

Chief Reed provided an update on capping of the blown-out oil well, and noted that emergency response officials would continue to monitor the situation and focus on restoring wildlife habitat.

VIII. GRANTING OF FOUR TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENTS AND THREE PERMANENT WATERLINE EASEMENTS TO THE PEACE RIVER/MANASOTA REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT A REGIONAL WATER INTERCONNECT THAT REQUIRES ACCESS TO LANDS ALONG KNIGHTS TRAIL, EAST LAUREL ROAD AND WITHIN VENICE MYAKKA RIVER PARK – APPROVED

Ms. Depew read the Notice of Public Hearing. Vice Mayor Zavodnyik opened the public hearing and Ms. Depew stated no written communications had been received.

Ms. Weeden introduced Pat Lehman, Executive Director, and Mike Coates, Water Resources Director, who provided an overview of the Regional Integrated Loop System Phase 3A Interconnect project including the Authority's 20-year vision; aerial photographs of the easements; and highlights of the tentative agreement which include donation of all easements, restoration and paving of Laurel Road Extension, installation of security fencing and landscape buffering, tunnel construction under the Myakka River that minimizes impacts to the Myakka River Park, park restoration and improvements, and easement agreement language revised by the city attorney. Benefits include improved access to the park, addressing concerns of local residents regarding dust and noise, improved security for adjacent residents, removal of exotic plants, increased native plant coverage, regional water system improvements, and promoting the local economy. Mr. Coates indicated the project should begin in September with completion in six to eight months.

(2:30) Discussion followed regarding paving of Laurel Road Extension.

No one in the audience came forward to speak on the petition and Vice Mayor Zavodnyik closed the public hearing.

Mr. Carlesimo **moved** that the Non-exclusive Waterline Easement Agreements for Parcels 105, 109, and 113, and the Temporary Construction Easements for Parcels 705, 708a, 708c and 709 located on Knights Trail Road and Venice Myakka River Park east of Laurel Road, from City of Venice to Peace River/Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority be approved and granted. **Seconded** by Mr. McKeon.

Mr. Anderson advised that he reviewed and approved related documents.

MOTION CARRIED ON VOICE VOTE UNANIMOUSLY.

IX. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Anderson reviewed his Inventory and Status Report of Pending Assignments in the city attorney's office dated July 6, 2010, answered questions concerning adding the beach smoking ordinance and a determination regarding whether or not council members were full time or part time employees, closed out assignments, and progress since the last report, and also advised that