

# *City of Dade City*

## **AGENDA MEMO**

**To:** Chairman and Members of the Community Redevelopment Agency  
**From:** Karen Traenkner, Development Review Tech / CRA Director  
**Subject:** 7<sup>th</sup> Street Streetlighting Project  
**Date:** June 17, 2009

### **BACKGROUND:**

Dade City worked with TECO for over four years on a project to replace streetlights along the 7<sup>th</sup> Street CRA area – from Howard Avenue through Whitehouse Avenue – with updated lights and poles incorporating underground electric service. On February 19, 2008, Dade City Redevelopment Advisory Committee (RAC) voted to proceed with the 7<sup>th</sup> Street Streetlighting project with TECO, using the “Classic” fixture and “Charleston” pole.

After additional details were worked out concerning installation and location, at their February 17, 2009 meeting, RAC approved TECO’s plan and proposal for submittal to the CRA; CRA approved it at their March 24, 2009 meeting.

### **ISSUES:**

On June 9, 2009, a meeting was held with Ed Blommel and Lee Isham from TECO, as well as Billy Poe and Lennie Naeyaert. The meeting was set up to allow Lennie to participate in the project from an engineering standpoint.

In addition to discussing the specifics of the project (number of lightpoles, location, etc.), we were given details about H.R. 3221, a recent energy act, which delayed manufacture of lighting fixtures; also, TECO has a rate case pending with the government and it will take up to an additional 12 weeks to get rates for the “Classic” streetlight that RAC originally chose.

TECO gave RAC another option on the actual streetlight fixtures: they have a stock of “Salem” light fixtures from a canceled project that have already been rated and can be made available to the City immediately. This could save up to an additional two (2) months’ ordering time. The Salem fixtures will also be cheaper: Instead of \$4,132/month for Classic, they would be \$3,680/month. This would save \$452/month in lease cost, or \$5,424/year and \$54,240 over the term of the 10-year lease.

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Also, the Salem fixture provides more “down” light than the Classic.

A fixture similar to the Classic is used at the Historic Courthouse and Wachovia Bank; the Salem fixture is used at Dade City Business Center at the north end of 7<sup>th</sup> Street. RAC would work with the County Commission and Wachovia to determine interest in having their fixtures along 7<sup>th</sup> Street replaced with the new Salem lights.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Examples of both fixtures were provided by TECO so RAC members could re-visit their February 2008 selection (photos attached).

At the June 16 RAC meeting, members discussed the pros and cons of both fixtures, then voted 4 – 2 to change their choice to the Salem fixture. It is requested that the CRA approve this vote and decision to proceed with the project.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Traenkner



Salem fixture

Classic fixture



Salem (left) Classic (right)