MINUTES

CITY OF COCOA
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

December 6, 2016

A Special meeting of the Cocoa City Council was held on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, in City Council Chambers, in Cocoa City Hall, located at 65 Stone Street, Cocoa, Florida as publicly noticed.

I. OPENING MATTERS:

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

Chief Gene Prince provided the invocation and Deputy Mayor Boisvert led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The Assistant City Clerk took the roll.

PRESENT:	Henry U. Parrish III	Mayor
	Don Boisvert	Deputy Mayor
	Jeri Blanco	Councilwoman
	Brenda Warner	Councilwoman
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney
	John A. Titkanich, Jr.	City Manager
	Matt Fuhrer	Assistant City Manager
	Angela Ferguson	Assistant City Clerk

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gene Prince, Fire Chief; Teri Butler, Finance Director; Ed Wegerif, Public Works Director; and Tre Folston, Helpdesk Support Tech.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

1. Agenda: Special Meeting of December 6, 2016

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Boisvert; Seconded by Councilwoman Warner, to approve the Agenda for the Special meeting of December 6, 2016 as presented.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

III. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

None.

IV. DELEGATIONS:

Delegations were heard after Council Business.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

None.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

VII. COUNCIL BUSINESS:

1. Approve Resolution No. 2016-XXX Supplementing Resolution No. 2016-119 to amend certain financial parameters. (16-547). (Finance Director)

Ms. Butler introduced the item. She advised that this Resolution amends Resolution 2016-119 section 7C to allow for true interest costs (TIC) not to exceed more than five (5) percent as opposed to four (4) percent indicated in the prior resolution. Changes in the market have occurred necessitating the increase to five (5) percent.

City Manager Titkanich advised that on the 20th the City was doing a pre-pricing for the fire assessment revenue bonds and based on the underwriter's opinion at time it was projected with the changing market condition at 4.6%, which would exceed the authority to authorize the issuance and complete the transaction. He indicated there were still some uncertainties in the market.

Historically speaking, the rates were still low but the City had two options. The bonds could be sold in January but with the uncertainty there were risks with the

delay which could make it worse or better. After discussion, the question was would it be worth it to wait and sell in January and risk the rates being higher.

He would like the City to make a decision today as books close. As of right now, the TIC is 4.129%. They will reevaluate the conditions tomorrow with advisors and under writers, and by 12 p.m. will know how many bond purchasers will be bidding.

City Manager Titkanich stated that staff was seeking a decision to move forward so it does not create added risk with a higher TIC in the volatile market. He recommended that Council approve and authorize the resolution to authorize the City to go to market at rate not to exceed 5% true interest cost.

* **MOTION by Councilwoman Warner; Seconded by Councilwoman Blanco, to approve the Resolution No. 2016-128 to supplement Resolution No. 2016-119 to amend certain financial parameters.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

2. 2017 Legislative Priorities. (City Manager)

City Manager Titkanich stated the City had reviewed past priorities and compiled a list for this year's potential requests for the City's legislative priorities.

A discussion with the Mr. Sansom revealed that the House rules have changed regarding supplemental appropriations which is what the City had for the EOC and the parking facility. There is a new speaker who was not in favor and the City may want to find a new member to support the bills to put through the legislature. He further noted that there was an estimated one billion dollar shortfall in state revenues per EDR. Mr. Sansom recommended that the City pull back on the requests for the Dr. Joe Lee Smith Center project and the parking facility due to the arduous process and the new speaker who does not favor the supplemental appropriations.

He mentioned that the City can apply for the voluntary grant tax credit regarding the Brownfields Site Rehabilitation once the BSRAs are approved. He stressed that there is a back log on the applications and the City could see two and a half years pass before receiving any credits. He further noted that he hoped to see the legislature eliminate the backlog and increase the appropriation amounts. The project was moving along well.

Secondly, he proposed to secure continued funding for the Endeavor Elementary Community School.

The Indian River Lagoon priority was to seek coordination and support, and to restoration efforts through the state and other agencies.

Mayor Parrish felt that Cocoa, Rockledge, and Merritt Island have a lot of damage to the Lagoon and were sometimes forgotten about. He wanted to make sure that Mr. Sansom fights for Cocoa regarding dredging.

City Manager Titkanich also indicated that there was legislature out there regarding Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRA) ability to limit or reduce the powers of the CRAs. He shared that a report that was published out of Miami that sheds a negative light on CRAs, but felt that the City was doing well with theirs. He wished to oppose the legislation to limit and reduce the powers of the CRAs.

Additionally, there was legislation presented to restrict home rule for cities to establish and impose impact fees to address the needs of growth. It had made it through the house but did not pass the senate. However, he believed it would be back. A letter could be drafted identifying the City's support and assistance.

City Manager Titkanich reiterated that of the seven items that were identified those were the five that he would like to be considered.

Councilwoman Warner was in agreement with the five of the seven priorities outlined. She expressed that the RDA limitations were a big issue and knows there was a lot of oppression on regulating impact fees. She agreed that it would come back up again. She indicated that cities need the ability to control and not let the state to do it. Additionally, there was negative information out about CRAs but does not believe there has to be a blanket legislation for a few bad few. She wanted to push the opposition against the limitations.

Mayor Parrish, Deputy Mayor Boisvert, and Councilwoman Blanco also expressed their support for the five priorities.

* **MOTION by Councilwoman Warner; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Boisvert, to approve the five of the seven legislative priorities for the 2017 Legislative Session, omitting the Joe Lee Smith Center and the Parking Facility.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

Mary Ann Barnosky, 901 Avon Place, supplied a petition[1] supported and signed by neighbors on Prospect Avenue by those concerned about speeding on Prospect Avenue from Highland Street North to Bristol. She voiced concern about the safety of the children who play there, as well as the mailboxes and basketball goals getting damaged. She was requesting attention to this matter and would like speed humps installed. She read her petition to Council.

City Manager Titkanich advised he would give the petition to the Public Works Director and talk with the Police Chief to see what measures could possibly rectify the situation. He explained that speed humps slow down public safety response times and because every second counts, they were not always the answer. The criteria can be evaluated by the Public Works Department.

Councilwoman Warner added that the same people were doing the same thing on Fiske Boulevard. She felt that the speed humps on Mitchell do not really slow people down.

Ed Lanni, 939 N Indian River Drive, wished Council and all City Staff a Merry Christmas.

VII. CITY BUSINESS:

None.

MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS:

None.

IX. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA:

None.

X. REPORTS:

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer shared that Mr. Wegerif and himself attended a FDOT-5 year work meeting for public comment. Public comments can be posted on the FDOT website and a video is available summarizing the project.

[1] Exhibit A: Petition for Speed Humps

City Manager Titkanich shared that he and Assistant City Manager Fuhrer completed the half marathon in Cocoa Village and in the process raised about $630 for the United Way campaign.

Councilwoman Warner thanked Ms. Senger for the paint night last Friday in the Village, noting that it was worth coming out to raise money for United Way. A great time was had and thanked everyone for participating.

Councilwoman Blanco announced the upcoming Cocoa High School Championship game on Thursday and Deputy Mayor Boisvert indicated it would be televised on either Channel 50 or 51. Mayor Parrish, City Manager Titkanich, Assistant City Manager Fuhrer, and Chief Prince indicated they would be in attendance.

Deputy Mayor Boisvert participated in the reverse toy drive and said Cocoa was the biggest contributor on the whole route. Rockledge did a good job as well.

City Manager Titkanich thanked the Fire Department and IAFF #2416 for providing more than 100 families with food for the Thanksgiving holiday.

XI. ADJOURNMENT.

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Boisvert; Seconded by Councilwoman Warner, to adjourn the Special meeting of December 6, 2016.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Henry U. Parrish III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carie Shealy, City Clerk
(Transcribed by Angela Ferguson, Assistant City Clerk)

This petition is provided by concerned citizens requesting attention to the speeding problem in the neighborhood of Prospect Avenue, north of Highand and connected to Avon in Cocoa, Florida. In this neighborhood are many children who walk, ride bikes, walk dogs, or shoot baskets in the street, where speeding drivers are a constant threat. Many times our mailboxes, off the road basketball poles and even our yards, have been damaged or destroyed by drivers who lose control skidding around corners in high speed chases.

When officers patrol this area, those drivers are absent until the police cars are no longer visible, then continue at their breakneck speeds. We are concerned for the safety of our families and property. Through our daily traffic watches, we believe speed bumps would be very effective in discouraging speeding on our street, and are requesting the attention of the City to this matter. The undersigned reside in this neighborhood and are in agreement of this need.

Name Mary Ann Barnosky / mary Ann Barnosky Date 11/15/16
Address 901 Avon Place, Cocoa, FL 32922 (corner of Prospect Ave)
Phone (321) 635-9916 Own or rent? own

Name ~~Tracy Rowe~~ / Paul K Rowe Jr Date 11/15/16
Address 705 Prospect Ave Cocoa FL 32922
Phone (321) 271-0037 Own or rent? own

Name Regina + Westly Hooks Date 11/15
Address 713 Prospect Ave
Phone 321-987-3771 Own or rent? own

Name Alicia Wade Date 11/15
Address 716 Prospect Ave
Phone 321-213-4435 Own or rent? own

Name Bryan Whaley Date 11/13/16
Address 802 Prospect Ave Cocoa FL 32922
Phone 321 704 1072 Own or rent? own

Name S. Tomlinson Date 11-15-16
Address 704 Prospect Ave Cocoa FL 32922
Phone 321-241-5385 Own or rent? ~~R~~ own

Name TIM Brothers Date 11/15/16
Address 708 Prospect Ave
Phone 321-458-8157 Own or rent? Own

Name John & Jamie Key Date 11/15/16
Address 703 Prospect Ave.
Phone 321-961-2877 Own or rent? Rent

Name MARY TAYLOR Date Nov 15 2016
Address 706 Prospect Ave
Phone 321 458-5971 Own or rent? Rent

Name Jennifer Jaime Date 15 Nov 16
Address 704 Prospect Ave, Cocoa, FL 32922
Phone 321.890.3599 Own or rent? Own

Name S Cody Date 11/15/16
Address 702 Prospect Ave
Phone 321 632 0704 Own or rent? own

Name Craig & Melinda Marquardt Date 11/15/16
Address 604 Prospect Ave. Cocoa FL
Phone 639-8897 Own or rent?

Name Henry O. Reyes Date 11-15-16
Address 902 W. Highland dr. Cocoa Fl. 32922 (corner of Prospect Ave)
Phone 321-208-5490 Own or rent?

Name Wiski Talabert Date 11/15/16
Address 701 Prospect Ave. Cocoa Fl. 32922
Phone 321) 302-9291 Own or rent?

Name Shirley Branch Date 11-16-16
Address 711 Prospect AVE
Phone 321-639-1962 Own or rent? Own

Name Christine Windham Date 11/16/16
Address 812 W. Highland Drive (corner of Prospect Ave).
Phone 321-557-4595 Own or rent? Own

Name Jon Windham Date 11-16-2016
Address 812 West Highland (corner of Prospect Ave)
Phone 321-5144932 Own or rent? own

Name No one lives here Date
Address 714 Prospect
Phone Own or rent?

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Name 712 Prospect Date
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