MINUTES

CITY OF COCOA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

March 13, 2018

A Regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, in City Council Chambers, located in Cocoa City Hall, 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, Florida, as publicly noticed.

I. OPENING MATTERS:

Mayor Parrish called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Councilman Whipple provided the invocation and Councilman Boisvert led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The City Clerk took the roll.

PRESENT:	Henry U. Parrish III	Mayor
	Jeri Blanco	Deputy Mayor
	Don Boisvert	Councilman
	Brenda Warner	Councilwoman
	Clarence Whipple, Jr.	Councilman
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney
	John Titkanich, Jr.	City Manager
	Matt Fuhrer	Assistant City Manager
	Carie Shealy	City Clerk

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Karen Hamilton, Community Services Director; Gene Prince, Fire Chief; Michael Cantaloupe, Chief of Police; Teri Butler, Finance Director; Ed Wegerif, Public Works Director; Cynthia Thurman, Planning and Zoning Manager; Lora Howell, Deputy Finance Director; Anne Quesada, Accounting Manager; Jonathan Lamm, Deputy Fire Chief; and Jason McCuen, Helpdesk Support Tech.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

1. Agenda: Regular Meeting of March 13, 2018 (18-80)
2. Minutes: (a) Regular Meeting of December 12, 2017 (18-10)
   (b) Regular Meeting of February 13, 2018 (18-81)

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blanco, to approve the Agenda for the Regular meeting of March 13, 2018 and the Minutes for the Regular meeting of December 12, 2017 and the Regular meeting of February 13, 2018.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

III. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

None.

IV. DELEGATIONS:

Rev. J.B. Dennis, 3710 Catalina Drive, Cocoa, was in attendance to make a petition to the City Council for the removal of the City Manager and Assistant City Manager, for dereliction of duty, violating the public's trust, dishonesty, and untruthful conduct. It has been over a year now, and there has not been a date set for the Center of Public Safety's public workshop. The City needs a citizen's review board. It is self-evident that the city needs a board. He believed this is necessary because if we cannot get new laws we can attempt to get new law makers. Within 45 days of this date, the National Action Network intends to take legal action against this government for not doing what they say they will do. A workshop was requested over a year ago and the minutes state they did not have a time yet, but over a year, he felt was outrageous.

In response, City Manager Titkanich mentioned that he had distributed to Council the final report for CPSM this evening, which was received last week. He knows that Rev. Dennis has not been to a couple of meetings, but assured Council that they were working with the consultants to schedule a meeting. The two primary authors of the report are the Director of Criminal Justice for Iona College, who is in the middle of a semester and not able to come down for the workshop, and the other who is involved in a trial and we are waiting on dates for him to come and

present the very lengthy report. The report will be given to the City Clerk's office and can be provided through a public records request.

Rev. Dennis advised that he had minutes from February 14, 2017 where Councilman Whipple had requested that a specific individual stay in contact with him in order to keep him updated. He stated that the last time he spoke with the Assistant City Manager, he was told there would be a date for the workshop within two days, and he has not heard anything from him since. He has called and left three messages and has not heard anything from him on those. Rev. Dennis felt that this was dishonest conduct.

City Manager Titkanich advised for the record, that he takes great offense to those statements because they have spoken with Rev. Dennis on several occasions and kept him apprised of the status. Not only has the Assistant City Manager spoke with him, but he, himself, had spoken with him on two occasions where he shared the "use of force" statistics. This is not a full representation of what occurred on the telephone, and did not appreciate him coming and oppugning his and the Assistant City Manager's integrity. They have worked with a group who is doing the study for the City and the City has expended an amount of money in the amount of approximately $60,000-70,000 on the study. It would be unwise for the City to do a workshop without the complete study and for City Council to make any decisions without the consultants coming to present it. The hurricane got in the way, the trial got in the way, and the semester got in the way with the folks that do this. The City Manager noted he cannot help or control these things, but assured him that they are working hard with them to try to get a date for them to come and present this information at a workshop before City Council.

Rev. Dennis stated that in the minutes from February 14, 2017, the City Manager stated that there was not a set time for this. City Manager Titkanich noted that was correct. Rev. Dennis stated that now it has been over a year which is outrageous and when it comes to expert witnesses, he has two members of the National Action Network, one of which is a retired Federal Marshall and the other is a retired Police Officer.

City Manager Titkanich asked Rev. Dennis if he was aware of any "use of force" incidents where members of the public are claiming a misuse of force with the Cocoa Police Department. He felt that Rev. Dennis was making accusations and allegations which are not true and he has shared with Rev. Dennis a use of force incident. He noted that there are none that Rev. Dennis has raised, and pointed

out that Rev. Dennis has actually complimented the police department in dealing with the public. City Manager Titkanich believes it is disingenuous for Rev. Dennis to come up when this is the only City working with him in order to try to form an advisory group or citizen review commission. He does not feel it is fair for him to come up and try to characterize him, the Assistant City Manager, Council, or the Chief of Police as stalling. He reiterated that a comprehensive study of the police department was done and they since provided Rev. Dennis data.

Rev. Dennis stated that he stands on his word and in his opinion, Chief Cantaloupe is doing 100% of a wonderful job, but agreed when it comes to going under a gun fight, do you go in with a bullet proof vest or without one.

In response, City Manager Titkanich stated that the study, on behalf of Council, it is their vest to make certain that they are making decisions that are in the best interest of the City.

Rev. Dennis stated that the people of the City, in every county, and every community within all fifty states, are fed up with the police investigating themselves. He pointed out the case in Titusville. In response, City Manager Titkanich reiterated that was Titusville and asked about issues he has with the City of Cocoa.

Rev. Dennis stated that they have been dragging out dates for this workshop. City Manager Titkanich asked again if he had any issues with the conduct of the officers in the City. Rev. Dennis stated no and they do not intend to have any but if they do they want to have something set up so that they have accountability because internal affairs did not do a good investigation.

Mayor Parrish appreciated Rev. Dennis coming forth and assured him this is moving forward.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve Participation in a Cooperative Purchase Agreement with Danus Utilities, Inc. for Lift Station Rehabilitation Services Utilizing the City of Clermont Contract No. 2017-89 Effective August 8, 2017 through August 7, 2020. (18-70). (Utilities Director)

2. Approve Task Order 2018-21 with JoBear Contracting, Inc. to provide Valve Improvements; To Approve a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to

Approve Change Orders in an Amount Not to Exceed $52,265 (10% Contingency) for a Total Project Amount of $574,914.93. (18-75). (Utilities Director)

3. Approve a Resolution amending the FY2018 Budget to cover the increased interest expense on the Capital Improvement & Refunding Revenue Bond, Series 2010 ("the Bond"). (18-77). (Finance Director)

4. Approve the Final Ranking of the short list of firms, for RFQ-18-07-COC, Consulting Services for Investment Management Services and to authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to negotiate and execute a contract with the top ranked firm. (18-78). (Finance Director)

5. Approve Task Order 2018-89 with CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. for Replacement of Existing Hardware and Software for the Dyal WTP SCADA HMI Server. (18-82). (Utilities Director)

6. Approve Task Order 2018-90 with CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc., for Final Phase - Implementation and Configuration of a Computer Maintenance Management System (CMMS). (18-84). (Utilities Director)

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blanco, to approve the Consent agenda.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Ordinance No. 02-2018/2nd & Final Reading: Providing for an exception to the Light Emitting Diode (LED) Sign Standards Contained therein to allow for larger LED on-premise wall signs on properties that are contiguous or adjacent to interstate 95 and/or state Road 528. (18-86). (Community Services Director)

Attorney Garganese read Ordinance No. 02-2018 into the record, by title only as follows and advised that this was the second and final reading of the Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2018

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3-23 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COCOA; PROVIDING FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) SIGN STANDARDS CONTAINED THEREIN TO ALLOW FOR LARGER LED ON-PREMISE WALL SIGNS ON

PROPERTIES THAT ARE CONTIGUOUS OR ADJACENT TO INTERSTATE 95 AND/OR STATE ROAD 528; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Thurman reiterated that this was the second reading, and advised that there have not been any objections or changes to the ordinance since first reading. She reminded Council that this was approved at the Planning and Zoning Board meeting held on February 14, 2018.

Mayor Parrish opened the hearing to the public. There being no response, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Blanco; Seconded by Councilman Boisvert, to approve Ordinance No. 02-2018 on second and final reading.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VII. COUNCIL BUSINESS:

1. Approve a Resolution to Commit Funds in the General Fund Balance to Increase the Stabilization Reserve for Fiscal Year 2018. (18-79). (Finance Director)

Ms. Butler presented the item and noted that this was based on operating expenditures in the general fund.

Councilman Whipple asked if there were specific items that caused the increase. In response, Ms. Butler advised that this was based on 2017 audited numbers. Councilman Whipple further asked if they were identified in information relating to the upcoming budget. Ms. Butler pointed out that it was not related to one specific item but was for the overall general fund, and she clarified it was operating only.

Discussion was held on what designates something as capital.

* **MOTION by Councilwoman Warner; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Warner, to approve the item.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

2. Accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2017. (18-76). (Finance Director)

Ms. Debbie Goode, a partner with Carr, Riggs, and Ingram, presented the CAFR to Council. She mentioned that they all received a copy of the City's 2017 Audit Statements. She pointed out that it was a clean audit report and further discussed a few points of interest, such as total expenditures, the unassigned fund balance and stabilization funds. She assured Council that there are adequate funds and the City is in good financial condition, which is good to know.

City Manager Titkanich asked for clarification as to where the fire stations were and in response, Ms. Butler stated they were in the Capital Projects Fund.

Ms. Goode further advised that the City should have about $10 million to cover three months expenses, and there is about $6 million right now, which is not bad.

She discussed in furtherance the water/sewer system, internal service funds, new standards that are required, and pension funds for police, fire, and general employees.

Ms. Goode spoke about the report regarding internal control and compliance with laws and regulations. There were no findings. Federal programs are also looked at because the City has many federal programs. This was also a clean report and the City is doing a great job with compliance.

She gave kudos to the accounting team for pulling all of this together. It was done earlier this year, partly due to the retirement of Ms. Butler.

Ms. Goode further explained standards being implemented next year, one in particular is the "other post-employment benefit".

Councilman Whipple asked how long Carr, Riggs, and Ingram have been working with the City of Cocoa. In response, Ms. Goode stated it was quite a few years. He then asked how the City compared with other clients they work with.

Ms. Goode assured him that the City has a good and strong finance department. They have a good handle on finances and she feels very confident that they are doing a good job. She does not get into City operations, as that is not her job, but financially, the City does a good job.

Due to a question posed by Councilman Whipple regarding the growing responsibility with the water system, discussion was held on the future of the water department (financially) and if there was a way to improve the services of the water department.

Council thanked Ms. Goode for the presentation.

Ms. Butler thanked all of the Finance team who worked on this and mentioned that not one person can do it alone. Anne Quesada was the Audit lead this year and did a great job.

City Manager Titkanich reminded Council that last year, the Finance Department received the certificate for financial reporting, which they received for the first time in seventeen years.

* **MOTION by Councilwoman Warner; Seconded by Councilman Boisvert, to accept the CAFR.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

3. Approve changes of the date and times of the previously approved road closure for the Village Idiot 5K Run Walk through Cocoa Village. (18-52). (Community Services Director)

Ms. Hamilton mentioned that this road closure was previously planned for April 1, 2018, but it changed to March 30, 2018.

* **MOTION by Councilman Warner.**

Councilman Boisvert asked if they were closing Harrison Street and Delannoy Avenue on Friday night. In response, Ms. Hamilton provided the race times and closure times to him, which are as follows:

The closure of Harrison Street (between Riveredge & Delannoy Avenue) is requested for a street party between 3 pm and 12 am. The streets along the race route will only be closed between 6 pm and 8:30 pm.

City Manager Titkanich mentioned that this was coordinated with the First Baptist church to ensure that there were not problems, since it is Good Friday.

* **DEPUTY MAYOR BLANCO SECONDED THE ITEM.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

4. Approve a Code Enforcement Lien Reduction request in the amount of $2,000.00, as recommended by the Code Board, for the property located at 502 Brevard Ave. (18-54). (Chief of Police)

Chief Cantaloupe advised that the Code Enforcement Board held a public hearing on July 21, 2016 at which time the Board found the owner, Thomas and Alice Mandros and Sotiria Tina Kyros, in violation of the following: Section 6-1003 (b) Protective Treatment.

The Board provided the owner sufficient time to correct the said violations. Consistent with the Code Enforcement Board's Order a fine ran at $150 per day from August 10, 2016 until compliance was achieved and documented on December 15, 2017. The lien is $73,800.00 and the current owners, Thomas and Alice Mandros and Sotiria Tina Kyros, have requested that the lien be reduced to $1,000.00.

Based on certain factors, staff recommended to the Code Board that they reduce the lien to $7,380.00. The Code Enforcement Board, at its regular meeting on February 15, 2018, recommended the lien be reduced to $2,000.00.

Jay Thacker, Esq., 96 Willard Street, Suite 302, Cocoa, is an attorney with Cantwell & Goldman, P.A. He mentioned that he was representing the owner and thanked the Code Board for reducing the lien to what they have already reduced it to. However, he was in attendance to ask Council if they could approve an amount lower than $2,000.00 and explained that there was an offer on the property. The seller may have to come up with the money and the seller is an 86 year old woman who had no knowledge of the lien. Her former husband handled everything, who was 88 or 89 years old when he passed away.

Their son is helping with everything and as soon as they found out about the issues they cleared them up. They are asking if Council could consider reducing

the lien to $1,000 as that was what the City incurred for the fines for the property. Additionally, if the buyer cancels the contract the seller has to pay the fines. He noted they had originally asked Code to do this in February.

City Manager Titkanich cautioned Council, as he understands the situation, but in fairness to all other applications this could set a precedent for upcoming applicants.

Mayor Parrish explained that when these items come to Council from other boards, Council has to rely on the board's decision. Attorney Thacker understood and agreed it was fair. He reiterated why he was making the argument.

Councilman Whipple asked if the $1,000.00 included staff costs and all costs put into this case. Chief Cantaloupe noted he did not have all of the exact numbers. He did reiterate that staff originally requested the lien be reduced to $7,380.00 and based on the same statement that he made at the Code Board hearing they reduced it to $2,000.00.

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert, to approve Staff's recommendation.**

Councilman Whipple opened the motion for discussion. He knows that the Code Board did their due diligence and asked if they could reduce the lien to $500.00 instead of $2,000.00. He thought this would show an extra effort on Council's behalf.

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blanco, to approve the Code Enforcement Lien Reduction request in the amount of $2,000.00, as recommended by the Code Board, for the property located at 502 Brevard Ave.

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner
NAYS: Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED (4-1)

Attorney Thacker asked how long she had to pay the fee, and Council noted thirty days.

5. Approve a Code Enforcement Lien Reduction request in the amount of $2,000, as recommended by the Code Board, for the property located at 1222 Amherst Ct. (18-55). (Chief of Police)

Chief Cantaloupe advised that the Code Enforcement Board held a public hearing on June 15, 2017, at which time the Board found the owner, Yuling Properties LLC, in violation of the following: Section 6-900 (b)(1) a-d Accumulation of trash and litter; Section 6-1003 (b) Protective Treatment; Section 6-2003 Rental Business Tax; and Section 6-902 (b)(1) (2) Storing Junk Autos.

The Code Enforcement Board provided the owner sufficient time to correct the said violations. Therefore, consistent with the Code Enforcement Board's Order a fine ran at $100.00 per day from July 16, 2017 until compliance was achieved and documented on January 8, 2018. The lien is $17,700 and the current owner, Yuling Properties LLC, is requesting that the lien be reduced to $150.00.

Mr. Yuling, 500 Whitting Street, Melbourne, Florida stated that he was looking for a reduction and justice for himself. He advised that his mother had passed away in March, 2017. The lien was done in June or July. He explained that he called the Code officer and assured him he would comply. The tenant in the home was a Section 8 tenant; therefore, he needed a solid reason to evict her. He had to travel back to his homeland in order to finalize things in regards to his mothers' death. The tenant was evicted and they started to correct violations. He asked how he could correct all of the violations within three months of his mother passing away. The tenant took the fridge, stove, and everything from the home.

Mr. Yuling stated that he is willing to pay whatever the City's costs were, he just does not believe it is fair.

In response to questions posed by Council, Chief Cantaloupe advised that he did not have the exact dates as to when he was noticed but he was contacted and the Code Enforcement Manager, Dennis Bunt, spoke with him several times. There have been other problems with that property in that neighborhood and he felt they had been notified plenty of times.

City Manager Titkanich further noted that Code Enforcement sends both regular and certified mail because they have to comply with state statutes. They send it to both the owner's address and the property on the property appraiser's site.

Deputy Mayor Blanco has heard complaints about the property and Mr. Bunt has assured her that they were working with the owner.

Councilwoman Warner clarified when the mother passed away. Mr. Yuling stated March, 2017.

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Blanco; Seconded by Councilman Boisvert, to approve the Code Enforcement Lien Reduction request in the amount of $2,000, as recommended by the Code Board, for the property located at 1222 Amherst Ct.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

6. Approve the Code Enforcement Lien Reduction Agreement between the City of Cocoa & Richard L Taylor, which conditionally provides a reduction of the Code Enforcement Liens associated with 1315 South Lakemont Dr., to $3,950.00 providing the owner agrees to and complies with the conditions set forth in the agreement. (18-56). (Chief of Police)

Chief Cantaloupe presented the item and explained that the City had been approached by Mr. Richard L. Taylor, who is the current property owner of 1315 South Lakemont Drive. He is requesting a lien reduction. The City currently has one code lien relating to the above mentioned properties, which totals $34,490.00.

According to the Brevard County Property Appraiser, the current combined market value of the property is $35,830.00.

Chief Cantaloupe explained the background of the property, noting that it was originally owned by Diane Murphy when the violations were imposed. The property was sold through a tax deed sale and purchased by Catherine Bok. The City then commenced a lien foreclosure action against Ms. Bok, but Ms. Bok subsequently sold the property to another party, who then sold the property to Mr. Taylor.

In turn, Mr. Taylor was not aware of the lawsuit or that the City's lien was still attached to the property. Since Mr. Taylor has acquired the property he has taken action to clean up the property and is working on correcting the violations.

The attached Lien Reduction Agreement requires Mr. Taylor to meet certain deadlines before the lien reduction is effective.

Chief Cantaloupe pointed out that the Code Board has recommended approval and staff is requesting that Council approve a lien reduction agreement that would reduce the lien to $3,950.00, based upon compliance with the Lien Reduction Agreement.

Rick Taylor, 1034 Jacaranda Circle, Rockledge, Florida, stated that he had no idea about the lien and the title company also failed to find the lien. He has been working diligently to fix up the home and has replaced all of the rotten wood and the electrical system is close to being completed. He stressed that he is making substantial strides to get the home repaired. He further stated that if he had known that there was a lien, he doubts he would have bought the home. He has been doing all that he can to remedy the situation.

Deputy Mayor Blanco asked what the City's policy was regarding title searches. In response, City Manager Titkanich stated that the City utilizes a service.

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Councilwoman Warner, to approve the Code Enforcement Lien Reduction Agreement between the City of Cocoa & Richard L Taylor, which conditionally provides a reduction of the Code Enforcement Liens associated with 1315 South Lakemont Dr., to $3,950.00 providing the owner agrees to and complies with the conditions set forth in the agreement.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

Mr. Taylor asked whose responsibility it is to contact the title company.

VIII. CITY BUSINESS:

1. Approve Participation in a Cooperative Purchase Agreement with Flagler Construction Company, Florida to purchase a ECR88D Volvo Excavator, Trail King TK20LP Trailer, and Associated Equipment Utilizing the Florida Sheriff's Contract No. FSA17-VEH15.0 Effective October 13, 2017 through September 30, 2018; To Approve a Resolution Amending the FY2018 Budget. (18-68). (Utilities Director)

Mr. Walsh presented the item and reminded Council of the fire in the wellfield that happened last year. This item will replace those machines lost in the fire.

* **MOTION by Councilman Whipple; Seconded by Councilwoman Warner, to approve the item.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS:

2. Approve the Second and Final Amendment to Purchase Agreement with Atlantic Development of Cocoa, GUNNstruction, Inc., JoBear Contracting, Inc. and Maxwell Contracting, Inc. under RFQ-13-01-COC, Utilities General Construction Contractors effective February 12, 2018 through February 11, 2020. (18-74). (Utilities Director)

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blanco, to approve the item.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

3. Authorize change orders to Ricoh USA (PO 71929) and Wells Fargo (PO 72057) for FY2018 on the multi-year lease agreements with Ricoh USA, Inc., and Wells Fargo for copiers and consumption expenses, and changes made to the lease holder. (Assistant City Manager) (18-87)

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer presented the item and noted that this went along with the lease agreement that was previously approved by Council. This includes the consumption charges for things such as ink and toner. They have centralized the payment system so that it is all paid by IT and so that this could be monitored a little better. However, by doing this the amount exceeds the City Manager's spending authority so it was necessary to bring it to Council for approval.

* **MOTION by Councilwoman Warner; Seconded by Councilman Whipple, to approve the item.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

IX. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA:

1. Cocoa Police Department District Event Statistics for November & December, 2017. (18-69). (Chief of Police)

2. Review the Water Meter Use, Water Meter Accuracy, and Utility Billing Practices Audit, provided by Water Resource Associates, Inc. and the Management Response to this audit. (18-83). (City Manager)

X. REPORTS:

David Henry, 923 School Street, a student at EFSC, requested a proclamation in regards to the damaging effects of parental separation. He pointed out all of those in Brevard County and other cities as well as politicians who are on board with this. Mayor Parrish asked him to submit the information to the City Clerk.

Councilwoman Warner spoke with him prior to the meeting and explained that what he was trying to do was bring forward the fact that children of separated homes are sometimes the cause of issues relating to what is happening in schools.

Lorraine Koss, 2115 N. Indian River Drive, Cocoa, thanked them for the appointment to the Sustainability Advisory Board and reminded all they were very eager to get started.

Mr. Wegerif advised that many have probably noticed the crane downtown on Church Street and mentioned it was because they were installing a baffle box. The baffle box will treat the south end of the City to U.S. 1. It will remove trash and nutrients which will help the river quality. It will also catch diesel or any oil that can get into the river.

Secondly, the city received an email from Waste Management. Right now they pick up garbage, refuge, and green waste; however, they have also been picking up wood fencing if it is put out. They were doing it as a courtesy but the demand has gotten so large they are falling behind. As of the end of this month they will not be picking up fencing, unless you make arrangements, and there will be an

extra charge. Fences are not considered green waste, as they are considered construction and demolition.

Councilman Whipple asked about the contract with them and asked if it stated specifics as to what will or will not be picked up. Mr. Wegerif advised it is specific as to what they will pick up.

Deputy Mayor Blanco confirmed that the charges are what they have always implemented and they are not charging a new fee. Mr. Wegerif responded in the affirmative but pointed out that they have been picking up without charging a fee and it is hurting their other services.

He advised that residents can do a Bagster and put construction debris in that.

Mayor Parrish asked if there were any updates on SR 524. In response, Mr. Wegerif advised that they are in their next phase, which will be a PD & E Study. They are in the process of starting that. He assured Council there will be a lot of changes to SR 524 very soon.

Council thanked Ms. Butler for her hard work through the years and wished her well on her retirement.

Mr. Walsh provided an update of Logan Diving, who did the repairs to the bridge after the hurricane. As of today they are officially done with the repairs and the underwater diving. He provided statistics to Council and pointed out that they are under the original change order budget. The total was approximately $1.1 million. There was also some debris piled up in front of the Sellers Plant and they will removing that.

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer mentioned an email sent out regarding a temporary closure at Provost Park, on the eastern side, as it will be going through some maintenance. Everyone has been informed, including the County, NAACP, and other stakeholders. This will start Monday, March 19 through Friday, March 23rd. Brevard County Parks and Rec will be planning a re-opening, field day like event that will bring families back to the park.

Additionally, the City has put up gates to the parking area. There will be tree trimming, playground maintenance, field repairs, and parking areas will be re-striped to better identify the parking. He believed this would be a start. The police department will also be getting signs out in the community so that the

community is aware. It will also be noticed on social media. A letter was also sent to the District 2 County Commissioner.

Mayor Parrish made it clear that those who frequent the park from Orlando, Titusville, etc. are not invited anymore. He is hopeful that the future of the park will have the new Joe Lee Smith Center on it. He is adamant about continuing to lower Cocoa's crime rate.

Lastly, Assistant City Manager Fuhrer congratulated Ms. Butler on her retirement and has learned a lot from her. He appreciates all that she has done for the City.

City Manager Titkanich advised that the Legislative session has ended this past weekend. They passed the budget in 92 days. There were many issues being watched and many did not pass. He thanked Representative Goodson and Senator Hukill for their guidance and support of Cocoa during this time. He did point out that all CRA bills died.

Mayor Parrish and Councilman Whipple mentioned that they were looking at scheduling a joint meeting between Diamond Square CRA and the City Council in order to discuss the Joe Lee Smith Center and Stone Street. There will also be a public meeting so that information can be given out.

City Manager Titkanich advised Council to look in their informational agenda as there was an item relating to the water audit and meter use. The City stands well and is within the limits. This provided staff an opportunity to look at processes.

He reminded Council that the CPSM study was distributed to all of them and the Clerk has a copy which will be available through public records request. He would like to meet with each of them individually and they are trying to get a workshop scheduled with the authors. He believes the City engaging with the group to get this study done is something that should be taken seriously.

Additionally, Cocoa is the only city in Brevard County working with Rev. Dennis. City Manager Titkanich wears his passion for this city on his sleeve and when you are accused it is not a fair characterization when numbers have been provided and there has been communication.

City Manager Titkanich further advised that Council accepted the CAFR which looks at what was done last year. The budget process is about to begin and they are starting the process early this year. They are looking at having an initial

workshop on April 23rd. This will not be a long workshop. All dates for upcoming workshops will be provided in advance.

In closing, he advised he would be out of the office Friday, March 16th through Friday, March 23rd, as he will be on vacation.

Lastly, he thanked and commended Ms. Butler for her years of service to the City. Her knowledge has been invaluable and he wished her well on her retirement.

Councilman Whipple thanked Assistant City Manager Fuhrer for this update on Provost Park and mentioned that he was involved in the initial meeting in Viera regarding this. He is extremely passionate because children and people cannot use the park for what it is intended for and he applauded everyone for what they are doing.

Councilman Whipple congratulated Ms. Butler on her retirement and stated he would miss her.

Mount Moriah A.M.E. Church is having a community event, along with Brevard Parks and Recreation on March 24th from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. He asked the Deputy Fire Chief if he spoke with who they needed him to contact. In response, Deputy Chief Lamm assured him they were on the calendar.

Councilman Whipple thanked Attorney Garganese for clarifying the information in regards to the Mayor leaving and appreciated the information.

Councilwoman Warner wished Ms. Butler all the best and mentioned she has been involved with the City for a long part of Ms. Butler's time. She has always been a huge asset.

She invited everyone to participate in the Mayor's Walk on March 17th. They will be walking dogs around Bracco Pond. Brevard Kennel Club is also bringing people who can help kids get used to animals.

In closing, she mentioned that she had a meeting with people who have a security contract with the County for the bus depot next to Provost Park. The owner is a former member of the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and would be more than happy to partner with the City in order to keep an eye on what goes on there.

Councilman Whipple asked Assistant City Manager Fuhrer if he has met with the managers of the bus terminal. In response, Assistant City Manager Fuhrer advised that he, City Manager Titkanich, and Ms. Hamilton went on site a few weeks ago and they have long term plans for the site. They want to move the bus terminal off of Varr Avenue.

City Manager Titkanich added that they would be moving what is in front of the building on S.R. 520 so Varr Avenue will not be blocked.

Councilman Boisvert wished Ms. Butler a great retirement and told her to enjoy it.

He reminded everyone that on Friday morning, March 16th at 9 a.m. the grand opening for the new Dunkin Donuts on Clearlake would be held. Coffee with a Cop is at the same time.

Deputy Mayor Blanco thanked Chief Cantaloupe for the district event statistics included in the agenda. It is encouraging to know things get better each month.

She also thanked staff for the review on the water meter accuracy. It is good for the public to know that this it out there and that meters are accurate.

Deputy Mayor Blanco asked the Assistant City Manager if there was any way to reach out to the County to see if they could clean up the Brevard Action Building as well. He advised that the building is owned by the City and we have the ability to make the improvements. He further spoke about an email that he had previously received from a resident in regards to that area. He has been was in touch with that resident and they are happy to see the improvements being made.

Deputy Mayor Blanco thanked everyone who participated in the Mayor's Fitness Challenge Walk on March 3rd at Cocoa High School. She thanked Keith Hendley, United Way, Cambridge Elementary, Dr. Stephanie Soliven, Bobo Gabordi, Florida Today staff, and Mayor Parrish.

Lastly, she thanked Officers Hattaway and Helms for their participation this last Friday at the Cambridge Elementary field day event. The Lemonade Stand was there and students loved it all.

Deputy Mayor Blanco said goodbye to Ms. Butler and stated she was very gracious to meet with her in the beginning and have a one-on-one meeting with

her. She educated her and provided a great overview of the Finance Department. She wished her good luck.

Mayor Parrish likes the new Cocoa water bottles. He saw them for the first time at the Mayor's Fitness Challenge.

He asked staff to contact Ms. Candace Rogers, who was in attendance at the earlier meeting.

Mr. Thomas Revin is waiting on a call from staff. He has a different perspective on the county's homeless situation and is looking at doing a workshop.

Mayor Parrish asked about the Dunkin Donuts on SR 520. City Manager Titkanich stated he would try to have an update on Cumberland Farms and Dunkin at the next meeting.

Councilman Boisvert asked for an update on the old Winn Dixie on S. R. 524. City Manager Titkanich has spoken with them and there are a lot of things in motion with the site. No official plans have been submitted yet. He will speak with each Council member individually. Looking at other uses and all that would be beneficial to the city.

Councilman Whipple asked about the traffic signal box wraps. In response, Assistant City Manager Fuhrer mentioned that there are six more to be completed and there is funding available. They are working with Cocoa Main Street to get this done.

Councilman Whipple advised that there is one in front of Zion Orthodox Church. Assistant City Manager Fuhrer assured him that they would make sure that it was on the list to be done.

Mayor Parrish thanked Chief Cantaloupe for driving the crime rate down in the last five years. He believed that a 35% reduction across the board is great.

Chief Cantaloupe thanked him and pointed out that they could not do it without the men and women of the Police Department.

Mayor Parrish reiterated that crime is leaving Cocoa and the right things are being done.

Councilwoman Warner believes that the changes she sees are due to a change in philosophy and attitude. One thing that she constantly hears from those who have regular contact with the Police Department is that they always feel that they are treated with dignity and respect, no matter what the situation is. She appreciates that more than anything else that the department does. She believes citizens see that they have a police department that cares about them.

Councilwoman Warner further announced that there is a YouTube site called Cyberdeck where you can watch progression footage of the Walmart Distribution Center.

Deputy Mayor Blanco reminded everyone of the Community Watch Meeting in High Point on Thursday, March 15, 2018, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. It will be at the corner of Riverpoint Drive and Forrest Hill Drive.

XI. ADJOURNMENT.

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blanco, to adjourn the Regular meeting of March 13, 2018.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Henry U. Parrish III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carie Shealy, MMC, City Clerk

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