

**MINUTES OF THE CITY-COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2025, AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
299 RIVERSIDE DRIVE, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA**

Authority Members Present:

Clay Browning (Chair) (**Absent**)
Marc Decker
Alisha Beck (**Absent**)
Bradley Smith
RaShonda Croskey
Jerry (Gator) Sapp
Tim Stanley
Hattie Taylor
Jeffery Patterson (Vice Chair)
Jeffery Barnes

Others Present:

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk
Brad Simmons, Public Works Superintendent
Steve Ramunni, City Attorney
Larry Tibbs, City Manager
Paul Carlisle, County Manager
Al Brown, Operator

ROLL CALL: Given By Patterson.

ITEM 1: INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Invocation given by Taylor and Pledge of Allegiance lead by Smith.

ITEM 2: ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Tibbs states I have an addition for a request from Brown to attend NBR conference.

Patterson states we can make that item 13 and move the adjournment to item 14.

MOTION: By to Sapp to add the request for Brown to attend the NBR conference to the agenda as item 13 and move the adjournment to item 14, seconded by Decker. Motion Carried.

ITEM 3: DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE AUTHRORIZATION FOR WASHINGTON PARK CDBG GRANT AND DESIGN:

Carlisle states I know we have an appropriation going forward with Washington Park and the City to do some sewer repairs, the State has opened up a special round of funding for low to moderate income homes. I would like to at least start the second phase but that depends on population. We have to get our points up, I spoke with Fox who does our grant applications. We need a complete design and that would be 50 points. That is not reimbursable. Whether we get funding through the State or CDBG we need to know what it's going to cost. So, it won't be money wasted. I think we need to give authorization to move forward and complete the design. There is no guarantee we will get funding.

Patterson states do you know the amount for the design.

Carlisle states Greg was supposed to get back in touch with me on that.

Tibbs states he has preliminary plans for the Washington project, but he has not contacted us with the projected cost.

Carlisle states it has to be permittable plans, I was just going to ask for \$100,000.00 even if it's not correct we can come back. Because without that it won't be beneficial for us to apply.

MOTION: By Taylor to approve authorization for the Washington Park CDBG Grant and design for \$100,000.00 and to come back if needed, seconded by Smith. Motion Carried.

Patterson states the next question is where the money will come from. Is this something CaPFA can fund or will it come out of the CCPWA budget.

Ramunni states it is this going to be more money from CaPFA that is going to be needed for a short term.

Tibbs states it probably will be.

Carlisle states we don't really have any County finds. We are looking to spend as much federal/ State money as we can to build a project.

ITEM 4: RATIFICATION OF THE \$300,000.00 LOAN FROM CAPFA TO ADDRESS IDENTIFIED DISCREPANCIES:

Tibbs states at the last CCPWA meeting we did approve to go forward with the \$300,00.00 to take care of the discrepancies at the Sewer Plant. At the last meeting we did identify some items as critical essentials.

MOTION: By Stanley to approve the ratification of the \$300,000.00 loan from CaPFA to address the identified discrepancies at the Sewer Plant, seconded by Barnes. Motion Carried.

ITEM 5: AL BROWN TO GIVE REPORT:

Brown states Simmons got us the major pump we needed for the wetlands; We have that installed and we are moving the treated water out to the wetlands. The lift station is working automatically. They have pumps installed on all of the membranes to move the sludge. A lot of cosmetics and maintenance got completed in these last few weeks. The DEP inspection is scheduled for Wednesday at 9am. A lot of pumps have been sent out for repair.

Patterson states how many vendors do we have that can rebuild these pumps.

Brown states there are multiple we can use, I usually let the City decide on who they send the repairs to. Based on our location and the type of equipment we use; some parts are hard to get.

Simmons states as far as rebuilds, there are two primary companies I use. It's just a matter of how fast we want things back.

ITEM 6: CRAIG A. SMITH TO GIVE REPORT:

NONE.

ITEM 7: CAS GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES TO GIVE REPORT:

NONE.

ITEM 8: CITY MANAGER TO GIVE REPORT:

Tibbs on January 31st we had Craig A. Smith had their new inspector out at the Plant. We spent most of the day going through the Plant and highlighting the critical issues and made a list of other things that need attention. Vanassche is working on the application for the treatment plant, we are also going to try and go through the Federal process as a backup.

ITEM 9: COUNTY MANAGER TO GIVE REPORT:

Carlisle states I spoke with Vanassche Thursday, and she met with Frankle, and he is going to try and support our application to fund the sewer repairs. I will be sending out some documents to you, because we will need some letters of support.

ITEM 10: STEVE RAMUNNI TO GIVE REPORT:

NONE.

ITEM 11: CITIZENS NOT ON THE AGENDA:

Citizens from Sportsman's Village states we just came to get information on the lift station in Sportsman's Village.

Carlisle states I know the electric is on, it's been a challenge with the electric, but it should be ready to go online soon. I don't have an exact date yet.

ITEM 12: APPROVAL OF THE BILLS SUBMITTED LIST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,007.85:

MOTION: By Taylor to approve the bills submitted list in the amount of \$97,007.85, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

ITEM 13: DISCUSS AND/ OR APPROVE AL BROWN TO ATTEND THE 21ST ANNUAL NBR CONFERENCE:

Tibbs states Brown has submitted a request to attend the 21st annual NBR users conference on March 30th to April 1st.

Brown states the conference is a seminar and meetings for the NBR. It's \$375.00 for the class, \$700 for the hotel. I haven't booked a flight yet.

Ramunni states we can go ahead and reimburse for the conference and hotel, we can always at the next meeting reimburse for the flight.

MOTION: By Sapp to approve Brown attending the 21st annual NBR conference, seconded by Smith. Motion Carried.

ITEM 14: ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: By to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Taylor. Motion carried.

Melissa Arnold, Deputy City Clerk
Meeting adjourned at 5:22 P.M.

Jeffery Patterson, Vice Chairman