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Town of Bayou, FL
Workshop Meeting, Town Council
May 23, 1996

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Councilmembers Present: Nancy Frey
Jim Kendrick
Carolynn Leach
Joe Skelly
Mayor Randall Drabczuk

Absent: Rene' Chamberlain

Staff Present: Manager Elvin C. Bell, Counsel Jeff McInnis and Engineer Spence King

The Mayor opened the meeting by announcing the purpose of the Workshop Session and the topics that would be discussed. He then called on the Manager to report on Town Security bids.

1. Town Security. The Manager reviewed the bid process and announced that bids were received from NYCO, American Security, Guardian, Fort Walton Beach Police Department and the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department. He reported on the contents of each bid, services being proposed and compensation listed in said service. The Manager announced that Ms. Darla Smith, a representative from Guardian, was present. The other bidders were not represented.

The Council discussed the merits of the proposals and the Town's need for security and/or law enforcement. Prior to the June Council meeting, the Manager will: (1) Attempt to negotiate a short-term contract with Guardian for the remainder of the 1996 fiscal year, and (2) Enter into additional negotiations with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office and the Fort Walton Beach Police Department to determine specific costs and levels of law enforcement services for the Town of Cinco Bayou.

2. Poles at K-Mart. Engineer King reviewed for the Council his studies of the poles along Luverne Street west of K-Mart, the turning and backing radius for trucks using Luverne Street to engress and egress the loading ramp at K-Mark, and the problems associated with damage to some of the poles.

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Mr. King will proceed with plans to design a larger turning radius for trucks, and the Manager will have all the poles along Luverne, Garnett and Irwin Streets (West of K-Mart) removed except the long poles with reflectors he had installed earlier this year. The plans for the turning radius will be brought to the Council for approval.

3. Opp Triangle. Engineer King reviewed with the Council various design features he had prepared that addressed the triangle at Troy, Opp and Kelly Streets. Following extensive Council discussion, a recommendation was submitted by Mr. King and the Manager to close Opp Boulevard in front of the Serigraphia business. Such closure, they opined, would afford a larger turning radius for trucks that service Serigraphia, would eliminate the constant damage to the triangle, and reduce vehicular speed for through traffic on Opp.

The Council reviewed the Engineer's plans and discussed various options. The Manager and Engineer will discuss the various options with management/ownership at Serigraphia for their in-put and suggestions and return to the Council with more information.

4. Code Enforcement. The Manager, Counsel McInnis and Engineer King reviewed in detail their meetings and discussions regarding the lists of apparent code violations that were submitted to the Manager by Councilmembers. Mrs. Abbie Tyner, Mr. Bryan Dumka and Mr. Tom Leach addressed the Council with their observations and concerns.

After lengthy Council discussion, the Manager reported that he will submit a bi-monthly progress report to the council on abatements.

Councilman Kendrick left the Council chamber at 8:00 p.m.

5. The Manager and Engineer briefly reviewed the list of capital improvements.

The Mayor announced that the Council had been in Workshop Session for nearly forty-five minutes longer than earlier agreed to, and he would adjourn the session at this time which was 8:45 p.m.

Randall P. Drabczuk
Mayor

Attest: Elvin C. Bell
Manager/Clerk