

City of St. Petersburg

PUBLIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Meeting of August 27, 2009 – 9:15 a.m.

City Hall, Room 100

Members and Alternates: Chair Karl Nurse, Vice Chair Herbert Polson, Council Member Jeff Danner, Council Member Leslie Curran, and alternate, Council Member Jim Kennedy.

Others present: Council Member Wengay Newton, Dave Metz, Amelia Preston, Rick Craft, Mark Winn, John Wolfe, Steve Corsetti, Joe Kubicki, Cheryl Stacks, Todd Yost, James Wimberly, Julie Weston, Sharon Carron, Luke Williams, Muslim Gadiwalla, Richard Bulger, Mike Jefferies, Tish Elston, Dave Metz, Brad Scott.

Call to Order

Approval of Agenda: *Agenda was approved.*

Approval of Minutes: *Minutes of August 20, 2009 were approved.*

1. New Business

- a. Consolidated Call Center Software Program** – Todd Yost presented the SunGuard Public Sector (PS) Constituent Relationship Management (CRM) System to the committee. Yost reported that implementation of the new CRM System will improve the City's ability to handle incoming calls or e-mail's from the public by providing a unified system.

Action Item: Informative presentation, no action necessary.

- b. Telestaff Software** – James Wimberly presented the TeleStaff Software program to the committee. Wimberly reported that TeleStaff is a scheduling and staff management tool which would greatly increase scheduling efficiency, generate staff related reports and produce submission ready documents for FEMA reimbursement.

Action Item: Informative presentation, no action necessary.

2. Continued/Deferred Business

- a. Push Cart Ordinance** – Julie Weston reported on the regulations regarding pushcarts, specifically regarding the hours of operation for pushcarts in the rights of way. Currently vending is prohibited before 7:00 a.m. and after 9:00 p.m. Major Carron and Chief Williams expressed their concerns with regard to public safety and vendor safety if a change was made in the ordinance to allow vending past 9:00 p.m. Two pushcart vendors addressed the committee advocating for

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extended hours and commented that they felt safe while vending and would feel safe if the hours were extended.

Action Item: Committee moved to refer the issue to a workshop for further discussion.

- b. Friendship Trail Bridge** – Joe Kubicki gave an update on the Friendship Trail Bridge which is in need of repair. Kubicki presented multiple options ranging from repair to demolishing the current structure and constructing fishing piers. Potential funding from a TIGER grant for the project was approved by the Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners, however the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners voted against pursuing the TIGER funding. Kubicki introduced a resolution recommending the City support the pursuit of funding for the bridge through Federal Recovery Act's TIGER program or from another appropriate grant funding source.

Action Item: Committee moved to forward the Resolution to council for consideration and approval.

3. Next Meeting – September 10, 2009, 9:15 a.m., Meeting in Room 100.

- a. Downtown Waterfront Park System Protection**, referred by Council Member Kennedy
- b. Unified Corridor – Central Avenue**, referred by Council Member Curran

4. Adjournment

RESOLUTION NO. 09-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA SUPPORT THE PURSUIT OF FUNDING FOR REPAIRS OF THE FRIENDSHIP TRAIL BRIDGE THROUGH THE FEDERAL RECOVERY ACT'S TIGER PROGRAM OR OTHER APPROPRIATE GRANT FUNDING SOURCES.

WHEREAS, the City of St. Petersburg recognizes the importance of regional connections for all modes of travel, including bicycle and pedestrian; and

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that encouraging and supporting bicycle and pedestrian facilities provide beneficial transportation network choices for all commuters as well as for recreational users; and

WHEREAS, the Friendship Trail Bridge, with over 600,000 users annually, provides the only Regional connection between Pinellas County, and Hillsborough County, the City of St. Petersburg and the City of Tampa trail networks by providing a dedicated crossing of Tampa Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Friendship Trail Bridge is currently closed and in need of repair to provide the benefit of the facility; and

WHEREAS, the recent Federal Recovery Act includes a program to construct environmentally-friendly regional transportation facilities like the Friendship Trail Bridge; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 27th day of August, 2009, that the Public Services and Infrastructure Committee recommends that the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg encourage and support the repair of the Friendship Trail Bridge and the application for "Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery" TIGER funding through the Federal Recovery Act or other appropriate grant funding sources.

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