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Minutes - Final

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

4:00 PM

Workshop Meeting at 4:00 PM

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City Commission

Mayor Shelly Petrolia

Vice Mayor Ryan Boylston

Deputy Vice Mayor Rob Long

Commissioner Adam Frankel

Commissioner Angela Burns

Pursuant to Section 3.12 of the Charter of the City of Delray Beach, the Mayor has instructed me to announce a Workshop Meeting of the City Commission to be held for the following purposes:

WS.1. PRESENTATION CONCERNING COMMISSION DIRECTION FOR LOCATING FUTURE PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES IN THE WEST ATLANTIC AVENUE AREA.

Sponsors: Public Works Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)

The February 6, 2024, Workshop Commission Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. City Clerk, Katerri Johnson called the roll, and the following were present:

Present: 5 - Mayor Shelly Petrolia, Vice Mayor Ryan Boylston, Deputy Vice Mayor Rob Long, Commissioner Angela Burns and Commissioner Adam Frankel.

Others present were:

Terrence Moore - City Manager
Lynn Gelin - City Attorney

Mr. Moore opened the Workshop Meeting by stating that the architectural firm of Currie Sowards and Aguila, in collaboration with the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), have been working together to identify the best location for the future home of the Public Safety Complex by engaging with the Elected Officials and the residents of Delray Beach.

Jess Sowards, an architect with Currie Sowards and Aguila, located at 185 NE 4th Avenue, Delray Beach, presented his firm's analysis for the construction of the future location of the Public Safety Complex on West Atlantic Avenue, on a parcel of land owned by the CRA.

Mr. Sowards stated their analysis included space for residential units and retail stores based on parking. He advised the police station and the garage would be constructed in multiple phases.

Vice Mayor Boylston discussed constructing retail stores vs. an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) nearby.

Mayor Petrolia voiced her concern over having the Fire and Police Rescue Vehicles exiting from the same two streets.

Keith Tomey, Fire Chief, replied that he did not foresee a problem.

Mayor Petrolia reminded her colleagues that the original idea of this project was to increase pedestrian travel and activity along West Atlantic Avenue. She acknowledged she liked not having dead space up and down Atlantic Avenue West of Swinton or governmental properties fronting Atlantic Avenue. She expressed her concern that both Police and Fire emergency vehicles would be exiting from Southwest 4th Street and Southwest 3rd Street, which could be problematic.

Keith Tomey replied that it wouldn't be an issue.

There was a consensus from the entire Commission to move forward with this project. The Commission thanked Mr. Sowards for his efforts.

WS.2.**CONSIDERATION REGARDING ELECTRONIC SCHOOL ZONE SPEED ENFORCEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Sponsors: Police Department

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Report](#)

[House Bill 657](#)

[Transportation_TR0657tr_00657 - Bill Summary](#)

Russ Mager, Chief of Police, Jeff Rasor, Assistant Chief of Police, and Police Lieutenant Gary Ferreri were present to discuss House Bill Number 657, which the Florida State Legislative passed on July 1, 2023. Police Chief Mager explained that the bill allows for a camera-equipped radar detection device, primarily for school zones. He stated that the detection device works independently, allowing the Police Officers to multi-task elsewhere. He stated that the Police Department fully supports installing the devices.

Lieutenant Ferreri advised the House Bill authorizes a county or municipality to enforce the applicable speed limit on a roadway maintained as a school zone. The system uses a photograph or a video to capture people driving more than 10 miles per hour over the speed limit. He stated the fine is \$100 dollars, and the City retains up to 60%. He affirmed a non-payment of the violation would result in a uniformed traffic citation.

Police Lieutenant Gary Ferreri reported a sworn law enforcement officer or a traffic infraction enforcement officer must review, approve, or deny each violation before being sent out. He stated the City of Delray Beach would receive 60% of each \$100 dollar violation written.

The Commission engaged in a discussion about the presentation. They recognized that the devices would afford officers more time to perform their other duties. They favored that the violation would not incur points on someone's license if paid on time. Mayor Petrolia remarked that cameras

would be making decisions that Police Officers otherwise would use their discretion.

Missie Barletto, Public Works Director, stated the flashing yellow lights had all been installed except for Lake Ida Road, since it is not a school crossing zone.


There was a consensus from the Commission to move forward with this project.

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.



City Clerk

ATTEST:



MAYOR

The undersigned is the City Clerk of the City of Delray Beach, Florida, and the information provided herein is the Minutes of the February 6, 2024 City Commission Workshop Meeting held on February 6, 2024, which minutes were formally approved and adopted by the City on March 5, 2024.



City Clerk

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