

MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
AUDIT COMMITTEE
Town Hall - Council Chambers
2523 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Monday, March 9, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chair Rodwell. Members present: Dick Cote, Daniel Hughes, Edward Lombard, James Rodwell, and James Steele.
Council Liaison: Rexann Hosafros
Staff Liaison: Lisa Kolar and Maureen Rischitelli.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES of January 12, 2015 and February 9, 2015

MOTION: Mr. Lombard moved to approve the minutes of January 12, 2015; second by Mr. Steele.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Lombard moved to strike items 1-15 under B. and replace with: The committee reviewed and made corrections and additions to the draft management policy. Chair Rodwell will revise the draft accordingly.; second by Mr. Steele.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Mr. Lombard moved to approve the minutes of February 9, 2015 as amended as will be updated by the staff; second by Mr. Cote.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

V. CURRENT ITEMS

A. Stormwater Assessment Program - Sandi Melgarejo, Government Services Group, Inc.

Ms. Melgarejo distributed copies of the presentation. She discussed their findings and reviewed the analysis. Discussion was held concerning maintenance costs, impervious areas and mitigation credits. Chair Rodwell questioned mitigation credits. Mr. Baker, Public Works Director, responded that the policy would be ironed out and they would look at several factors when issuing credits. Ms. Melgarejo discussed Equivalent Stormwater Units (ESUs), Department of Revenue Codes (DOR), vacant

parcels, current operations and maintenance, three problem areas and recommendations, and the budget scenarios summary. Discussion continued with first year costs, an appeal process, rate classes, single family residential tiers, building footprint versus impervious area, parcel calculations, mitigation credit policy, special assessments, parcel counts and ESUs by rate category and a three-year rate maximum scenario. Ms. Melgarejo used local businesses as examples of general parcels and what their monthly rates would be. Mr. Baker stated that he would recommend that costs be included on the monthly water bill. He noted the charge would include capital and maintenance costs.

Ms. Melgarejo concluded her presentation with implementation steps. Mr. Baker described examples of ongoing maintenance costs. He explained the timeline for the project and he revealed that they sent an application to the state revolving fund. Mr. Baker stated that the system would cost 1.6 million dollars for the first year. Mr. Hughes questioned the role of the Audit Committee. Ms. Hosafros replied that Council wanted their input on the presentation. Mr. Steele questioned the monthly rate of \$25.60. He asked whether reducing the monthly cost would result in a reduction in operations and maintenance costs. Mr. Baker replied that operations and maintenance costs may decrease slightly. He clarified that the plan would allow them to proceed with the project without long-term borrowing. Discussion was held concerning the state revolving fund.

B. Debt Management Policies and Procedures

Not discussed.

C. Other Possible Revenue Sources

Possible reduction of the communication service tax, grant opportunities, and the water rate charged by the county to the Town.

D. Audit Status

Not discussed.

VI. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

Mr. Steele questioned Ms. Rischitelli concerning the Red Coconut resolution.

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VII. SET AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING - April 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Cote moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Lombard.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Adopted 5/11/2015 with/without changes. Motion by Ed Lombard, 2nd Jim Steele
(DATE)

Vote: 30 Signature: James P. Lombard

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