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**Storm Resiliency & Infrastructure Development Review Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes for February 15, 2019
Location: City Hall, 117 W. Duval Street, Suite 400, Mayor's large Conference Room**

Meeting Convened: 1:30 PM

Mr. Mousa opened the meeting and thanked everyone for their willingness to participate on behalf of Mayor Lenny Curry and Council President Bowman. Mr. Mousa announced he is the Chair of the Storm Resiliency & Infrastructure Development Review Committee.

Mr. Mousa asked that everyone introduce themselves for the record. For attendance purposes, the sign in sheet is attached to the minutes.

Mr. Mousa asked Councilwoman Boyer to be the Vice Chair of the Committee and she accepted.

Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law

Mr. Mousa explained the Committee is an Ad-hoc Committee that was not created via legislation or Executive Order. Notwithstanding, the Committee must meet in the Sunshine. Mr. Mousa explained that members cannot discuss amongst each other any matter that might come before the Committee for a vote. Mr. Mousa advised the Committee that any document that is produced or distributed by the Committee is a public document. Any notes taken during the meetings by an individual member, but as long as those notes are not shared or distributed with other members, are not considered public record. The meetings are open to the public and there will be a designated time period at the end of each meeting for public comments, with limits to 3 minutes per person.

Mr. Mousa stated that there are two representatives from each jurisdictional agency and he can't take a risk that two individuals from the same jurisdictional agency talk to each other outside of the publicly noticed meetings. To ensure we do not violate any Sunshine Laws, we are asking that one member of each agency be the official Committee Member and the other be the Committee Liaison. The Committee Liaison will not be able to vote.

Committee Structure, Purpose and Goals

Mr. Mousa referred everyone to the Jacksonville Waterways Commission Resolution. This Committee was recommended by the Waterways Commission of which Councilwoman Boyer is

Chairperson. The resolution asks the Council President to form either a City Council Task Force or a City Council Special Committee to review the matters outlined in the Resolution. Instead, this Ad-Hoc Committee was created by the Mayor and Council President.

Mr. Mousa stated today for the first meeting we handle some organizational items, and outline where the Committee is headed. Mr. Mousa stated he believed there is some low hanging fruit that the Committee could address.

We are required to conclude the Committee before the end of June, 2019. Recommend meetings every other Friday, 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Mr. Mousa asked if there was any objection to the meeting day and time. There were no objections.

Mr. Mousa stated he has separated the title of the Committee between infrastructure hardening and infrastructure development. It should be easier to review our criteria and possibly recommend changes to our design criteria when it comes to new development. Where it comes to existing infrastructure, it may be a bit more difficult. Older drainage systems, older bulkheads, etc., will be harder to tackle. Mr. Mousa stated he would like to hear the Committee suggestions how we should attack this effort.

Mark Evans commented that we may need to investigate the limitations on the regulatory agencies as far as making recommendations on work. The regulatory agencies need to understand what the Committee is expecting from them as far recommending ideas where we have seen something work in the past.

CM Boyer stated the regulatory agencies should respond to ideas from the Committee that may or not work, or other ideas that may have worked in other areas.

Mr. Mousa stated that as a group we need to brainstorm how the City can improve on designs, both new development and retrofitting. Mr. Mousa provided an example of Bill Killingsworth reviewing a set of plans and how it is difficult it is to judge certain aspects like minimum contour elevation. This is a type of area we need to review and come up with ideas for improvements. Other areas to consider are how to prevent flooding, by looking at hardening and eliminate impact where we can. Mr. Mousa gave examples of the misconception of the 100 and 500 storm events. We want the expert opinions and feedback of the Committee to improve our drainage systems and minimize flooding in the county.

CM Boyer added that she has learned other jurisdictions in the state had made regulatory changes in their local code, whether it was building code or floodplain management, and achieved better FEMA ratings (CRS), which in turn has resulted in lower insurance premiums for the citizens. CM Boyer stated she believes there is an economic benefit to be gained as well as sustainability and resiliency of the city.

Mr. Mousa suggested we may need to establish two sub-committees, one Regulatory subcommittee to look at regulations and a Development Subcommittee to look at new development.

Greg Strong, FDEP stated that FDEP looks at the mitigation piece of the equation that once flooding occurs, how they drive improvements to the systems. Mr. Maher stated that a couple of years ago, FDEP contracted with a consultant to conduct a statewide analysis of sanitary overflow that were occurring statewide. The firm looked at a couple of coastal cities and took the lessons learned from the cities and folded that into recommendations for other utilities.

Mr. Mousa stated this is the type of feedback we are looking for from the Committee.

Mr. Mousa suggested we add a Jacksonville Electric Authority representative to the Committee.

There was discussion amongst several members regarding the 404 funds. Mr. Mousa stated that the City has instituted the HHGP grant in South Shores for 17 properties.

There was discussion amongst several members regarding pre-post. Mr. Mousa explained that if you have a direct discharge to the river, pre-post is not required, the requirement is waived. The definition of direct discharge was discussed. John Pappas explained we look at the capacity of the system.

Mark Evans suggested that the Committee not use acronyms and teach those who are not familiar with them, and the public the meaning of the acronyms used by the Committee.

Plan of Action

Mr. Mousa asked the Committee for suggestions on how we move forward with the plan of action. CM Boyer suggested we start with the “low hanging fruit.”

Mr. Mousa suggested that we start with the infrastructure development criteria. A presentation of what the City of Jacksonville and other jurisdictional agencies review and what their requirements will be presented at the next meeting.

Mr. Mousa requested Bill Killingsworth to disclose what he is doing with the AAA (Adaptation Action Area) Committee. Bill explained that as part of the Comprehensive Plan they look at the impacts due to a coastal flooding storm surge and sea level rise. The plan sets aside as an option to designate an area as adaptation and to set this area aside as a study. The Committee is looking at what policies need to change in the comprehensive plan and the land development regulations to protect those coastal areas, the infrastructure, environment, and any residents from those three things – coastal flooding, storm surge and sea level rise.

Mr. Mousa asked if jurisdictional agencies can provide a short briefing on what you look at when reviewing a retrofit or new development at the next meeting. Mr. Mousa asked John

Pappas provide either a listing or PowerPoint of what prevalent problems we are seeing in the county.

Mr. Mousa asked John Pappas and Bill Killingsworth to work together with Mike Sands (Planning Department) to identify the problems in the county such as fill problems, deteriorated interior infrastructure issues, and where these problems are located in the county.

Jim Mayer discussed living shorelines and Mr. Mousa asked Jim Mayer to bring information regarding living shorelines to the next meeting.

Mr. Mousa reminded everyone to follow the Sunshine Laws when communicating. Committee Members should schedule meetings as necessary and request Marlene to post meetings in advance to comply with the Sunshine laws. If you have any questions or information for a meeting, send the information to Marlene Russell and she will ensure the information is copied and provided at the next meeting. Any information you need about the committee, contact our staff representative, Marlene Russell.

Mr. Mousa asked each agency to decide who would be the Committee Member and the Committee Liaison. The following was decided by each agency:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Committee Member</u>	<u>Committee Liaison</u>
City of Jacksonville	Sam E. Mousa, Chair	CM Lori Boyer, Vice Chair
City of Jacksonville	John Pappas	Bill Killingsworth
City of Jacksonville	CM Jim Love	
SJRWMD		Geoff Sample
SJRWMD		Walley Esser
FDEP		Jim Maher
FDEP		Greg Strong
FDEP		Tom Kallemeyn
USACE		Mark Evans
FEMA		Patricia Smithline
FEMA		Marc May
JEA	Deryle Calhoun	Steve McInall
Navy	Eric Denfeld	

Mr. Mousa reminded everyone bring clear, concise bulleted information, so that we may educate each other and the public on what each agency looks for when reviewing plans.

CM Boyer recommended that information to be shared with the Committee be delivered in advance to Marlene so it can be distributed to the Committee in advance of the next meeting.

Public Comments

Speakers included:

Jim Seaton, resident of Riverside

Dr. Todd Sack, homeowner

Lisa Rinaman, St. Johns Riverkeeper

Casey Connor, Coastal Engineer

Mr. Mousa advised the public that if there are any suggestions or documents they wish to share with the Committee to email any member or to Marlene Russell, and the Committee would determine if the item(s) should be added to the agenda for further review.

Next Meeting

The Committee agreed to meet every other Friday. The next scheduled meeting is Friday, March 1, 2019, 1:30 pm.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:41PM

The written minutes for this meeting are only an overview of what was discussed, for any questions please contact Marlene Russell at marlener@coj.net.

Attachments:

Meeting agenda, February 15, 2019

Sign in Sheet, Meeting, February 15, 2019

Jacksonville Waterways Commission Resolution