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MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2021

The Trustees of the Municipal Service District held their monthly meeting on Monday, June 14th at Our Lady Star of the Sea (OLSS) – Cultural Center at 6:00 PM.

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Brad Wester – Chairman
Al Hollon – Vice Chairman
Gary Jurenovich - Treasurer
John Cellucci
Holly Kartsonis
Mack McCuller
Kitty Switkes

Wayne Flowers – Attorney

Chairman Wester called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE, ORDER, CONDUCT AND CIVILITY

Chairman Wester said that everyone knows the statement of public notice, order, conduct and civility and asked all Trustees to maintain that.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board of Trustees meeting minutes from May 10th were discussed. A motion was made to approve the minutes, it was seconded and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Shields 3800 Sandy Shore Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32277– Reported he was here to get approval for the Big Bang 5k Race to be held on June 26th. It was approved. Trustee Switkes asked if he could put the signs regarding the race out on Thursday before the race. Trustee Kartsonis asked if this information should be sent out to residents and Chairman Wester reported yes.

Joe Cooper handed out and discussed his Memorandum in Opposition to the implementation of the ACOE project’s public access plan. There was discussion about the character change of Ponte Vedra Beach if this is implemented.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT - CHAIRMAN WESTER
BEACH ACCESS / FEMA & ACOE UPDATE

Chairman Wester reported that the FEMA & ACOE was discussed at the earlier meeting, and we will work with the County regarding beach access.

REPUBLIC – VICE CHAIRMAN HOLLON

Vice Chairman Hollon reported that at this time of the year Republic lets us know what the CPI for their services will be and this year it will be a 3.6% an increase from 3.0%. We are still at 1,403 homes and we are to certify if there are any additional homes to Republic. Trustee Switkes asked if we can get more communication from Republic regarding the yard trash pickup. Trustee Hollon will communicate with Republic.

Chairman Wester introduced Greg Caldwell, St. Johns County Director of Public Works. He discussed that Republic is running behind in the whole County and they are working in getting the larger piles picked up. If the pile meets compliance, they are picking it up. If it is not in compliance, they are still tagged. Vice Chairman Hollon reported that Republic has been very responsive to his communication with them.

TRUSTEE REPORTS

TREASURER JURENOVICH - SHERIFF / NEWSLETTER

Treasurer Jurenovich reported he e-mailed out the financials and there is nothing out of the ordinary. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report, it was seconded and unanimously carried. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that he e-mailed the Sheriff's report and asked the Trustees to send him any pictures for the newsletter.

CTTF / SIDEWALK - TRUSTEE CELLUCCI

Trustee Cellucci reported that Barb Roberts is putting together a survey regarding the sidewalk for homeowners on San Juan from Solana to Miranda. Trustee Cellucci reported he attended the CTTF meeting today, and they received \$1.65 million for the Micklers / A1A project, and four of the six additional projects were funded. The first project on Solana Road has been pushed back to July. Trustee Cellucci reported that he had a liability inquiry regarding our workman's comp, and it will increase to \$2,200 for the next fiscal year. He reported that there was a lot of good feedback on the flag project, and they will put them up on July 2nd. Trustee Switkes asked if there was an update on the Ponte Vedra Blvd. sidewalks. Trustee Cellucci reported no. Chairman Wester reported that this is in Commissioner Blocker's hands to go hand in hand with the FEMA project and the bed tax and we are going to meet to discuss the sidewalk to push it forward. Commissioner Blocker is committed to get it funded and there are residents emailing me daily about this section of the sidewalk. The next step for the Club is for a conceptual design with the relocation of utilities.

BEACHES ENERGY / WEBSITE - TRUSTEE KARTSONIS

Trustee Kartsonis reported that she has not heard any complaints on light that are out. She reported that she met with the contractor who will be installing the next three lights on Ponte Vedra Blvd., and they will be starting in the next couple of weeks. Trustee Kartsonis reported that the website is good.

ROAD AND BRIDGE / STREET SIGNS- TRUSTEE MCCULLER (NEED NEW PARKING ORDINANCE SIGNS)

Trustee McCuller reported that the JEA project is 50% completed but eight days behind schedule. Chairman Wester reported that since the parking ordinance has been adopted, we need to get new signs. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that we do not need signs, but just a new skin to go on the sign. Treasurer Jurenovich asked Chairman Wester to get him the verbiage of what he wants on the sign, and he will get the County sign shop to make them. Chairman Wester reported that we need to send out a notice to the homeowners on the Blvd. to provide them with the information regarding the ordinance change. Chairman Wester reported that we need to have an informational flyer and he will work with Attorney Flowers in getting a paragraph written and then have the printer print and mail them. Treasurer Jurenovich also suggested a door hanger for people who do not have mailboxes and are renting. Chairman Wester is open to suggestions regarding the new sign language and asked the Trustees to send him their thoughts.

Trustee Switkes reported that the speed limit sign between the Surf Club and the gym is not one of our signs and asked if we can upgrade the sign to be the same as our MSD signs. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that when we put the signs up the Club elected to keep that sign. The sign is not needed but the Club wants the sign. Trustee McCuller will speak with Jay Reister and then order it. A motion was made to spend around \$2,000 to replace the sign and pole, it was seconded and unanimously carried.

JEA / LANDSCAPE - TRUSTEE SWITKES

Trustee Switkes reported the JEA is halfway done, and the project is moving along without many interruptions. She reported that the JEA bill was good. As far as landscaping we did a little project at Overlook Drive with the neighbors. Trustee Switkes sent out her drawings of the plants and outline of the beds that she proposes for Corona and A1A. She will include the same plant material that was used for the other islands. This included pulling out all Juniper and replacing them drought resistant perennials with a lot of color. She would like to have a path to the monument and move the plaque towards the monument. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that the plaque is in a lot of concrete. Trustee Switkes reported that she can work around the plaque. The upgrade of the irrigation was \$360. The plant material as presented will be around \$3,000 which includes pulling out the juniper and prepping the beds. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that this is FDOT right of way and not County and you should call for locates before digging. A motion was made to accept the \$3,000 budget plant material as discussed, it was seconded and unanimously carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – ATTORNEY FLOWERS

Attorney Flowers reported he has nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS AND KEY DATES

PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION 2021-2022 – TREASURER JURENOVICH

Treasurer Jurenovich reported that he received a secondary updated TRIM statement, and we received a modest increase. We only budget on 95% of the money we are to receive. Last year based on property values at 95% we received \$806,352. At the new property values, we will receive \$854,000. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that he has the increase for sanitation and insurance for the budget.

Chairman Wester reported that he would like to discuss the Sheriff's contract. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that our one-year addendum expires on September 30th and unfortunately, they are in breach of contract. When they were here last month, they did not even know who the MSD's deputies were. Chairman Wester reported that they made their pitch to the Board, and we need to renegotiate a new contract with new terms. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that it is visibility within MSD on the cars. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that no matter what you pay them you will not get what you are paying for or the accountability. These are County roads and if you dial 911, they must come. Chairman Wester reported that he does not think a private security system will work in the MSD. Trustee Kartsonis thinks private security is good and this should be a vote for the Board. Chairman Wester reported that we need to renegotiate the contract and see what is plausible for us and the Sheriff and draw up new terms and have them monitored. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that what would be good for both parties is to ask for four deputies and only go up \$100,000 and state that the deputies do not leave the MSD. Director Beaver told us last month what their actual cost per deputy is and let them know we will pay that, but they must stay within the MSD. Chairman Wester reported that he does not see anything wrong with that. Treasurer Jurenovich asked the Board if they want him to pitch a renewal to the Sheriff. Trustee McCuller asked Deputy Tedder if there is some type of GPS log that he could share with the contracted party. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that there is GPS information, but it is not for civilian eyes. Trustee McCuller asked if the information cannot be shared with a contracted party and Chairman Wester reported he believes we can get this data if we ask for it even though it is very protected data. Trustee McCuller reported that we should put that in the contract. Former Trustee Wong reported that what we used to have was community

policing. People used to know who the deputies were and if we could get this back in the MSD where they know the residents and the residents know them. Chairman Wester reported that an MSD sticker on the car lets the community know it is an MSD deputy. Scott reported that he was at the meeting last month with the Sheriff and was surprised how you can have a contract and not have any accountability. The accountability that Treasurer Jurenovich wants is the ability to walk in the Sheriff's office and see where the MSD deputies are working. Chairman Wester reported that there is some hostility between you and the Sheriff department and believes that he needs to go talk to the Sheriff about a new contract. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that we cannot budget this line item until we have a contract with a number. Trustee Kartsonis asked how much a private security would cost. Treasurer Jurenovich reported about \$250,000 and they are a visual in the community.

PARKING UPDATE – CHAIRMAN WESTER

This was discussed earlier.

SHERIFF CONTRACT – TREASURER JURENOVICH

This was discussed earlier.

PLAN REVIEWER – CHAIRMAN WESTER

Chairman Wester reported that he sent a letter to the County for their review. This letter included the job scope as a template, and it was sent out last week. This letter was delayed due to my work on the parking update, bed tax and FEMA. Chairman Wester apologized for the delay in getting the letter out, but the letter has Trustee Kartsonis' name as the contact and believed this position gives us the possibility to have someone working in the best interest of the MSD. Trustee Kartsonis appreciates all the work that Chairman Wester does for the MSD, but she thinks he should delegate more of his responsibilities. Trustee Kartsonis asked if we need to put more money in the budget for this position. Chairman Wester reported yes, and we can discuss this at next month's meeting once there is a response to my letter. Attorney Flowers reported that you will adopt a tentative millage rate at the next meeting and reminded all Trustees that once you adopt a tentative millage rate that you cannot increase it, but you can lower it. Trustee Kartsonis asked where the reserves show on the balance sheet. Treasurer Jurenovich reported that it is in cash but shows on the budget at reserves.

There was discussion about moving to the library for our meetings that will be discussed next month. Secretary Jurenovich will speak with the library and the church about future meeting and will let the Board know next month.

DOUBLE YELLOW LINE – TRUSTEE KARTSONIS

Will be discussed at next month's meeting due to time.

COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Commissioners Meeting are June 15th and July 6th.

NEXT MSD MEETING IS JULY 12TH OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH – ROOM 3 IN THE BROWNING CENTER

ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn; it was seconded and unanimously carried.
Submitted, Ann Jurenovich, MSD Secretary