EDGEWOOD CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING – MARCH 5, 2012

On Monday, March 5, 2012, the Edgewood City Council held a Special Meeting at Edgewood City Hall, 405 Larue Avenue, Edgewood, Florida. Council President Beardslee called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Council Member Powell gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge.

The following attendance is noted:

Attendees

Ray Bagshaw, Mayor
Judy Beardslee, Council President
Pamela Henley, Council Member
Lee Chotas, Council Member
Neil Powell, Council Member
John Dowless, Council Member

Staff

City Clerk Meeks
Police Chief Marcus

Engineering Firms Represented

FEG
Weaver Boos

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Council President Beardslee explained the purpose of the meeting is for the review and negotiations for City engineering services. In response to Council President Beardslee, Mayor Bagshaw explained the ancillary issues that the city no longer refers to current engineer.

Council Member Dowless Arrived For Meeting

In response to Council Member Henley, Mayor Bagshaw confirmed that the current funds in the budget for engineering are $55,000. In response to Council Member Henley, Sam Sebaali, FEG, said the 11 meetings included in FEG's proposal are interchangeable as long as it is the same amount of meetings.

Council President Beardslee said for clarification, Council did not plan to make a decision today but to narrow the list. Council President Beardslee noted the professionalism of FEG, as it related to past variances that came before Council. Mayor Bagshaw reported on the references that Cinnamon obtained, and he noted that FEG and BESH would be his top two choices based on references. In response to Council Member Dowless, Mayor Bagshaw said that none of the references noted that any of the firms went over the budget. Council President Beardslee stated that she hoped to have a Capital

Improvement Plan in place next year, which will require more engineering services. Mayor Bagshaw said that the City has the option to negotiate with another engineering firm to assist with the Comp Plan. City Clerk Meeks noted her history in working with comprehensive plans and said that it is good that Council can use a separate engineering firm for the comprehensive plan. She said that if the focus is for the comprehensive plan, the engineer Council selects would still have interaction with the engineer working on the comp plan.

Council Member Chotas said that he feels all four firms are qualified. He would like the number of days to give notice to terminate the contract be lengthened. Council Member Chotas is inclined to rely on the Mayor's recommendation (FEG and BESH). He said his initial ranking is to negotiate with FEG. Council Member Chotas said he did not see any language in any of the draft agreements that included writing grants. Council President Beardslee said she is not making grant writing a priority.

Mayor Bagshaw recommended beginning negotiations with FEG, and has City Attorney Smith ready to present at next Council meeting.

Council Member Powell made the Motion for the Mayor to pursue negotiations with FEG, second by Council President Beardslee. The Motion was unanimously approved.
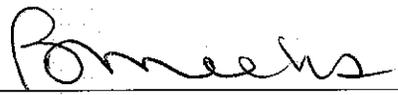
In response to Council President Beardslee's request for any other information before adjourning, City Clerk Meeks reminded Mayor and Council Members of the upcoming Tri-County luncheon/meeting, her request to submit newsletter articles, and sidewalk inventory available.

Council Member Powell said he would like for the City vehicle to be available to travel to Tri-County luncheon/meeting. Council Member Dowless said he would like for Tri-County to work to push legislation for Cities to be able to do more public notices online.

Having no further business, the special council meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m., on the Motion of Council Member Powell, with Second by Council Member Dowless.

Judy Beardslee
Council President

ATTEST:

Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM
City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL ON <u>July 17, 2012</u>.