

MINUTES OF THE WASTEWATER RELOCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM, 100 NORTH U.S. #1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AT 3:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7, 2017.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Wastewater Treatment Plant Relocation Committee Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Darrell Drummond, Chairman; William Thiess; Duke Nelson; Bo Hutchinson

Absent: Mazella Smith; Chris Craft

Staff Present: Rebecca Grohall, Planning Manager
Miriam Garcia, Deputy City Clerk

3. **MINUTES**

Motion was made by William Thiess, seconded by Bo Hutchinson to approve the minutes.

AYE: Bo Hutchinson, William Thiess, Chairman Darrell Drummond

NAY: Duke Nelson

Passed

4. **OLD BUSINESS**

Chairman Darrell Drummond expressed his condolences for the passing of committee member, Robert Adolphe.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

Darrell Drummond explained that as of today, the regionalization study has not been completed. He asked Bo Hutchinson to provide an update.

Mr. Hutchinson explained that one of the items discussed was new location of the wastewater plant. One of the proposals was FPUA's property on the southwest corridor and the other proposed location is at the airport site, which is property that the County owns. Regardless of where it is built, the cost of the plant would be almost the same.

Mr. Hutchinson also reported that another option could be the County's plant on South Hutchinson Island. That plant is permitted for 1.2 million gallons per day and they currently flow about .4mgp. There is some availability capacity at this plant. However, a downside of utilizing this plant is that it would be maxed out with the projected flow. That could hinder growth or it would have to get shipped back across the river.

Mr. Drummond asked if an estimated study completion date had been set. Mr. Hutchinson explained that he does not believe that the study, in its original form, will ever be completed. The original study had many very detailed economic study requirements that the County had not performed. He explained that a more simplified study would be provided.

William Thiess explained that the transfer of the plant would be completed in phases and it is probably more than 10 years away.

Duke Nelson insisted on obtaining grants from the State of Florida.

Rebecca Grohall, Planning Manager, mentioned that an option to help pay for this is through Grant Funding. The Grand Funding will have to be requested in phases. It will not be provided at the same time, but rather in stages and the regionalization study would provide the phases so that the City can attempt to obtain some of those grant funds.

Board discussion also included estimated costs to build the plant. The Board agreed that the City and County need to come together and find a way for this to work without having the taxpayers pay for it all.

Mr. Drummond suggested that FPUA Director and the County Administrator be invited back to a meeting to discuss how aggressive they would like be to move forward with this plan. The next step would be to present the available information to the City and County leaders. Mr. Drummond stated that the committee is still in a holding pattern until the regionalization study is provided. He would like to make a timely recommendation to the Commission.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Perri
Jeremiah Johnson

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

CHAIR