

City of St. Petersburg  
**Public Services & Infrastructure Committee**  
Meeting of January 26, 2017 – 9:15 a.m.  
City Hall, Room 100

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Alternate(s): Council Member Jim Kennedy

Support Staff: Nina Mahmoudi, primary support staff; Judy Tenison, backup support staff

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Agenda
- 3) Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- 4) Approval of Minutes
  - a) January 12, 2017
- 5) New Business –
- 6) Process and procedures for selecting a potential running race director for the Feb/March 2018 race. – Joe Zeoli, City Development Admin and Finance Director/Mike Jeffries, Parks and Recreation Director
- 7) Upcoming meetings –
  - a) February 9, 2017
    - i) Historic Guidelines – Historic Preservation, Derek Kilborn
- 8) Adjournment

Attachments: Minutes of January 12, 2017 Committee Meeting  
Pending and Continuing Referral List

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Support Staff Present: Nina Mahmoudi, primary support staff; Cindy Sheppard, Council Administrative Office, Gary Cornwell, City Administrator, Jeannine Williams, Assistant City Attorney, John Palenchar, Interim Water Resources Director, Brejesh Prayman, Engineering Director, Claude Tankersley, Public Works Administrator, Robert Labrie, Water Maintenance Manager, Pat Beneby, City Clerk

- 1) Call to Order – 9:24 a.m.
- 2) Approval of Agenda
  - a) Motion for approval - Motion for approval by CM Gerdes. Unanimously Passed: 4-0
- 3) Election of Chair and Vice Chair
  - a) Chair- Motion to elect CM Kornell by CM Gerdes. Unanimously Passed: 4-0
  - b) Vice Chair – Motion to elect CM Montanari by CM Gerdes. Unanimously Passed: 4-0.
- 4) Approval of Minutes
  - a) October 27, 2016 - Motion for approval by CM Gerdes. Unanimously Passed: 4-0
- 5) New Business Report – Current potable water policy regarding water hookups in the front of single family residences as opposed to back yard easements and an update on potable water flushing reduction efforts – Public Works-Water Resources, Robert Labrie
  - a) Robert Labrie reviewed the potable water policy that was last updated in 1986. The major changes proposed by staff are to discontinue service to water mains in residential backyards. He reported that the mains have far exceeded their useful life and it is hard to read the water meters. This is causing increased leaks and they are getting water quality complaints and low pressure complaints from residents. In the 1970s, in order to provide proper fire protection, they installed mains in front yards, but there is no viable way to connect the front and back yard mains. Staff has drafted a policy to fix the issue: they will notify property owners of the intent to eliminate the water main in the rear of their property and inform property owners that they are individually responsibly to install the necessary plumbing to utilize the front service line. The owner can either pay upfront and

get reimbursed for the cost by the City, or if they cannot afford to pay up front, they can privately contract with the plumbing company and the City will pay the company directly. Labrie explained that this method, of relocating to private service connection rather than replacing the back yard mains, is the most cost effective method for taxpayers.

- b) CM Nurse stated he had heard of issues with fire flow tests by the Fire Marshall. City staff feels confident that the infrastructure can support adequate fire flow in most cases for most structures.
- c) CM Gerdes asked how many residents have this issue and what the cost to the City would be to fix it. Labrie estimated 600-700 residents and a cost of \$1.4 million on the high end.
- d) CM Gerdes suggested that the City partner with vocational schools and labor groups to form an apprenticeship program and employ skilled workers for a couple years for the duration of this project. Tankersley said they would look into feasibility of that idea.
- e) CM Kennedy asked if a list of private plumbers could be made available to citizens, especially those that agree to be part of the potential apprenticeship program and can commit to a set price for the work.
- f) CM Kennedy asked what if a property owner declines to participate. Labrie said it would result in discontinuation of service and they would be given a certain period of time to comply, knowing there will be challenges with property owners who are part-time residents.
- g) CM Kennedy asked if we are going to reimburse owners either way, why other two options. Tankersley said they would revisit that part of the policy.
- h) CM Kennedy asked if this policy would affect any ordinances. Labrie said not, that the ordinance was updated years ago and this policy needed to be updated as well. Legal confirmed no ordinances would need to be changed.
- i) CM Montanari asked how they will educate the public on the new policy. Labrie noted they will canvas properties, but wants to do it area by area because each area will need to be fixed in total before the problem will be completely fixed.
- j) CM Montanari asked what areas in the city are affected. Labrie said all over.
- k) CM Montanari asked how staff knew the scope of the problem. Labrie said he used GIS to estimate.
- l) CM Foster made a motion to move the item to the Jan. 19 Council meeting, passing unanimously.
- m) Labrie reported on water quality maintenance and noted that maintaining proper chlorine levels has been an issue, with time and temperature being major factors. There are three main problem areas, one at Albert Whitted Airport and two south St. Pete locations. Labrie updated Council on a pilot study in Isla Del Sol- reporting that Swiftmud was very supportive and that potable irrigation services were recently installed and activated on Jan. 11. He will report back on the findings. Through a flushing reduction evaluation, staff found that they need to install a mixing system in the elevated tank systems and it should cost \$50K and will reduce water age and therefore water quality problems in the Albert Whitted area. The evaluation of the hydraulic modeling showed that staff needs to

focus on reducing oversized and parallel water mains in the south distribution systems, and then consider a booster station.

- n) Labrie focused most on the flushing program, and wanted Council to know the details of the plan because of the expectation that Council and staff will be hearing from a lot of residents about the project. It will begin mid-February and take approximately 6 weeks and have 41 flushing zones. Residents can expect to see a lot of water in the streets. There will be pre-flush and post-flush sampling. He said this program is a Band-Aid and the long term fix is to fix the infrastructure.
  - o) CM Gerdes asked why we put in larger pipes than we needed in the south St. Pete area. Labrie guessed that previous staff had a vision of South St. Pete being another downtown area and they proactively put in larger mains. And that there may have been a vision to interconnect the city and county systems.
  - p) CM Nurse asked for follow-up on a previous solution of converting parks from reclaimed water to potable water. Labrie said it was done 4-5 years ago but didn't solve the problem because of the immense amount of land.
  - q) Cm Montanari asked how much this would cost for all of the infrastructure improvements. Labrie said he hasn't run the number but it is going to be expensive and take several months to get an estimate.
  - r) CM Gerdes asked how much volume would be removed if we removed the 9 inch main. Labrie noted they would start with the 20 inch main it would reduce volume by a couple hundred thousand gallons.
  - s) CM Kennedy asked if the 20 inch main would be available for future use. Labrie said they would abandon it but it would still be there but may not be usable for potable water.
  - t) CM Montanari asked if there is a master plan for potable water. Palenchar stated that they plan to create an integrated water plan.
- 6) New Business Report - Utilization of the Hard-to-Hire and Apprenticeship Ordinance—  
Public Works, Claude Tankersley
- a) Tankersley reported that at the two year anniversary of the ordinance, there were currently six construction projects, three haven't started construction, and 2 of the 3 that have started do not currently meet the \$2 million threshold, but that staff wanted to work to push the requirements of the ordinance regardless of the dollar amount threshold. He noted one project is exceeding the requirement for disadvantaged workers – at 17% - it is the citywide milling project. He wants to look at broadening the definition of an approved apprentice program as contractors have complained that it is hard to find the programs. He said that contractors are potentially having issues verifying the validity of felony convictions.
  - b) CM Nurse stated the program of the contractors is a lack of will not a lack of available programs to pull labor from. A labor representative stated there are more than 100 apprenticeship programs.
  - c) CM Kennedy asked to have a list of contractors and what apprenticeship programs they have attempted to contact.

- d) CM Nurse brought up a contractor for a lining project that had gotten a Council-approved waiver for the apprenticeship requirement. Michael Jalazo said that they have ex-offenders ready to work if need be. He also offered to work with contractors to train and teach them about possible tax incentives related to employing ex-offenders. He expressed that some contractors are ready to hire, but then back out because they are concerned about their liability insurance.
  - e) CM Foster ordered a possible tweak to the ordinance of identifying community partners up front and to have contractors identify who they plan to work with during the procurement process before they are officially awarded the project. Tankersley said they plan to hire a contract compliance specialist to handle improving the contract process.
  - f) CM Kennedy asked Tankersley to confirm he would come back with tweaks to the ordinance. He asked if Council could go back on their approved waiver now that they have more information. Legal said it isn't a process within the ordinance and that there is no legal avenue to overturn the waiver. Kennedy asked Legal to look at possible ways to do that; as well as to look at the insurance issues mentioned.
  - g) CM Foster asked for clarification on if sub-contractors need to follow the ordinance and asked that if that language is currently not in the ordinance that it be added. Tankersley said he would review and confirm.
  - h) CM Gerdes asked to evaluate who is involved in the large engineering contracts. Tankersley said he certainly be involved but it takes a larger amount of staff.
  - i) CM Gerdes asked if the ordinance is still aspirational or is it a disqualifier. Legal said it is a requirement and the ordinance provides for penalties, but that there is a good faith provision.
  - j) CM Kennedy asked staff to come back to the Feb. 23 PSI meeting with suggested ordinance updates and to get with individual stakeholders and create a list of any other issues that need to be considered.
- 7) Upcoming meetings – January 26, 2016
- 8) Adjournment – 11:01 a.m.

**PUBLIC SERVICES & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE  
PENDING/CONTINUING REFERRALS**

**JANUARY 26, 2017**

Topic	Return Date	Date of Referral	Prior Meeting Dates	Referred by	Staff	Notes
Mechanical Noise/Downtown Noise		6/16/16	7/28/16	Kornell	Dave Goodwin	Direct request to CM Kornell Dave Goodwin
Continue discussion of Vehicle for Hire Ordinance		4/21/16	8/25/2016 9/22/16 10/13/16 11/21/16 **CC PH con't to future date	Kennedy	Legal - Judd	Discussion of Vehicle for Hire Ordinance with focus on Transportation Network Companies, including background checks, insurance and handicap accessibility requirements; 5/26/16 - Mayor's office is working with legal on draft ordinance, expect something within next month.
Urban Construction (Mechanical Noise Concerns)		10/13/15	11/19/2015 6/16/2016 12/15/16 - ENRS (see notes)	Nurse		6/16/16 Urban Construction Task Force report by Co Chair Tami Sims. Claude Tankersly to return with a report on cooling systems - 12/15/16 Preliminary District Cooler Plant Analysis report presented to ENRS Committee; <b>Rick Dunn to return with a report on how other cities handle noise/recommended changes -</b>
An agreement to allow advertisement on bus shelters that are constructed with private sector funds		4/21/16	5/26/2016 10/27/16		Legal	Discussion on revising sign ordinance to allow advertisement on bus shelters constructed with private sector funds 5/5/16 - legal is ready to proceed 5/26/16 - Gerdes made motion for legal to meet with LEMA Construction for the purpose of putting together a document that would comply with the written authorization requirement in the Florida Statutes including discussions with PSTA. Legal said, on 6/16/16, they will bring back to PSI in July. 10/27/16 - Mark Winn is still waiting to hear back from PSTA.

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St. Petersburg Downtown Partnership Looper Funding and Possible Expansion		3/10/16		Kennedy Nurse	Parking & Transportation Evan Mory	discussion on Looper funding and possible expansion 5/05/16 - waiting on PSTA for a downtown circulation study 5/25/16 - PSTA is doing a study for the downtown transportation now that the grid system is in place. Report due by before end of year - November Report from staff regarding reclaimed water system	
Potential for expanding reclaimed water system		5/12/16		Gerdes	Water Resources Steve Leavitt		
Green Cart Initiative Amendment to Regulations for Pushcart Vending		6/16/16		Rice			
Discussion of Brownfields & the incentives for developers		8/4/16		Kornell	Legal - Kovilartich	legal to provide a report regarding fl statutes and how to app the state reg brownfield area	
Report on Proposed South St. Petersburg Master Plan with a Potential 2050 plan		8/4/16		Kornell	King		
A presentation in regard to the Best Management Practices (BMP) concerning reduction of nitrogen loading to Tampa Bay from community gardening activities.		9/8/16		Kornell	Pinellas County Cooperative Extension		
A discussion of the first quarterly report in regard to the diversion program for several misdemeanor crimes which is being implemented by the Sheriff's department.		9/8/16		Kornell	Sheriff's Department		

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A presentation implementation and installation of a proposed Brittany Gordon Veterans Memorial at Dell Holmes Park		9/8/16		Gerdes	Claybaker Foundation and the Parks and Recreation Department	
A report on flooding in specified areas and along Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Street S. near Lake Maggiore		9/22/16		Kornell		
A report on utilization of the Hard-to-Hire and Apprenticeship Ordinance.		9/22/16		Foster		A report by made by Public Works on 1/12/17 and staff will come back to Council with suggested tweaks to the ordinance.
To discuss establishing annual reviews on the City's hurricane and tropical storm preparedness and maintenance of our infrastructure.		9/22/16		Kennedy		
Discussion regarding making the Manhattan Casino the new home of the Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum		10/20/16		Kornell		
Discussion on zoning for marijuana dispensaries in city limits		11/21/16		Rice	Goodwin	
Discussion of public water quality monitoring protocols and beaches and in Tampa Bay		12/1/16		Kornell	Tankersley	
Historic Guidelines	2/2/17				Kilborn	