



MINUTES
WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING
KINGS ROAD BRIDGE
MARCH 24, 2003 AT 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, 116 FIRST STREET
NEPTUNE BEACH, FLORIDA

Pursuant to proper notice a Workshop Meeting of the City Council of the City of Neptune Beach was held March 24, 2003 at 6:00 p.m., at the Kings Road Bridge and in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 116 First Street, Neptune Beach, Florida.

Attendance:

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Richard A. Brown
Vice Mayor James Gilbert
Councilor Harriet Pruette
Councilor Larry Shealy
Councilor John Weldon
City Manager Richard A. Linn

City Clerk Lisa Volpe, CMC
Director of Public Services Leon Smith
Supervisor of Streets Paul Williams

Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Kings Road Bridge

KINGS ROAD BRIDGE: City Council and members of staff met with the design engineers, Scot Jones and Lev Zilberman from Pitman Hartenstein & Assoc. for the repair of the Kings Road Bridge at the bridge.

City Manager Linn stated the engineers had provided a design and cost estimate to repair the abutment of the bridge. After the estimate was received the Department of Transportation did an inspection of the bridge. The inspection concluded that the stringers were cracking and splitting and two of them needed to be replaced. Street Supervisor Paul Williams stated his department did routine maintenance on the bridge by adding rock under the plates of the abutment.

The design engineers stated the cost to completely replace the bridge would be roughly \$400,000 and the cost to replace the stringers only would be around \$20,000. The gave two sketches of either a two lane bridge or a one lane with a sidewalk.

Council discussed a two part option of first to repair the abutments then to completely replace the bridge.

The meeting moved to City Hall and reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

Councilor Weldon stated he saw two problems: 1) to conform with the State compliance and 2) look at the long term solution.

City Manager Linn stated he could get an estimate for a one lane concrete span bridge

with a sidewalk and a separate estimate to bring the bridge in compliance.

The engineer suggested proceeding with the stringer repairs and deciding what type of bridge the city would like in the future. He added a timber bridge would be less expensive but it would require more maintenance.

Council agreed to a one lane concrete bridge with a sidewalk.

City Manager Linn stated he would need to have the engineers give some information so that the replacement of two stringers could be send out for bid or request for proposal.

Consensus: **TO MOVE FORWARD WITH REPAIRS OF THE STRINGERS AND ABUTMENTS.**

The engineer suggested the city write a letter to the Department of Transportation informing them the bridge was under repair.

City Manager Linn stated it would take 5 to 6 weeks to prepare a contract. He would have to shop prices get various quotes and then call a special meeting for approval of emergency repairs.

Easement on Florida Blvd.

City Manager Linn stated a special meeting would need to be called to approve the necessary easement on Florida Boulevard in order for the contractor to complete the water project. The easement was necessary because the contractor could not locate the underground utilities with the information given to them by the utility companies.

Councilor Weldon stated he would like to revisit the city's relationship with the engineer.

City Manager Linn stated the City Attorney was working on the paperwork for the easement and the contractor would be held up until the easement was granted. He added the State would approve the funds for change order in the loan for the project.

Council agree to hold a special meeting when the easement was ready so that work would not be unnecessarily delayed any further.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Richard A. Brown, Mayor

Attest:

Lisa Volpe, CMC, City Clerk

Approved: _____