



Transportation / Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, August 14, 2019, 8:00 a.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers
116 First Street, Neptune Beach, FL 32266

Summary/Recap

Members In Attendance:

Vice Mayor Fred Jones, Chairman
Councilor Josh Messinger (8:35 a.m.)

Staff In Attendance:

Leon Smith, Interim City Manager
Peter Kajokas, Chief Financial Officer
Richard Pike, Chief of Police
Catherine Ponson, City Clerk

Also present was Marcel Dulay, Parsons Engineering

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order 8:04 a.m.

Old Business

Complete Streets CIP

Chairman Fred Jones stated the City is looking to complete improvements. Chief Richard Pike provided crash data for the past ten years. He also provided maps that reflected the crashes. He stated that there were 1,769 total traffic crashes. He reviewed the types of accidents and their locations. Chairman Jones added that this information would help prioritize where to make infrastructure improvements.

Marcel Dulay, Parsons Engineering, stated he would provide, based on the accident data, a larger, comprehensive one-page map that would show everything, including planned sidewalk opportunities and overlays. This would help build the network. This would also help in making decisions when determining what projects would be done each year. The new map would be presented at the next committee meeting.

Penman Road/Florida Boulevard Roundabout

Chairman Jones reported that the City of Jacksonville is issuing an RFP for a Penman Road Corridor Study. The study is going to look at the entire road, including ditches and crosswalks. He added the City of Jacksonville is looking for direction from Neptune Beach for the Florida Boulevard and Penman Road intersection. Chairman Jones suggested using the proposed study to look at that intersection. He also stated that there is an opportunity to do a demonstration project to test the roundabout conditions.

Chairman Jones suggested proposing to the City of Jacksonville, after Council discussion, the demonstration project to show how the roundabout would function and make it a part of the upcoming corridor study.

Oakhurst Drive Discussion

Chairman Jones reported that the Summer Sands Homeowners Association had met and voted to keep Oakhurst Drive closed. He added that this would continue to be a discussion point.

Dennis Smyser, 1510 Spindrift Circle W, Neptune Beach, stated he had submitted questions to the committee. He stated that his concern is that the City has elected to close a street and not provided any reason. He requested written answers to the questions for clarification. He would like to see the City provide entrance and exit using a security gate, at least for emergency vehicles.

Chairman Jones suggested a full Council discussion to move forward with some sort of direction. He added it would be helpful to have Mr. Smyser's questions answered and for our Police Department and City Attorney to gather information to help make a policy decision.

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.