

January 12, 2010

Chairman Hall: Good Morning.

Welcome.

I Would Like To Call The Board Of County Commissioners Meeting To Order.

Today Is Tuesday, January 12th And We Begin Our Meeting With An Invocation With Pastor Jim Rosemergy Of Unity Of Fort Myers, And Will Be Followed By The Pledge Of Allegiance.

Comm. Mann: One Comment As We Begin The Prayer.

Just Keep In Our Thoughts And Prayers The Life Of Bidy Lang.

Her Funeral Is At 11:00 This Morning.

She Was A Community Activist, Always Standing For The Good Of Our Community, And We've All Worked With Her Over The Years, And Our Community Will Miss Her Services And Her Good Wishes.

Thank You.

Good Morning, Everyone.

Let The Words That I Speak Be Those Of Your Own Heart.

May I Embrace This New Year With A Renewed Spirit Of Service.

I Am In Tune With The Creator's Laws That Establish Harmony And Order.

Because God Lives In Me, God Has Made A Home In Me, There Is A Devine Wisdom Present That Is Shining In Every Decision That I Make.

I'm Grateful For The Opportunities Of This Day, For The Divine Laws That Establish Order And Harmony, For The Lying That Is Always Guiding, And For The Order, The Light, I Am Deeply Grateful.

Thank You Dear Friend.

And So It Is, Amen.

Chairman Hall: Amen, Thank You, Sir.

I Pledge Allegiance To The Flag Of The United States Of America, And To The Republic For Which It Stands, One Nation Under God, Indivisible With Liberty And Justice For All.

I Have Nothing On The Recap, So Unless Someone Tells Me Differently, We'll Go That -- There Isn't Anything On The Recap.

I Have No Cards, Is There Anyone Who Would Like To Comment On The Consent Or Administrative Agenda? Seeing No One, I'll Move On To The Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Mann Anything To Be Pulled.

Comm. Mann: Nothing.

Comm. Judah: None.

Chairman Hall: And I Have None.

I'll Wait Until Commissioner Janes Gets Here, Maybes Sure He Has Nothing To Be Pulled.

Commissioner Janes, Did You Have Anything You Wanted Pulled From The Consent Agenda.

Nope.

Chairman Hall: Ok, No One Has Anything.

I Have A Motion By -- Did You Make A Motion? I Have A Motion By Commissioner Judah, A Second By Commissioner Mann, Further Discussion? All Those In Favor, Opposed The Motion Carries Unanimously.

Next We'll Go On To The Administrative Agenda.

Comm. Judah: Move The Leagues A Agreement.

Chairman Hall: I Have A Motion.

Do I Have A Second? I Have A Second By Commissioner Mane? Further Discussion? All Those In Further, Opposed? The Motion Carries Unanimously.

Authorize A Public Hearing On February 9th To Adopt And Execute The Proposed Amendment Of Right Of Way Ordinance.

Comm. Janes: So Moved.

Chairman Hall: A Motion By Commissioner Janes, A Second By Commissioner Mann, All Those In Favor, Opposed.

It's 4-1.

Comm. Judah: I Have A Protest Vote.

Chairman Hall: 4 To 1 With Commissioner Judah With A Protest Vote Of No.

Comm. Bigelow: Is It Recorded That Way.

Chairman Hall: No, But We'll Offer Him That Extra No.

14-A, I Have A Motion By Commissioner Judah, Second By Commissioner Janes.

The Motion Carries Unanimously And Lastly Item 14-B, A Motion By Commissioner Judah, A Second By Commissioner Janes.

Further Discussion? All Those In Favor? Opposed? The Motion Carries Unanimously.

Now, Aid David, We Were Scheduled For A Public Hearing Today At 5:00 But We Have Nothing On The Agenda For 5:00.

Is That Correct? No.

Chairman Hall: I Thought It Was, It Was On My Calendar.

I Don't See Anything.

So The Reason I'm Asking That When I Get Down To The End Here I Will Ask If There's People From The Public.

Ok, Thank You.

We Have No Public Hearing.

We Have No Walk-Ons Or Carryovers, We Go To Commissioner Items.

Commissioner Mann.

Comm. Mann: I've Got A Couple.

I Just Think Need Airing And Thinking Out Loud About Here Amongst Us All So That We Understand Where We.

Comm. Judah: I Apologise, Commissioner.

Sheldon, You're Good To Go.

Keep Up The Good Work.

Sorry, Thank You.

Chairman Hall: Yes, Commissioner Mann.

Comm. Mann: I Would Just Ask All My Colleagues Here Today To Share Their Thoughts About The Daltrey Resignation.

And I Would Like To Go Back To Last Week, Perhaps -- I Mean It's Obvious I Did Not Understand The Gravity Of The Issue Of The Liaison Position.

As You Recall, Madam Chairman, I Had Supported Your Move To Eliminate Quite A Number Of The Liaison Positions Because I Didn't Think They Were Doing Very Much.

They Sort Of Lost Their Meaningfulness.

On This, I Recall There Was One Liaison Position Commissioner Janes That You Asked To Be Left In, And Madam Chair You Agreed With It Right Away.

When This One Came Up Last Week On The Smart Growth Committee, You Were Resistant To Allowing That Liaison Position To Be Reinstated.

I Obviously Did Not Understand The Gravity Of It Because When I Found Out About The Resignation Of Mr. Daltrey, I Asked Him To Come Visit With Me And I Said, What Triggered This? As Best I Could Interpret Our Maybe Five-Minute Conversation, I Got The Impression That He Sensed A Lack Of Support For The Mission Of The Smart Growth Committee, And Him Personally As The Director.

So He Felt Unappreciated, Unwanted, Like Whatever He Was Trying To Do For Us Was Not Working.

And Because The Liaison Issue, That's What Triggered His Resignation Which Was Tendered The Very Next Day.

So, What I Think I'm Asking Of Each Of You Is To Share With Me Your Own Thinking About The Smart Growth Committee.

The Smart Growth Policies, Because I View That As A Critically Important Component Of All Of The Policies That We Have Here, Guiding Us In The Future Direction Of Lee County.

And If It Appeared To The Director, It Probably Appeared To Others That We Were Downplaying The Significance Of The Smart Growth Role, I Don't Think That's What We're Trying To Do Here.

And I Thought In Retrospect Now Commissioner Judah, That I Think That's What You Were Trying To Say.

I Want To Know Where We Stand On Smart Growth, As A Party Of A Policy For The County Of Lee.

I Would Appreciate Each Of You Taking A Minute Or Two And Sharing, Because I Think It's A Tragedy That We Because Of His View Of Lack Of Confidence, We Have Lost One Of The

Smartest, Most Respected People In The State Of Florida And One Of The True Experts In Smart Growth When We Lost Wayne Daltrey, Because Of His Feelings That We Had Lack Of Confidence.

So Where Are We On Smart Growth? Comm. Judah: If I Could, Madam Chair.

Chairman Hall: Well, I Would Like To Accommodate Commissioner Mann's Ask I Was Going To Go Down The Line, And I Think We Need To Have The County Manager Speak Because I Didn't Know That Our Policy Had Changed.

So, Obviously Commissioner Mann Has More Information Possibly From The County Manager Than The Rest Of You Do, Why Don You Start Commissioner Judah.

Comm. Judah: I Was Going To The Suggest The Same Thing, And That's To Allow The County Manager Karen Oz.

Chairman Hall: You're Not Speaking Loudly.

Comm. Janes: Speak Up.

Comm. Judah: That To Put Things In Perspective We Would Afford The Opportunity At The Outset For County Manager Oz To Give Us The Insight In Terms Of What Was Planned For Smart Growth, What Had Been Planned For Mr. Daltrey And Let The County Manager Put That In Perspective And Then We Can Further Discuss, Base On Those Facts.

Believe Me I Want To Discuss This.

Comm. Mann: With The Greatest Respect, And I Want To Hear From The County Manager And She And I Within The Last 30 Minutes Have Discussed This Issue, But I Think What The Public Needs To Know Is Are We As A Board Individually And Collectively Committed To The Basic Concept Of Smart Growth.

Comm. Judah: Of Course.

Chairman Hall: Of Course.

The If You Want Just A Yes Or No, Commissioner Bigelow Yes, Commissioner Judah, Yes, Commissioner Janes.

Comm. Janes: Are You Planning Of Asking This Of Everybody Who Quits? Comm. Mann: I'm Asking The County Commissioners.

Comm. Janes: Are You Going To Ask Us Every Time Someone Quits, Whether Or Not We Continue To Support The Program.

Comm. Mann: I'm Sorry That You Have Taken This With Some Type Of Office.

-- Offence.

So That This Doesn't Happen Again.

Chairman Hall: As Chair, Let Me Bring The Order Here Because Commissioner Mane -- Mann Has Put In A Request.

I Know That Last Week, When Commissioner Judah Brought Forward The Liaison.

I Thought We Very Much Expressed Our Support For Smart Growth, And The County Manager Had Presented A Workshop That Was Occurring Between The Smart Growth Director And His Committee.

And That They Were Going To Be Facilitating A Reorganization And Direction For Smart Growth.

At That Point Once That Was Finished, If A Liaison Needed To Be Put In Place, We Would Do It.

If Not That Would Be The Call Of The Committee To Tell Us What They Were Look For From This Board Of County Commissioner Commissioners.

But As Someone Who Ran On Smart Growth, Someone Who Believes In Smart Growth.

Someone Who Absolutely Have To Have Smart Growth To Take Us To This Next Phase, Smart Growth Has Always Had 110% Of My Is Up And Those Initiatives, And So I Don't Believe That There's An Issue Whether We Support Smart Growth Or Not.

And It's Disappointing For Me To Find Out That Because A Liaison Ship Was Not Initiated For The Following Year, That Triggered A Series Of Events That May Have Been Resolved If There Had Been More Communication, But I Think There's Consensus That The Concept Of Smart Growth, With That I'll Let The County Manager Discuss Her Thoughts On This, Because If There's A Direction That You're Prepared To Take Us In And You're Not Aware Of It Yet, I Think The Board Would Like To Know What Is Happening And We Would Like To Know That Collectively.

Good Morning, Commissioners.

I Would Be Happy To Address That.

The Smart Growth Director Reports Directly To The County Manager.

And There Are Two Issues Here.

One Is We Addressed Yesterday Afternoon At The Management And Planning Committee Was That We Have Some Tough Budget Issues Coming Up.

Yes, I Have Done A Reorganization.

I Have Not Had The Opportunity To Talk With My Senior Management Staff.

So, I Would Like That Opportunity Before That Is Released To The Public.

The Next Is The Smart Growth Director, The Committee Itself Was Established By Administrative Code Back In October Of 2001.

And For A Two-Year Period And A One-Year Renewal.

Then In 2004, It Was Made A Permanent Committee.

However, At That Point In Time There Was No Really, No Administrative Code.

Now, Do We Have To Have One? No.

But, But To Have A Purpose And A Clear Direction For A Committee To Operate Is A Good Thing.

Otherwise It Can Go Haywire.

Since May Of Last Year, And Shortly After, I Took The Interim Position.

This Board Asked About Our Advisory Committees That Something Under The Charter That I Am Looking At, As To How Our Committees Are Formed.

What Purpose Do We Have And It Ties Into Budget Also.

We Have Staff At A Are There At Those Committees.

We Have An Expense At Those Committees.

So We Want To Make Sure That There Is A Purpose And That There Is An Outcome To The Citizen Committees That We Have.

Talk To The Smart Growth Director Since Last May About Having An Administrative Code, Had An Additional Conversation This Past December In Which I E-Mailed About An Administrative Code.

We Don't Really Have The Detail That We Need For This Advisory Committee To Operate.

And Committee Members Have Expressed That To Me.

So, That's Kind Of Where We Are.

I'm Open To Any Questions.

Chairman Hall: Commissioner Mann, Since This Is Your Item, I Will Afford You And You Want To Either Continue To Ask Questions Of The County Manage Or Commissioners.

Comm. Mann: That Is Not My Question, And I'm Not Trying To Put Anybody On The Spot, But Frankly I Thought Perhaps Each Of You Would Welcome The Opportunity To Say A Few

Words About Rather Than Just Announcing There's A Consensus That Supports Smart Growth.

Those Are Just Words.

I Would Like To.

Comm. Judah: And I Would Welcome That Opportunity If I Could.

Comm. Mann: Since You Were Wrapped Up In The Middle Of This Last Week, You In Particular,.

Chairman Hall: Wrapped Up In What? Comm. Mann: And Mr. Daltrey Personally.

Where Did We Go Wrong? How Did This Fall Apart? Where Would You Like To See.

Chairman Hall: Why Don We Afford -- Smart Growth Is Really Critical To This Community.

We Need To Have Some Direction, Smooth Growth Also.

And That's The Listen Why We Appoint.

There's 17 Members Of This Committee.

That Come Together On A Monthly Basis.

We Need To Have A Purpose For Them To Be There.

We Need To Have Subjectives Identified.

And We Most Certainly Need To Implement A Smart Growth Program.

Chairman Hall: Ok.

With That, I Will Assuming That Commissioner Would Like To Comment, I Would Afford Them The Opportunity.

Commissioner Judah You Obvious Want Some Time On This Issue, So Please.

Comm. Janes: Madam Chair, If You Don't Mind Commissioner Judah, Yes, Commissioner Janes? Comm. Janes: I Want To Make A Comment That I Feel That I Want To Point Out That I Was Instrumental In Getting The Smart Growth Initiated In Lee County.

And With The Lee County Board Of Commissioners.

I Did That Back In 2000.

I Argued For It Before I Was Even Elected That We Need To Have A Smart Growth Program.

And Fortunately My Colleagues Supported That.

So, I Still Am And Will Be A Strong Supporter Of Smart Growth.

But Now On The Other Hand, Any Time An Employee Comes Up To Me And I Don't Care Who He Is, He Comes Up To Me And Says I Quit, I Accept Him As His Word.

He Quits.

I'm Not Going To Ask Him Why, Nor Am I Going To Launch A Huge Investigation In Front Of The Board To Find Out Why In Minuscule Detail, Why, I Don't Think That's Productive And I'm Not Sure That Even If We Were To Find Some Reason, That If We Resolve That Reason, And Offer The Guy The Job Back, That He Would Take It And B, I'm Not Sure If He Took It Would Be The Same As It Was Before He Left.

Things Have Changed, And I'm Not Sure That That's Helpful For The Organization Either.

Taking Too Long On This Issue And I Think We Ought To Move On.

Chairman Hall: I Appreciate That, I Was Going To Go Down The Line, Commissioner Judah.

Comm. Judah: Thank You, Madam Chair.

Commissioner Mann, I Couldn't Agree With You More, This Is A Sad Day.

He Is Widely Respected Throughout The State.

Particularly In The Area Of Growth Management.

And I Know Many Within County Government Have Relied On Wayne Over The Years.

Not Just As A Smart Growth Coordinator But Somebody Who We Can Seek Advice, Wisdom, His Sense Of Balance And Providing The Appropriate Information That We've Needed Collectively, Whether It's The Attorney's Office, Individual Commissioners, To Be Able To Ensure That We Indeed Practice What We Preach In Term Of Smart Growth.

I Personally Was Devastated Because I've Known Wayne For Several Decades And Have A Deep Respect For Him.

I Also Recognize We're In A Situation Trying To Form A Government.

Commissioners Can't Get Involved In Personnel Matters And I Have A Lot Of Respect For Our County Manager Karen.

I'm Frustrated From The Standpoint That And It Was One Of The Reasons Why I Brought The Issue Back Last Tuesday For This Board To Consider With Myself Volunteering As The Liaison To Assure Wayne Daltrey That He Had The Support Of This Board, And The Efforts That He Has Put Forth To Get Us To The Point That We Are Today Over The Years He Has

Taken A Lot Of Valuable Input From Members Of Our Community That Culminated In The Ultimate Complete Streets.

And Action This Board Has Taken.

He Has Helped Develop This Committee A Comprehensive Energy Policy That Was Go To Be Coming Back To This Board For Adoption.

But When You Think About As Well With Advice He Has To Natural Resources To Myself Personally With A County Coalition, The Drgr Study Done By With His Assistance.

You Can't Replace Someone Like Wayne Daltrey, You Just Can't, And I'm Saddened By The Fact That I Had Personally Asked Him That, And The County Manager To Her Credit, Had Freed That Even Put Budget Stair Situation She's Grappling With, She Would Consider Bringing Mr. Daltrey Back Under Contract, As A Consultant To Assist Us In Specific Projects.

I Said Well, That Would Be A Wonderful Opportunity To Continue To Have Wayne Assist Us As We Move Forward.

Ian Get A Chance To Talk To Wayne About These Options Out There, And I Have To Be Careful About The About What I'm Passing On The Message That The County Manager Indicated That These Options Would Be Available As Perhaps A Consultant.

I Didn't Have That Opportunity To Express That To Him And Certainly Didn't Have The Opportunity To Let Him Know That If January's Meeting With The Smart Growth Committee Turn Out That It's More Of An Implementation Phase Now, That There Would Perhaps Be Additional Opportunities For The Smart Growth Committee To Still Meet, Then I Was Going To Ask This Board Once Again To Demonstrate To Wayne, And This Board Fully Supports Him And His Effort.

I Didn't Get That Opportunity Before You Turn His Resignation.

And I Understand Why The County Manager Acted As She Did And Selling That Resignation.

I Would Like To Think That If Wayne Would Be In Agreement, We Industrial That Opportunity, Bring Him Back As A Consultant Or Even Perhaps Through Some Other Options Such As Maybe Under Contract With Another Organization, For Just Perhaps That G.C.U.

I'm Very, Very Frustrated.

I Don't Want To Get Angry.

I Don't Want This To Be Divisive.

I Just Know That We Have Lost A Very, Very Valuable Person That Has Been Instrumental In Making Sure That We Are Accountable With Managing Our Resources Appropriately.

I Know The County Manager Has Been Very Open In Terms Of Options That Are Out There

For Mr. Daltrey And Hopefully In Time, We'll See Him Back In The Saddle In One Way Or Another To Help This Community.

Chairman Hall: Thank You, Commissioner Bigelow.

Comm. Bigelow: Thank You Madam Chair.

First Of All I Apologise For Being Late This Morning.

I'm Nursing A Back Injury, And It Is Causing Some Difficulties For Me.

Especially In This Weather.

So Hope You Will Accept That Apology For My Tardiness.

You Know, I've Had The Opportunity Almost Every Week To Meet With The New County Manager.

Something That's Been Really Invaluable To Me.

I Try To Do The Same With The Former County Manager, And He Just Cancelled Meetings, And Then Just Stopped Meeting.

That Was Unfortunate.

The Working Relationship I'm Building With The New County Manager Has Instilled Me A Great Deal Of Confidence In Her Because I'm Staying In Touch With Her, And Able To Question Her On Her Actions As I'm Viewing Them On A Very Frequent Basis.

We've Talked About This, Talked About It Just Last Friday, And You Know, I Guess If We're Going To Try To Manage The County Manager In This Way, What I Would Prefer That We Do, Take A Deep Breath And Step Back And Perhaps Each Of Us Talk To Our Smart Growth Committee Members, Our Appointments.

Ask Them What Their Thoughts On The Program So Far Are.

Maybe Talk More With The County Manager, I Would Like To Talk To More Daltrey.

I've Not Heard From Him.

I've Had No Disgruntled, Until I Started Reading About It In The Paper.

So I Guess, If We're Going To Do Something Here Today Or As A Board To Try To Alter What's Taken Place, Which I'm Extremely Uncomfortable With Doing, I Think That We Ought To At Least Have Great Cause For Some Pause Her To Look At This More Closely, Individually.

Chairman Hall: I Think Commissioner Mane, He Wanted To Hear Your Comments On Smart Growth.

I Mean, I'm A Full Supporter Of Smart Growth.

I'm Going To Sit Up Here And Judge The Fruits Of Their Labor Over A 10-Year Horizon? You Know I Would Be Hard-Pressed To Applaud The Earths.

I Real Would.

I Mean That's My Estimation.

Big Peculiar Perspective Here, We've Allowed 10 More Years Of Urban Sprawl Just To Go Unreined, And I'm Not Pleased With That, Unfortunately.

So I Think There Has To Be Some Course Correction.

County Manager Has Told Us That She's Going To Unveil Her Reorganizational Chart At The End Of The This Month.

Would Like To See That.

This Is Part Of That.

I Think I Can Be Ok With That So Far.

So, I Really Hate Being In This Position Right Now.

But It Is What It Is.

Chairman Hall: Thank You Commissioner Bigelow.

Obviously Two Commissioners Have Had Some Interaction With The Smart Growth Director, I Have Had None.

When I Went To Look At The Liaisons And The List, I Sat Down With Karen And Said Here Are Liaisons That I Don't Find To Be Productive.

Most Of The Time A Liaison Because There's Some Issue, Otherwise These Are Advisory With The Community, And Then We Get To Have A Conversation About Those Decisions, From This Perspective.

Each Offer Us Works In Our Own Capacity On Items Of Passion, I Certainly Know Community Planning Has Been One Of Mine.

And I Certainly Have Spent A Lot Of Time With Wayne And Mary When I First Got On This Board.

I Passionately Believe In Smart Growth.

So Much So, That I When Back To School To Learn More About Urban Plan.

I Heard What Commissioner Bigelow Said About Urban Sprawl.

I Had A Big Peculiar Understanding Of It, But Felt Maybe My Inability To Articulate A Direction From Sitting Here Because I Understand The Technical.

I Did Go Back And Have A Little Bit More Technical Background On Planning To Assist Me And Finding A Mechanism That Would Accelerate The Goal That We've All Had On This Board And To Be A Part Of Making That Smoother Rather Than Making It More Difficult.

I Have Been The Smart Growth Liaison For Two Years.

I Have Attended Infrequently The Meetings.

The Reason For That Is That There's A Lot Of Debate In Conversation That Goes On In Those Meetings And There Was No Benefit When I Was There, It Was A Different Debate Than When I Wasn't There.

And I Reached Out To My Committee Members, And Said If You Feel I Need To Be There, You Let Me Know.

Otherwise You Need To Continue Working Together As A Team And Bringing Forward These Issues Through Mr. Daltrey, To That Effect.

So I Didn't Speak To Wayne About That.

I Was Literally Looking At This From An Administrative Standpoint And Stepping Back.

The Process I Went Through And I Certainly Would Have Welcomed Mr. Daltrey Coming To Me And Saying I Perceived This As A Lack Of Your Support, Because I Would Think It Would Be Directed To Me Since I Was The One That Made The Recommendation For The Liaisonship, But I Have Not Had That Opportunity To Speak To Him Nor Has He Contacted Me.

I Went To The County Manager And Shared My Thought Process.

I Didn't Have Anything Other Than Trying To Find More Efficiencies With Our Time And The Things Happened.

I Know That Commissioner Judah Had Looked At One Of Those And Said Do You Think We Should Have This One On There.

I Said I Would Prefer Not To, Just To Have Your Name As A Liaison, I Didn't See The Purpose Of That.

And I Saw Where Some Of The Liaisonships, No One Was Attending The Meetings Anyway.

Why Put That Negative On A Commissioner If There's No Reason For You To Be There, Why Be There? If You Need Us There, Any One Of Us Would Volunteer, Pick Who You Would Like

And We'll Do It.

I Did Not Have A Chance To Speak To Mr. Daltrey On The Liaisonship.

If It's That Critical To Him, I Would Really Would Have Welcomed And Wish He Would Have Come And Said, Called Me Or Whatever.

I Didn't Even Get A Phone Call Or A Message.

That Was My Misunderstanding And When You Brought It To Me On Tuesday, Commissioner Judah, Again, Not Having Any Background On It, Certainly Didn't Realise The Critical Nature Of It.

And That Goes To Talk More About Good Communication And Productive Communication.

Smart Growth Is A Key Come 40 Pep Of What We Need To Do In The Future.

We Need To Enhance And Support The Urban Center, So We Can Actually Have Transit And Rail And All The Things We Talk About On A Daily Basis.

How That Gets Done, I Agree With The County Manager.

We Have To Determine How That Gets Done, And There Has To Be Outcomes And There Should Be Goals And Objectives And Time Frames.

Because When Smart Growth Comes Up With An Idea, It Then Has To Go Through Mary's Department.

It Has To Touch A Lot Of Departments To Come In For A Landing.

It Has To Go Through Transportation.

We All See That Every Time We Do A Compound Amendment, How Many Departments Have To Integrate To Do That.

So, I Have Smart Growth Initiatives Have 110% Of My Support.

That Is Never Going To Change For Me.

I Will Find It, I Just Can't Imagine My Position Ever Changing On This.

I Agree That Many This Time That We're In Right Now, There's Going To Be A Lot Of Changes And Some People Adapt Well To Change And Some Don.

And We Have To Articulate In A Better Way That Here Not Communicating Lack Of Support, Because We're Changing.

And I'm Disheartened To Hear That's The Perception That Because We're Making Changes, We Don't Support Something Or An Initiative That We've Invested Tremendous Amounts Of

Money, Over A Million Dollars.

Multimillion Dollar Into This Initiative.

We Will Never -- I Can't Imagine A Majority Of This Board Ever Abandoning That Investment.

On A Personal Note, Mr. Daltrey Has Been An Invaluable Asset To Me When I First Got On This Board.

He Worked Very Closely Because Community Planning Is My Passion.

He Helped Me Champion The Board Support For Adding Another \$25,000 To Community Planning.

He's Helped Me Champion The North Fort Meyers Community Plan.

We Would Have Never Have Gotten As Far As We Did Without Him, He's Worked On The Drgr And I Have To Say I'm Proud Of His Work He's Done On The Drgr.

I Was Frustrated With That Process.

And Mr. Daltrey Helped Align My Thinking In A Way That I Could Feel Better About 50% Of It, And Not Feel Terrible About 100% Of It.

And I Think That Was A Big Accomplishment On His Part.

And He Is An Invaluable.

I Served With Him On The M.P.O.

And I Have A Long Acquaintance With Mr. Daltrey.

Certainly Not A Friendship But A Very Strong Acquaintance And A Huge Amount Of Respect For His Ability.

The Last I Heard From The County Manager In This Regard Was That There Were Going To Be Some Changes And Possibly The Smart Growth Director Would Go On Contract And That That's The Extent Of My Conversation With Her.

If There's More Chitter Chatter Out About That, I Only Am Not The Person Who Nose About That.

And I Welcome And Opportunity To Continue A Dialogue With The County Manager, And I Certainly Would Welcome You Know, A Personal Conversation With Mr. Daltrey To Not In Any Way Jeopardize Or Impede My Responsibilities As A Commissioner As It Relates To The Charter.

But I Don't Know What Else To Say Commissioner Mann.

I Hope This Accomplishes What You Were Striving, And I'll Turn It Back To You, Since This Was Your Commissioner Item.

Comm. Mann: Thank You Madam Chairman And Thank You Each For Your Own Comments.

I Hear The Words Being Spoken That We All Support The Concept Of Smart Growth That Needs To Be A Fundamental Part Of Our Policy-Making Decisions Around Here.

I Want To Get Into I Don't Think I Said Anything About Trying To Undo The Resignation.

That Was Not My Intend At All.

I Wanted To Make Certain That The Events Of This Last Week Regarding The Director Of Smart Growth Office Do Not Leave The Impression That This Commission Is Somehow Smart Growth, And All That Needs.

I Thought It Would Be Beneficial To Have This Conversation And I'm Profoundly Grateful For Your Candor.

Time Will Tell Whether We Are Totally Committed Or Not.

But I Appreciate The Positive Comments From Each One Of You.

Thank You.

Chairman Hall: Any Other Item.

Comm. Mann: Yes, Ma'am, I Do.

Comm. Judah: Madam Chair, I See County Manager.

Chairman Hall: I'm Sorry, Karen, Any Further Comments? Commissioners, I Just Wanted To Reinforce That I'm Totally Committed To The Smart Growth.

It's Very Important To This Community.

When I Took This Job I Considered It Over A Two-Week Period And I Took It Very Seriously And I Have A Responsibility To Make Sure That We're Moving In The Right Direction.

That We Have Clear Direction And That We're Following The Policies.

That You Direct Us To Make.

When I See That There's Something That Needs To Be Clarified, Then I Will Move In That Direction.

And One Of Them Is This Situation.

I Go Back And Look At The Blue Sheet, That Created This Smart Growth Committee And It Has Done A Wonderful Job.

And He Has Done A Wonderful Job In Bringing Smart Growth To The Forefront Of This Community.

There Is No Doubt In My Mind On That.

I Have Total Respect, And Admiration For Mr. Daltrey.

However, When I Look At Our Committee, There Is 17 Members, 15 Appointed, And Two Designated Positions For The Designated Positions Being One Of County Commissioner, And One Of The School Board.

But It Goes No Further Than That.

It Doesn't Say Whether You're A Liaison, Whether You're A Member, Whether You're Not, It Needs Clarified And A Lot Of Our Committees Will Be Look At All Of This Just Not Smart Growth.

But All Of Our Advisory Committees Because We're Utilizing County Resources, We're Spending Money.

And Having Staff Support To These Committees.

And We Need To Make Sure That They're Effective, Because Those Members Of Our Community That Are Volunteering Their Time And Their Voices Should Be Heard.

So We Need To Make Sure We're Moving On The Right Track In This Committee.

In February And Mar, We Had Planned To Have A Facilitator Come In And Assist With Direction So That We Could Bring That Purpose Statement.

We Can Bring Those Objectives Back To You, To You All, And Have You Review Those And Give Us Your Direction To Move Forward So That Was The Future Plan Of Smart Growth, It Wasn't Going To End, And In Looking At A Reorganization, When You're Looking At Any Shift In Anything, You Need To You Know, I'm New To This.

I Don't Know Everything There Is To Know About All That.

That's Why I Look To My Senior Manage Team To Give Me Some Insight Into And When I'm Shifting Things Around, It To Make Sure Those Functions Are Covered, That We Know We Can Do The Job That You're Directing Us To Do.

So Smart Growth, I Just Want To Say, Is Important.

It's Important To You All, It's Important To County Staff, And It's Very Important To This Community.

Chairman Hall: Thank You.

Commissioner Mann, Further Item.

Comm. Mann: Yes, And The Perhaps A Good Segue, County Manager Made Reference To Senior Manage Team And For Years Around Here On Wednesday Mornings, The Senior Management Team Gets Into The Room With The County Manager, And They Discuss Issues Of The Day And What's Going On.

You Know And Commissioner Hall, You Attended That Last Meeting.

Chairman Hall: Yes, The First Of The Year.

Comm. Mann: And I Wanted To Make Certain That No Matter What Goes On At Those Meetings, Seems Like Within Three Minutes Of Disbanding, That Everything That Was Talked About Is Seems To Be All Over The Courthouse And It Quickly Hit My Office At One Of The Subjects That Came Out In Your Very Positive Address To The Little Group, And I Want To Make Certain This Was Not Misunderstood And Also I Felt The Matter Needed To Be Aired Here Was Some Comment To The Effect And This Is Third Hand, I Know That's Why I Wanted To Bring It Up And Get It Straight, That There Was Some Reference From You To The Senior Manage Team As To Whether It Was Caution Or Be Careful How You We'll Do That, Or What The Words Were, That's Why I Want To Hear From You, But It Made Reference To Their Dealing Or Accepting Direction From Other Commissioners.

And That They Should Take Care If Sufficient Was Being Asked Of Them.

And I'm Trying To Understand What You Were Trying To Say, And I Think What Needs To Be Happening Here Is If There's Some Concern About Improper Direction By Any Of Us, To Our Staff Out There At Any Time, That's A Discussion That Needs To Be Held Here, And That's What I'm Asking For.

So I Just Need To Know The Point That You Were Trying To Make And Please Share It With Us, So If We're Doing Something That In Your Judgment Is Inappropriate, I Want To Hear About It.

Chairman Hall: Well, I Guess We're Still A Government Of Gossip, But Let Me Try To.

I Don't Know What Was Exactly Said To You Commissioner Mann, But I Will The He Will You That, And I Guess I Will Look To Karen, My Effort In Starting And Sitting In On The First Staff Meeting Of The Year As The New Chair Was Basically To Let The Staff Know How Much Work Needed To Be Done This Year.

Pretty Much My Comments At The End Of Tuesday's Meetings To Them, How Proud We Were Of Where We've Been, And Where We Needed To Go.

And I Committed To Them As Chair That I Would Support And Ensure That Specific Direction Be Given To Them On A Regular Basis.

No One Commissioner, And What I Said Was No One Commissioner Directs Policy.

We Do That As A Majority.

And Better Yet When It Is All Five Of Us, But When It's Not It's Still A Majority.

I Would Do Everything In My Power As Chair A When One Of Us Makes A Statement That Has An Implication Of Policy Change, That We Would Clarify That Is The Majority Board's Will, Not Just Someone Saying It, Because There Have Been Times When I May Say, I Would Like To See This, And It Didn't Quite And Staff Would Go Through All These Gyration Only To Come Back, That Wasn't Board Direction, It Was A Comment By Me.

If You Feel That You're Having Undue Pressure Or You're Feeling That You're Getting Direction From Individual Commissioners, That Are Not Policy Or Don't Have, Please Go To The County Manager And Clarify.

Because We Do Not Have You Are Working A Lot More With Less, An Time And Keeping Us On Track Is Going To Be Important.

So Our Communication And Our Ability To Be Able To Accommodate And Accomplish What We Need To Do With Quite A Few Less Employees Is Going To Be All The More Important.

So Let's Be Sure We're Communicating Clearly.

That Was Simply That.

It Wasn't Specific To Any One Commissioner.

It Was A General Statement In Whole As It Relates To Us Moving Forward This Year With All Of The Challenges That We're Going To Have Regarding We're Going To Have A Lot Less People To Do The Same Amount Of Work That We've Had In The Past.

And I Would My Efforts Here Were To Be Sure That We're Clearly Giving Appropriate Direction.

Not Anything More Than That Commissioner Mann.

So, How That Was Taken Out Of Context And I Would Look To Karen, Or Jim Or Anyone Else Who Was In That Room, I Think David Or Maybe It Was Andrea That Was There, I Don't Think I Said Anything Above That, But You Know.

I Don't Know.

Concern Hear What They Want To Hear, I Guess.

Commissioners I Apologise For This, Because My Expectation And I Think All Of The Department Directors Around The Table And When I Relate To My Senior Manage Team, It Is This Team That's Right Here.

But Then You Know I Have That Group Grew, And We Meet On The First Floor And Any One

Of You Are Welcome To Attend That Meeting.

But, The Director's Report To The County Manager, And I Apologise To You That A Proposal Staff Person Would Take This Back To Anyone Of You.

An I Don't Know What Was Said Or What, But I Can Only Say That Many Times Things Are Taken Out Of Context For Their Own Personal Agendas.

Thank You.

Comm. Judah: Madam Chair? I Need To Get A Clarification.

Karen, And I'll Respect Which Ever Way You Want To Proceed On This.

In The Past, If I've Had For Instance Like A Meeting This Morning With Mayor Larry From Fort Meyers Beach Who Had An Interest With Regards To The Land Down There, That's Going Through Foreclosure Tomorrow, It Was Imperative That When The Mayor Came Into My Office, That I Have The Appropriate Staff So I Asked Karen Mcgwire And She Was Kind Enough To Be Present And Answer The Questions That The Mayor Had.

But In That Particular Instance, In The Past I Would Call A Department Director Or Call Staff To Be In On That Meeting, Whatever It Is, Regarding Whatever Issues So They Could Provide The Information To Assist In The Discussion.

Would You Prefer In The Future That If I'm Going To Ask County Staff That I Call And Make Arrangements Through Your Office? Or Am I Still At Liberty To Call A Particular Department Or Division For Purpose Of Being Available For Constituent Meetings.

You're Welcome To Call The Department Directors Directly And Ask Him To Be In The Meeting, And I'll Clarify That.

We're Still Going Through Some Of These Administrative Changes.

Yes.

Called The Department Director.

What We Don't Want Is Specific Direction Given To Any, You Know The Charter As Well As I Do.

Comm. Judah: I Understand.

Thank You.

Chairman Hall: Just For Clarification, I Never Insinuated And I'll Go Back To Everyone In That Room, I Never Insinuated That You Shouldn't Attend A Meeting With The Commissioner.

That Was Not My Comment.

My Comment Had To Deal With Direction On Policy, That A Majority Of This Board Has Supported, And That We Would Make Sure That Before A Meeting Ended That We Would Make Sure That Was Clear Direction So We Don Have People Running In 50 Directions.

I Myself Use Staff On A Regular Basis To Sit In On Meetings Because I'm A Policy Maker.

I'm Not In The Trenches Every Day.

It Makes No Sense For Me To Meet With A Constituent On A Specific Issue, Only To Call Staff Get The Information And Call The Constituent.

I Agree With You Commissioner Judah, To Have Staff In These Meeting.

That Certainly Is Not Giving Policy Direction Or Sending Staff Off To Do You Know 10 Years Of Research, In Two Day.

So, That Was Not, That Have Not The Just Of My Comments.

It Was Not Insinuated That Was The Just Of My Comments And Again I'll Look To This Staff To Say Did You Take Away From That? That's What I Said.

I Don't Think So Because It Was Certainly Not The Intention Of Those Comments.

And I Think It Is A Bit You Know, I'm Going To Appreciate The Dialogue That We're Having Here.

But I Certainly Also If I Brought As A Commissioner Item Every Item That I've Heard About My Colleagues, Whether It Be From Well From Management Staff Or Individual Staff, We Would Spend A Lot Of Time On Commissioner Items.

I Think We Need To Put In Con Text When These Thins Are Said And Certainly The County Manager Is Available And So As Many Of Our Management Staff To Say What Happened In This Meeting Before It Cools To This Level, And I Guess I'll Go Back To Taking 20 Minutes To Have This Discussion, But I Don't Think Those Meetings Are Recorded.

If They Are You Can Get A Copy Of The Tape And Read Exactly, And That Might Articulate More And Your Own Personal Interpretation May Be The Same Or Different But I Think They Are Recorded.

Comm. Bigelow: Are They? Chairman Hall: No? Well, Whatever.

Ok.

Commissioner Mann, Anything Else? Comm. Mann: Madam Chairman, I Brought This Point Up Simply As For Clarification By You.

You Fell The Need To Bring This Issue To The Senior Staff.

And My Earlier Question Was Surely Something Triggered That.

And If There Was Some Concern About The Behavior Of Anyone Of Us Or Collectively All Of Us In Dealing With Staff, Then That's What My Point Was.

We Need To Discuss That Here And Make Certain We All Understand It.

And You're Correct And I Appreciate You Pointing Out That All Of Us, There's Not A Week Goes By That Don't Have Some Conversation With Our Staff.

And Certainly Our Own Aides Are Talking Daily With Staff To Try Just To Do Our Job That We're Elected To Do, To Help The Constituents Out There, So That's Always Going To Happen.

But If You Thought Either As An Individual Commissioner Or I Don't Know You're All Speaking As Chair For This Chair I Suppose, That Somehow We Had Crossed The Line, Then I Just Wanted To Say That Because The Impression Was That One Or More Had Crossed That Line, And Folks Needed To Be Warned About It.

But That's A Discussion Needs To Be Held Right Here, If There Is That Concern By Any One Of Us About Another One.

This Is The Place That Conversation Should Have Begun.

I've Discussed This With Miss Haas And I Appreciate Her Candor, And I Told Her This Very Morning That There Is A Line That's Fuzzy, That We May Accidentally Cross, But I Hope We Don't And I Think We Try Not To In Our Dealings With Constituents And Trying Communicate Effectively With Staff And Get Information From Them.

But If There's Every A Time When It Looks Like Someone Is Leaning On Somebody, I Hope Brings It Back Here As Quickly Or Is Dealt With Correctly So We Don't Accidentally Fall Into An Abyss That We Need To Clarify.

Chairman Hall: It Was A Conversation I Was Having With The Staff.

My Comments Were Not Specific To That.

They Were Very General, And There Was No Specificity To That Comment, It Was A Very Broad Statement That Someone Took Very Personal For Whatever Reason.

Now, Not Knowing Who That Individual Was, And Not Having The Conversation That You Had Commissioner Mann, I Don't Know Under The Context Of What They Felt It Was Specific.

Because It Certainly I Had Nothing Specifically In Mind Other Than A General Statement.

But, I'm Glad We Could Clarify It.

It's Always Good To Touch Base Back With The County Manager Here In A Public Forum.

So That We Understand Our Role.

We Certainly Have Seen The Negative Challenges When A City Manager Or County Manager Impedes The Process And Makes It More Difficult For Elected Officials, So We Have A Wonderful Working Relationship With Our Staff, We Have A Working Relationship With Our County Manager.

And By No Means Do I Think That That System Is Broken.

So, Again I Apologise.

Do You Have Anything Else? Ok.

Commissioner Judah, Do You Have Anything.

Comm. Judah: I Do.

First Of All, Last Thursday Was The Ground Breaking For The Restoration, Some 55,000 Acres In Collier County.

The Old Golden Gate Estate Subdivision That Much Like Lehigh Acres In Cape Coral, A Lot Of The Land Was Subdivided And Roads Crisscross Through The Area.

Some 17,000 Property Owner Were Negotiated With By Federal And State Government.

And It All Culminated Thankfully, There's A Complete Resurgence With The Commitment To Everglades Rest Russian.

And It Was Very Heartening To See After The Ground Breaking That Took Place A Few Week Weeks Ago For The Elevation, The First One Mile Of Bridge That's Going To Allow For Greater Flows, Into Everglades National Park, That We Are Now See The Restoration, The Filling In Of Old Canal.

The Restoration Of The Old Roads.

And Replanted With Native Vegetation.

It Bodes Well For Protecting Concerning Fresh Water Supplies, Proper Amount Of Rain Runoff Into The Estuaries An Certainly Improvement To Recreational Value.

But I Just Wanted To Remark That The Most Recent 25th Everglade Coalition, You Also Attended Madam Chair Was Probably The Most Upbeat That I've Ever Had The Opportunity To Attend.

Not Only With The Celebration, The Restoration But The Further Commitment By The Water Management District To Not Only Acquire The 73,000 For Improved Storage And Runoff But Several District Board Members Actually Very Interested, In Furthering Their Aim To Acquire More Sugar Land, Through Exercise And The Option They Took Out.

Again To Ensure Proper Storage And Conveyance Of Flows To The South Nurturing, And Restoring Florida Bay And The Everglades.

This Is All Really Good News, And I've Got To Tell You, The New Colonel That Took Over Is One Of The Same Mould.

Very, Very Keenly Interested In Working With All The Stake Holders Making Sure We Provide A Balance Approach And I Just Was Ecstatic Over The Fresh Vibrant Enthusiastic Commitment For Everglade Because It Bodes Well For Lee County.

That's For Sure.

Madam Chair I Have A Couple Of Items.

The E.P.A. Is Moving Forward With Requiring An Implementation Of New Merrick Water Quality Standards.

The State Is Going To Have To Follow Their Leading They're Doing The Percentage Of Clean Water Act As You Well Known, And They're Having A Workshop At The Holiday In, Palm Beach On February 18th, If It's Appropriate, I Know Attorneys Wanted To Make Sure And We Received Staff Received A Sufficient Direction, And Certainly I Don't Know If You Were Planning On Attending.

But I Can Go Either Way As Long As One Intends To Pass On The Message That Our Natural Resource Staff And Legal Will Need To Get Together On And Package A Position Paper That We Can Then Deliver Personally At That Workshop.

Chairman Hall: I Think Last Tuesday We Determined Roland Would Be Preparing The Public Statements And Get It Back To This Board For Approval.

And Depending On The Date If You're Volunteering And Want To Do That, Doesn't Matter If More Than One Goes And Sits In And Listens To That.

Absolutely.

So Right Now We're Just Waiting On The Team To Come Back With Their Dialogue, And Have The Board Approve That Position.

And Then You Certainly Are Welcome, Bill The Person To Deliver That Message.

Comm. Judah: I Appreciate That, That Will Be February 18th, And One Other Item.

Every Day Evidently With The Gulf Coast Town Center And Fgcu There's Been An Impasse Or Somewhat Of A Less Than Already Agreed Upon Commitment To Provide Shuttle Service Between The Fgcu And Gulf Coast Town Center And Maybe Someone From Our Attorney's Office Could Speak To That, If We Need To Step In As A Commission To Ensure That The Gulf Coast Town Center Fulfills Their Commitment, I Know Fgcs Is Very Concerned And What Appears To Be A From That Committed To.

Pardon Me? We're Checking Information Right Now.

And We Will Be Meeting With Commissioner Hall, And Staff To Discuss It.

To See What The Next Appropriate Action Would Be.

And Whether It Is Necessary For Us To Get Video At This Time.

Because Really Our Involvement In An Enforcement Mode Is Limited To The Four Corners Of Our Zoning And Development Order Approval For The Project.

And If There Is Room Within Those Four Corners To Fine Them In Some Kind Of Violation At This Point, We Will Bring To You A Question, The Full Board As To What Action Should Be Taken, But Right Now I Think We're Still Collecting Information, And We're Going To Be Meeting With Commissioner Hall, And From There We Will Be Advising The Whole Board On The Status And Whether Action Is Appropriate.

Comm. Judah: Thank You, Actually Madam Chair There Is One Other Item, And You Were Well Aware Of It, Because You Were In A Separate Conversation About The South Florida Water Management District's Executive Director's Position On The Mike Model That Had Been Used For The Water Management Study And The City Decided To Go With Another Consultant.

And Of Course Drgr Work Was All Based On The Model And It Is Of Grave Concern Now We Have The Executive Director Questioning The Validity Of That Model, Putting A Lot Of Our Work, Including The Restoration Of A Lot Of Our Water Sheds That Natural Resource Has Been Work On At Risk.

All I Would Ask And I'm Sure You Have Comments On This Too, Is To Get Again A Position Paper From Our Natural Resource Division, And Also Attorney's Offices To How We're Going To Deal With The Districts Executive Director's Executive Position On The Modeling For Management Of A Water Resources.

Chairman Hall: Let Me Comment On Your Other Item.

Shepherd Had Contact Me About The Gulf Coast Center.

Hopefully We Will Be Able To Bring Some Information Back To The Board On That.

On The South Florida Water Manage District, I Did Have A Conversation With The Conservancy Of Southwest Florida As Well.

Because Yesterday Was Such A Busy Day, I Didn't Have A Chance To Contact Sam.

I Wanted To Have Staff Do What You Said, Bring Back A Position On That.

While I Was At The Coalition Meeting I Did Speak To Several Other People Who Are Familiar With The Model.

This One Will Have This One.

The Real Toy Is You Have To Get Beyond Just Modeling.

So, I Agree With You That This Is By Course Of Action, If You're Asking Them, Yes, We Do Need To Put A Position Paper On It, The Conservancy Also Said That If We Need Out Assistance With This, That They Would Like To Help Us With That As Having A Separate, Not Our Staff, Not Their Staff But A Separate Person Who Is A Past District Model To Be Engaged.

I Was Going To Call Back Jennifer And Wait To See What Our People Had To Say And Come Back To This Board With Some Direction.

Carol Wheelley, Has Not Determined Whether They're Going To Throw The Model Out Altogether, But After My Discussion With Her She Was She Was Leaning That Way, But Shell Not Commit One Way Or Another.

It Was Obvious That That's The Direction She Was Leaning In.

Not Only Disregarding The Consultant But Disregarding The Model And I Know That If You Disregard That Mod, There's A Domino, And I Think Unattended Consequences To That Based On The Fact That We're In The Drgr Study While We're Getting That Model Reviewed, That Could Implicate Our Future Opportunities And I Don't Want The District Saying It's Completely Invalidating Because That Has Other Repercussions For Lee County.

So If That's A Direction That This Board Is Ok With In Having Our Natural Resources Prepare That And I'll Con To Pursue Possibly Out Resources.

Comm. Judah: I Hope The Board Agree, There's A Lot At Stake Here.

Chairman Hall: I Think We're On The Same Path, And We'll Make Sure That Either Via E-Mail That Paper Is Districted And We Can Continue This Dialogue As We Go Down The Line.

Because We Don't Want That Model Abandoned, If You Will.

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Comm. Bigelow: Madam Chair, If I May, Commissioner Judah, When We Brought This Up Last Week You, Know I Expressed Some Strong Concerns About Where They're Trying To Go, And I'm Sensing That There's Fire Where There's Smoke.

And I Think Quite Honestly, Maybe Too Honestly Here, I'm Concerned They're Forcing Some Conclusions To Meet Someone's End.

And I Don't Like To Throw These Out Publicly Like This, Nor Do I Make Them Lightly.

But, We've Got Money In These Study.

I Think We Have To Flex A Muscle Here And Say We're Not Going To See Our Money Spent On This Kind Of, Toward Study, And You Know Forcing Something To Go In A Direction To Meet Somebody Else's Wishes.

So.

Comm. Judah: If I Could, Believe Me I'm Hearing You Loud And Clear.

When I Talked To Phil, I Don't Recall, I Would Have Jumped On It, That There Was Any Comments About Abandoning Or Redirecting The New Consultant For The Updated Work.

To Do The Work With A New Model.

That Was Not, I Don't Believe To Meet My Recollection Discussed By Phil.

I Only Heard This Other The Weekend That The Very Executive Director Is Talking About That Model And Coming Up With A New Model.

That Would Be Disastrous.

I Couldn't Agree With You More Once We Get This Position, We Need To Take Conservative Action.

The Red Flag For Me Was When He Said, Might Be Moving Water, In A Study We've Already Been A Party To, I Understand Case There's No Need To Do That.

That Sounds Like Will To Me.

Chairman Hall: We're Very Fortunate To Have In Our Employment Family, And I Think Between Sam And Roland, They Can Inform This Board Very Quickly, Probably Before The End Of This Week And We Can Take A Position As To What We Want To Do.

At The Next Board Meeting Some Direction.

But Before The End Of The This Week, All Of You Will Be Informed To As A Position Staff Would Like To Recommend.

So I'll Ma I Can That, We'll Try To Work On That Quickly So You're Prepared For Tuesday To Give More Specific Direction Collectively To The Staff.

Comm. Judah: Thank You, Madam Chair.

Chairman Hall: Anything Else.

Comm. Bigelow: I Want To Touch On The Gulf Coast Transit System, I Was At A Meeting With The Chief Of Police Who Made A Presentation There.

And He Some Positive News About The Trolley Said It Could Be Better.

They Expected A Little Bit Better Service, But That It Is Very Popular.

So I Would Like To Also Suggest That Maybe Chief Of Police Be Included In The Discussions So We Get A Better Perspective.

Chairman Hall: Certainly.

Comm. Bigelow: As To How It's Working.

I Would Like To Throw In An Idea That Maybe Miramar Outlets Would Be Interested In This Trolley System Too.

Because This Is, These Are Customers, Gulf Coast Town Center Is Bringing To Their Site, But Maybe Where The Trolley System That Works To Include Three Points, Might Get Some Money There Too To Help It.

So, Can I Move The Commissioner Items Now? I Would Like To Update The Board That We're Going To Have A Memorial Day Service Here At The Veterans Memorial In Front Of The Courthouse Choice On May 31st Memorial Day.

This Is Something That John Said He Is Already Working On, So We Will Be Apprised Of That Situation.

If Scott Gilbertson Is Here, I Would Like To Talk A Little Bit About Asbestos And Get An Update On What We Do Or Don't Know At This Point.

Scott Gilbertson D.O.T. For The Record.

Commissioners, Still Incomplete But Some Of The Things We Have Learned Are That There's Apparently Two Courses Of Asbestos Out There.

One Dates Back To Around 1982.

Florida City's Water When It Was A Private Utility Had Asbestos In That Water Line Out There.

And Some Time Around The 82 Time Frame, They Had To Do Relocations I Think Probably In Conjunction With The College Driveway And Thing Like That.

And They, We Replaced, Roofed, Relocated, And Substituted Some Of The Pipe At That Time.

And Apparently We Found Some Old Broken Up Pieces Of Water Pipe In The Areas Where The Pipe Was Substituted.

So We Think That's One Source.

There's Removal Of Other Pipe Called For In That Contract And That Work Is Under Way, And We're Tracking That Footage And We've Got A Pretty Good Handle On That.

And The Material That Was Found Out There, Was Not From The Pipe We're Currently Removing.

So One Of The Sources Seems To Be The Old Florida Water Cities When It Was Relocated Back In The 1982 Time Frame.

If Other One Was Imported And There's Asbestos In That, And Where That Fill Came From Originally, Is Unknown.

They Have Determined That There Is No Fiber, Asbestos Fiber Present Out There Either In The Air Or Soil.

And That Is What Is Hazardous Because That Can Be Inhaled.

Asbestos Has Been Found Are Solid Chunks Of It.

Ranges In Size From Rocks On Up To Shovels Type Of Frame.

They've Probably Found Maybe Two Or Three Cubic Feet In Total.

That's About Where We're At Right Now If I Were Is Talking About Doing Some Additional Sampling In The Area, They're Got Out The Area Of The Msc Wall Yet To Go For The Full Length Of The Project.

We're Asked Him To Try To Wrap Up The Report In Their Findings At The Area Of The Current Mse Site Where The Work Prohibition Is In Place So The Contractor Can Finally Get On With Removing The Soil Or Disposing Of It As Need Be And Get Back To Work In That Area.

That's About Where It Stands At This Point In Time.

Comm. Bigelow: Let Me Try To Summarize What I Think You've Told Me, There Are Three Sours Of Asbestos Here That We're Certain Of And That Is Came From Veronica Schumacher Road Project.

Correct.

Comm. Bigelow: Secondly Is Pipe We Knew When We Let This Contract That Had To Be Removed? That's Correct.

Comm. Bigelow: And Then Third Was The Unknown Pine That Florida City Waters I Guess Abandoned.

In The Scope Of The Project? Within The Boundaries? Well It Was Water Line That Had Previously Been Relocated Or Moved Or Abandoned The Records Aren't Clear From That Long Ago.

Of Exactly What Was Done.

But That's What Appears To Be From What We've Uncovered So Far.

This Was 1982 Asbestos Pipe.

Part Of It, Well, Back In '82, Part Of That Water Line Was Removed, Relocated Or The Pipe Material Was Changed Out.

And The Records Aren't Clear What All Was Done At That Time And How Much, How Many Feet Were Involved In It.

But, Dig Down There We Found The Broken Pieces Of Old Water Pipe Adjacent To The Pipe That Was Put In Its Place.

That Was Material That We Had Been Previously Dealt With, We Think It Was In 1982.

Other Asbestos Pipe And Other Water Line Pipe, There's Several Different Utility Lines Out There That Had To Be Relocated.

The Asbestos Has To Be Specially Handled And That Has Been To The Best Of My Knowledge And Accounting Has Been Pretty Well Taken Care Of.

That Was Within The Scope Of The Project, That It Was Known And Would Be Removed.

That's Correct.

Comm. Bigelow: And Properly Disposed Of.

So, The Question Then Is, Are We Going To Allow Chunks Of Asbestos Tearing That's Not Airborne.

Or Not Led To Fibers Becoming Airborne, Exist In Our Project Or Not? Well That's Part Of The Report To See What The Recommendation Is, And What Direction D.E.P. Is Going To Give In This Regard.

And Probably Hasn't Been Real Clear In The Past, The Material Behind The Wall Did Not Meet Specifications For Its Intended Purpose.

Independent Of The Asbestos, So The Material Has To Be Roofed For No Other Reason Than That.

Question Of Where It's Going To Be Disposed Is Unknown At This Time.

I Appreciate, The Story The Conclusion Is Yet To Be Written.

Could You Also Share With Us Scott, What's Going On With The Red Light Camera Issue At Summerland At Colonial.

I Drive Through It Frequently And I Know The Cameras Are Now Gone.

Yes, That Was A Test Period, And I Don't Recall All The Exact Dates Or So, But It Was A Until Of Weeks That Our Consultant Vendor V.E. Systems Wanted To Do Some Testing In Conjunction With Our Own Desires To Do Some Testing.

So, They Supplied All The Material, And Installed It And Everything.

We Monitored It From Our Service Center There Next To That Intersection.

We Ran A Number Of Weeks Without Any Publicity To It, And We Had News Releases About It, And To See Whether There Was Any Discernible Difference Before And After, One Guard Putting Together The Summary Of The Findings And We Intend To Present That To The Board At February M.M.P.

Comm. Bigelow: Ok.

Mean Meantime The Vendor Reclaimed Their Equipment.

That Was Always Part Of The Deal.

Yes.

Comm. Bigelow: I'm Sorry, I Thought That They Would Be Installed And We Would Have To Authorize Whether They Conned To Exist For The Intended Purposes Or Not.

Ok.

So, Look Forward To That In February.

Thank You So Much.

Chairman Hall: Anything Else.

Comm. Bigelow: That's All.

Chairman Hall: Commissioner Janes, Commissioner Items.

I Have A Couple.

I'm Excited This Month.

I Have Job Watt Coincidence, He Will Be The Artist I Will Be Displaying From February 19ths What Interesting About John He Is A Self-Taught Artist.

I Want To Thank John For Again Sharing His Talent.

It's A Bright And Colorful Display.

If You Have Time, Come By My Office And Share In His Delightful Talent.

An Again These Are Local Artists And I Can't Tell You What A Pleasure It's Been To Have You Decorate My Walls With Your Art Work.

If You Are An Artist Interested, Please Contact My Office.

Next I Have A Kind Of Very Heartfelt Ask Of This Board.

D.O.T. Is Asking That The New Extension Of Metro Parkway Be Designated As The Michael G.

Rip Parkway And I Would Ask If This Board Would Is Up A Local Resolution To Go Along With The Legislative Bill That's Being Prepared To Have This Road Made.

Comm. Judah: So Moved.

Chairman Hall: A Second By Commissioner Janes.

Further Discussion? Comm. Judah: Thank You For Bringing That Forward.

I Thought There Was Move Afoot To Name Portions Of I-75.

If Not The Metro Parkway Extension Is Appropriate In His Long Hard Work Getting That To The Point Where It Is Today.

I Think It's Great.

I Appreciate That Support Many Of You Make Not Personally And I Know The Did Case, Not Only Of This Community But To His Effort To Find Balance In What D.O.T. Does In A Common Sense Approach.

Further Discussion, All Those In Favor? Opposed And I Would Ask Staff To Meet With Staff Gilbertson And The Appropriate Resolution.

Comm. Bigelow: Rip Road, It's Got A Ring To It.

Chairman Hall: That's All I Have.

Commissioner Appointments, Commissioner Mann.

Comm. Mann: Three Reappointments To Street Lighting District Jeanette Trip, Bob Lee, Jeffrey Green And One Reappointment To The Lehigh Acres Lighting District Paula.

Chairman Hall: A Motion By Commissioner Mann, Second By Commissioner Janes.

The Motion Carries Unanimously.

Commissioner Judah.

Comm. Judah: Yes Hands Wilson, Betty Goodaker And Joanne Summer.

Chairman Hall: A Motion By Commissioner Judah, Second By Commissioner Mann.

All Those In Favor? Opposed? The Motion Carries Unanimously.

Commissioner Bigelow.

Comm. Bigelow: I Have Three Reappointments Violent Clemson, To The North Shore Street Lighting Unit And John Sibley.

Chairman Hall: A Motion By Commissioner Bigelow, Second By Commissioner Judah.

Further Discussion, All In Favor? Opposed? The Motion Carries Unanimously.

I Would Appreciate The Motion.

A Reappointment Of Lieutenant Barns To The Enterprise Zone, A Reappointment To Kenneth O'donnell To The Enterprise Zone, Ben Fisher To Tropic Isles.

Melvin Hall To The North Fort Meyers Street Lining District.

The Appointment Of Reginald Cantor, A Reappointment Of Edwin Wilson To The Waterways State Street Lighting District Yes, A Motion By Commissioner Janes, A Second By Commissioner Judah, Further Discussion? All Those In Favor? Opposed? The Motion Carries Unanimously.

Comm. Judah: I'll Have One Other And I Will Have To Provide A Form To The Clerk.

And This Is Not To Create Any More Contentiousness On The Issue, But To Fully Utilize His Talents.

I Would Like To Appoint Wayne Daltrey To The Local Planning Agency.

We Need To Fill That Position.

It's My District Office Opportunity To Fill That Position.

I Can't Think Of A Person Who Is More Educated And Has An Understanding Of The Full Grasp Of The Responsibility Of Those Members Of The L.P.A.

So Hopefully To Bring Everybody Working Together, I Would Like To Throw Out Wayne Daltrey As A Wonderful Nominee To The L.P.A.

Chairman Hall: I'll Second That With The Understanding That Once He's No Longer An Employee.

Comm. Judah: Yes, It Would Go In Effect In February Some Time.

Chairman Hall: Just So We Understand.

Comm. Judah: Thank You, Madam Chair.

Chairman Hall: Further Discussion? All Those In Favor? Opposed.

Comm. Bigelow: On That Point Can I Ask, I'm Sorry.

We Done? Chairman Hall: Under Discussion.

Comm. Bigelow: I Don't Know If Then County Manager Can Hire Him.

Chairman Hall: No We Probably Would Not Be Able To Do That.

Comm. Judah: We'll Let Legal Counsel To Work That Out.

Chairman Hall: Any Development, We Would Loss Some Resource There, Do You Want To Hold Off On That And Clarify Before You Make That.

Comm. Judah: No I'm Ready.

Chairman Hall: Ok.

All Right Then.

Further Discussion All In Favor? Opposed? County Manager Items County Attorney Items.

We Have Nothing Today.

Chairman Hall: Because This Was A 5:00 Public Hearing Normal Day, I Would Like To Ask If There's Any Citizens Who Would Like To Come Before The Board On Matters Of Concern? Seeing No One, I'll Close That.

And With That We Are Adjourned And I Hope You All Have A Great