

MINUTES
FORT MYERS BEACH
AUDIT COMMITTEE
Town Hall
2525 Estero Boulevard
Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m. by Chair Rodwell. Members present: Dick Cote, Edward Lombard, James Rodwell and James Steele.

Excused: Daniel Hughes

Staff Liaison: Lisa Kolar and Maureen Rischitelli.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

IV. DISCUSSION WITH TOWN AUDITORS

Mr. Cote questioned whether new pronouncements came out last year that applied to municipal accounting. Mr. Sansbury from Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC replied that GASB Statements 72 and 74 would affect the other post-employment benefits plan (OPEB) in a few years, but they would have plenty of time to understand and digest it. Mr. Steele expressed concerns regarding a negative fund balance of approximately \$1.7 million for the stormwater utility and the fact that the Town has not implemented a stormwater fee. He pointed out that the Town forgave the Red Coconut debt in December of 2014. Mr. Sansbury responded that, to date, everything was in good order and he anticipated delivery of the financial statements in January. Mr. Wade will provide the draft to the Audit Committee before presenting to Town Council. Mr. Steele questioned whether the auditors reviewed the bidding process with large contracts. Mr. Sansbury replied in the affirmative.

V. UPDATES FROM STAFF

Committee
Audit members will pick up the Request for Proposal (RFP). The next meeting will be scheduled after the RFP submittals are out.

VI. MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS

Mr. Steele distributed a stormwater cash flow projection handout and a proposed fee sheet. He updated Audit members regarding the stormwater utility and reviewed projections from Tetra Tech and CDM. He noted the difference in costs between the two were due to total miles and cost per linear foot. He indicated that another difference was that Tetra Tech included repaving

the streets. Chair Rodwell questioned whether anyone examined the scope of work necessary. Mr. Steele remarked that, if they haven't, someone should. Discussion was held concerning the Proposed Fee and Borrow \$30 Million for 20 Years chart. Mr. Steele stated that in order to fund the stormwater project, the proposed monthly fee of \$26.50 would have to be increased to \$52.00 for every residential customer starting this year. Discussion was held regarding funding opportunities from FEMA and charges to Lee County, reducing the scope of service, impervious areas and credits for pervious areas, the effects of sea level rise and whether the Town could afford to move forward with the project. Ms. Rischitelli commented that the \$26.50 fee would put them on track to reduce the existing debt of \$1.6 million. Ms. Rischitelli indicated that before applying for the State revolving fund, Town Council had to define parameters so Tetra Tech could complete a facility plan.

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.
The committee appreciation dinner is tentatively set for Saturday, January 30, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Mound House.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mr. Steele moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Cote.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Adopted _____ with/without changes. Motion by DICK LUTZ, 2ND BY
(DATE) BO LOMBARD

Vote: 5-0 Signature: 

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