



## WATER AND SEWER EXPANSION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 8, 2006  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Location: City Hall, Committee Room A

### **Attendees:**

Jeanell Wilson, Chair	Susan Rudd
John Craddock, Vice Chair	Dr. Chester Aikens
Harriet McDonald	Al Sinclair

Chair Wilson called the meeting to order / quorum determined. The Board approved the minutes from the October 11, 2006 Board Meeting.

### **General Update**

The Program Delivery Team (PDT) is currently executing task authorization; Grant application from DEP; remote sensing mapping (pulling back a bit due to lack of rain, which is needed for accurate sampling).

Mr. Odom has recently met with the Governor who is informed and has interest in our river initiatives – reoccurring funding source with the State, which will be a tremendous boom. Mr. Odom will also be meeting with the Duval Delegation soon. A workshop will be held all day Friday for next steps and how to proceed. Our major commitment from Congress Woman Brown...DEP has available funds that we will pursue, and then apply such to areas of interest.

Status of Prototype Project - \$2 million from Water Management District...how to bring the water drainage funding ...information packet included with agenda today.

Mr. Odom Attended a conference in New Orleans last week w/Chamber, City Council, Police, Fire, etc., which proved to be an extreme eye-opener regarding hurricane damage. It should be noted that the political leadership we have here is taken for granted – it is deemed that was a major element that broke down in New Orleans. Our disaster preparedness that we continue to improve upon in our city is very significant – New Orleans did not have as expansive of a plan. Their JEA equivalent had to go bankrupt – some carbon steel lines were lost forever. The French Quarter, a huge integral part of the city that did not sustain severe damage, allowed the city to revive. New Orleans has now embarked a pilot program on how to rescue the elderly and pets, which proved to be major elements during the disaster.

### **Status of Current Projects**

Forest Park – sewer – Under construction. 68 percent of the water lines have been constructed. 56 percent of the sewer is constructed. Expected completion date is March 2007.

Shakir Economy Motel – water – Closing documents are being produced.

Unitarian Universalist Church – water and sewer – Closing date is being scheduled to occur the week of 11/13/06.

Church Fellowship Worship – sewer – Church is working on closing documents; waiting to receive those documents in order to proceed forward.

Hendricks Day School –sewer – Final closing documents have been received and a closing date will be scheduled within the next week.

D&W Electric – water and sewer – Closing documents have been received and date for closing is being scheduled.

Glendale Road – water – Have received 3 out of the 8 revised Letters of Intent; will move forward once all letters are received.

Grenada Blvd. – sewer- Have not heard back from them yet – remains an opportunity.

### **New Items for Discussion**

#### **Mandarin Road Water Project**

Copy of a memo sent to Mayor Peyton included in today's distributed packet; have dialogued with Council Woman Jones. Council Woman Copeland is putting a committee together – recent fire that destroyed two homes due to no fire protection – will have a town meeting regarding options that will be brought to their attention to see what their interests are. There are three areas – one area will be presented to on the November 16. All residents are on wells and are happy with such. Some have water and sewer service.

Only one meeting is scheduled to date. Should be interesting, have not had this type of dialogue yet – just potable water – water line in just for fire hydrants. After the meeting, we will be able to address. Council Woman Copeland has \$500,000 available funds to commit. The project for the entire area is approximately \$1.5 million.

### **Next Meeting – December 13, 2006, City Hall Committee Room A**

#### **Request for Public Comment**

None.

**Meeting adjourned.**