



PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES - MAY 5, 2015

The Public Services Committee convened at 2:00 P.M. Those present were: Councilor Petruccelli, Chairman; Diantha Schear, Co-Chair; and Janet McKee, Citizen Member.

Also Present: Mayor Lawrence; Councilor Smith; Chief Hughes; Elaine Jackson, Town Clerk; Bonnie Dhonau, Town Administrator; Walter Pierce, Director of Finance; Art Newsome; Anne Miller; and Chris Stansel.

ITEM # AGENDA ITEM

1.0 Consideration of approving Committee Agenda for May 5, 2015.

Motion by **Janet McKee** – seconded by **Councilor Schear**, to approve the Committee Agenda for May 5, 2015. **Motion carried 3-0.**

2.0 Comments from the public on any Agenda item.

There were no comments.

3.0 Consideration of approving the Capital Improvement Project for construction of a tongue and groove ceiling in park pavilion and installation of ceiling fans.

It was determined that the funds for the project had already been approved and designated for this project in the Capital Improvement Plan and are from Penny for Pinellas; however it is a general practice to bring to Committee for approval before actually moving forward with big ticket items such as this project.

Committee members discussed the difference between ceiling fans and exhaust fans, whereby ceiling fans simply move air around and exhaust fans pull the hot air up and out, but are noisy.

Committee members discussed the problem with birds landing in the rafters and whether closing in the ceiling will eliminate the problem of bird droppings in the picnic area.

Councilor Petruccelli stated this would be an improvement that citizens will benefit from. The money is already available and he was in favor of moving forward with it.

Bonnie Dhonau, Town Administrator, explained this was an extension of the RFP for the construction of the pavilion and in the interest of saving staff time, the contract could be extended and the Town would not be required to go out for other RFP's. This project will not take funds away from other projects and will also include LED light fixtures.

Chris Stansel stated he thought this was not the best way for the Town to spend \$32,000, as it is for a building used only four times a year, and asked if there was a more inexpensive way to keep the premises clean than to build the ceiling.

Mayor Lawrence stated the pavilion is new; however the old pavilion had a constant issue with bird droppings, squirrels, rats and raccoons.

Councilor Smith stated he was in favor of the project, but it sounded like a lot of money for just a ceiling. However, it was a nice facility and if the bird issue is solved the pavilion might get more use.

Motion by **Councilor Schear** – seconded by **Janet McKee**, to recommend Council approve the Capital Improvement Project for construction of a tongue and groove ceiling in park pavilion, installation of ceiling fans, and LED light fixtures, in the amount of \$32,879. **Motion carried 3-0.**

The Public Services Committee adjourned at 2:15 P.M.



ELAINE JACKSON, MMC
Town Clerk