

**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE
201 HOWELL AVENUE
BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601**

**PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP
MINUTES**

November 18, 2014

6:00 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in workshop session with Mayor Kevin Hohn; Frankie Burnett, Vice-Mayor; Council Members Joe Bernardini, Lara Bradburn and Joseph E. Johnston, III, in attendance. Also present were T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Ryan Timothy, Deputy City Clerk; Bill Geiger, Community Development Director; Richard Radacky, Director of Public Works and Elizabeth Lester, Law Clerk/Hogan Law Firm.

The workshop was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Hohn.

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Alan Garman of Greenman-Pedersen Inc. discussed the City's Pavement Management Plan and the development of priorities. He presented examples of the current problems with City streets and sidewalks and explained the cost estimates in detail.

Council Member Bradburn took her seat at 6:11 p.m.

Council Member Johnston asked if the utilities in the streets have been located. Mr. Garman said they have been found both under and beside the streets. He believes most will be identified because of the depth they are digging due to unsuitable soils. Council Member Johnston confirmed if there is a problem with the utilities being under the street it should be known at the time the street is being done so Council can decide whether or not to repair it.

Council Member Bradburn stressed that Council needs to have input on the decision making regarding any additional repair that is discovered.

Dale Ravencraft of Greenman-Pedersen Inc. reviewed the major problems that they encountered and the increase in costs. He stated their intention has always been to fix the streets with the most cost-effective, long term approach.

Mr. Garman reviewed the City's street design and how it affects the options for improvement. Moving forward, he advised it's appropriate to do the surveying and core borings when you're closer to doing to the actual construction.

Mayor Hohn asked about continuing rise in cost even though the price of crude has decreased. Mr. Garman stated that there are not many local contractors, plus the developers are busy in other areas. He advised the unit prices of the selected contractors have remained stable.

Council Member Johnston, referring to the original budget of \$300,000, asked how many years they would be looking at taking into consideration the cost increase. Mr. Garman stated it had

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been discussed and it seems that when the first ones on the list are finished it may be time to fix them again. Council Member Johnston stated how the funding is also a problem since they anticipated this coming from the red light camera revenue. If that revenue is taken away the completion time would be extended even more.

Mr. Garman mentioned the MSBU program used by the County. Council Member Bradburn stated that she will never be a supporter of this type of program unless the MSBU is 100% deferred payment and the land owners are paying it themselves. Mr. Garman pointed out that the City of Brooksville has some good parks and a lot of volunteers that help to maintain the parks. Spring Hill does not have that type of support so they look to the County taxpayers. Council Member Bradburn believes since the City residents bought land with improved infrastructure they should expect improvements without paying more money for a MSBU.

Council Member Johnston speculated that the rationale for the substandard road base would have been that Brooksville had low traffic volume and they didn't plan for the future. Mr. Garman commented that it is not even known what the standards were back then.

Council Member Johnston and Council Member Bradburn requested the written monthly reports to include more detail. Council Member Bernardini suggested a monthly or quarterly report to Council in person.

Discussion continued about the need for continual communication as problems are identified so Council can continue to make the best decisions. Vice-Mayor Burnett expressed the need to be careful with the decision making because proper drainage will ruin a road. He believed the priority list needs to be developed in a way that the most used roads should be addressed first. He thinks the residents need to be educated and participate in the choices.

Council Member Bradburn commented on the attraction of the City's brick streets. She discussed her visit to Winter Park and the job they did repairing hundreds of brick streets. She pointed out that they found somebody to create new bricks and they mixed them with the old. Vice-Mayor Burnett believes the sub-base and base of the street is a reason for the higher cost for repair in Brooksville. He stressed how difficult it can be to compare because of the varying circumstances. Council Member Bradburn pointed out that it is more cost effective to rehab a brick street than to rebuild any street in the city.

Mr. Garman extended an invitation to new Council members to visit him at the office if they would like to obtain additional information.

Council Member Bradburn asked Council Member Johnston to include Bell Avenue in the next phase. Council Member Johnston pointed out the first phase may be divided in half. He stated it is still his priority to accomplish this but the priorities of the new Council will need be considered and they will have to discuss how to pay for the projects.

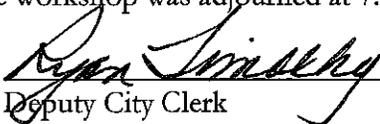
Discussion continued about infrastructure and funding.

Mayor Hohn called for citizen comments; there was none.

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the workshop was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.


Deputy City Clerk

Attest: 
Mayor