

MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Martin P. Black, AICP, ICMA-CM, City Manager

DATE: November 1, 2006

RE: Periodic Update

The following updates are provided for your general information; should you have any additional questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Issue 1: Joint Planning Agreement

We are continuing our focus on reaching a consensus with county staff for the joint planning agreement. This work has been both substantive and time consuming for a variety of staff members. Several joint meetings are scheduled and support materials for Friday's meeting have been distributed under separate cover.

Issue 2: FEMA Mitigation Project

Dr. Woodley and her staff have received notice from FEMA that we will be receiving funding to retrofit City Hall for wind damage through the installation of shutters. The extent of mitigation will be a function of funds made available.

Issue 3: Proposed Airport Tenant

We have received a letter from the law offices of Williams Parker (Sarasota) on behalf of their client requesting an opportunity to negotiate with the city to lease the property along US Business 41 (old Circus Arena property) and portions of the airport property along the Intracoastal Waterway. There have been several parties seeking out office, motel/hotel and conference center facilities along US Business 41 at the south end of the island, the north intersection of US Business 41 and the US 41 Bypass, as well as at the Laurel Road and I-75 interchange. This is the first confirmed interest particular to the airport that has reached a formal expression of interest. No specific proposal has been presented by the group and we have requested delineation of conceptual uses in anticipation of negotiation meetings with the city attorney, airport manager and me over the course of the next several months.

Issue 4: FDEP Consent Order Compliance

The contractor has completed trucking of approximately 1600 yards of the lime by-product material to the airport and is mixing the soils at the airport this week.

Issue 5: Back Flow Prevention Requirements

The State DEP and County Health Department have confirmed that city will not be required to have property owners retrofit existing back flow prevention devices as part of the two year long discussion about appropriate standards for water quality and health safety protection measures. Utilities staff will be coming forward with an update and overview of the city's proposal at an upcoming city council meeting. This decision by the state and county will allow the city and our residents to maintain back flow prevention devices already in place and operating under previously approved policies. New construction will continue to be required to implement the different standards that had been put in place after the initial notice was received from the county health department.

Issue 6: Resort Dwellings in Single Family Zoning Districts

The Planning Commission has been confirmed to hear the appeal of the zoning administrator's determination on resort dwellings on January 16, 2007.

Issue 7: Althea's Restaurant

As a result of the owner's refusal to allow the fire inspector to conduct a routine fire inspection, the City Fire Chief and Fire Marshall coordinated with the State Fire Marshall's Office and the courts to obtain an administrative warrant to complete the inspection of Althea's Restaurant on October 25, 2006. A follow up inspection will be required as a result of five deficiencies that must be corrected by November 25, 2006.

Issue 8: Deputy Chief McGoogan

Deputy Chief McGoogan has submitted his letter of retirement to Chief Williams effective at the end of November. I have asked the Chief to evaluate the management structure of the department in light of several internal promotions and the vacancy created by Dan's departure.

cc: Charter Officers
CMO Staff
Department Directors