



City Commission Work Session Minutes

October 24, 2024 at 1:00 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Mayor Sheila DeCiccio, Commissioners Marty Sullivan, Kris Cruzada and Todd Weaver, City Manager Randy Knight; Assistant City Manager Michelle del Valle and City Clerk Rene Cranis.

Absent

Commissioner Craig Russell

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor DeCiccio called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Discussion Item (s)

a. Preliminary Stormwater Basin Studies Overview

Director of Public Works and Transportation Charles Ramdatt provided the background leading to three studies, conducted by Geosyntec (Western Basin), Singhofen-Halff (Central Basin), and Baxter and Woodman (Eastern Basin). Assistant Director of Public Works and Transportation Don Marcotte showed flood prone areas and a flood plain map and reviewed the models and components and areas covered by each basin. He reviewed existing conditions and outlined proposed improvements for each basin, some of which will be multi-jurisdictional projects. Below are the projects identified for each basin study.

- Western Basin:- Lake Mendsen: Connection to Lake Rose, pump station and lake expansion; Canton Avenue: improved conveyance; Lake Bell: Reduced inflows from FDOT, connection to Park Lake; Lake Killarney: improved conveyance to Lake Gem. Within these projects, the most desirable are the interconnection from Lake Bell to Park Lake and the operable gate for Lake Killarney at Lee Road.
- Central Basin (primarily entire chain of lakes) - outfall changes/improvements to Lakes Knowles, Sylvan, Chelton, and Grace; emergency pumping alternatives, temporary pumping.
- Eastern Basin (flows to Little Econ River) - Golfside Drive culvert replacement, Lake Corrine outfall canal regrading. Study continues on the Interlachen and Tanglewood Glen Haven Cemetery, Arbor Park) drainage areas

Mr. Ramdatt reviewed the projects continued from FY 24, FY 25 projects, study-generated projects and next steps. Staff will be pursuing grant opportunities and will be working with other agencies on potential joint projects.

The following topics were discussed:

- Improvements to reduce flooding on the west side (Denning, Morse) and proposed projects that would help to mitigate flooding and costs. Mayor DeCiccio supported moving forward with projects in the western basin.
- Projects that would provide short-term solutions/improvements.
- Specific projects, (Lake Mendsen (pumping) Lake Knowles, combined Lake Bell and Lake Killarney improvements, Golfside Drive .
- Availability of stormwater fees and funding availability for projects, benefit of these studies and the Vulnerability Study for grant funding.
- Run-off/drainage from Winter Park High School.
- WP 19 Golf Course 8th hole (floodgates)
- Flow into the Little Econ River and Howell Branch.
- Update of model (to be done in-house with comprehensive updates by consultants.
- Potential bond issuance. (requires voter referendum), timing and terms. Could reduce the total bond amount by removing CRA projects and costs shared on multi-jurisdictional projects.
- Impact of flooding to neighborhoods on the chain of lakes. (part of discussions with area agencies including St. Johns River Water Management District)
- Policy on on-site exfiltration and incentivizing developers to provide additional stormwater storage.

3. Adjournment

The work session adjourned at 2:44 p.m.



Mayor Sheila DeCiccio

ATTEST:



City Clerk Rene Cranis