



## **Fort Myers Beach Management & Planning Session**

**Council Chambers  
2525 Estero Blvd.  
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931**

**Minutes****Thursday, September 16, 2021****4:00 PM**

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **FINAL**

##### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Members present: Mayor Murphy, Vice Mayor Hosafros, Council Member Allers, Council Member Atterholt and Council Member Veach.

##### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

##### **III. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Lee County Department of Transportation (LDOT) Project Manager Rob Phelan reported construction was progressing on Segments 5 and 6. Permanent retaining walls were installed at Pointe Estero and along the parking lot of the Wyndham property. Council Member Atterholt questioned whether Project Manager Phelan was familiar with the Visionaire lighting product. Project Manager Phelan replied that he did not have personal experience with the product. He verified that they were on schedule to complete the paving by the end of the year.

###### **A. FDOT Foot of the Bridge Update**

###### **FDOT Presentation on the Foot of Matanzas Pass Bridge**

D'Juan Harris from the FDOT Southwest Area Office Project Management utilized PowerPoint for his presentation. He introduced members of the design team: Wayne Gaither, FDOT Southwest Area Office Director; Sean Pugh, FDOT Southwest Area Office Supervisor; Daryl Richard, FDOT Landscape Architect District 1 and Henri Belrose, WGI Engineer of Record. Slides included: San Carlos Boulevard (SR 865); Project Objectives; Project Timeline; Project Overview; San Carlos Blvd. at Main Street Intersection; Main Street to Hurricane Bay Bridge; Hurricane Bay Bridge; Coordination

with Other Local Projects and San Carlos Blvd. at Fifth Street Intersection. Engineer Belrose stated that after the public hearings, modifications to the design could be incorporated after public input with direction by the LDOT. He stated it was not part of their scope to analyze pedestrian structures or tunnels. He noted tunnels were a problem due to the water table and overhead structures were costly. Project Manager Harris pointed out the location of bus bays.

Landscape Architect Richard displayed slides of landscape options. He discussed partnering with the Town on landscaping. He thought the project would cost approximately \$200,000.00. Council Member Atterholt questioned whether they discussed adding handrails in the area. Project Manager Harris replied that the landscape would channel pedestrians to crosswalks.

Landscape Architect Richard added that the intersection could be modified after input from public hearings. Council Member Veach questioned whether they could install a native landscape. Landscape Architect Richard replied they would consider the request.

Project Manager Harris indicated the total construction budget was approximately \$6.2 million and the county committed to \$400,000.00 for the intersection improvement.

B. Presentation from the lighting consultant

**Town Lighting Engineers presentation regarding the status of the project.**

Suzanne Lansford, Engineer of Record at Town Lighting Engineers, introduced her team: Ed Kramer, Manufacturing Project Specialist and Joe Hancock, Utilities Standard Specialist. Rick Kauffman and Katie Kauffman were available via Zoom. Engineer Lansford utilized PowerPoint for her presentation. Slides included: Estero Blvd. Lighting Project Update; Why We're Here; Purpose of Scope; Activities To-Date; Direction Needed and Light Color. Specialist Hancock stated that they were working with the FWCC (Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission) regarding the dual lighting system. He explained how the current lights operated after a power loss. He noted that the FWC indicated that they could not support the dual system. Engineer Lansford stated that her team was not making any recommendations at this time.

Council Member Allers questioned utilizing a lower Kelvin white light. Specialist Hancock replied that a lower Kelvin would be supported by the FDOT but not the FWC.

Engineer Lansford continued with a discussion on ownership. Specialist Hancock described the tariff program by FP&L. Engineer Lansford noted that the tariff would cover light-only poles. Town Manager Hernstadt stated that they would work on a total cost estimate for poles.

Engineer Lansford discussed Risk Considerations; Cost Considerations; Other Considerations (Commerical Lighting) and Next Steps. Town Manager Hernstadt stated that after Council made their decision, the county would provide input. Discussion was held regarding a timeline for approval from FWC for the Visionaire light. Specialist Hancock stated that it would take FP&L approximately six months to approve the Visionaire light if they agreed to look at it. Cost comparisons between different lights and extra poles were discussed. Mayor Murphy reminded members that the ultimate decision would be made by Lee County. Town Attorney Herin, Jr. discussed liability issues surrounding ownership.

#### **IV. AGENDA MANAGEMENT**

##### **A. Agenda Management September 2021**

Add a discussion and decision concerning a recommendation regarding lighting.

Add resolution for zoning in progress.

Add an update on AV work for the chambers.

#### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

Minutes adopted, October 4, 2021; Motion by Vice Mayor Hosafros and seconded by Council Member Allers. Adopted 5-0.



Amy Baker, Town Clerk