

Oak Harbor City Council
Special Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Oak Harbor Clean Water Facility Special Meeting at the Oak Harbor Elk's Lodge #2362 located at 155 NE Ernst Street, Oak Harbor.

Mayor Scott Dudley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. From 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., an open house forum took place at the Elk's Lodge.

Mayor Dudley announced that the purpose of this meeting is to update the community on the new Clean Water Facility and to discuss design possibilities at the downtown site.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Scott Dudley
Mayor Pro Tempore Danny Paggao
Councilmember Beth Munns
Councilmember Rick Almberg
Councilmember Joel Servatius
Councilmember Tara Hizon
Councilmember Jim Campbell

Staff Present:

City Administrator Larry Cort
Public Works Director Cathy Rosen
City Attorney Nikki Esparza
City Engineer Joe Stowell
Development Director Steve Powers
Project Engineer John Piccone
Exec. Assist. to the Mayor Kellye Mazzoli

Jeff McGraw, MWA Architect
Brian Matson, Project Manager of Carollo Engineers

Councilmember Bob Severns was excused.

PRESENTATION

City Engineer Joe Stowell provided a power point presentation regarding the history of preparing the plans, including a time line of the various phases of completing the Clean Water Facility. Mr. Stowell invited the community to participate in the conversation and become involved in the project.

Mr. Stowell explained the permitting process on the project before construction can begin, and then described some of the City's proposals including technical and supplemental site factors impacting the property and surrounding areas. The Engineering Department provided various illustrations of site concepts.

Citizen Comments

Skip Pohtilla

Councilmember Hizon inquired about parking directions. Architect Jeff McGraw answered Councilmember Hizon's questions.

Mr. Stowell opened the floor to questions and added that the name for this facility will have to be decided at some point.

Councilmember Almberg asked follow-up questions regarding parking in relation to the park. He suggested relocating the baseball field to a more desirable location and to free up traffic flow for the new Clean Water Facility.

Councilmember Servatius commented on the parking and traffic issues mentioned by Councilmember Almberg.

Councilmember Almberg discussed additional parking options for the plant. Jeff McGraw asked about desirable parking access at the end of the trail. Councilmember Almberg stated that he believes it is in the city's best interests to not lose any of the park footage.

Councilmember Paggao suggested that extending Bay Shore Drive would have little impact on the baseball field. Then he discussed the relation of the road to future the Facility plant with Joe Stowell.

Councilmember Munns recommended adding a small parking garage instead of parking on the street. MWA Architect Jeff McGraw stated that the expected growth of the development and public would need to be evaluated first.

Councilmember Hizon discussed the possibility of freeing up more space for the ball fields by rerouting school buses near Windjammer Park to park at public works instead.

Citizen Comments

Melissa Riker commented that parents enjoy having the ball fields near the Park.

Skip Pothilla remarked on the position of the proposed Clean Water Facility. Jeff McGraw explained that the design of the proposed angles pictured on the power point is not wholly identical to actual construction.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Scott Dudley thanked the members of the community for joining the Clean Water Facility Special Meeting and adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Anna M. Thompson, City Clerk