

**CITY OF ANNA MARIA  
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2005  
6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL:** Commission Chair John Quam, Commissioner Dale Woodland, Commissioner Carol Ann Magill (6:20), Deputy Commission Chair Linda Cramer, Commissioner Duke Miller

**Also present:** Capital Improvements Advisory Committee (CIAC) Chair Larry Albert; Christopher Collins, City Clerk Alice Baird, Deputy City Clerk Diane Percycoe, Minutes Clerk Sylvie Reichmann

**Press:** Sun, Islander

**1. CONTINUE - PROPOSED STORMWATER UTILITY FEE**

Chair John Quam turned the floor over to Commissioner Dale Woodland and Christopher Collins.

**Commissioner Woodland began by proposing and receiving consensus to set April 28th at 6:00 p.m. as the next meeting date on this topic.**

Commissioner Dale Woodland referred to his memo of April 4th regarding negative cash flow and the decisions the Commission would need to make relative to the budget. He indicated that City Clerk Alice Baird and Deputy City Clerk Diane Percycoe had asked how the negative cash flow in the first year was going to be funded. Commissioner Woodland proposed the following solutions:

- do not pursue a grant writer
- have a higher ERU for the first year
- increase Year One loan amount
- move one or more Year One projects to Year Two

Commissioner Woodland said that he favored moving Year One projects to Year Two, adding that he would like to pursue a grant writer. The Commissioner stated that he had thought of another scenario for Christopher Collins' spreadsheet showing Projects 2, 3, 4 & 5 moved into Year Two, with Projects 8, 9, and 10 put into Year Three. He said that this could take care of the negative cash flow problem while allowing the City to pursue a grant writer. The Commissioner said that it could be necessary to consider funding some first-year non-construction expenses from the general budget.

Deputy Commission Chair Linda Cramer asked what services the \$25,000 allocated for a grant writer covered and was informed that this figure was the same as the one proposed to the City some months previous when it was considering the services offered by a grant writer relative to another subject.

**Commissioner Duke Miller suggested contacting a grant writer very soon so that the Commission could make better decisions, for instance, relative to the feasibility of moving a given project from one year to the next. There was consensus to do so.**

Christopher Collins noted that moving projects back a year would increase their costs at least 5%.

Commissioner Miller noted that money disbursed during Year One would include many preliminary expenses and would most likely not be for the actual construction of the projects.

Commissioner Linda Cramer agreed that the grant writer and preliminary work could comprise the bulk of the first year costs.

Commissioner Duke Miller acknowledged receiving a memo dated March 1st relative to flood mitigation programs, noting that the deadline was stated as May 31, 2005.

Commissioner Dale Woodland said that he would pursue a grant writer with the Mayor. The Commissioner indicated to Christopher Collins that he would however still like to see the scenario he described earlier in this discussion added to the spreadsheet. The Commissioner again voiced a concern regarding the cost burden to residents and asked the Commissioners to consider a possible "not to exceed" value for the ERU.

Commissioner Duke Miller and Christopher Collins confirmed to Deputy Commission Chair Linda Cramer that road repair costs associated with the drainage construction were included in the spreadsheet calculations.

Commissioner Duke Miller suggested a "not to exceed" value of \$70. Christopher Collins reminded those present of the possibility of funding the stormwater improvements over twenty years instead of fifteen. Commissioner Woodland said that he had envisioned a \$60 "not to exceed" value.

Commissioner Carol Ann Magill said that based on personal knowledge, research on the community, and conversations with Mr. Fried land, she was advocating for a senior homestead exemption to the Stormwater Utility Fee, due to the hardship it would cause this segment of the population. The Commissioner said that this exemption would only affect twenty-six to thirty properties. Commissioner Woodland confirmed with Commissioner Magill that she would follow up on the possibility of and procedure for exempting for presentation at the April 28th meeting.

Commissioner Magill said, relative to the "not to exceed" value suggested earlier by Commissioner Woodland, that she would favor a value of \$50. Commissioner Miller said that he would agree with a \$60 "not to exceed" value, as did Commission Chair

Quam. Deputy Commission Chair Linda Cramer said that she would favor an \$80 "not to exceed" value, since the ERU value could be reduced, but not increased.

Christopher Collins reviewed his spreadsheet handouts with the Commissioners, indicating that on Page 3 he had changed the descriptions to match the County's descriptions of nine different types of properties. He noted that for the 1,135 R-1 properties that a 26% average impervious coverage rate had been calculated. Discussion followed relative to the square footage of properties and impervious coverage.

Chair Quam asked if there was consensus to stay with Christopher Collins' method. Commissioner Woodland distributed copies of a proposal from BDI to the Commissioners and noted that research of parcels was still necessary, as the City Attorney had recommended that for the City's legal protection, a certified study should be used to base calculations on. Chair Quam and Commissioner Woodland confirmed that Zoller & Najar had done the study for Bradenton Beach.

Commissioner Miller suggested asking BDI to provide more information about their proposal at a work session that would include a presentation by a grant writer.

Commissioner Carol Ann Magill said that if ten thousand dollars was going to be paid to someone to get the detailed lot coverage information, that she would like to see the information used in determining ERU's. Chair Quam agreed that this could be discussed at the future meeting.

Deputy Commission Chair Linda Cramer suggested that if an ordinance is needed by June 1st, the April 28th meeting would be a good date for its first reading. Commissioner Woodland said he believed the ordinance was only required sometime after June 1st, but that he would check the timetable and bring this information to the next meeting on this topic.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None offered.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Deputy Commission Chair Linda Cramer moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Dale Woodland.**

**Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Baird

City Clerk

April 12, 2005  
Date