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**- AGENDA -**

**SPECIAL MEETING** *Workshop*

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**1:00 PM**

**October 8, 1998**

Pledge of Public Conduct

- We may disagree, but we will be respectful of one another.
- We will direct all comments to issues.
- We will avoid personal attacks.

**Call to Order**

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor of Longboat Key has called a Special Meeting on Thursday, October 8, 1998 at 1:00 PM in the Commission Chambers located at 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida, for the purpose of discussing the following item:

Canal Dredging Discussion

The Manager and Consultant Dr. Cliff Truitt, along with Coastal Planning & Engineering Consultant Doug Mann, will present the Commission with a report on canal dredging. The public has been encouraged to attend and voice their concerns at this meeting. Recommended action: Pending discussion, give direction to Manager on canal dredging project.

**Public to be Heard**

**Town Attorney Comments**

**Town Manager Comments**

**Town Commission Comments**

**Press to be Heard**

**Adjournment**

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, a record of the proceedings will be needed. For such purpose that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.  
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Hal Lenobel, Mayor; John R. Redgrave Vice-Mayor  
Kennedy Legler, District 1; Gordon Haglund, District 3; Raymond W. Metz, District 5  
Jim Patterson, At Large; Ron Johnson, At Large

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL WORKSHOP OF THE LONGBOAT KEY TOWN COMMISSION,  
OCTOBER 8, 1998, 1:00 PM**

**Present:** Mayor Lenobel, Vice-Mayor Redgrave, Commissioners Patterson, Johnson, Haglund, Metz, Legler

**Also Present:** Town Manager St. Denis, Town Attorney Persson, Community and Development Services Director Black, Town Clerk Arends, Deputy Clerk-Minutes Dunay-Mixon

**Call to Order**

The Special Workshop of the Longboat Key Town Commission was called to order at 1:00 PM at the Town Commission Chamber, Town Hall, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida.

**Items for Discussion**

**1. Canal Dredging**

Mr. St. Denis advised the feasibility study was complete, and the canal control depth was reviewed. He pointed out a number of canals reflected a 5-foot depth; however, shoals were identified in many areas, so for purposes of this study the canal was identified with a control depth of 3-feet. Mr. St. Denis reported the disposal sites were examined closely and recommended specific areas be identified as disposal sites. He noted several options would be presented to the Commission to determine interest levels.

Dr. Cliff Truitt, Consultant, reported the scope of the project was difficult to comprehend as a whole; therefore, phases were identified. He explained Phases 1 and 2 were completed, and each phase had narrowed the issues and defined a solution with associated costs. Mr. St. Denis explained this issue was also examined from a legal standpoint, defining mechanisms and related issues such as ownership and financing.

Thomas Campbell, P.E., Coastal Planning and Engineering, Inc., displayed a PowerPoint presentation reflecting a summary of Phase 1, as well as Phase 2 evaluations. Discussion ensued pertaining to existing navigation service levels, shoaling, dredge volumes, disposal methods and potential disposal sites, alternative management program for Tarawitt Drive, St. Judes Drive, and Jungle Queen Way canals, and construction costs. Further discussions were held pertaining to the number of canals recommended for dredging (48), cubic yards of sand, silt and organic material to be removed, access channels, and related cost.

Mr. Campbell reviewed the State and Federal permitting processes. He pointed out it would be difficult to obtain Sarasota Bay access permits due to the Outstanding Florida Water rules which required proof of public interest. Mr. Campbell pointed out the canals were categorized by colors and divided into canal depths: red reflected a 1.5 foot depth; yellow signified a depth of 1.5 to 3.0 feet; green designated 3.0 to 5.0 feet; and blue denoted a level of greater than 5.0 feet. Discussion ensued regarding the existing service levels of the canals.

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Recommended Alternative for Canals 16 through 19 (Jungle Queen Way, Tarawitt Drive, and St. Judes Area Canals)

Mr. Campbell explained the first alternative would require property owners to take responsibility for the bulkheads, as well as provide waivers to the Town. He noted a triangular channel would be dredged at a cost of \$125,000. Discussions were held regarding the triangular channel alternative, and the minimal service level which would be achieved by this type of dredging.

Mr. Campbell pointed out a second alternative for this area would be for property owners to stabilize the bulkheads and the Town would dredge a minimum channel with a related cost of \$300,000. Discussion ensued pertaining to the difficulties connected with individual property owners stabilizing the bulkheads. Mr. St. Denis advised the cost would be significant for property owners to stabilize the bulkheads.

Mr. Campbell noted the third alternative would be for property owners to dredge the canals, and the final alternative would be to selectively dredge at the mouths of canals 16 and 17.

Discussions were held regarding bulkhead liability, project cost, property owner cost, waivers, and stormwater contributions to canal shoaling.

Disposal Sites

Mr. Campbell explained 17 sites were evaluated including Town-owned properties, undeveloped sites, and intracoastal sites previously used by the US Army Corps of Engineers. He suggested three potential sites: 1) Lyons Lane for the northern canals; 2) Town property located adjacent to Bayfront Park for the mid-Key canals; 3) Water Tank site near the southern end of the Key or the Overlook Park parking area. He advised the disposal sites would be temporary and most of the material would be removed from the Key; however, a small amount of permanent storage was possible at the Lyons Lane or Bayfront Park sites. Discussion ensued relative to compatibility of the dredged material, top soil, and relative options for disposal of the materials.

Mr. St. Denis pointed out there were upland areas at the Joan M. Durante Community Park that could be developed at a higher elevation; the Town could place the dredged material at the upland area, reshape the land, and plant vegetation. He explained a significant saving (\$400,000) would occur if the dredged material were not removed from the Key.

Further discussion ensued pertaining to disposal sites and the possible need to remove trees from the Lyons Lane site. Mr. St. Denis advised the cost estimates were based on the use of disposal sites referenced in the presentation; however, if alternative disposal sites were selected the cost estimates would be subject to change.

Dr. Truitt explained the disposal sites would be utilized sequentially; dredged material could be on a disposal site for weeks; the material is not pleasant to look at and would have an odor associated with it. He noted the disposal sites would impact a neighborhood. Discussion was held pertaining to feasibility of off-Key disposal sites, the Department of

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Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations, the use of barges, and period of time the neighborhoods would be impacted by the temporary disposal sites.

A recess was called at 2:00 PM; the Special Workshop reconvened at 2:10 PM.

Mr. Persson advised several options were available to address the funding of this project; a special taxing district could be created; however, other options would include a bond issue, non-ad valorem special assessment, or a Town-wide ad valorem. He urged the Commission to keep the process simple – the administrative setup could become difficult. He noted a vehicle to carry out the wishes of the Commission was possible.

Discussions were held regarding the funding methods available, the benefits derived from canal dredging, establishing districts, and the need to make the assessment fair to property owners.

Funding Alternatives

Mr. St. Denis advised a decision was not necessary at this point; he referred to the agenda material and displayed a PowerPoint presentation illustrating the project costs and funding alternatives.

Louis Strickland, 3104 Avenue East, Holmes Beach, stated odor from the dredged material was not offensive.

Discussion ensued regarding benefit assessments, canal ownership, General Obligation bonds, existing seawall conditions, funding alternatives, liability and insurance issues, and public interest.

Following the discussion regarding seawalls, Dr. Truitt explained the canals deteriorated over a 25 year period; if the canals were dredged to the recommended depth another dredging project would not be needed for a considerable period of time.

Mr. St. Denis advised this issue would be discussed further at the 10-15 Regular Workshop.

Public to be HeardTown Attorney CommentsTown Manager CommentsTown Commission Comments2. Safety Alert Monitor (SAM) System

Commissioner Legler stated the US Weather Service in Ruskin ran a service check to determine if the SAM system were operational. Mr. St. Denis advised the US Weather Service could override the Town's system and post announcements.

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3. Longboat Key Chamber of Commerce Art Festival

Commissioner Patterson requested an update on the Chamber of Commerce sponsored Art Festival (date for the festival not selected). Mr. St. Denis advised the Town Commission would have to authorize a road closing (for Bay Isles Road); however, prior to requesting a road closing many issues needed to be resolved. He explained staff discussed traffic issues, as well as public safety issues with the Chamber and the Art Festival promoter. Mr. St. Denis explained another meeting was scheduled for 10-16 and the traffic and safety issues would be revisited.

Commissioner Patterson inquired as to whether the surrounding businesses were involved with the discussions concerning this event. Mr. St. Denis advised staff was not involved with promoting this event; the Chamber and the promoter would have to obtain letters from the surrounding businesses stating there were no objections to the Art Festival.

4. Florida League of Cities

Mayor Lenobel commented the Florida League of Cities had assigned Longboat Key Commissioners to the Legislative Committees as requested.

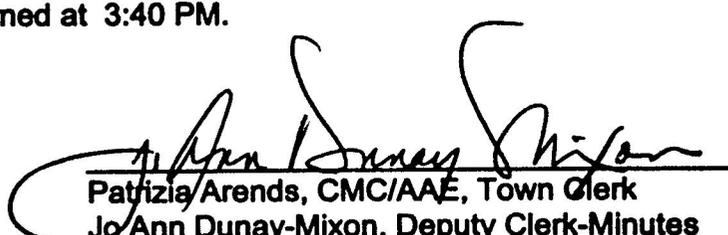
Press to be Heard

Jim Brown, *The Longboat Key News/Letter*, stated traditionally canals were the responsibility of property owners. He questioned whether the Town would be taking responsibility of the canals if the canal dredging project were to move forward, and whether the storm drains causing silting would be corrected.

Mr. St. Denis advised new construction projects were required to construct a primary treatment area on the property. Discussion ensued regarding canal maintenance responsibility.

Adjournment

The Special Workshop was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

  
Patrizia Arends, CMC/AAE, Town Clerk  
Jo Ann Dunay-Mixon, Deputy Clerk-Minutes

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