

UTILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Indian River County (IRC) Utility Advisory Committee (UAC) met at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, 2008, in Conference Room "A1-102", County Administration Building, 1801 27th Street, Vero Beach, Florida.

Present were; Chairman Andrew Allocco, District 2 Appointee; William Johnson, District 3 Appointee; Carlton Miller and John Tschinkel, Members-at-Large and Robert Pickett, District 4 Appointee.

Absent were; Mark Grossman, District 1 Appointee (unexcused) and Dr. Stephen Faherty, District 5 Appointee (excused).

Also present were Commissioner Liaison Joseph Flescher; and IRC staff: Himanshu Mehta, Solid Waste Disposal District; Sasan Rohani, IRC Community Development; Mike Hotchkiss, IRC Utilities; Marian Fells, Assistant County Attorney, IRC Attorney's Office; and Maria Resto, Commissioner Assistant, District 2.

****The written minutes will only consist of the motions and decisions requiring action and an audio copy of the meeting will be provided upon request.***

Call to Order

Chairman Allocco called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m., at which time it was determined a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes of February 20, 2008

Chairman Allocco asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes.

Mr. Miller pointed out that page one, paragraph nine should read *Dr. Faherty* instead of *Mr. Faherty*.

00:01:55 **ON MOTION BY Mr. Miller, SECONDED BY Mr. Tschinkel, the members voted unanimously (5-0), to approve the minutes of March 19, 2008, as amended.**

Review of Potable Water EAR and the Sanitary Sewer EAR

Sasan Rohani, Chief Planner, IRC Community development provided a presentation of the Evaluation and Appraisal Report of the Indian River County Comprehensive Plan's Sanitary Sewer Sub-Element and Potable Water Sub-Element, a copy of which is on file at the County Commission Office.

Mr. Rohani stated that staff had been working on the Evaluation and Appraisal Report of the Indian River County Comprehensive Plan since 2006 and that the entire plan needed to be submitted to the State by December 1st of 2008. He explained the plan contained 15 elements and sub-elements

Mr. Miller pointed out table 3.8.3 was not included in the document. Mr. Rohani answered table 3.8.3 was contained in the Sanitary Sewer element itself.

Mr. Rohani continued with the review of the plan's 2030 capacity and demand projections.

A long discussion ensued regarding the Sanitary-Sewer capacity and demand projections.

Mr. Tschinkel referred to the *Objective 4- Measure- Percent of Wastewater Reused for Spray Irrigation*. He inquired if the statement "by 2020 100% of wastewater will be reused...as the county grows the objective should be changed to 2030" implied that the County was relaxing standards for reusable water. Mr. Rohani explained that standards would not be relaxed. Mr. Tschinkel pointed out the statement should be clarified.

The committee members continued with the review of the Sanitary- Sewer Sub-element of the Comprehensive Plan; discussion various aspects such as: the permitting process, requirements, and target date for new septic tank systems.

A suggestion was made to change the new septic system target date from 2030 to 2020.

Mr. Rohani explained the potable water conditions from 1995 to 2006 and the capacity and demand projections for the year 2030. Mr. Tschinkel expressed his concerns regarding the plan's report on the percentage of water used for

agriculture.

Discussion followed about the percentages of water withdrawal for potable water, agriculture, and recreational uses.

Other Matters

Himanshu Mehta, Managing Director of the IRC Solid Waste Disposal District, provided an update of the Citizens' Convenience Center bidding process. He explained the evaluation process and criteria for the selection committee. An extensive discussion followed regarding the Citizen's Convenience Center bidding process.

01:38:10 **ON MOTION BY Mr. Miller, SECONDED BY Mr. Johnson, the members voted unanimously (5-0), to request the Selection Committee to provide a summary of the three top bidders for the committee to review.**

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.