

## TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP

JANUARY 23, 2003

5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. Present were Mayor Venis, Vice-Mayor Clark, Councilmembers Paul, Starkey (departed 6:20 p.m.), and Truex. Also present were Town Administrator Willi, Attorney Dan Stump, and Town Clerk Muniz recording the meeting. Town Attorney Kiar was absent.

Town Engineer Larry Peters introduced Linda Laskin, representing Broward County Traffic Engineering Department.

Ms. Laskin gave a Powerpoint presentation and emphasized the key areas where the County would assist the Town of Davie. She spoke of various calming measures and criteria used to determine when these methods were warranted.

Councilmember Starkey thanked Ms. Laskin and felt that a cooperative environment with the County would benefit the Town.

Mr. Willi referred to the raised crosswalks Ms. Laskin mentioned and asked if they required lighting. Ms. Laskin indicated in the negative and clarified that this was an uncontrolled crosswalk.

Mr. Peters distributed speed and traffic studies and correspondence regarding various roadways and explained that each issue was in response to Council's request. He reported that this was a joint effort with the Police Department, the Fire Department, and Public Works. All information was presented to the County and the County had responded.

Councilmember Paul wondered why none of the concerns in District 4 were addressed. Mr. Peters indicated that a separate presentation would be given regarding this area, namely the Oak Hill area.

Councilmember Starkey spoke of the proposal for a separate ingress/egress for the Police/Fire departments next to Fox Trail Elementary School. Ms. Laskin indicated that this was Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) roadway because it connected to State Road 84 and they had to approve it.

Councilmember Starkey indicated that a community group, which included FDOT, had met and this recommendation had come from that group. She clarified that FDOT was in support of this with the conditions that delineators were installed for those exiting off of I-595. Councilmember Starkey explained that the problem was that parents from the school were using the Police Department parking lot and there was a fear that they would mix with the emergency traffic. Ms. Laskin indicated that the County was in support as long as there was some control, such as a gate. Councilmember Paul felt that it might be important to allow parents to use the access onto State Road 84 so that they did not have to get stuck in the traffic on Nob Hill Road, therefore alleviating some of the congestion. Councilmember Starkey asked that a meeting be scheduled with staff and the County to further address this issue, as it was far from being resolved. She addressed other concerns in the area including moving the "Do Not Block" sign to a more appropriate and effective location.

Mr. Peters spoke about conditions on SW 58 Avenue. He felt the improvements to Griffin Road might affect the results of the studies done. Mr. Peters felt that anything done on SW 58 Avenue would also be needed on SW 61 Avenue and explained the options that staff was considering.

Mr. Peters spoke of SW 76 Avenue and stated that the cause of the traffic concerns was Nova Southeastern University. He mentioned an interim solution to allow the acquisition of right-of-way to provide for the construction of the existing sidewalk northward.

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Mr. Peters referred to SW 78 Avenue and alternatives to help alleviate the problems there. He spoke of Nob Hill Road and the proposed access road to westbound State Road 84 and the resistance from the School Board. Mr. Peters discussed SW 57 Avenue and the problem that existed with emergency response access. He stated that residents had signed a petition to close part of the street.

Mr. Peters spoke about SW 92 Avenue and the arrival/dismissal pattern for Silver Ridge Elementary School. He explained that there were seven houses on the street, but the traffic was enormous due to the school.

Mr. Peters spoke of SW 20 Street in Summerlake Estates and the truck traffic issue. He advised of how this was resolved in cooperation with Florida Power and Light.

Finally, Mr. Peters referred to the Oak Hill neighborhood and asked Assistant Town Engineer Don Haumann to address Council. Mr. Haumann referred to the study and its boundaries and explained the phases of the study and how they were addressed.

Mr. Willi asked Council to prioritize the traffic issues based on the funds available for fiscal year 2002-2003. He asked Council for the areas in their districts that they felt were a priority.

Councilmember Paul asked if Mr. Haumann had any new findings. Mr. Haumann indicated in the negative.

Councilmember Paul felt that dividing the monies equally amongst the districts would not allow for any of the projects to be completed. She wondered what process should be used to prioritize Townwide rather than by District. Mr. Willi indicated that the \$100,000 designated might need to be augmented to allow for the scope of the projects. Mayor Venis wanted to see this come before Council with a complete list that would be "costed" out and at that time Council could approve supplementing the Capital Budget.

Vice-Mayor Clark did not see more than one suggestion from Engineering, whereas the County's Traffic Division had more than one suggestion. She felt that the operations of the Police Department should be considered when determining what types of traffic measures would be implemented.

Police Chief John George recommended that the focus should be on interior roads in the Oakhill area, such as SW 26 Street. He felt that speed enforcement only treated a symptom, but did not cure the problem.

Councilmember Paul felt that new developments should be required to bring their entrance features out to the road and provide some sort of traffic calming device.

Councilmember Truex felt that the improvements should be split up evenly amongst the districts. He felt that the suggestions made by Mr. Peters for his neighborhood were good, but he wanted residents to agree prior to beginning any improvements.

Councilmember Paul clarified that if the money was evenly distributed, no one district would have enough funds to appropriately address the traffic concerns. She reiterated that a tool should be provided that would allow Council to establish priorities and the budget would have to be amended.

Vice-Mayor Clark asked if the narrowing technique would work. Public Works/Capital Projects Director Bruce Bernard felt that various techniques should be used on a temporary

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basis to see if these techniques would have an impact. He felt that a master plan of the roadways was needed.

Councilmember Paul felt that staff understood what was needed to prepare a package of the necessary improvements and then cost them out on a temporary and a permanent basis. She also indicated her support for narrowing roads.

There being no further business to discuss and no objections, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

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Mayor/Councilmember

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Town Clerk