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CITY OF COCOA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

October 24, 2017

A Regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 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 6:08 p.m.

Councilman Whipple 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 City Clerk took the roll.

PRESENT:	Henry U. Parrish III	Mayor
	Don Boisvert	Deputy Mayor
	Jeri Blanco	Councilwoman
	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; Ed Wegerif, Public Works Director; Lora Howell, Acting Finance Director; Jason McCuen, Helpdesk Support Tech; Jonathan Lamm, Fire Chief; and Samantha Senger, PR Specialist.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

1. Agenda: Regular Meeting of October 24, 2017 (17-444)
2. Minutes: (a) Special Meeting of September 25, 2017 (17-442)
   (b) Regular Meeting of September 26, 2017 (17-443)

City Manager Titkanich advised that an item need to be added under City Business VIII.8, regarding Logan Diving.

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Boisvert; Seconded by Councilwoman Warner, to approve the Agenda with the amendments for the Regular meeting of October 24, 2017.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Boisvert; Seconded by Councilwoman Blanco, to approve the Minutes for the Special meeting of September 25, 2017 and the Regular meeting of September 26, 2017 as written.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

III. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

None.

IV. DELEGATIONS:

Rev. J.B. Dennis, 3710 Catalina Drive, Cocoa, asked about the status of the Citizen Review Board. He had more facts to present as to why this needs to be sped up.

City Manager Titkanich updated Council on this and noted they enlisted the help of the Center for Public Safety Management to conduct a review of the police department. The draft report was received in August. Hurricane Irma intervened but they have been on the phone with the consultants. The Chief is currently reviewing the report and one recommendation is preliminary establishment of a

board. He assured Council and Rev. Dennis that once the review is complete there will be a presentation for Council.

Councilwoman Warner requested that Rev. Dennis be notified about the meeting.

Rev. Dennis noted that he has not been given updates for the last two months. In response, Council noted they have only discussed Hurricane Irma for the last two months.

Frank Jones, 1613 N. Indian River Drive, Cocoa, Florida, mentioned that where he lives is one of seven nationally recognized scenic routes in America; however, they are waiting on the debris to be picked up. He stated it is a junk pile. As a tax payer he does not want to have to pay for anything when they get sued for wrecks, damages, etc. There is also overgrowth of bushes and trees which cause people to have to swerve out of their lanes to see. This is going to cause an accident. Lastly, there is a lot of water run-off from certain areas on Indian River Drive which is going to become slick and also be a hazard.

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer advised that he had requested an updated map from the County as to where the contractors were currently working and where work has been completed, which he had not received yet. The last report he had received was on Friday and there was a portion of Indian River Drive that was yet to be completed. Additionally, the City has a debris collection truck that is working in the area to assist. He agreed that the debris poses challenges to pedestrians and vehicles.

Mayor Parrish asked if the City could at least pull debris away that is in the road. Something needs to be done.

Councilwoman Warner stated that she was in the west section of Pine Ridge and had to wait for the contractor to get out of the way and then debris was still left on the road. All of this stuff is also washing into storm drains. She feels that the City cannot depend on who the County hires as they are making a mess.

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer assured Council and citizens that options are being discussed internally for debris removal of future storms. Right now there are three county contractors working in the City.

Councilman Whipple does not like being held hostage by the County. Residents should be a priority. City Manager Titkanich advised that the City has one claw

truck that is out there working. Mayor Parrish stressed that this cannot wait. City Manager Titkanich reiterated that there is a City truck augmenting the work of the County contractors. This will double down the efforts.

Councilman Whipple stated it needed to get done. Councilwoman Blanco stated that Village Green has about four feet of debris. Deputy Mayor Boisvert mentioned that Lost Lakes was the same way but they hire their own so it has been taken care of.

Councilman Whipple complimented residents for coming forward and advised that this has also been a problem for council members, as they have received calls. These storms have taught us a lot and we need to get it done.

Larry Sinclair, 1052 Mitchell Street, Cocoa, BACRAP, sent pictures of debris to Dina Ryder-Hicks and Moses and they showed up quickly. He also saw the City's claw truck picking up debris on Broadmoor. He pointed out that BACRAP would be doing the Thanksgiving dinner again this year and invited all who were available to stop by. The Code and Police Departments would be there. He is also working on a presentation which will include drone aerial and street level footage. They are still pushing to build houses on the vacant lots and it is their intent to raise $100,000 by the end of the year. He sees the struggles that the City has because everyone is competing with each other on projects. He hoped all could come together, as BACRAP is strong and has a good board of directors.

Lorraine Koss, 2115 N. Indian River Drive, Cocoa, mentioned that she was wearing her Utilities Advisory Board hat tonight. She has been following the newspaper closely and joined the board after working in water. We are the first line of defense in public health and the environment. We play a critical role and have competent leadership and that what is going on with the media is a distraction from the mission. We need to be as transparent as possible for the health and well-being of those we serve. She is not saying anything about the competency of the Utilities Director, but from a citizen's standpoint wants transparency. We need to avoid being defensive and stay focused on being the first line of defense and we will be most well served.

Amy Langoni, 1018 Gray Road, Cocoa, stated that she lives on the border of Cocoa and the County. She has photos of the culvert on her property. The culvert is 40 feet wide and 6 feet in diameter. She showed photos to Council of today. She pointed out that it is collapsing and fire trucks and other emergency vehicles cannot get to the property. She advised that FEMA has come out and

Deane Mills and Ed Wegerif have also been working with her. FEMA will not cover it and requires the City to submit paperwork on it. Both Mr. Wegerif and Mr. Mills marked the ground and water lines have all been marked.

Her concern is that the culvert is getting worse and collapsed further with today's rain. She knows emotions run high on both sides but she wants the culvert fixed. Numbers have been submitted in regards to this. She mentioned that she asked Mr. Mills for paperwork and he stated that he could not show her the paperwork because it is part of a larger total. Mr. Wegerif told her it could take three to four months to hear from FEMA. She understands that they do not move fast but does not know how much longer it will stay like it is as other pipes are flowing into the culvert. She stated that the County has put in new piping and questioned that if the City's infrastructure is collapsing, how is this problem going to be fixed.

Ms. Langoni is currently using a neighbor's driveway and she asked who she should call on the weekend if this collapsed. She thanked Council for their time and patience in hearing her out.

City Manager Titkanich assured Council and Ms. Langoni that they were aware of the situation and he would have Assistant City Manager Fuhrer follow up with Mr. Wegerif. It is a drainage easement and the property owner built the culvert. It is just as if you have a driveway and it breaks then you are responsible. There is a neighbor with similar issues and they replaced the culvert on their own. He reassured them that Mr. Fuhrer would meet with Ms. Langoni.

Councilwoman Warner asked if this was standard procedure. In response, Ms. Langoni noted it was all originally county property and she provided a brief background of the property.

Councilwoman Blanco pointed out that the Lake Drive area that had improvements done was part of a CDBG Strategy Area and the County had funds allocated from the federal government to make the improvements.

Marisol Soto-Lanza, 436 Satsuma Street in Cocoa, spoke about the flooding in her yard which is considered a non-flooding zone. She cannot get help from anyone and their neighborhood is destroyed. Her car was stuck in a sink hole and she is afraid that it is going to grow in the next few years. They cannot get help from FEMA and workers are not picking up the debris. Additionally, water is flowing to there from the new houses being built which are higher.

Donna Montgomery, 1605 Montes Drive, Cocoa, voiced concerns about drugs within the City of Cocoa.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve the FY2018 Joint Funding Agreement between the City of Cocoa and the United States Department of the Interior - U.S. Geological Survey for Water Quality Sampling and Water Level Measurements; To Approve a Resolution Amending the FY2018 Budget. (17-447). (Utilities Director)

2. Approve Proposal by Connect Consulting, Inc. (CCI), High Springs, Florida, for Hydrogeological Services for Wellfield Evaluation and Rehabilitation Services, Project No. WS1106, utilizing the City of Palm Coast RFQ-PW-U-15-12, Services Contract for Professional Hydrogeological Services. (17-453). (Utilities Director)

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

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

VII. COUNCIL BUSINESS:

1. Approval of a Resolution recognizing October 23-29, 2017 as City Government Week. (17-451). (City Manager)

City Manager Titkanich advised that this was a Resolution recognizing October 23-29, 2017 as City Government Week and read a Proclamation from Governor Rick Scott proclaiming October 23-29, 2017 as City Government Week.

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

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VIII. CITY BUSINESS:

1. Award Bid #B-17-13-COC, Project SW17CS, Nutrient Removal Baffle Box at Church Street to D.P. Development of the Treasure Coast, LLC of Cocoa and Pompano Beach; Approve the use of Stormwater Reserve Funds; Approve a resolution amending the 2018 budget; Authorize a contingency of $30,000 (not to be included in the purchase order when issued); and Approve the authorization of the City Manager to approve change orders up to $30,000. (17-382). (Public Works Director)

   Mr. Wegerif explained that this project would be to treat water from the south part of the City.

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

AYES: Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)[1]

2. Award Bid # B-17-17-COC, Heart of Cocoa Meeting Room, Project CP1501, to C&D Construction, of Cocoa, FL for $156,875; Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract documents with C&D Construction; Approve a Budget Resolution amending the FY18 Budget to use Fund Balance Reserves to cover additional impact fees and possible change orders associated with the construction; Approve a Contingency Resolution to all change orders up to $18,125. (17-440). (Public Works Director)

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

AYES: Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

3. Approve a task order amendment and change order for Task Order #2017-04.1 in the amount of $11,413 (CP16F3) and Task Order #2017-03.1 with Architects RZK, Inc. in the amount of $9,773 (CP16F2) to provide additional services for Fire

[1] Mayor Parrish left the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Station #2 (Brunson Blvd.) and Fire Station #3 (SR524). (17-459). (Public Works Director)

Mr. Wegerif advised that this item was for the Civil Engineer who needed to do inspections.

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

AYES: Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)[2]

MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS:

4. Approve the Resolution waiving the competitive bidding process by reason of sole source for First Billing; Approve a multi-year contract between First Billing and the City of Cocoa for Utility Bill Printing and Payment Solutions; and Authorize the City Manager to sign the contract. (17-370). (Finance Director)

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

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

5. Approval of a resolution waiving the competitive bidding process, because of sole source, and approval of multi-year contract between the City of Cocoa and Axon Enterprise Inc. for five (5) years ending on September 30, 2022 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract. This will allow for the replacement of ten (10) existing outdated/aging Tasers. City of Cocoa Project # PD15TS. (17-438). (Chief of Police)

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

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

[2] Mayor Parrish returned to the meeting at 6:56 p.m. after the vote was taken.

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

6. Approve Task Order 2018-87 with CH2M Hill Engineers, Inc. for FY2018 Program Management Services for Cocoa Utilities Operating Revenue Funded Projects effective October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018; To Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Task Order; and To Approve the Third and Final Amendment to Purchase Agreement effective November 11, 2017 through November 10, 2019. (17-448). (Utilities Director)

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

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

7. Approval of a resolution waiving the competitive bidding process, by reason of sole source, and approval of a multi-year contract between the City of Cocoa and Axon Enterprise Inc. for five (5) years ending on September 30, 2022 and authorizing the City Manager to execute the contract. This will allow for the replacement of all the existing outdated/aging Body Cameras and implement a CAD/RMS Integration Module. City of Cocoa Project # PD13BC. (17-450). (Chief of Police)

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

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

8. Approve Continuation of Work under T.O. 2017-6 with Logan Diving & Salvage; Thompson Pipe; and Land & Sea Surveying; To Approve First Amendment to T.O. 2017-6; To Approve a Resolution Amending the FY2018 Budget through the use of Water/Sewer Contingency. (17-464). (Utilities Director)

Mr. Walsh provided a brief background relating to the item.

He advised that this was a walk on agenda item and that they wanted to ensure that all approvals were in place to continue the repair of the 36" water main.

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

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

All Council thanked Mr. Walsh.

IX. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA:

1. Cumulative purchase approvals over $35,000 and under $50,000 for period 10/01/2016 to 09/30/2017. (17-437). (Finance Director)

2. FY 2017 Budget Adjustment Report. (17-454). (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. (17-455). (Finance Director)

4. Data showing the relation between the estimated and actual income and expenses to date. (17-456). (Finance Director)

5. Cocoa Police Department District Event Statistics for Council Information. (17-458). (Chief of Police)

X. REPORTS:

Ms. Donna Montgomery asked who to call about the Police and Fire Departments being underfunded. Mayor Parrish noted she needed to call the county, as that is where she lives.

Lawrence Koss, a member of the US 1 RDA, advised Ms. Montgomery that because she lives in the county, if 50% or more residents say they want to be in Cocoa, they can vote on it.

Ms. Langoni requested that all Council go by her property and take a look at it.

Mr. Wegerif mentioned that the City's claw truck was going around the City and that they were looking into other equipment options to purchase to help with

cleanup, as one of the after action items from the storm. There is a plan in place. He further noted that FDOT did new signal timings for US 1 and the light at Blake Avenue is now on a two minute cycle. He mentioned that the day it was implemented traffic was backed up for about ten minutes but seems to be working fine now. He has heard Forrest Avenue is not working. He asked Council for feedback.

Councilman Whipple asked about the lights at Varr Avenue and SR 520. In response, Mr. Wegerif advised that they have fixed all lights out to I-95. Councilman Whipple believes that he has seen a difference.

Chief Prince reminded Council that in November they would be doing their annual turkey drive. The goal was to give out 100 this year. If anyone wants to donate a turkey they can take it by the Fire Department. He further noted that they went out to Gray Road to check the access and they are able to access the area if needed.

Ms. Hamilton mentioned that the Fall Festival was this Saturday, October 28th from 3-7 p.m. at Cocoa Riverfront Park.

City Manager Titkanich advised that he would be out on vacation from October 27-November 6, 2017.

Councilman Whipple complimented the directors for the job that they did during the storm. They all worked a lot of overtime. He echoed the sentiments of citizens regarding the garbage and debris. He hoped that at the next Council meeting they would not have the same concerns. He assured Ms. Soto-Lanza that he would get involved in her concerns and they would try to address them. He thanked her for coming forward.

In closing he stated that he was happy to be back from Georgia, it is nice, but nothing like Florida. He reiterated his thanks and kudos to the directors.

Councilwoman Blanco thanked all of those who turned out for the District 4 Town Hall meeting on October 17th. There was a fairly good turnout but she would have liked to have seen more. She knows it is hard, as many people work, but it takes that kind of commitment to make improvements. She further pointed out that the Facebook live stream had over 900 views a few days ago. That shows her that people are tuning in or going back later to view. She felt it was all well received and thanked Council and staff for being there to answer questions. She felt that Chief Prince provided a lot of good information.

Next, she spoke about her attendance at the Florida Redevelopment Association Conference in Daytona. CRA's are going to be back on attack again this year, and the legislation meets in January. She explained what CRA's are and of their importance.

Lastly, she advised that she was also in agreement with all of those concerned with the debris cleanup. She asked Ms. Langoni what district she lived in and it was pointed out that she lives in District 3.

Councilwoman Warner asked Chief Prince about the 9/11 Stair Climb event and Chief Cantaloupe about the Chris Daniels Golf Tournament. In response, Chief Prince mentioned that this event was originally planned for 9/11 but was cancelled due to Hurricane Irma. They rescheduled it for November 4th at Cocoa High School. It is at 6 p.m. and participants will walk the bleachers. He further pointed out that both sides of the bleachers would be open this year.

Funds raised will go towards the Fallen Firefighter Memorial and PAL.

Chief Cantaloupe spoke about the Cocoa Community First Golf Tournament for Chris Daniels on November 10th. He spoke about Officer Daniels, and mentioned that he passed away years ago due to cancer and this is an event that they hold close to them. Information is available via the website, Facebook, or they can contact Yvonne Martinez.

Deputy Mayor Boisvert advised that they had ran power to the new fire station on Dixon Blvd. Chief Prince stated that was good news because there had been a delay in that part of the project.

Deputy Mayor Boisvert further noted that the Flying J was trying to get signs on the highway and asked Mr. Wegerif for help. They are willing to pay but are getting the run around for directional signs.

In closing, he believes that Coffee with a Cop needed to be held more often and the Mayor and City Council should be included. The Flying J also wants it to happen more often.

Mayor Parrish asked about the attendance of Council at the upcoming Cocoa Village Neighborhood Association Meeting and the Endeavor Meeting on November 16th.

Deputy Mayor Boisvert and Councilman Whipple are attending the Cocoa Village Neighborhood Association Meeting.

Mayor Parrish, Councilwoman Blanco, and Councilwoman Warner are attending the Endeavor meeting.

Councilman Whipple stated that they needed city administration at the Cocoa Village Neighborhood Association meeting.

Mayor Parrish noticed that the Erdman buildings were going up and the Flying J looked busy. He also noticed that Walmart was going up. City Manager Titkanich believes that the projected ship date for Walmart was September of next year.

Mayor Parrish asked if flood prone areas in the city are being tracked. In response, Assistant City Manager Fuhrer provided an update and that damage assessment crews had gone out. All addresses have been documented and are being inputted into a GIS data base so that it can be looked at as a whole.

City Manager Titkanich spoke about a meeting that was held by SJRWMD. He reported on the amount of rainfall and reported other statistics on the amount of rainfall during these storms. Cox Road experienced issues before it was annexed and during the pre- and post- storm. It is certainly an issue that will be monitored.

Additionally, Assistant City Manager Fuhrer reflected on Mr. Jones' comment regarding water on Indian River Drive. He advised there was water there and they are in the process of testing the soils in the water. It is very strange as it is one of the highest areas in Brevard County and some citizens have water intrusion in to their homes.

They are hoping to receive feedback so that they know what to do. There is flooding above and below the road. City Manager Titkanich added that a survey was done and there are artesian wells in that area. The water keeps flowing because the grounds are so saturated.

Further discussion was held on the underground springs. Councilwoman Warner has never seen this happen and she has lived in Cocoa since the 1970's. City Manager Titkanich stated he has a report that is very informative.

Mayor Parrish asked about the status of the boats being picked up. City Manager Titkanich noted there was still one with a mast that is against the boardwalk. They

have to remove debris and some of the boardwalk to gain access to the boat. He pointed out that the rebuilding of the boardwalk will be a FEMA project and will take a little while.

Further discussion was held on boats. Mayor Parrish also suggested a special meeting be held in regards to the riverfront. He wanted it in order to get an idea of how to move forward. He would like input and feels everyone should be on the same page with that area. It is very important that it be put back to together right.

City Manager Titkanich mentioned that they are looking at narrowing the area down and will present their ideas to the CRA so that section of the plan can be looked at more in depth. They hope to have more information at the next CRA meeting.

Mayor Parrish stated that the latest issues with Florida Today are between him and Florida Today. It has nothing to do with Cocoa and the Cocoa water system. He has worked on a lot of things before he was elected and when he was elected he found out pretty darn quick that Florida Today was publishing mugshots and other stuff and always mentioning Cocoa. They were always blaming crime on Cocoa. Cocoa went to Florida Today and badgered them and finally convinced them to quit publishing crime statistics on Cocoa. It was always Port St. John, Sharpes, etc. As Mayor he takes this job very seriously and Bob Stover did the right thing at that time. He has always been hard on the paper and does not agree with a lot of the write ups they do on Cocoa. He invited Bob Gabordi to come tonight because of the Facebook and Twitter feeds and he did not show up because the Mayor has the gavel and Bob has the power of the pen and that is more powerful than the gavel.

He explained what really happened. He mentioned that he got up at 7 a.m. as the storm was dissipating, went in and washed his face, brushed his teeth, etc. and there was no water pressure. He kind of freaked out, as he was 54 years old and has never seen Cocoa lose water pressure.

He called the EOC and the phone was not connecting. He was getting worried as he went outside and things were still blowing around. His friend said there was a reporter who wanted to interview him inside City Hall in the EOC. He got to City Hall and the reporter was outside, so he walked upstairs to the EOC. Council had made a deal that they would not go in so that the professionals (staff) could do their job. City Manager Titkanich came out along with the Chief and he looked concerned. Mayor Parrish advised that this gentleman wanted to ask a few

questions and the reporter wanted to ride around the City. City Manager Titkanich mentioned that the reporter kept trying to get in and they were telling him no. There is a hurricane and there are people in need.

Mayor Parrish stated that City Manager Titkanich said, "Sir, you have just been duked". Mayor Parrish said that they would deal with this later. He walked out and left. The statement from the paper was that they were just there to ask questions and get answers. The truth was that the paper was there meddling while we were trying to help. Just to say you were there to ask questions and get answers is wrong.

Mayor Parrish noted that he does not appreciate that paper and to make a flat out lie and to push staff to accommodate the reporter after he has been told several times. He said it is as clear as the air it is between Henry U. Parrish III and the paper, the difference is that this Mayor will stand up for the citizens of Cocoa. The citizens of Cocoa deserve the best and the best city of Brevard County deserves the best.

We provide water to over 270,000 customers and this number is going to get bigger. The truth is that they do not want to tell you the truth. That is what happened. The citizens of Brevard County deserve better, no unbiased reporting, no "gotcha" headlines, no sensationalism, etc. Is this too much to ask?

Editor Bob Gabordi was there and he got the answers. We got hit by a hurricane and at the end he said the City of Cocoa's water system is very good. We know that and it is not about the water system it is about poor reporting that we have suffered through for a long time. We cannot move forward if we are not treated fairly. Melbourne lost their whole system and you did not hear anything about this. I have considered this over with Bob Gabordi and an apology.

XI. ADJOURNMENT.

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Boisvert; Seconded by Councilman Whipple, to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting of October 24, 2017.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Henry U. Parrish III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carie Shealy, City Clerk