MINUTES
City of Cocoa
Regular Meeting of The City Council

January 8, 2020

A Regular City Council Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, in Cocoa City Hall, in City Council Chambers, located at 65 Stone Street, in Cocoa, Florida, 32922, as publicly noticed.

I. Opening Matters:

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chief Lamm provided the invocation and Deputy Mayor Goins led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The City Clerk took the roll.

PRESENT:	Jake Williams, Jr.	Mayor
	Alex Goins	Deputy Mayor
	Don Boisvert	Councilmember
	Lorraine Koss	Councilmember
	Brenda Warner	Councilmember
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney
	John A. 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; Nancy Bunt, Community Services Director; Michael Cantaloupe, Chief of Police; Jonathan Lamm, Fire Chief; Bryant Smith, Public Works Director; Rebecca Bowman, Finance Director; Charlene Neuterman, Deputy Community Services Director; Jeremy Ondo, Cocoa Police Lieutenant; and Jason McCuen, Helpdesk Support Tech.

II. Approval Of Agenda And Minutes:

1. **Agenda:** Regular Meeting of January 8, 2020 (19-663)

2. **Minutes:** (a) District 4 Town Hall Meeting on October 15, 2019 (19-655)
(b) Regular Meeting of October 23, 2019 (19-610)
(c) Marijuana Possession & Dispensary Workshop of October 29, 2019 (20-4)
(d) Utilities Workshop on November 5, 2019 (19-649)
(e) Special City Council Meeting on November 22, 2019 (19-662)

* **MOTION by Councilmember Boisvert; Seconded by Councilmember Warner, to approve the agenda as presented for the Regular meeting of January 8, 2020.**

AYES: Williams, Goins, Boisvert, Koss, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

* **MOTION by Councilmember Boisvert; Seconded by Councilmember Koss, to approve the Minutes as noted above, with the following amendment to the Minutes of the District 4 Town Hall Meeting on October 15, 2020. Page 2, the name of the Cambridge Elementary School Principal is notated wrong. The correct name is Gina Tagye.**

AYES: Williams, Goins, Boisvert, Koss, Warner

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III. Awards and Presentations:

1. Presentation: Cocoa Village Playhouse. (19-664). (Dr. Stacia Hawkins-Smith)

Dr. Hawkins-Smith announced that this was the Cocoa Village Playhouse's thirtieth season and she was proud because ticket sales were up. They were currently in rehearsals for "Sound of Music" which opens on January 31, 2020. She provided brochures and mentioned that this weekend "Hot Pink, with Music from the Beatles" would be playing and Sunday is the Florida State Musician Contest with Magic Dove Musician Shop. She spoke about the Playhouse's new project called "Expanding the Dream". This project has a $2.5 million dollar budget and she stated what they had raised thus far.

In closing, she mentioned that if anyone would like a tour, they would be happy to accommodate them.

Council thanked her for the update. She thanked everyone for their support.

2. Presentation regarding homelessness. (20-1). (Thomas Rebman)

Mr. Thomas Rebman provided a presentation entitled "Reducing Homelessness in Brevard County"[1]. He mentioned that he lived homeless in thirteen cities after taking a break from teaching and this information was a result of five years of extensive research. He is an educator and all of the information is based on facts.

Information from the LEAD Brevard Class of 2017 was discussed in detail and he pointed out that this is a topic that can be polarizing. The path to permanent housing is challenging, and there is not one solution.

Mr. Rebman stressed that a community driven plan needs to be done.

He further pointed out that there are no shelters in Brevard County for single woman, single men, and couples with no children. There are a few for a family with children. There are many resources for single women with children which is a blessing.

In closing, he stated that what was needed was for one or two representatives from each city to come up with a plan on how to increase services without spending government dollars. The City of Palm Bay has had workshops regarding homelessness and have invited others to come and provide information. He requested that Cocoa do the same.

Lastly, he asked the City to get behind a plan whether countywide or within the City.

3. Proclamation: Brevard Kennel Club. (20-2). (Councilmember Warner)

Councilmember Warner read the proclamation into the record and presented it to those in attendance from the Brevard Kennel Club. She also presented a plaque with the help of Chief Cantaloupe to the Brevard Kennel Club in appreciation of their support to the K9 Competition hosted by the Cocoa Police Department and pointed out that without their sponsorship the competition would not be possible.

[1] EXHIBIT A: Reducing Homelessness in Brevard County

III. Delegations:

Jeri Blanco, 2106 Ivy Drive, Cocoa, spoke about the December 11, 2019 regarding Item VII.6 under Council business. There were some remarks and accusations made by Councilmember Koss to the Chairman of the Board for BACRAP, who is Port Commissioner Bob Harvey. It was an attempt to discredit the non-profit. She asked that Councilmember Koss make a formal apology and read excerpts from City Council Rules of Procedure.

Larry Sinclair, 1052 Mitchell Street, Cocoa, advised that since time has been limited to three minutes a copy of this statement would be available on Facebook. He stated that the Mayor and Councilmember Koss called him out by name and he spoke about the comments regarding BACRAP at the December 11, 2019 meeting. He further stated that the comment was made that Mr. Sinclair did not change Broadmoor Acres, but the Mayor did.

Mayor Williams stated that he should address the Council as a whole, not individually. Mayor Williams asked for Mr. Sinclair to be removed and Attorney Garganese asked Mr. Sinclair to address the Council as a whole as well.

Mr. Sinclair stated that this Council has accused him of fraudulent mortgages and the public records of Council on December 11, 2019 accused him and an organization that he founded of illegal activity, unjust and illegal mortgages, and accused him of doing contracts for deeds which has never been done nor has BACRAP.

Sam Clayborn, Cocoa Youth Athletics Corporation wanted to applaud the Council for all of the work that they have done and presented them a plaque on behalf of the leage for their support. Mr. Clayborn further thanked Mr. Fuhrer and Deputy Mayor Goins for their help with the updates to Stradley Park. The donated funds opened up many doors for the youth of Cocoa. They had an outstanding football season and hoped that it would continue in the future. Board members were in attendance as well.

Rev. Johnnie Dennis, 3710 Catalina Drive, Cocoa, Florida, thanked Councilmember Warner for correcting him as his recently submitted petition was on the wrong letterhead. He spoke about the intent of the Police Community Relations Advisory Board and that it was to "police the police". The board is useless if it is filled with former police.

In response, Mayor Williams mentioned Kevin McCann who was his appointment was no longer eligible to serve on the board. Rev. Dennis stated that they needed to think about removing anyone else who was an ex-police officer from the board.

Mayor Williams added that this his eligibility was brought to his attention at the last meeting and there had been action taken. Attorney Garganese advised that the board could reconsider the action or any recommendation that they provided. The Mayor would need to reappoint since Mr. McCann was his original appointment.

Sudhir Kotecha, 1430 Dixon Blvd., Apt. 215, Cocoa, spoke in regards to his manager Joseph Down. He advised that there have been many complaints made against Officer Glen Wade. He further mentioned an incident regarding Officer Wade and spoke in more detail about his manager Joseph Down.

Anita Gibson, 451 Stone Street, Cocoa, spoke about the murder case of her son, which has gone cold. Her heart wants something to come of this and she asked if there was a chain of command or a cold case unit. Additionally, she would like for the billboards on SR 520 to reflect these people so that they are not forgotten. She has contacted Crimeline as well. Her son died on May 1, 2017 and she asked that her son's picture be placed on the billboard. She is going to keep at this until her son's case is resolved. She would like for someone to reach out to her and let her know what she can do as a next step.

Rita Lynar, 1200 Clearlake Road, Cocoa, asked Council to take another look at the policies and procedures of the Cocoa Police Department. She clarified that what Mr. Kotecha was trying to say was that he was falsely accused of something that he was not a part of. She was promised a copy of the Police Department's policies and procedures but was never given that. She also spoke about an illegal thrift store at Asbury Arms.

V. Reports:

Mr. Rip Dyal, Chairman of the Board of Adjustment, thanked Council for the quick response in recruiting new members.

Mayor Williams thanked Ms. Senger as well for getting the Citizens Academy up and running.

Attorney Alton Edmond, Chairman of the Police Advisory Board, was looking forward to seeing how the motion made by Mr. McCann could be resolved. He provided a brief synopsis regarding the motion made to make commendations for certain heroic acts that the police have performed in the community. Mr. Edmond stated that he objected because that was not the purpose of the board. He felt that there are many acts that should be applauded but the board was not the right place. The motion passed over his objection.

Attorney Garganese clarified the two issues at hand advising they were the commendation of police officers and whether or not the motion will stand since Mr. McCann was no longer eligible.

Deputy Mayor Goins asked about Rev. Dennis's idea about going to bi-monthly meetings. He was in agreement with that and believed if they met a little more often the meetings would not last as long and they may get more participation from the community.

Chief Cantaloupe reminded all that tomorrow was National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day so he encouraged everyone to thank an officer.

Chief Lamm thanked Chief Cantaloupe for his and the department's service and mentioned the Space Coast Firefighters' Association awards. Alex Candelario won the Driver Operator award and Deputy Chief Samual Byrd was selected as Trainer of the Year. Chief Lamm was selected as Chief of the Year.

Ms. Bunt reminded everyone that Friday is the Annual Economic Development Breakfast at the Cocoa Civic Center. Mayor Williams asked that the parking be looked into before then.

Councilmember Koss provided a statement in response to Mr. Harvey's letter requesting an apology or censure[2].

"As an elected official, I have a responsibility to understand the business of organizations seeking support with public resources. Attacking me personally will not distract or intimidate me. I'm sorry you took it personally. It wasn't intended that way. I have a duty to ensure that our city agreements are clean and for the public good.

I've reviewed the transcripts. I want to correct and apologize for the words, "a court case was won." The court case was a Complaint for Eviction. It was settled out of court, not ruled on. The terms were favorable for the defendant. They weren't evicted, they didn't lose their $7,000 deposit and they were allowed to purchase the home per the original agreement.

Again, my request is for transparency. Can BACRAP clarify the business model? What properties does BACRAP own vs. "control"? What is the relationship between the non-profit BACRAP and for-profit entities? I understand investors should be rewarded for risk. However, the City of Cocoa should have confidence that no lines have been crossed when there's a city agreement involved.

[2] EXHIBIT B: Response to Harvey Demand Letter

I'm confident we can clear up these questions with transparency. I hope to work with Mr. Harvey and BACRAP for the betterment of Broadmoor Acres and overall for the Good of Cocoa.

I don't like having a bull's eye on my back. I don't like being the subject of the recent vile and bigoted social media posts. I really want to go forward and build the city.

I don't care about riding on floats or standing on podiums. I'm here to make Cocoa a better place to live. I don't know how we do that if we don't keep things clean and demand transparency.

I hope we can go forward from here."

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer advised that he attended a forum related to Opportunity Zones. This was a program put on by the Federal government. The program was meant to promote opportunity zones but at the same time there were developers and fund managers as well. Information was provided on how cities could promote these zones.

City Manager Titkanich announced the receipt of an invitation from Representative Sirois for Brevard County Day at the Capitol. It will be on January 21, 2020. He asked if any Council members would like to attend and asked them to let the City Clerk's office know of their wishes.

Mayor Williams pointed out that the MLK march was that Monday and Council was on Wednesday so he would decline.

Deputy Mayor Goins would drive with someone in a City vehicle but does not want to go alone. Councilmember Boisvert and Warner would not be attending.

City Manager Titkanich further mentioned that the FLC Legislative Action Days were February 11-12, 2020, and the Council meeting is February 12, 2020. He stated a decision should be made about that meeting.

IT WAS A CONSENSUS AMONG COUNCIL TO CANCEL THE REGULAR MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2020.

City Manager Titkanich provided an update regarding the Rush Marine bid protest and staff has encouraged Rush to attend the January 22, 2020 Council meeting.

Mayor Williams stated that there was a statement made at a prior meeting that he had gone and cleaned up a neighborhood in Cocoa. He stated that was not true and what he meant by his statement.

Deputy Mayor Goins advised that a donation application request had been received but was not on this agenda. He asked Ms. Nicole Dyer or Victoria Mitchner to provide a brief description of what they were asking for.

Ms. Nicole Dyer introduced herself and provided a brief history about herself. This event was created because she has realized that there was not much help for those wanting to become entrepreneurs like herself.

Deputy Mayor Goins asked how many people would be attending this event. She stated that there are about 200 registered and there had been about 5,000 views on Facebook. The event is Saturday, January 18, 2020. She stated that if the City sponsored that the City would be named as a sponsor and a table would be provided for the City as well.

Deputy Mayor Goins requested support from other members of Council for this event. They are asking for $600 so it would be $120 out of each Council members donation budget.

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Goins; Seconded by Councilmember Koss, to approve the donation request for $600.**

Attorney Garganese asked that this be opened for public input since it was not on the agenda.

Mayor Williams opened this item to the public. There being no response, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

AYES: Williams, Goins, Boisvert, Koss, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

Deputy Mayor Goins further mentioned his attendance at two great events. The Strategic Planning Workshops for the Police Department were very good. He felt that there was great dialogue and they were very transparent. Comments were made about the minority leadership in the department and following the workshops things were twisted on social media. He advised that records were received from the City of Rockledge and information that was shared was accurate. He stressed that Council and staff want people to come out and provide input. He spoke with Rockledge's Chief of Police and pointed out other statistics that he learned which were as follows:

- The City of Cocoa has 32-29% African Americans
- The Cocoa PD has 9% of sworn officers who are minorities

- The City of Rockledge has 52% minority workers at their PD
- Less than 12% of African American's live in Rockledge

Deputy Mayor Goins stressed that these workshops are not to bash anyone in the city they are being done to help us.

In closing, he spoke about another event in District 1 coming up this weekend, which was an event with Pastor Jarvis Wash on Temple Street which is a program for inmates trying to get back into society. The times were at 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

He reiterated Ms. Mitchner and Ms. Dyers event on January 18th and requested that Council stop by if they are available.

Mayor Williams thanked everyone for their comments and stressed that he wanted to move forward and into the next phase during his time on Council.

VI. Consent Agenda:

1. Approve entering into a co-operative purchase agreement with, and issuing a Purchase Order to Goodson Paving, Inc. in the amount of $171,314.39 for the milling and paving of multiple streets and intersecting areas as needed to include, but not limited to A Street, B Street, C Street, Washington Avenue, Barbara Jenkins Street, and Japonica Lane using Brevard County Bid # B4-18-50, effective June 21, 2019 through June 20, 2020. Approve entering into a co-operative purchase agreement with, and issuing a Purchase Order to Goodson Paving, Inc. in the amount of $123,393.40 for the demolition and reconstruction of non-compliant ADA ramps, sidewalks and curbing on the roads milled and paved as part of the aforementioned work using Brevard County Bid # B4-19-07, effective January 14, 2019 to January 13, 2022. Authorize the City Manager to approve any change orders up to a 10% contingency in the amount of $29,470.78 for any additional work, as needed. (19-620). (Public Works Director)

2. Approve the FY 2019-2020 HOME Disbursement Agreement between the City of Cocoa and Brevard County in the amount of $506,207.65 and approve a Resolution amending the FY2020 budget. (19-646). (Community Services Director)

* **MOTION by Councilmember Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Goins, to approve the Consent agenda.**

AYES: Williams, Goins, Boisvert, Koss, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VII. Public Hearings:

1. Ordinance No. 26-2019/Second & Final Reading: Amending Section 2-4 of the City Code to allow Preferences for Local Vendors as to City Purchases. (20-16). (Finance Director)

Attorney Garganese read Ordinance No. 26-2019 into the record, by title only as follows. He advised that this was the second and final reading and no changes were made since the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING SECTION 2-4 OF THE CITY CODE TO ALLOW PREFERENCES FOR LOCAL VENDORS AS TO CITY PURCHASES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

* **MOTION by Councilmember Boisvert; Seconded by Councilmember Koss, to approve Ordinance No. 26-2019 on second and final reading. The motion was opened for discussion.**

Councilmember Koss asked for clarification on the second change that was made, which was to require the local business to match the lowest bid as a condition of receiving a local preference. In response, City Manager Titkanich advised that if the bidder was within the five percent than they have preference and have the opportunity to match the lowest bid and they could potentially be awarded the bid.

AYES: Williams, Goins, Boisvert, Koss, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

2. Ordinance No. 24-2019/2nd & Final Reading: Annexing approximately 139.23 acres of real property located in unincorporated Brevard County (as shown in Exhibit "A") into the City of Cocoa in accordance with Chapter 171 of the Florida

Statutes and Appendix A, Article VI of the City of Cocoa Code. (20-22). (Community Services Director)

Attorney Garganese read Ordinance No. 24-2019 into the record, by title only as follows. He advised that this was the second and final reading and no changes were made since the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; ANNEXING APPROXIMATELY 139.23 ACRES OF REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF STATE ROAD 524 AND STATE ROADS 520, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY WEST OF ADAMSON ROAD AND NORTH OF STATE ROADS 520 AND 524; PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF COCOA CHARTER, ARTICLE 1, CITY BOUNDARIES, TO INCORPORATE THE REAL PROPERTY INTO THE CITY BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF THE REVISED COCOA CHARTER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND AS ALSO REQUIRED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

* **MOTION by Councilmember Warner; Seconded by Councilmember Boisvert, to approve Ordinance No. 24-2019 on second and final reading.**

AYES: Williams, Goins, Boisvert, Koss, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VIII. Council Business:

1. Approve a Code Enforcement Lien Reduction request in the amount $3,000.00, as recommended by the Code Enforcement Board, for the property located at 540 Peachtree St. (19-626). (Chief of Police)

Chief Cantaloupe provided a detailed background on the requested lien reduction application and pointed out that all of the violations have been complied with. The owners agreed to this amount as well.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Warner; Seconded by Councilmember Koss, to approve the Code Enforcement Lien Reduction request in the amount of**

$3,000.00, as recommended by the Code Enforcement Board, for the property located at 540 Peachtree St.

AYES: Williams, Goins, Boisvert, Koss, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

2. City Council direction on adding a provision to the City Code to add Temporary Mobile Vending as a type of business that requires a Business Tax Receipt, and clarifying fundraising and temporary sales. (20-5). (Community Services Director)

Mayor Williams felt that this was more directed at food and his understanding when it comes to mobile vending was not just food.

Councilmember Warner clarified that he meant things like mobile detailing and businesses like that.

Ms. Bunt noted that in terms of a mobile detailer you get a business tax license and explained how this would work.

Mayor Williams' concern was that staff wanted to provide a provision to the Code. They were asked to bring back information on what other cities were doing, but directors and staff met and came up with this and while he appreciated their due diligence, he would have liked to know and see what was being done.

Ms. Bunt stated that she could provide the documentation if Council wished and they looked at Orlando, Rockledge, and some other counties.

City Manager Titkanich advised that this item was for direction and it could be brought back for further direction if Council wished. They could include the information from the other cities researched as well as put together an Excel spreadsheet, or, staff could proceed forward in working with the City Attorney's office in drafting an ordinance and include the information as backup to the item as well.

Councilmember Warner asked if cities with 50,000 people or less could be looked at instead of those with higher populations. Ms. Bunt agreed that could be done. She will also provide a map as to where it would and would not be allowed.

Deputy Mayor Goins' concern was the language on the second page with the exempt streets, which are major streets. It was noted that those were where this would be permitted.

City Manager Titkanich advised that this was a common thing to keep these in major commercial corridors and common to keep them out of residential neighborhoods.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Goins, to have staff work with the City Attorney's office to draft an ordinance and to bring back additional information.**

AYES: Williams, Goins, Boisvert, Koss, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

3. City Council support of a Historic Cocoa Village Main Street (HCVMS) grant application to Keep Brevard Beautiful for a HCVMS project creating a butterfly garden; and authorize the City to support the maintenance of a butterfly garden in Riverfront Park. (20-6). (Community Services Director)

Ms. Bunt explained the item and mentioned that HCVMS was seeking to pursue a grant from Keep Brevard Beautiful. This would require a match from the City and she noted that they planned to use volunteers for this. The butterfly garden would be behind the Porcher House and they would receive guidance from Public Works on their choice of plants, and access to plants and mulch if necessary. She further stated that this could be a part of the City's Sustainability Plan.

Councilmember Koss advised that she spoke with Ms. Gombert from the Sustainability Advisory Committee who would be happy to help with this as well.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Koss; Seconded by Councilmember Warner, to approve the item.**

AYES: Williams, Goins, Boisvert, Koss, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

4. City Council direction on creating a Code Enforcement Lien Amnesty Program for administrative lien reductions for qualified applicants and liens. (20-14). (Chief of Police)

Chief Cantaloupe explained what this program would entail and that it would be more directed at homeowners in the City who might have had something happen at some point in the past. He mentioned that there would probably be an administrative fee but the goal was to make this as simple as possible for the citizens.

Mayor Williams advised that when reviewing the item there were a couple of areas in which he did not agree with but a lot that he did. Some of these homes have been those with homeowners who have passed away and the city is out for the administrative fees. He felt that the liens should be reduced to what the city was owed in administrative fees because this was a one-time chance. Fees for releasing the liens should also be included. His opinion was that the program should run at least six months and everyone should be notified with a letter that this was their opportunity to get rid of these liens. Additionally, they should be allowed sixty days to pay their fees.

Councilmember Warner wanted to ensure that people were given enough time to save money if needed in order to get these things done.

Councilmember Koss asked if they knew how many would be eligible. In response, Chief Cantaloupe stated that they do not know that yet but would work on that. He does not believe there would be any staffing issues, as him and Mr. Bunt have discussed this and believe it would be beneficial.

City Manager Titkanich pointed out that eligibility was not only for single family homeowners and mentioned that these programs were designed in various ways and you might have a homeowner with limited income. There might be someone with high liens but limited income, so there would need to be a component built in for those residents who do not have the means. The goal is to lessen the burden on these homeowners. This will require some work and it would require homeowners to work with Code, not to just get the liens cleared but to get issues resolved as well.

* **IT WAS A CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL FOR STAFF TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CREATION OF A CODE ENFORCEMENT LIEN AMNESTY PROGRAM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE LIEN REDUCTIONS FOR QUALIFIED APPLICANTS AND LIENS.**

IX. City Business:

1. Approval of a Strategic Alliance Memorandum (SAM) between the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the City of Cocoa; Authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum on behalf of the City; Present a Proclamation acknowledging the Strategic Alliance Memorandum between the SBA and the City of Cocoa. (19-647). (Community Services Director)

Ms. Bunt introduced Mr. Vince Lopresti who was in attendance to speak about the Small Business Association and read the Proclamation into the record.

Mr. Lopresti thanked Council for providing him the opportunity to speak and thanked them for the proclamation. They are trying to do things in the opportunity zones and they were looking forward to helping those zones. He stated that in the last three months three loans were approved and these businesses promise jobs in the Cocoa community. There should be a lot of opportunity for growth going forward.

City Manager Titkanich asked if there were specific programs for minority and women owned businesses. In response, Mr. Lopresti explained some of the programs and that they try to provide financing to everybody.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Warner; Seconded by Councilmember Koss, to approve the item.**

AYES: Williams, Goins, Boisvert, Koss, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

2. Ordinance No. 02-2020/ 1st Reading: Related to the Diamond Square Community Redevelopment Agency for purposes of implementing the Interlocal Agreement between the City, Agency and Brevard County. (20-13). (City Attorney)

Attorney Garganese read Ordinance No. 02-2020 into the record, by title only, as follows. He advised that this was the first reading of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE III OF THE CITY CODE RELATED TO THE DIAMOND SQUARE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY, AGENCY AND BREVARD COUNTY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Attorney Garganese advised that on second and final reading, Council would have to reconstitute the Diamond Square CRA and make staggered terms. He pointed out that there was a blank roster attached to give Council an idea of those the board would be composed of and terms would be staggered.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Goins, to approve Ordinance No. 02-2020 on first reading.**

The motion was opened for discussion.

Deputy Mayor Goins clarified if they had to appoint a new board or could existing members be appointed. He wanted to ensure this was done correctly.

City Manager Titkanich advised that a roster could be provided between now and the second reading. In conversations with Commissioner Lober, he did want to see some fresh faces. Additionally, they cannot serve more than two terms and he explained how the terms would work.

Mayor Williams felt that it would be ridiculous for them to expect all new members because no one would know what was going on. City Manager Titkanich stated that the one, two, and three year terms would provide turnover. He further stated that staff would reach out to Commissioner Lober's office because the agreements designates that he or designee would sit on the board.

AYES: Williams, Goins, Boisvert, Koss, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

Multi-Year Contracts:

3. Approve and execute Resolution authorizing a Multi-Year Highway Maintenance Memorandum of Agreement (ASE66) between the City of Cocoa and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Approve and execute the Multi-Year Highway Memorandum of Agreement (ASE66) between the City of Cocoa and the FDOT. Approve a Budget Resolution Amending the FY2020 Budget, accepting the additional Revenue outlined within the agreement, for the second two quarterly payments. (20-11). (Public Works Director)

Mr. Smith explained this item in detail and noted that it would allow the City to maintain the highways at a better pace than FDOT.

Councilmember Koss asked if this was in regards to the medians that had been discussed previously in regards to staffing issues. In response, Mr. Smith stated that US Lawns has been maintaining them and they are shaping up.

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Goins; Seconded by Councilmember Boisvert, to approve the item.**

AYES: Williams, Goins, Boisvert, Koss, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

Deputy Mayor Goins advised that he had spoken with a FDOT engineer about audible crosswalks in the City. He requested that an email be sent requesting these as he feels like it would help. Councilmember Koss supported his request as well.

He further noted that they spoke about the turn signals in the Diamond Square area, as there are some issues with those. He requested for that to be looked into as well. He advised that he would send Mr. Smith a list of streets that need turn signals.

Deputy Mayor Goins added that he was very impressed with Mr. Smith. He is very thorough and if phone calls are made he jumps into action. Other Council members agreed.

4. Approve a National Emergency Dislocated Worker Worksite multi-year Agreement with CareerSource Brevard. (20-29). (Assistant City Manager)

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer explained that with the agreement there is funding for natural disasters that provides the ability for CareerSource to recruit dislocated workers due to the disasters. If needed, the City could provide the scope of the project and CareerSource would find the workers. This is a good program because if something happened they will provide workers to clean up debris, ditches, etc.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Warner; Seconded by Councilmember Koss, to approve the item.**

AYES: Williams, Goins, Boisvert, Koss, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

X. Informational Agenda:

1. Cumulative purchase approvals over $35,000 and under $50,000 for period 10/01/2019 to 11/30/2019. (19-656). (Finance Director)

2. Data showing the relation between the estimated and actual income and expenses to date. (20-25). (Finance Director)

3. Approved change orders to construction contracts that the City Council has authorized the City Manager, by resolution, to approve in excess of the City Manager's spending authority. (20-26). (Finance Director)

4. FY 2020 Budget Adjustment Report. (20-27). (Finance Director)

XI. Adjournment:

* **MOTION by Councilmember Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Goins, to adjourn the Regular meeting of January 8, 2020.**

AYES: Williams, Goins, Boisvert, Koss, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Jake Williams, Jr., Mayor

SEAL FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Carie Shealy, MMC, City Clerk



Reducing Homelessness in Brevard County

Prepared for the Cocoa City Council
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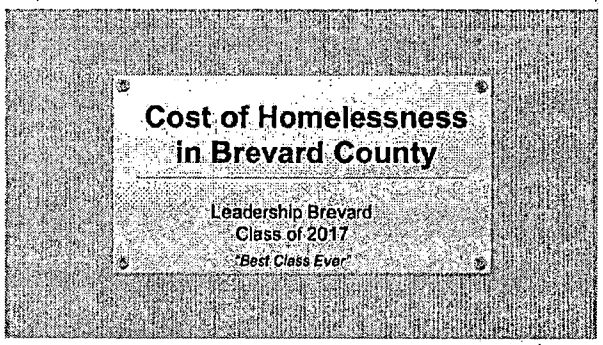
EXHIBIT A: Reducing Homeless-
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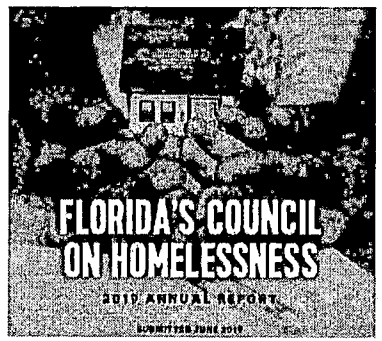
Background

* Personal Background/Research

* Update on Homelessness (All data from Florida' Council on Homelessness 2019 Report and Cost of Homelessness Study conducted by LEAD Brevard)

* Service Gaps





What Have We Learned?

Source: LEAD Brevard Class of 2017 Report

* This is a difficult topic that can be polarizing.
* The path to permanent housing is challenging; there is no one solution.
* There is a perception of homelessness, but they look just like we do.
* This is a community problem and requires a mature approach.
* There can be a level of frustration and feeling of inadequacy on the part of professionals who encounter homeless people in their work; we felt this in our conversations.

TOTAL COST OF HOMELESSNESS

Source: LEAD Brevard Class of 2017 Report

HEALTH CARE	$22,112,390
1ST RESPONDERS	$410,812
LEGAL (PROSECUTION)	$901,452
INCARCERATION (JAIL)	$3,549,792
EDUCATION	$658,000
TOTAL	**$27,632,446**

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Current Status of Homelessness

Appendix III, Table 2: Sheltered and Unsheltered, 2019

CoC #	CoC Name	Sheltered	Unsheltered	% Unsheltered	Total
FL-500	Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness	735	400	35%	1,135
FL-501	Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative	978	672	41%	1,650
FL-502	Pinellas County Homeless Leadership Board	1,581	834	35%	2,415
FL-503	Homeless Coalition of Polk County	449	114	20%	563
FL-504	Volusia/Flagler County Coalition for the Homeless	368	507	58%	875
FL-505	Homelessness & Housing Alliance	165	234	59%	399
FL-506	Big Bend Continuum of Care	875	91	9%	966
FL-507	Homeless Services Network of Central FL	1,674	336	17%	2,010
FL-508	United Way of North Central FL	302	502	62%	804
FL-509	Treasure Coast Homeless Services Council	154	1,345	90%	1,499
FL-510	Changing Homelessness	1,146	508	31%	1,654
FL-511	Opening Doors of NWFL	341	177	34%	518
FL-512	Flagler Hospital - St Augustine	156	200	56%	356
FL-513	Brevard Homeless Coalition	418	397	49%	815

Chronic Homelessness

Appendix III, Table 4: Chronic Homelessness, 2015-2019

CoC #	Continuum of Care (CoC) Geographic Area	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
FL-500	Manatee, Sarasota Counties CoC	219	311	285	250	246
FL-501	Hillsborough County CoC	315	254	235	262	264
FL-502	Pinellas County CoC	633	607	690	434	722
FL-503	Polk County CoC	100	88	77	84	80
FL-504	Flagler, Volusia Counties CoC	301	210	85	90	89
FL-505	Okaloosa, Walton Counties CoC	305	306	92	119	269
FL-506	Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla Counties CoC	134	81	112	151	152
FL-507	Orange, Osceola, Seminole Counties CoC	212	106	182	272	478
FL-508	Alachua, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy, Putnam Counties CoC	395	265	284	272	261
FL-509	Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie Counties CoC	131	77	134	64	51
FL-510	Clay, Duval, Nassau Counties CoC	353	337	286	327	301
FL-511	Escambia, Santa Rosa Counties CoC	219	216	132	78	52
FL-512	St. Johns County CoC	121	35	42	65	14
FL-513	Brevard County CoC	159	193	153	116	206

Family Homelessness

Appendix III, Table 6: Family Homelessness: Total Persons in Families with Children, 2015-2019

CoC #	Continuum of Care (CoC) Geographic Area	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
FL-500	Manatee, Sarasota Counties CoC	220	249	245	238	160
FL-501	Hillsborough County CoC	568	533	479	602	456
FL-502	Pinellas County CoC	484	394	365	359	381
FL-503	Polk County CoC	116	218	170	198	189
FL-504	Flagler, Volusia Counties CoC	395	256	198	199	301
FL-505	Okaloosa, Walton Counties CoC	117	108	154	147	80
FL-506	Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla Counties CoC	238	234	262	269	215
FL-507	Orange, Osceola, Seminole Counties CoC	720	576	732	713	745
FL-508	Alachua, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy, Putnam Counties CoC	82	248	120	113	129
FL-509	Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie Counties CoC	1,113	1,457	982	688	745
FL-510	Clay, Duval, Nassau Counties CoC	499	493	425	384	289
FL-511	Escambia, Santa Rosa Counties CoC	140	183	139	165	45
FL-512	St. Johns County CoC	264	283	150	123	120
FL-513	Brevard County CoC	456	322	262	213	211

Five Year Trend

Appendix III, Table 7: Point in Time Counts by County, 2015-2019

County	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Alachua	636	777	702	641	714
Baker	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C	N/C
Bay	308	310	316	372	470
Bradford	0	N/C	6	33	4
Brevard	1,178	827	845	734	815

County	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Lee	638	439	431	728	630
Leon	808	768	1,022	903	951
Levy	13	14	38	26	27
Liberty	2	1	N/C	N/C	N/C
Madison	1	8	N/C	N/C	N/C

Homeless Students

Appendix VI, Table 2: FDOE Reported Homeless Students, 2013-2018

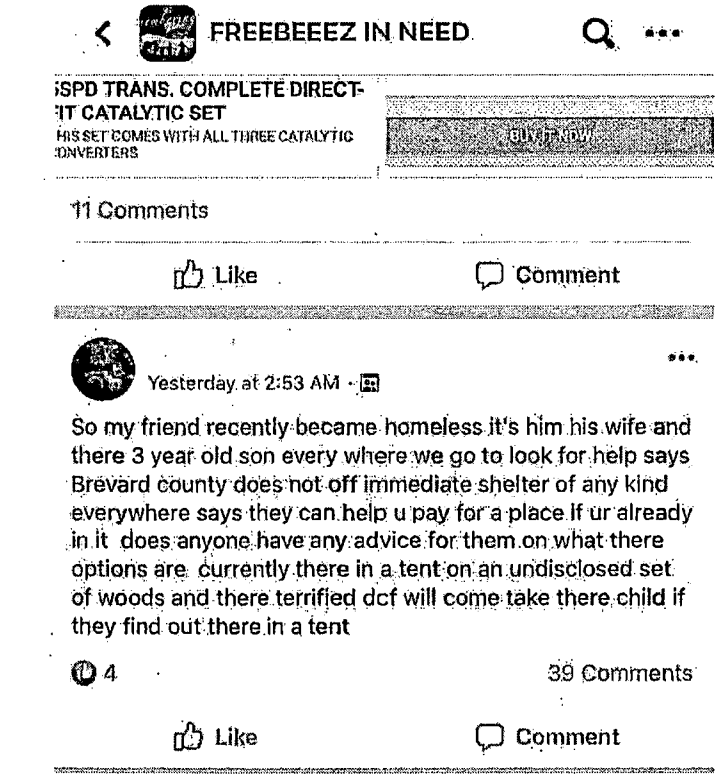
District	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018
Alachua	809	683	785	840	1,021
Baker	112	93	41	11	97
Bay	1,184	1,437	1,506	1,583	1,523
Bradford	194	254	212	180	155
Brevard	1,690	1,845	1,973	2,262	2,763
Broward	2,323	2,270	2,262	2,742	4,903

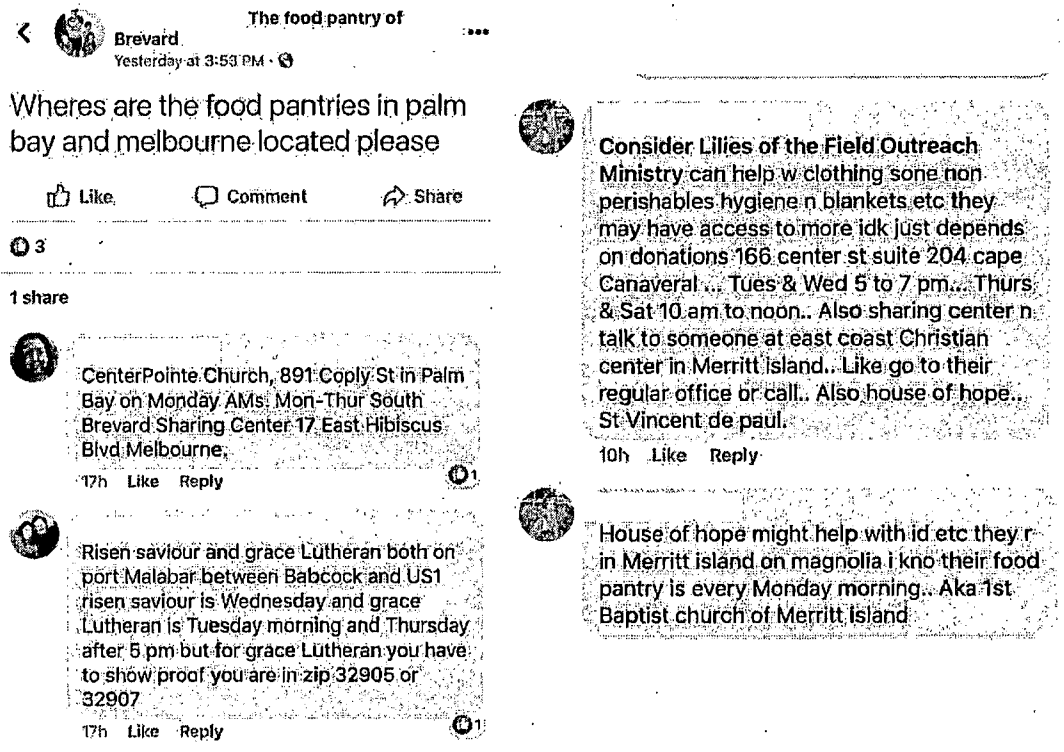
Appendix III, Table 5: Homelessness Among Veterans, 2015-2019

CoC #	Continuum of Care (CoC) Geographic Area	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
FL-500	Manatee, Sarasota Counties CoC	152	161	149	108	111
FL-501	Hillsborough County CoC	313	181	172	171	149
FL-502	Pinellas County CoC	589	380	329	281	316
FL-503	Polk County CoC	44	42	35	26	38
FL-504	Flagler, Volusia Counties CoC	110	36	52	44	61
FL-505	Okaloosa, Walton Counties CoC	117	37	27	30	21
FL-506	Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, Wakulla Counties CoC	113	117	110	108	91
FL-507	Orange, Osceola, Seminole Counties CoC	320	231	218	181	177
FL-508	Alachua, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy, Putnam Counties CoC	217	123	126	114	126
FL-509	Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie Counties CoC	68	50	72	61	60
FL-510	Clay, Duval, Nassau Counties CoC	184	130	125	121	118
FL-511	Escambia, Santa Rosa Counties CoC	167	112	117	103	64
FL-512	St. Johns County CoC	24	36	40	30	25
FL-513	Brevard County CoC	193	160	187	169	182

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211 Response System





Recommendations

Strategies for a possible expansion of services for the residents in your City. The focus should be on providing basic daily needs, referrals for services (mental health, housing, family assistance, et al., case management of clients, and valid data gathering).

Considered "Street Case Management" as an option for service referral but ensure , cradle to grave tracking of clients to ensure expected outcomes are met.

The possible models for increasing affordable housing (PSH, Tiny Homes, Motel/Hotel conversion, Low-Cost Apartments).

Community Service Guide/Listing of Services for better communication of resources.

Why we need to improve what we are doing

* Single Woman
* Single Man
* Couple with no children
* Family with children

EXHIBIT B: Response to Harvey Demand Letter

RESPONSE TO HARVEY DEMAND LETTER

1/8/2020

This statement is in response to Mr. Harvey's letter requesting apology or censure.

As an elected official, I have a responsibility to understand the business of organizations seeking support with public resources. Attacking me personally will not distract or intimidate me. I'm sorry you took it personally. It wasn't intended that way. I have a duty to ensure that our city agreements are clean and for the public good.

I've reviewed the transcripts. I want to correct and apologize for the words, "a court case was won." The court case was a Complaint for Eviction. It was settled out of court, not ruled on. The terms were favorable for the defendant. They weren't evicted, they didn't lose their $7,000 deposit and they were allowed to purchase the home per the original agreement.

Again, my request is for transparency. Can BACRAP clarify the business model? What properties does BACRAP own vs. "control"? What is the relationship between the non-profit BACRAP and for-profit entities? I understand investors should be rewarded for risk. However, the City of Cocoa should have confidence that no lines have been crossed when there's a city agreement involved.

I'm confident we can clear up these questions with transparency. I hope to work with Mr. Harvey and BACRAP for the betterment of Broadmoor Acres and overall for the Good of Cocoa.

I don't like having a bull's eye on my back. I don't like being the subject of the recent vile and bigoted social media posts. I really want to go forward and build the city.

I don't care about riding on floats or standing on podiums. I'm here to make Cocoa a better place to live. I don't know how we do that if we don't keep things clean and demand transparency.

I hope we can go forward from here.