Meeting held November 3, 2009 be approved. **Seconded** by Mr. Dinkler. MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Mr. Griffin **nominated** Mr. Engle to serve as chair of the Citizens Stormwater Committee. Mr. Engle respectfully declined the nomination.

Mr. Griffin **nominated** Mr. Dinkler to serve as chair of the Citizens Stormwater Committee. **Seconded** by Mr. Kovarik. NOMINATION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Griffin **nominated** Mr. Kovarik to serve as Vice Chair of the Citizens Stormwater Committee. **Seconded** by Mr. Dinkler. NOMINATION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Engle passed the gavel to Mr. Dinkler.

2. Staff Reports

Mr. King reported staff continues with maintenance activities to ensure compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, and two stormwater pipe repairs are underway on Madrid Avenue.

Ms. Weeden reported the Venice Avenue drainage project will begin in March, staff continues evaluation of Deertown Gully and Flamingo ditch with smoke testing, and is waiting for final test results.

Ms. Weeden answered questions regarding the parameters of the Venice Avenue project, and inclusion of the new updated flood maps and drainage flow for the project. She mentioned the intersection improvements and water line replacements at Venice Avenue and Harbor Drive, and outlined the Hatchet Creek dredging project.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Firm Map Update

Ms. Weeden reported the map is nearing completion, Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD) sent letters to homeowners impacted by the flood zone change, the final models will be sent to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for comment, staff will be meeting with SWFWMD regarding the changes, and explained the city's role in resolving resident issues with the new map. In response to questions, Ms. Weeden stated the condition of the infrastructure is not taken into account, explained how the storm surge flood plains were changed, noted more property owners are impacted on the beach, and flood plain information is not currently available on the city website.

2. Committee Meeting Schedule

Discussion took place regarding future committee meetings, and meeting dates being shown on the city calendar. There was a **consensus** to hold the meetings on April 20, July 20 and October 19, 2010 at 10 a.m. as listed in the calendar.

3. Miscellaneous

Ms. Weeden noted the Environmental Task Force (ETF) is holding a special meeting on February 11, 2010 to discuss the turtle ordinance, confirmed an ETF member attended the turtle meeting in Tallahassee, and noted the agenda packet for the special meeting will be posted on line on Thursday, February 4, which includes the draft ordinance.

Discussion followed regarding requesting an ETF member attend the April 20 Citizens Stormwater Committee meeting, and committee coordination on ETF concerns with water quality at discharge points. Mr. Dinkler stated he would attend the next ETF regular meeting.

Ms. Weeden reported the city applied for SWFWMD grants for Flamingo ditch and Deertown Gully design build improvements.

Discussion followed regarding possible expansion of the east side of the Venice Avenue bridge, traffic back-ups on the bridge, cost to expand the bridge, and no current plans from the county to expand the bridge.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

(Approved by the Chairman and the Recording Secretary at the July 20, 2010, regular meeting.)