

Orlando City Council - Workshop
Council Chambers, City Hall
400 South Orange Avenue
January 25, 2016

In attendance:

Mayor Buddy Dyer
Commissioner Jim Gray, District 1
Commissioner Tony Ortiz, District 2
Commissioner Robert F. Stuart, District 3
Commissioner Patty Sheehan, District 4
Commissioner Regina I. Hill, District 5
*Commissioner Samuel B. Ings, District 6
Mayanne Downs, City Attorney
Amy Iennaco, Acting City Clerk
Noranne Downs, FDOT District 5 Secretary
Tawny H. Olore, P.E., Sunrail Program Manager
Police Officer, Edgar Malave, Sergeant at Arms
Police Officer, Raul Zayas, Sergeant at Arms

*Commissioner Ings entered the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

Mayor Buddy Dyer called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. He introduced the workshop as a Sunrail presentation by FDOT District 5 and indicated he is the Chairman of the Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission. He introduced FDOT District 5 Secretary Noranne Downs to provide the history of Sunrail, agreement summaries and a project update.

Secretary Downs and Ms. Olore began their presentation of the Sunrail project by outlining the time table of events that took place from inception in 1992 through present progress including the following:

- A. Inception of the Central Florida Commuter Rail Authority (1992);
- B. Central Florida North/South Commuter Rail Alternatives Analysis (2002-2004);
- C. CSX negotiations with local funding partners, interlocal agreements for funding, operations and governance; legislative deliberations, FDOT and Amtrak funding sources (2004);
- D. Regional LRT plans name Central Florida Commuter Rail Transit Number One transportation funding priority (2005);
- E. Agreement in principle with CSXT (2006);
- F. Unanimous local government approval of interlocal agreements for funding, operations and governance (July/August 2007);
- G. Legislative deliberation (2008/2009);
- H. FDOT commits to pay for rail corridor (2010);
- I. Signed contractual services agreements with Amtrak (December 2010);
- J. Phase 1 Full Funding Grant Agreement (FFGA) signed Florida Hospital ceremonies (2011);
- K. FDOT purchased the Central Florida Rail Corridor from CSXT (2011);
- L. Groundbreaking ceremonies, construction activities began (2012);
- M. FDOT took over dispatch operations on the Central Florida Rail Corridor from CSXT (2013);
- N. Sunrail Phase 1 started operations (2014);
- O. FFGA signed Phase 2 South funding for four (4) additional stations, 17 miles. Anticipated opening 2017/early 2018 (2015).

Secretary Downs and Ms. Olore discussed the various interlocal agreements to include the operating agreement between FDOT and the Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission (CFCRC), the joint use agreements that detail corridor, security and maintenance responsibilities between FDOT and local funding partners. They noted that ownership/management is the sole responsibility of FDOT for the first 7 years. After 7 years (May 1, 2021), the Central Florida Commuter Rail Commission assumes all responsibility for the system. However, FDOT retains ownership of the corridor and provides easement to CFCRC. Revenue producing activities were listed for on and off platform rights for local governments during FDOT funding period, however, no parking fees may be assessed within station parking areas during this time. Operations and maintenance were outlined during and following FDOT funding period.

Additional presentation items included partner investment for Central Florida Commuter Rail System and System Operations and Maintenance. The following contracts were discussed and indicated to all be transferrable to CFCRC after year 7:

- A. Bombardier for maintenance and transportation services for 10 years;
- B. Signal Maintenance of Way with Herzog for 7 years;
- C. Data Transfer Solutions for marketing and business development for 12 years;
- D. Vehicle Heavy Maintenance with Amtrak for 7 years;
- E. CH2M Hill (FDOT General Engineering Contract for Program Management and Operations Oversight for 10 years)

A summary of all of the Phase 1 points was provided, as well as peak and off-peak service operational hours, stations, ridership trends, on-time performance, and bicycle and ADA boarding trends. Current expansion plans for Phase 2 South, North and Phase 3 to OIA were also discussed.

At approximately 10:55 a.m., the workshop was opened to comments and questions and discussion ensued.

The workshop was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Amy T. Iennaco, Acting City Clerk