

**CITY OF ANNA MARIA
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 7, 2005
4:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL: Commission Chair John Quam, Commissioner Dale Woodland, Commissioner Carol Ann Magill, Commissioner Duke Miller

Absent with excuse: Deputy Commission Chair Linda Cramer

Also present: John Adams (resident), Mayor SueLynn, City Clerk Alice Baird, Minutes Clerk Sylvie Reichmann

Press: Sun, Islander

1. FEMA FUNDING FOR BERM CONSTRUCTION (See Mayor's memo dated January 2nd, 2005)

Mayor SueLynn said that the construction of the berms is likely to cost a great deal of money, and that 90% of the expense would be reimbursed by FEMA. She said that Public Works Director George McKay had received estimates for the trucking of the sand. In view of these, the Mayor indicated that she anticipated no cost overrun. The Mayor said that she did however not wish to proceed without the Commission's approval. She said that she anticipated that the FEMA funds would be released relatively quickly. Mayor SueLynn said that the DEP and Fish & Wildlife permits were in process. She said that she also faxed information that water testing would be done above spring high tide line. The Mayor said that State release of the money, as now requested by FEMA, could take approximately a month.

The Mayor confirmed to Commission Chair Quam that if the work gets done prior to the FEMA funding being received, the City would need to pay the contractor.

MOTION: Commissioner Duke Miller moved to authorize the Mayor to contract for the constructions of the berms, as outlined in the Mayor's memo of January 2nd, 2005, seconded by Commissioner Dale Woodland.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Commissioner Miller said that he was not comfortable voting for something on the basis that the State might release funding, and the property owners might pay the difference. The Mayor said that FEMA would send \$29, 551.50 for the work to be done, regardless of the cost of the work that will be done. She explained that the 90% referred to a total of \$32,000 eligible funds.

Discussion followed regarding how FEMA identified the areas that would be served by the berms. The Mayor said that she did not know how FEMA arrived at its decision, adding that FEMA initiated the project.

Chair Quam, at the Mayor's request, invited resident John Adams to speak. Mr. Adams said that FEMA measures 19 ft. out in the sand, and measures 2.5 ft. up. He said that if there is more sand than that in front of the house, then it is not eligible.

Chair Quam confirmed with the Mayor that the estimates that Public Works Director George McKay obtained included the sand, trucking, and construction of the berm.

Commissioner Carol Ann Magill recommended that the Mayor look into arranging with the contractor to wait for payment until FEMA funding arrives. The Commissioner expressed concern that property owners could be expected to pay any difference, and requested that the language be changed to remove the word 'may'.

Commissioner Miller requested an additional memo from the Mayor to the City Commission explaining that the 90% refers to the \$32,000 and clarifying any anticipated obligations on the part of the property owners.

John Adams noted that any money left over from the FEMA funding could be spent on public projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None offered.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Commissioner Dale Woodland moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Duke Miller.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Baird
City Clerk

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Date