

WORKSHOP  
Approval of the City of Tallahassee's  
Updated Water and Sewer Master Plans  
December 14, 2010  
12:00 p.m.

The Board of County Commissioners met for a Workshop on Tuesday, December 14, 2010, to discuss approval of the City of Tallahassee's Updated Water and Sewer Master Plans.

Present were Chairman John Dailey and Commissioners Akin Akinyemi, Jane Sauls, Kristin Dozier, Bill Proctor, Nick Maddox and Bryan Desloge. Also present were County Administrator Parwez Alam, County Attorney Herb Thiele, and Board Secretary Rebecca Vause.

Chairman Dailey called the Workshop to order at 12:00 p.m.

**Facilitator(s):** Alan Rosenzweig, Assistant County Administrator  
Tony Park, Public Works Director

Mr. Rosenzweig offered opening remarks and introduced City of Tallahassee representatives in attendance. He added that the City and County have an existing Water and Sewer Agreement (WSA) that stipulates County approval of the City's Master Plans for Water and Sewer Service within the Urban Services Area (USA).

Mr. Rosenzweig provided a history of the WSA, commenting that the current Agreement was entered into in 2005 and runs through 2035. A PowerPoint presentation was utilized by Mr. Rosenzweig to provide background and analysis/overview of the both the Master Sewer Plan and Master Water Plan. (A copy of the presentation is included as part of the record). The overview included information on proposed target areas; budgeted projects in City's 5-Year Capital Improvements Plan; and data on areas the County felt should have been included but were not. Mr. Rosenzweig reviewed the planned water projects of interest to the County and noted that the water study revealed that the City water system is well-positioned to meet future water needs within the USA and that it is well "looped" requiring minimal improvements to meet future customer needs. He emphasized the cooperation between the City and County staff during the development of the plans.

Commissioner Discussion:

Commissioner Proctor emphasized the need to have clean drinking water as first priority across the County. He also offered to work on behalf of the Board with local, state and federal legislators to seek monies to fund water and sewer projects for the County.

Commissioner Akinyemi inquired of infrastructure deficiencies within the USA and ascertained from staff that sewer needs have been identified and water issues are being addressed by the City. Commissioner Akinyemi discussed with County Attorney Thiele the surcharge being charged to County residents and his interest in attempting to equalize the rates.

The Board entered into a lengthy discussion, led by Commissioner Dozier, on the need to identify funds to address the county's sewer needs. Commissioner Dozier noted that there are few options available to the County to assist in funding of sewer projects and reiterated her position on the extension of the Blueprint sales tax. She opined that the extension was a viable funding source available to the County and emphasized the need for community involvement in the development of proposed projects for the extended Blueprint monies.

Chairman Dailey expressed concerns about approving a 20-year Plan without knowing if approval of the Plan would allow it to be amended in the future, if needed. He cited as troubling the omission of a large area around Lake Jackson (NW Leon County), and Plantation Estates and Avondale Subdivisions in the Sewer Master Plan. Chairman Dailey stated that he would support a motion to postpone and bring back at later date. He also commended Commissioner Dozier for advancing the idea of extending Blueprint sales tax.

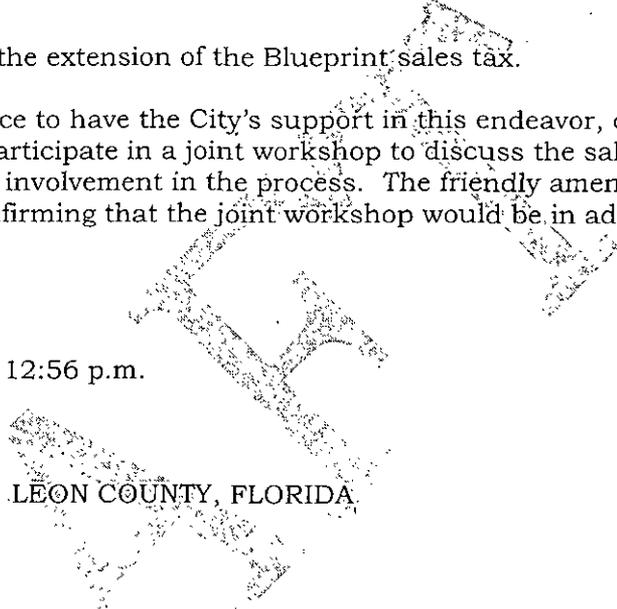
*Commissioner Dozier moved, duly seconded by Commissioner Proctor, to schedule a workshop in three months to address the infrastructure sales tax extension, possible projects and revisit the Water and Sewer Master Plans in that context.*

There was continued Board discussion on the extension of the Blueprint sales tax.

Commissioner Proctor noting the importance to have the City's support in this endeavor, offered a friendly amendment, to invite the City to participate in a joint workshop to discuss the sales tax extension and how to integrate community involvement in the process. The friendly amendment was accepted by Commissioner Dozier after confirming that the joint workshop would be in addition to the County's workshop.

*The motion as amended carried 7-0.*

Chairman Dailey adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m.



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ATTEST:

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Dailey, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bob Inzer, Clerk of the Court  
Leon County, Florida