

The City Utility Advisory Committee for the City of Lake City met on July 21, 2021, at 3:00 PM in the Council Chambers on the second floor of City Hall located on 205 North Marion Ave, Lake City, Florida.

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Executive Director of Utilities	Paul Dyal
County Commissioner	Rocky Ford
Interim City Manager	Ami Fields
Columbia Co. Economic Development	Glenn Hunter
City Council Member	Eugene Jefferson – absent
County Manager	David Kraus
County Commissioner	Tim Murphy
City Council Member – Chairman	Todd Sampson
City Attorney	Frederick Koberlein, Jr.
City Clerk – Committee Secretary	Audrey Sikes

MINUTES

1. June 23, 2021

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the June 23, 2021 minutes as presented. Mr. Dyal seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Ford made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Hunter seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COMMITTEE

Stew Lilker addressed the Committee and stated on the College property, all roads were owned by the City or County, but the buildings were owned by the College. He stated he would be obtaining public records for any and all documents relating to the College and the road issues.

Dr. Barrett from Florida Gateway College read from a prepared statement outlining concerns of the college relating to the development of the Mega Industrial Site. He encouraged the members to work together with the college to make this a true partnership that benefits all of Columbia County.

OLD BUSINESS

2. Discussion and Possible Action - Status of Ongoing Projects

Paul Dyal updated the Committee on the SR47 & I75 project and reported the grant was submitted.

3. Discussion and Possible Action - Status of Projects (Jamie Bell, Jones Edmunds)

Ms. Bell provided updates on ongoing projects.

She reported the grant applications were submitted for the SR47 & I75 project and will have a 12-month construction window. Member discussed the planning of a groundbreaking ceremony.

4. Discussion and Possible Action - Master Plan - Jones Edmunds Update

Ms. Bell reported she met with City Staff for technical data meetings with water and natural gas. She stated the field models will be started in the next month. Ms. Bell stated data sharing will follow Homeland Security guidelines and standards and agreed to share 100% of what can be legally shared. The County engineer will be the County point of contact. Mr. Dyal stated he was not comfortable sharing the entire database of the system.

5. Discussion and Possible Action - Potable Water Route for North Florida Mega Industrial Park (Presentation - Jamie Bell, Jones Edmunds)

Ms. Bell gave a PowerPoint presentation with the phases that could take place on the project. She suggested 5A to be the first phase.

Mr. Sampson inquired about the impact on the wetlands. Ms. Bell reported there would be wetland lineation and directional drilling underneath the wetlands. She stated this would not contribute to any flooding and the schedule of the College could be worked around or they could perform work at night.

Mr. Dyal discussed an issue with the force main. Mr. Kraus questioned the work being performed parallel to a railroad. Ms. Bell stated she would inquire about the railroad.

Mr. Ford inquired about the timeline for the 5A phase and when it would go out for bid. Ms. Bell reported it would take six months for design and permitting and the survey could be performed in three weeks.

Mr. Hunter asked Ms. Bell what would be done if a runway expansion were to take place at the airport. Ms. Bell reported this is not a concern as the utilities would be underground.

Dr. Barrett from Florida Gateway College stated he has heard a runway expansion would be taking place. He would like to start planning ahead as this could impact the road to the front entrance of the college.

6. Discussion and Possible Action: SR47/75 Sewer Project Cost Increase and Update

Mr. Dyal reported we have moved forward on this project and grants have been applied for.

At this time, Jamie Bell requested to skip ahead to item number 10, as it may provide updates for the other listed items.

NEW BUSINESS

10. Bell Street Project/Sewer Capacity - Presentation Jamie Bell, Jones Edmunds

Ms. Bell gave a PowerPoint presentation on different possible projects for Bell Street. She provided three scenarios and six projects, as well as a cost estimate based on bids from the last sixty days.

Mr. Kraus inquired if these projects would be completed by phasing or prioritizing.

Mr. Murphy inquired if there would be a recommended schedule to go forward.

Mr. Sampson stated this project needed to move forward and brought to Council and suggested the RFQ process.

Mr. Dyal suggested to phase out the project.

Mr. Sampson suggested to present both ways to Council, in phases, and as one large project.

Mr. Ford stated it would be more economical to bid the entire project out.

Mr. Murphy suggested splitting the project up between the City and the County.

After discussion, Mr. Murphy made a motion for the County and the City move forward with the plan design of separating the project in phases of the Bell Street Road Waste Water Capacity Project. 1-2 to go the County, and projects 3-6 go to the City. Mr. Dyal seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

7. Discussion and Possible Action - Joint Funding for Utility Expansion Projects - Bell Street Corridor and other projects.

Ms. Bell provided an update on the funding for the Utility Expansion Projects.

8. Discussion and Possible Action - Alternative Water Supply Study Update.

Ms. Bell provided an update on the Alternative Water Supply Study.

9. Discussion and Possible Action - Septage at St. Margaret's Wastewater Treatment Facility (Presentation - Cody Pridgeon, Wastewater Director)

Mr. Pridgeon provided an update and presentation on the septage at St. Margaret's Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 3:00 PM

The members concurred to move the August 18, 2021 meeting to September due to scheduling conflicts.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Audrey E. Sikes, MMC City Clerk
Committee Secretary