

**ISLAND TRANSPORTATION & PLANNING ORGANIZATION MEETING
CITY OF ANNA MARIA
APRIL 17, 2006
3:30 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

ROLL CALL: Mayor Carol Whitmore (Holmes Beach), Mayor SueLynn (Anna Maria), Mayor John Chappie (City of Bradenton Beach), Mike Howe (Sarasota / Manatee MPO)
Also present: Bob Herrington, MPO Planning Mgr., Tjet Martin, Bill Shearon
No press representatives present.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Mayor Carol Whitmore moved to approve the February 21, 2006 meeting minutes, seconded by Mayor John Chappie.
Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

MPO / MEMBER UPDATES

Review of April 24, 2006 MPO Agenda

Mike Howe said that Mayor SueLynn had copies of materials and agenda information on hand for organization members. Mr. Howe noted that there would be two advertised public hearings, one relating to an amendment of the long-range transportation plan, prompted by information received from an FDOT study of the needs for I-75.

Mr. Howe said that annual letters would soon be going out to municipalities relative to three categories of project grants available through his organization, and noted that the City of Anna Maria had been successful last year in obtaining enhancement grant dollars. He indicated the importance of attending the May meetings related to his organization's prioritization for funding.

Interlocal Agreements

Bob Herrington noted that Mayor SueLynn had signed the agreement on behalf of the local ITPO, and that he was holding the document, awaiting responses from the city councils of Bradenton Beach and Holmes Beach. He confirmed that he would provide Mayor John Chappie and Mayor Carol Whitmore with copies in time for their council meetings, and said that once approved, he could accept Mayor SueLynn's signature.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Bridge Opening / Coast Guard Meeting** – Mike Howe
Mr. Howe said that a decision was expected within ten to thirteen days. The process would then be, if approved: The Commanding General of the 7th Fleet then needs to sign off and forward to legal review in Washington, followed by publication in the Federal Register, and an effective date thirty days later. Mayor Carol Whitmore indicated that she had been interviewed by Bay News Channel 9 relative to the openings issue, and indicated that she acknowledged many of the concerns that a few people had expressed had already been addressed.
- **Town of Longboat Key / Gulf Drive Study** – Mike Howe
Mike Howe said that he was somewhat uncertain as to whether this subject would be going back to the Barrier Island Coalition this month. Mayor Carol Whitmore said that she had also been interviewed on this subject by Bay News 9 and had said that even if a study were done, the Island cities would not increase lanage. Mike Howe noted that the proposal was not ready.
- **Preparation for Congestion Management System and Enhancement Project Application** – Mike Howe
Mike Howe gave out copies of what had been adopted last year, and indicated that he had already done the application.

Mayor SueLynn expressed dismay and surprise at the resignation of Forrest Bogart from the Citizen Advisory Committee of the Sarasota / Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization, which he said was prompted by the City of Anna Maria's rejection on Feb. 2nd, 2006 of the 5 cent sales tax by the Anna Maria City Commission. Mayors John Chappie and Carol Whitmore said that their cities had not completed deliberations. Mayor Carol Whitmore said that she had attended the County Commission meeting and voiced her personal support. Discussion followed relative to the tax money.

Mayor Carol Whitmore asked Mayor SueLynn to speak with Mr. Bogart, noting that he spoke for the whole Island. All the Board members expressed the opinion that this was a regrettable loss of a good man. Bob Herrington suggested reminding him that he represents the ITPO, not the City of Anna Maria, and that his position is in line with the ITPO's.

MOTION: Mayor John Chappie moved not to accept the resignation of Forrest Bogart until such time as members have had an opportunity to speak with him, seconded by Mayor Carol Whitmore.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Bob Herrington suggested using monies received back from the gas tax to help with grant match requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

ADVISORY MEMBER REPORT

CAC Report

TAC Report

MOTION: Mayor Carol Whitmore moved to put Dottie Poindexter's April 10th 2006 report into the record (See Attached), seconded by Mayor John Chappie.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Anna Maria: Mayor SueLynn said her City was putting in an RFP for \$8-900,000 worth of roadwork.

Bradenton Beach: Mayor John Chappie reported on a recent demonstration by FlexPave, a pervious paving material manufacturer. Mayor Chappie agreed to give the name and number of the representative, along with informational material, to Mayor SueLynn for passing on to Ed Chiles, owner of the Sandbar Restaurant in Anna Maria.

He also noted his city's first new trolley stop was about to be completed.

Holmes Beach: Mayor Carol Whitmore reported that trolley ridership as of 04/03/06 was reported at 2,681 riders.

PUBLIC COMMENT

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

May 15th, 2006 at 3:30 p.m. – Mike Howe said he would not be present on that date.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor SueLynn adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.