

# CITY OF PALM BAY, FLORIDA

## INFRASTRUCTURE ADVISORY AND OVERSIGHT BOARD MEETING 2022-05

Held on Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2022, 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 Mr. Gaume, Chairperson, at 7:00 PM.

### ROLL CALL:

<b>CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Thomas Gaume	Present
<b>VICE CHAIRPERSON:</b>	Rebecca Thibert	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Ann-Marie Fraser	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Paul Edwards	Absent
<b>MEMBER:</b>	David Jones	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Terry Muller	Present
<b>MEMBER:</b>	Carmine Vitale	Present

### ALSO PRESENT:

Frank Watanabe, City Engineer

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

#### 1. Meeting 2022-02; April 25, 2022

Motion by Ms. Thibert, seconded by Mr. Vitale, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS: (Non-agenda items only)

There were no public comments.

### BUSINESS:

#### 1. Update on the City's Vehicle Crashes and Vision Zero by Frank Watanabe

Mr. Watanabe presented a power point on crashes in Brevard County and in City of Palm Bay, noting that fatalities and severe injuries had risen from the previous year. The Vision Zero update focused on the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Target Zero approach to change the design and posted speed from the typical 85<sup>th</sup> percentile to a target speed which was based on actual highest operating speed. FDOT was currently reviewing several state roadway improvement projects with the change to the target speed and studies showed 21 projects with 5 mile per hour (mph) reduction from the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed.

Mr. Watanabe reviewed the Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Vision Zero Dashboard on accidents which was available for the public to access, and it was on the Space Coast TPO website. The dashboard had an interactive map of Brevard County which could zoom into a street or intersection to see the number of accidents from 2014 to 2021.

Mr. Watanabe reviewed the number of fatalities and severe injuries along most of the major collectors within the City of Palm Bay and noted Palm Bay Road, Babcock Street and Malabar Road, east of Interstate 95 (I-95), were State or County maintained. He said that only Malabar Road, from St. Johns Heritage Parkway to I-95, had 7 fatalities from 2014 to 2021 and all other streets were below.

Mr. Watanabe gave an update on a new Federal Grant program called “Safe Street for America” (SS4A) and that the focus was on safety improvements. The grant was released on May 20<sup>th</sup>, with a closing date for applications of September 15, 2022.

Mr. Vitale asked who could perform the speed studies. Mr. Watanabe responded that an engineering speed study could be performed by a local agency or county per the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and Florida Statutes in posting a speed limit.

Mr. Gaume noted that most of the accidents from 2014 to 2021 were probably more in the later years of 2021 since traffic had increased in Palm Bay since 2014. A member asked for a copy of the City’s Vision Zero policy.

Bill Battin, resident, asked the status of the Street Level of Service (LOS) and the new crosswalk on DeGroot Road near the Dollar General. Mr. Watanabe said that the city was in the process of updating the LOS of Streets with the Comprehensive Plan Update. Regarding the new crosswalk on DeGroot Road at Saxony Road, Mr. Watanabe would review the new crosswalk installation to make sure signage and markings were correctly implemented.

**2. Agenda requests for future meetings**

Mr. Gaume asked about naming the bridge on SJHP between Malabar Road and Pace Drive. Mr. Watanabe responded that such requests would be handled by the City Manager's Office.

A question was asked on the status of roadway improvements from the new developments. Mr. Watanabe advised that he would provide an update on same at the next meeting for developments in the northwest and southeast quadrants. Mr. Watanabe would also provide an update on the road paving and pipe replacements.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

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Thomas Gaume, Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Frank Watanabe, Recorder