



Transportation and Infrastructure Planning Committee Meeting Summary

City Hall, Council Chambers
116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida 32266
Thursday, December 15, 2022, 10:00 AM

Members In Attendance

Mayor Elaine Brown
Vice Mayor Kerry Chin
Councilor Josh Messinger

Staff In Attendance

City Manager Stefen Wynn
Grants and Resiliency Coordinator Colin Moore
Public Works Director Jim French
Chief of Police Richard Pike
Mobility Management Director Megan Steward
Chief Financial Officer Danielle Dyer-Tyler
City Clerk Catherine Ponson

Call to Order/Welcome

Mayor Brown called the meeting of the Transportation and Infrastructure Planning Committee to order at 10:00 a.m.

Guest- Jim Gilmore, The Southern Group

Jim Gilmore, The Southern Group, stated that the mission that was given to him to discuss was how to bring tax dollars back to Neptune Beach, either one time or a sustainable basis. He represents The Southern Group, which is the largest lobbying firm in the State of Florida. He pointed out that last year, the firm brought back \$555 million back to their clients.

He spoke regarding a redevelopment agency. He advised that this is a way to bring tax dollars back over a 40-year time frame. He also added that COJ is the county government and they have responsibility above and beyond the services that they already provide.

Discussion ensued regarding CRAs and the timing of discussions with COJ.

City Manager Stefen Wynn reviewed other cities using lobbying firms.

Mr. Wynn advised that we could get a proposal from Mr. Gilmore and include either in his City Manager report or on the January 3, 2023 Council agenda.

Priority Projects

Mayor Brown stated that we have discussed the projects and we need to get it in the form of a handout that can be given when discussing.

Mr. Wynn presented an updated priority project list. The list has funding mechanisms added.

Public Comment

Chuck McCue, 1908 First Street, Neptune Beach, spoke regarding developers coming into the City. He stated that he does not see the need to hire a third party lobbyist. He suggested implementing impact fees that could pay for infrastructure.

Pat Hazouri, 700 Florida Boulevard, Neptune Beach, requested information regarding Atlantic Beach and the Jones Edmonds study that was done.

Shellie Thole, 124 Margaret Street, Neptune Beach, stated it is great that we are talking about the infrastructure problems. She requested at the beginning of meetings, a presentation of what has been done regarding the smaller projects that have been completed.

The committee meeting adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Meeting recordings are available at:

<https://www.nbfl.gov/minutes-and-agendas>