

CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA
INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY AND OVERSIGHT BOARD
MEETING 2021-01

Held on Monday, the 22nd day of March 2021, in the City Hall Council Chambers, 120 Malabar Road, SE, Palm Bay, Florida.

This meeting was properly noticed pursuant to law; the minutes are on file in the Public Works Department located at 1050 Malabar Road, SW, Palm Bay, Florida. The minutes are not a verbatim transcript, but a brief summary of the discussions and actions taken at the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Stephanie Kelly, Board Secretary, at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL:

CHAIRPERSON:	Thomas Gaume	Present
VICE CHAIRPERSON:	Rebecca Thibert	Absent
MEMBER:	Ann-Marie Fraser	Present
MEMBER:	Paul Edwards	Present
MEMBER:	David Jones	Present
MEMBER:	Terry Muller	Present
MEMBER:	Patrick Woodard	Absent

ALSO PRESENT:

Frank Watanabe, Public Works Director; Stephanie Kelly, Engineering Technician II (Board Secretary); and Vincent Colombo, Administrative Assistant.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- 1. Meeting 2020-12; December 28, 2020**
- 2. Meeting 2021-02; February 22, 2021**

The minutes were considered after Item 4, under Business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Non-agenda items only)

Bill Battin, resident, commented on paving Madden Avenue from north to south as a primary connector road. Garvey Road connected to Madden Avenue and would be a

primary connector from north to south from Malabar Road. to the canal. He requested that paving begin now because of the three new developments at Gaynor Drive.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review Madden Avenue Endorsement; Status of Unit 49 and Addition of Osmosis Drive (AGENDA REVISION)

Mr. Watanabe gave a summary of endorsement and requested clarification that the rest of the streets in Unit 49 were to be completed in Phase 5. Osmosis Drive was added by staff at the March 18th Council Meeting because it was the last east-west connector road not paved between Madden Avenue and DeGroot Road.

Public comments were heard for paving of Madden Avenue.

Leeta Jordan, resident, summarized her desire to have Madden Avenue paved in Phase 3, and the rest of Unit 49 would be paved in Phase 5.

Don Jordan, resident, said he wanted to advocate for others in the area with signatures to support paving of Madden Avenue.

Troy Douglas, resident, stated Osmosis Drive should be paved along Madden Avenue due to safety concerns. He was also under the impression it would be paved within three years and requested Osmosis Drive and Madden Avenue be moved to Phase 3.

Bill Battin, resident, requested that Unit 49 be given the same attention as other locations in the city with larger populations.

Brandy Douglas, resident, said she thought Unit 49 would be paved and she had invested money into a small business on Osmosis Drive with plans of the road paving being completed. She expressed concern about noise and safety issues.

Mr. Watanabe clarified the number of homes affected by the road paving and the number of pipes to be reviewed with the Madden Avenue project. He said that performing certain project operations at night, such as milling stockpiling efforts, was necessary in some locations because of traffic.

Motion by Ms. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Jones, to add Madden Avenue to Phase 3, and all other side roads in Unit 49 would be in Phase 5. Motion Carried unanimously.

There were no public comments for including Osmosis Drive in Phase 3.

Motion by Mr. Muller, seconded by Ms. Fraser, to add Osmosis Drive with Madden Avenue in Phase 3, and finish the remaining roads in Phase 5. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Review of by-laws (CONTINUED FROM MEETING 2021-02)

Motion by Mr. Muller, seconded by Ms. Fraser, to leave the by-laws as is. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Presentation on Types of Road Improvement

Mr. Watanabe gave a presentation on the five different types of road improvement. Mr. Jones asked if the Florida Department of Transportation knew about testing requirements. Mr. Watanabe responded that they were not involved in the process. Ms. Fraser asked what vendor was used for the City. Mr. Watanabe said it was V.A. Paving. Mr. Muller asked if there were any green projects with grants. Mr. Watanabe answered that vendors preferred green projects, if feasible. The City worked closely with vendors to evaluate all options and vendors were aware of the City's requirements.

4. Emerald Lakes Development Presentation

Mr. Watanabe gave a presentation on the Emerald Lakes Development and opened the floor for questions. Mr. Edwards asked if the project included Babcock Street. Mr. Watanabe confirmed same. Mr. Jones asked about the stages and ordinance requirements. Mr. Watanabe responded the project was in the early stages, needed utility approval, golf cart ordinance, and permitting. Army Corps of Engineers wetlands and waterway permit had new requirements this year so the City would need to gain approval. The new requirement was because the location was within 300 feet of a waterway. Estimated construction start time was by the end of the year.

Mr. Edwards asked what work was currently being done. Mr. Watanabe responded the first phase of construction for the Cypress Bay development was in progress. The plans and permits were completed for the interchange, which was an agreement between the City and Brevard County (County). The City had an agreement with developers to extend the road and begin commercial construction. The agreement was that construction would begin by next year at the interchange. The plans included future extensions of Micco Road, where the City would also need to gain permits and agreements with the County.

The City planned to increase relationships with the County's Public Works Department to work together throughout the project. The County would soon vote to spend \$2.5 million on a Babcock Street extension from Malabar Road down to the County line. Different parts of the road would require different types of improvements.

Mr. Jones asked if Cypress Bay was part of Emerald Lakes. Mr. Gaume responded that there were different developers in different areas that were working together as a team for the development as a whole. Mr. Watanabe clarified that Ben Jeffries was the developer at the interchange and he recently sold his portion to D.R. Horton.

Bill Battin, resident, addressed previous turmoil from the development at the exchange. He expressed concern that some portions of the exchange were still not paved and believed that the City was responsible for completing the east portion of the interchange.

Mr. Gaume asked Mr. Watanabe what the plans were for Emerson Drive from Malabar Road to Bayside Lakes Boulevard. Mr. Watanabe said he believed it was in Phase 5. Mr. Gaume asked if it needed micro-surfacing. Mr. Watanabe responded that it needed an overlay right now, but by the time of the project, it would a need mill and pave or full depth reclamation.

Mr. Gaume asked if staff had a chance to visit the sidewalks on Americana Boulevard. Mr. Watanabe said he had and that several sidewalk projects were being conducted for five schools/sidewalks, and the one referred to as Christa McAuliffe. They were all done with federal standards, and the projects were near completion.

Ms. Fraser asked about public input of future developments off Gaynor Drive. Specifically, information regarding Richmond Cove. Mr. Watanabe responded he would like to hold on that project because it was going before the Planning and Zoning Board (P&Z). Since the project was in the conceptual stage, he recommended waiting until after the P&Z meeting.

The Board considered Adoption of Minutes at this time.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

1. Meeting 2020-12; December 28, 2020

Motion by Ms. Fraser, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve the minutes as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

2. Meeting 2021-02; February 22, 2021

Motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Fraser, to approve the minutes as presented.
Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:21 P.M.

Thomas Gaume, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Vincent Colombo, Recorder