

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
TOWN OF DAVIE
TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

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SUBJECT: May 7, 2008 Workshop minutes

AFFECTED DISTRICT: n/a

ITEM REQUEST: **Schedule for Council Meeting**

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: May 7, 2008 (Workshop Meeting)

REPORT IN BRIEF: Council minutes from the May 7, 2008 Council workshop meeting.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: n/a

CONCURRENCES: n/a

FISCAL IMPACT: not applicable

Has request been budgeted? n/a

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve

Attachment(s): May 7, 2008 workshop minutes

**TOWN OF DAVIE
WORKSHOP MEETING
MAY 7, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Truex, Vice-Mayor Luis and Councilmembers Caletka, Crowley and Starkey. Also present were Town Administrator Shimun and Town Clerk Muniz recording the meeting.

Development Services Director Marcie Nolan introduced Sagar Onta from Kittelson & Associates and explained that the purpose of the workshop was to obtain feedback from Council, which would be posted to the website for public comment.

Mr. Onta stated that a local road master plan was required to study levels of service standards, develop transportation system management strategies and to encourage alternatives to single-occupant travel. He stressed the outreach performed to solicit public comment and said he had prepared a memo with responses to the comments.

Mr. Onta said that the master plan was intended to help develop a roadway that could be used and enjoyed by all residents, not just motorists. The purpose was to address the Town's future roadway needs; provide proper connectivity; provide guidelines for transportation management strategies; provide appropriate functional classifications and roadway design standards and provide guidelines for right-of-way dedications. Mr. Onta gave a PowerPoint presentation detailing the Draft master plan recommendations.

Mr. Onta stated that the master plan included a project list with 85 items. Many comments were received from citizens regarding the individual projects. Citizens opposed widening 14th Street in the western part of Town, but Mr. Onta remarked that this was the only viable east-west connection in the area, and it was forecast to fail in the future and would require widening. If this was not done, there would be more potential cut-through traffic in neighborhoods. Citizens also opposed extending 26th Street to I-75, and the plan respected this, which would add to the problem on 14th Street. Citizens were also concerned about continuing 26th Street west of Flamingo to 130th Avenue, or connecting it with the existing 26th Avenue. The project called for connecting it to 127th Avenue instead.

Councilmember Crowley referred to areas of concern on the General Proposed Functional Classification Map. He noted this was cutting through Pine Island, Forest Ridge and environmentally sensitive lands. Mr. Onta explained that the master plan illustrated desired connections. The feasibility and desired alignment would be addressed at the project level. Councilmember Crowley pointed out that many of the connection proposals concerned land that the Town had vacated in the past. Mr. Onta said this connection had been included at the request of residents of the neighborhood.

Councilmember Crowley stated that the Town had also vacated rights-of-way on SW 26 Street and Boy Scout Road. Mr. Onta explained that no improvements were proposed on 26th Street from 142nd Avenue to 148th Avenue, in order to encourage traffic to use 136th Avenue instead of 148th Avenue. Councilmember Crowley pointed

out that many of the connections would involve eliminating canals. He remarked that he had many concerns with the Plan.

Councilmember Starkey had many of the same objections that Councilmember Crowley and the citizens had expressed, including the environmentally sensitive area in the Ridges and the promise not to connect 26th Street. Councilmember Starkey asked how the draft would be edited. Ms. Nolan explained that Council should express their ideas here and individual Councilmembers could also meet with staff and provide additional comments.

Councilmember Starkey listed specific project numbers from the project list that she wanted removed: 85, 13, 52, 46, 45, 30, and 27. Councilmember Crowley wanted Council to come to a consensus regarding which projects should be removed. Ms. Nolan asked for Council's consensus regarding which connections were viable and feasible, which staff should explore, and which staff should remove. She reminded Council that the study was meant to evaluate how the roadway system would operate in the future and identify possible mitigations and solutions. Ms. Nolan suggested that Councilmembers provide written documentation with their opinions, which could be addressed at future workshops. Mayor Truex suggested that Council create a list of projects to which they objected for staff to address at another workshop.

Regarding Project Number 62, Councilmember Caletka commented that it appeared the bottleneck was just being shifted and wondered how this would alleviate traffic. Mr. Onta explained that the only thing that would change here was the addition of a center turn lane, a bike lane and a sidewalk.

Councilmember Caletka asked Mr. Onta how he had rated how the roads were currently functioning. Mr. Onta explained how the data was collected and evaluated. He stated that they had not considered permits already pulled for new construction, such as Downtown Davie and Trotters Chase. Ms. Nolan clarified that Mr. Onta had used the traffic study data provided for the land use plan amendment in lieu of creating new traffic studies.

Vice-Mayor Luis asked how they would widen 14th Street where the roundabout had just been installed. Mr. Onta stated that the roundabout would remain the same and added that the widening would include a center turning lane, not an additional travel lane.

Mr. Onta pointed out that most of the improvements did not entail adding additional lanes. Most improvements included the addition of a turning lane or a bike lane. The exception was 14th Street from I-75 to 148th Avenue.

Mr. Shimun recommended that Council create lists to present to staff for review. Councilmember Crowley said he would meet with staff and the consultant.

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Approved _____

Mayor/Councilmember

Town Clerk