



## Fort Myers Beach Management & Planning Session

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

Minutes

Thursday, February 10,  
2022

9:00 AM

### 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

###### A. Lighting Presentation by DRMP Inc.

###### **Presentation by DRMP Inc. regarding lighting for Bayside Park, Times Square and Bay Oaks.**

DRMP Project Manager Paul Benvie provided an update of the three projects and noted that permitting was holding them up. Slides included: Bay Oaks Recreational Campus Progress Update; the National Fitness Area; Floor Plan and Renderings; Times Square Update; Construction Timeline; Bayside Park; Renderings and Shade Sails.

Matt Horton from Ensite continued the presentation with Site and Landscape Lighting Review; Key Elements; Proposed Site Lighting and Proposed Landscape Lighting; Applicable Code Sections; Site Lighting Fixture Review; Division 20- Lighting Standards; Illuminance; Specific Standards; Definitions - Shielded; Full Cutoff; BUG (Backlight, Uplight & Glare) Rating; Landscape Lighting Fixture Review; Luminaire Standards; Landscape Lighting Fixture Controls; Selected Lighting; Chapter 32; Site Lighting Fixture Review; FWC Lighting Guidelines Compliant; Proposed Site Lighting Control Scenario; Article V. - Sea Turtle Conservation and Key Takeaways.

Vice Mayor Hosafros did not feel that she was being heard regarding Coconut Palms and the use of the word, "intent" in the presentation. Mr. Horton apologized for coming across that way and noted they did come back

with an alternate tree selection. Council Member Veach suggested eliminating uplights in trees and commented on pedestrian safety with different colored lights. A discussion regarding intent was had between Council Member Veach and Council Member Allers. Town Manager Hernstadt noted they had to make a decision soon. Council Member Allers was in favor of the proposal. Vice Mayor Hosafros indicated they were not given options or ideas for alternatives. Town Manager Hernstadt explained that the light spectrum was controllable, which gave the town options. Mr. Horton agreed and noted the lights were flexible. Council Members Veach and Allers discussed what the code said regarding uplights in trees.

Environmental Services project Manager Chadd Chustz commented that, in his opinion, the lights met the exceptions. Council Member Veach questioned whether installing white street lights in Times Square would jeopardize anything else they were doing with the FWC (Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission). Project Manager Chustz replied that it would trigger FDEP (Florida Department of Environmental Protection) permitting with FWC commenting on the lighting. Town Manager Hernstadt noted they would check with the FWC. Council Member Veach discussed specifics of the controllable lighting system. Town Manager Hernstadt added that they were able to aim the tree lights wherever they wanted. He stated that they could also pre-wire the area and add the lights later. Vice Mayor Hosafros agreed with eliminating the uplights in the trees. Council Member Atterholt and Mayor Murphy supported the flexibility of the plan. Town Manager Hernstadt indicated they would move forward with the plan.

B. Presentation: ChargePoint - Electric Charging Stations

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Ben Pauluhn from Optimus Energy Solutions, LLC introduced himself and described his company. He utilized PowerPoint for his presentation. Slides included: Sourcewell Public Procurement; Optimus Energy Solutions, LLC. Mr. Pauluhn discussed why some entities chose to purchase their equipment rather than lease. He recommended charging by the hour and noted their machines are level 2 charging. He continued the presentation with a Proposal. He discussed the rate of return, the lifespan (eight years) of the equipment and the level of risk versus FPL's proposal. (Microphone cut in and out.) He described the fast chargers and upgrades involved. He noted the average DC fast charger would cost approximately \$70,000.00.

Town Manager Hernstadt summarized that FPL wanted to install the quick chargers in the Times Square area only because that location would provide them with the greatest rate of return. He indicated they would have to create a hybrid system if they wanted chargers in different locations. He suggested using FPL for fast chargers in Times Square and town-owned chargers if they wanted to install them in other locations. Town Manager Hernstadt mentioned that grants might be available to help fund the charging stations.

**IV. AGENDA MANAGEMENT**

A. February 2022

Council Member Atterholt suggested that Town Manager Hernstadt create an official record with FDOT by including their comments in a letter regarding the base of the bridge. Town Manager Hernstadt replied that he would write a draft for their review.

Add discussion of corner lots.

Add discussion of law enforcement philosophies.

Add discussion of the housing situation.

Add MRTF's name change.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Murphy adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

Minutes adopted, March 7, 2022; Motion by Vice Mayor Hosafros and seconded by Council Member Allers. Adopted 5-0.



Amy Baker, Town Clerk