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City of Jacksonville, Florida
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOARD
Monday, June 8, 2015
5:00 p.m.
Public Hearing- Noise Variance
JEA Well Installation Project

Members Present

Michelle Tappouni, Chair
Nick Howland, Vice Chair
Mobeen Rathore, M.D.

Steven T. Jenkins
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Members Not Present

Roi Dagan, M.D.
Bobby L. Baker, P.E.
Amy Y. Fu, P.E.

Staff/ Resources Present

James Richardson, EPB Administrator
Jody Brooks, OGC
Steve Pace, P.E., EQD Air Branch Manager
Terry Carr, Groundwater Resource Mgmt.
Tree Kilbourn, EQD Enforcement

Visitors

Jay Worley, JEA
Steve Wiggins, JEA
Andrew Sears, JEA
Janet Herrick, OEC
Sarah Boren, USGBC

Call to Order

Chair Michelle Tappouni called the Public Hearing of the Environmental Protection Board (EPB) to order at 6:03 p.m.

Chair Tappouni read a statement which provided an outline of how the hearing would proceed: presentation by staff, presentation by petitioner, comments from public, board discussion and clarification, board action and procedural summary.

Certification of Public Notice

James Richardson, EPB Administrator, certified that the public notice required by Florida law appeared in the Financial News & Daily Record.

Presentation by Staff

Steve Pace, P.E., Air Branch Manager of the Environmental Quality Division, shared that JEA is seeking a variance for the installation of 2 new wells. The locations are in the vicinity of the SW corner of Philip A. Randolph Blvd and Phelps Street and the SE corner of Ionia Street and Phelps Street. The period of time the variance is sought is from August 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. JEA seeks a variance from JEPB Rule 4.207(a) and JEPB 4.207(c). JEA requests a limit not to exceed 85 dBA during daytime and nighttime hours measured at complainant's property line.

Presentation by Applicant

Andrew Sears, JEA, made a brief presentation regarding the application for variance from JEPB Rule 4.207(a) and 4.207(c) stating that JEA's Well Rehabilitation Project includes the installation of 2 new wells in the field. The locations are SW corner of Philip A. Randolph Blvd and Phelps Street (1st phase) and SE corner of Ionia Street and Phelps Street (2nd phase). The existing well field does not provide sufficient raw water supply to the Main Street Water Treatment Plant. Construction noise sources are: diesel powered drill operating Mon – Fri, 8am -5pm, dewatering pumps, a 72 hr. period to conduct pump testing of well, trucks & crew vehicles running throughout the work week 8am-5pm, and other unanticipated, instantaneous noise sources. The time period requested in the Variance is from August 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016. JEA requests not to exceed 85 dBA during daytime and nighttime hours. The Noise Mitigation Plan requires contractor notification to JEA and EQD of unanticipated needs for nighttime work, a daily inspection and maintenance of equipment to limit noise, use of noise complaint check list when complaints are received, an action to remedy complaint, and additional actions on a case by case basis. Residents will be notified of the project and contact information (hotline 24/7) for JEA will be provided in the event of concerns. JEA will offer overnight accommodations for residents where nighttime construction deems it necessary.

Staff discussion of Petitioner Request

Staff inquired if there's any practical means in completing the Well Rehabilitation project without seeking a variance? Andrew Sears stated that there is no other possible way other than a direction bore which will create higher noise levels, but it's not allowed for water projects.

Comments from Public

None.

Staff Rebuttal/Clarification to Public Comment

None.

Petitioner Rebuttal/Clarification

None

Board Questions/Clarification

None.

Board Vote

A motion was made to approve (Sonnenberg) the Noise Variance for JEA, including commitments established in the application, for the period of August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, with the following additional conditions (a) monthly progress reports be provided to EQD which shall include 1) project progress, 2) any complaints received, 3) any substantial changes to the project. The motion was properly seconded (Howland) and unanimously approved by the body.

Procedural Summary

EPB Counsel Jody Brooks stated that an order granting the variance will be drafted and forwarded to JEA.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Ruby Tucker, Executive Assistant to EQD Chief