



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Town Clerk's Office

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order on August 15, 2019, at 9:30 a.m. in the Town Council Chambers. On roll call, all committee members were found to be present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Lindsay led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was the consensus of the committee to approve the agenda, as presented.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS - *None*

V. GREEN INITIATIVE UPDATE:

Paul Brazil, P.E., Director of Public Works provided an overview of the green initiative program, goals and objectives. He spoke regarding the efforts being made to eliminate the use of harmful chemicals when treating and maintaining public properties in order to promote environmental health.

Discussion ensued regarding when to proceed with public outreach and education, other potential locations to include in the green initiative program, costs and future funding.

In response to questions, Mr. Brazil spoke regarding the available funding for the green initiative projects, project completion timeline for certain locations, ficus benjamina removal efforts from Town owned properties, chemical cost versus organic alternatives, and labor costs.

In response to questions, John Lawrence, Grounds Supervisor, spoke regarding grass treatment, lawn maintenance practices and nematode management.

Richard Maxwell, Town Arborist, provided an overview of the process of eliminating certain chemical treatments by decreasing applications over time.

VI. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Patricia Strayer, Town Engineer, provided a progress update and timeline of the various construction projects in Town which included the paving program in the North end, lift station improvements, watermain replacement on the 400 block of Worth Avenue and mast arm installations on Sunrise Ave/Bradley Place and Clarke Ave/Cocoanut Row.

In response to questions about the paving project, Town Engineer Strayer spoke regarding quality control and oversight, and the coordination efforts with residents and landscapers. She cautioned the committee that a drainage program on certain streets will be needed to prevent ponding.

In response to questions about the lift station projects, Project Engineer Jason Debrincat spoke regarding the estimated project completion.

VII. ECR UPDATE

Eric Brown, Assistant Director of Public Works, provided an update of the East Coast Regional (ECR) Water Reclamation Facility, Biosolids improvements project, FY2020 Budget adoption and the Capital Improvement Project status.

In response to questions, Assistant Director Brown spoke regarding project improvements and deficiencies, reasons for the increase in the ECR budget, and other issues related to the ECR construction projects.

VIII. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Chair Lindsay requested that the matrix included in the back-up for the Green Initiative be updated with other properties that are maintained by the Recreation Center and forwarded to the committee members. She also requested information on the water service agreement with the City of West Palm Beach.

The next meeting will be scheduled for a date in November.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The Public Works Committee meeting of August 15, 2019 was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

APPROVED:

Bobbie Lindsay, Chair

PREPARED BY:

Patricia Gayle-Gordon, Deputy Town Clerk

ATTEST:

Kathleen Dominguez, CMC
Town Clerk

Date