

ACTION MINUTES

**ISLAMORADA, VILLAGE OF ISLANDS
VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP**

January 21, 2009

At 3:00 PM

**Islamorada Fire Station 20
81850 Overseas Hwy**

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Wastewater System Development Charges Methodology

Village Manager Fields explained the purpose of the meeting and then introduced Cindy Lawson, Director of Finance and Administration to give her report.

Ms. Lawson gave her report to Council on an overview of the existing system development charges.

Discussion ensued regarding what data was used to make the decision on the charges per EDU; assessment charges increasing if grants are not received; reviewing EDU calculations from Council's decision in 2005; and whether to make policy changes on vacant lots due to BPAS and administrative relief changes since 2005.

Ms. Lawson introduced Ms. Camille Tharpe, Senior Vice President, of Government Services Group (GSG), to give her report on preliminary data on wastewater assessments.

Ms. Tharpe gave her report to Council.

Discussion continued regarding having to use the Department of Revenue (DOR) Code from the Property Appraiser's Office in Monroe County in the calculations of EDU's per parcel; GSG accomplishing 25% of the EDU parcel data; the explanation of how GSG assessed properties; making policies on assessments for dockminiums and recreational vehicle parks; giving consideration on how to divide the costs per EDU for each recreational vehicle lot; mixed-use properties being assessed as commercial properties; the Finance Department sharing any data they have to help businesses separate billing for their customers; and staff doing field work to confirm EDU's on parcels.

Village Manager Fields advised staff would address whether to assess vacant properties, whether residential condominiums should be .8 or 1.0 per EDU, and what the EDU value was. He advised that staff would give Council a report in February addressing the capacity of the wastewater connections.

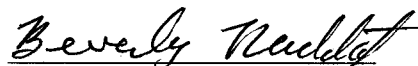
II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Hill opened the Public Comment Section. The following addressed the Council: Deb Gillis, Islamorada, FL.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Beverly Raddatz, MMC
Village Clerk



Mayor Cathi Hill

Approved by Council on 12th day of February 2009.