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Gulf Blvd. Beautification Ad Hoc Committee Agenda

Tuesday, January 23, 2018, 1:00 P.M.

Indian Shores Municipal Center, Fourth Floor

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Public Comments on any Agenda item
3. Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2017. (Ref.: Pgs. 1-6)
4. Update on Status of Beautification
5. Next Steps for Phase II Easements
6. Open discussion
7. Set time and date for next meeting.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elaine Jackson".

Elaine Jackson, MMC
Interim Town Clerk

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Gulf Blvd. Beautification Ad Hoc Committee

Minutes - December 12, 2017

The Gulf Boulevard Beautification (Planting) Ad-Hoc Committee convened at 1:04 P.M. Those present were: Councilor Hackerson; Art Newsome; Janet McKee; Tom King; Claudia Riva; and Larry Schear.

Also present were: Mayor Soranno; John Yackowski; and Town Clerk Stephanie Waters.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Janet McKee – seconded by **Art Newsome**, to approve the agenda for December 12, 2017. **Motion carried 5-0.**
(Absent Schear)

2. Public Comments on any Agenda item

There were no comments.

3. Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2017

Motion by Claudia Riva – seconded by **Art Newsome**, to approve the Minutes of November 14, 2017. **Motion carried 5-0.**
(Absent Schear)

4. Update on Status of Beautification

Councilor Hackerson said the demolition at Barefoot Beach would continue today and tomorrow. He said the Medjool Palms will be planted in the medians this week.

Councilor Hackerson said that planting the medians is out of order, so it does not mean that Ameriscape has completed all the other planting.

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Councilor Hackerson said that the project will run through the end of January 2018.

Councilor Hackerson said that connections to the reclaimed water system continue. He said Holiday Villas II did not have a backflow, so needs to be installed by the County.

Councilor Hackerson said the County is backed up until after the new year. He said 19916 Gulf Blvd needs to complete their request online for their reclaimed water.

Larry Schear arrived at 1:07 p.m.

Councilor Hackerson said the reclaimed lines are in at 19916 and 19812 but just need to be officially connected by the County. He said that Shore Haven, The Pointe, Civitan Club and Gulf Shores Condos are still in the process on connecting.

Art Newsome asked about Pipers and about Greg Mallare.

Janet McKee asked about the property north of Dr. Hunter's property, with the red roofs.

Councilor Hackerson said the planting is ongoing and still have Tiki Gardens to do. He said plants are going in as they arrive, so out of order from the original plan.

Councilor Hackerson said they have spent over \$611,000 of the \$1,074,000 contracted amount. He said it is taking longer to do, but Ameriscape is using a smaller crew and keeping costs low.

Councilor Hackerson said that when they are identifying properties to add into this phase of the project, he must look at and use the plants they have paid for to fill in. He said some of the properties have asked for less plantings than what were originally planned, and some are privately adding some more plantings.

Councilor Hackerson the title agency in front of Golden Shores will be having some changes made as part of the project. He said they will be closing the center lane of the parking lot to plant, which will require removing concrete in an area not functional as a parking lot.

Councilor Hackerson said that curb is being added at Barefoot Beach.

Art Newsome asked if there are properties with signed easement that will not be planted.

Councilor Hackerson said everyone with easements is getting planted.

Art Newsome said there is a property with an easement that should have been the third property done, and that he told them it will be done.

Councilor Hackerson said Ameriscape is waiting for some plants to come in. He also said that Ameriscape had fired their tree crew.

Mayor Soranno arrived at 1:15 p.m.

Claudia Riva said she was told that The Verandas were turned down from participating in the project.

Councilor Hackerson said The Verandas said no to the project, and that is why they are not receiving plantings. He said The Rose does not want anything in front and are putting some on the sides, and Walt Flora is still working with him.

Janet McKee said that there is a stucco house and a little white house near Holiday Villas II and 19616(?) with Australian Pines. She asked if anything was going to go there.

Councilor Hackerson said no, those properties were not part of the project.

Mayor Soranno said that Holiday Villas II has a dead palm tree and asked if it could be replaced for them.

Councilor Hackerson said he would know better in a month what would or could be done. He said that the \$611,000 figure he is using, of how much has been spent so far, include the cost of the one year maintenance agreement.

5. Next Steps for Phase II Easements

Councilor Hackerson said there is interested in people committing to or signing easements for what we call phase 2 of the project. He said that the Penny 4 needs to be worked out.

Councilor Hackerson said that the Mayor has spoken about the County's commitment to the BIG-C for Penny 4, but that nothing is official yet.

Councilor Hackerson said that the entire Town was planned when the landscape drawings were made. He said the portion they are calling phase 2 would probably be done under another contract.

Larry Schear asked if the Town could borrow against the future Penny.

Mayor Soranno said there is not yet an interlocal agreement with the County for those additional Penny funds to the BIG-C communities. He said he is still trying to find out if the Town expends money now, if it could be reimbursed under the new Penny.

Councilor Hackerson said in the future will be the second project or phase 2. He said the Committee should still collect information and keep a tally of who is interested, but would not want to start doing easements until something is official with the next Penny.

Mr. Schear asked if the easement length could be modified to commit those properties now.

Councilor Hackerson said he does not know if that would be a good idea, as he is currently facing issues with the current easement length/ He said there are problems that arise when the Home Owner's or Condo Associations change boards and a new president is not in the loop on the existing easement.

Janet McKee asked if she should still be knocking on doors to gauge interest in future participation.

Councilor Hackerson said it could not hurt to continue outreach.

Janet McKee said she needs help on her team because many team members are no longer around.

Councilor Hackerson said he would like to celebrate the win in January by completing this project. Then, he said, they could re-evaluate the teams and our needs.

Councilor Hackerson said that the Medjool Palms planted near Whitehurst have been opened.

Janet McKee said there are a lot of properties that they cannot find owners for.

Art Newsome asked if anyone with an easement as of a month ago would be planted.

Councilor Hackerson said that he is looking at Seagrapes still, as far as what he has available to put on that property.

Councilor Hackerson said that Amy's Place (Beach Bungalows) is on the list with an easement as is the old Swim Shop.

Tom King asked if the crew had begun using the spray for the mulch, as he has noticed some floating when he walks through Town.

Councilor Hackerson said they had spent \$700 on the first use of the spray but still have some areas to go.

John Yackowski said that Mr. Schear had finally got some names, phone numbers and email addresses.

Mr. Schear said no one answered calls and mail, so now he has some email addresses and other mailing addresses to try.

Councilor Hackerson reviewed everything he had discussed so far as far as a project update. He said that some of the smaller houses to the south would be receiving low shrubs, rather than trees due to concerns about the tight turns to get out of the homes and issues seeing cars as they pull out of their driveways.

6. Open discussion

Mr. Newsome asked if there was a layout for the medians available.

Councilor Hackerson said he has all the plans down in his office. He said the plantings will really pop once the Medjool Palms go into the medians.

Mayor Soranno said it looked like too much asphalt was being removed in front of Barefoot Beach.

Councilor Hackerson said the asphalt being removed is what they had requested and is in the approved plans.

Mrs. McKee asked if more plantings would be going in front of the Coffee shop to hide more of the patio area.

Councilor Hackerson said that there are a few plantings there that will fill in the area as they become established and we get into spring.

Mayor Soranno said a "No Parking Sign" was going to go in front of the Coffee shop's plantings.

Councilor Hackerson said that soon many of the plantings will start to bloom, so we will begin to see the color variations.

Councilor Hackerson said that there are some missing palms in the median by Park Blvd. and that any dead palms people may see are coming out. He said that the crew ran out of space on the truck and that is why some of the dead palms were not removed with the rest.

7. Set time and date for next meeting.

The next meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, January 23, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by **Art Newsome** – seconded by **Larry Schear**, to adjourn meeting. **Motion carried 6-0.**

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.



Stephanie V. Waters, CMC
Town Clerk