

## **Minutes from July 30, 2020 Council Meeting Re:Fill**

(Note that no vote was taken and there did not appear to be a consensus as to direction))

### **VILLAGE ATTORNEY / VILLAGE MANAGER COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **TAB 9: Conceptual Plan for the Fills- Public Works Director**

This item was heard at 7:09 p.m. Public Works Director A.J. Engelmeyer stated the Village was required to submit a Master Plan to FDOT as it was a requirement of the lease agreement. He explained the items suggested to Council could be considered as a wish list. Once the items were included in the Master Plan, staff could proceed with projects as funds became available. Mr. Engelmeyer identified the items on the list which included:

1. Installing a barrier along US-1 (12' shoulder)
2. Installing access gates to "No Parking" areas
3. Informational signs with rules
4. Paid parking (app-based parking system)
5. Asphalt parking spaces with striping and signs
6. Make the Indian Key boat ramp area a "No Swimming Zone"
7. Project for a permanent boat ramp with launching dock (grant funded)
8. Bathroom facilities at each parking location
9. Install charcoal grills at populated areas (excluding Indian Key boat ramp)
10. Install additional landscaping (possible FDOT funded project)
11. Vista/viewing lookout on the shoreline
12. Pedestrian underpasses under the bridges
13. Move informational sign at Indian Key Fill boat ramp
14. Access gate at boat ramp (limit use from sunrise to sunset)

Councilman Chris Sante confirmed it was a wish list and the Council could choose projects from the list.

Mr. Engelmeyer stated an engineer would create the master plan draft and it would be submitted to FDOT for their review. Once approved, the Village could move forward with the projects noting the barrier was the first project the Village would move forward with so as to remove the existing pylons and barriers.

Council and discussion ensued regarding

barrier and landscaping installation;

shoreline restoration by FDOT that would begin in the fall;

the FDOT landscaping and shoreline restoration projects would take in excess of a year to complete; barrier installation depends on FDOT restrictions and their ability to obtain access to FDOT project areas; and the higher installation costs of concrete barriers.

Vice Mayor Ken Davis suggested staff could piggyback on an FDOT contract to potentially reduce the projects costs. He stated that he would like landscaping in front of the barriers.

The Mayor noted that not all areas would accommodate landscaping due to the 12-foot shoulder requirement.

Mayor Mike Forster opened public comment.

Larry Barr commented that he was glad to hear the list was a wish list; and suggested using dividers similar to those on the US-1 highway between Monroe County and Dade County.

Robert Moser suggested an educational element be added to the wish list that addressed environmental concerns. The Public Works Director explained there were a few informational signs on Indian Key; and that the master plan would relocate the signs and could provide for additional signage.

Councilwoman Gillis and Mayor Forster expressed agreement with Mr. Moser's idea.

David Natho asked if staff had identified the cost recovery for the projects. Mayor Forster stated staff would pursue grants and FDOT funding.

Mr. Engelmeyer clarified that the list was just a wish list; and that staff would seek Council approval for any projects.

Sue Miller suggested keeping the list simple; opined that charcoal grills, underpass walkways and a lookout pier was not needed.

Mayor Forster closed public comment.

Mayor Forster expressed opposition to the grills and a pier.

Councilman Jim Mooney, with support from Vice Mayor Davis, suggested a community partnership such as the Adopt a Highway program.

Councilwoman Gillis stated she did not envision a pier that protruded over the water, but more of a shoreline platform. The Public Works Director stated he misspoke when explaining it as he did not envision anything that protruded over the water.

Councilman Sante recommended removing items that were "pie-in-the-sky". Mr. Engelmeyer stated FDOT had recommended asking for everything the Village could possibly want and that if an item was denied FDOT would most likely make a recommendation.

Vice Mayor Davis expressed agreement with including everything on the list and discussing options with FDOT when the time came.

ADJOURNMENT Councilman Chris Sante made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Jim Mooney. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.