MINUTES

CITY OF COCOA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

August 23, 2016

A Regular meeting of the Cocoa City Council was held on Tuesday, August 30, 2016, 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 6:01 p.m.

Councilman Blake provided the invocation and asked for a moment of silence, remembering Councilman Furbish. He then 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
	Michael C. Blake	Councilman
	Brenda Warner	Councilwoman
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney
	John Titkanich	City Manager
	Matt Fuhrer	Assistant City Manager
	Carie Shealy	City Clerk

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Steve Belden, Community Services Director; Gene Prince, Fire Chief; Eric Austin, Acting Chief of Police; Teri Butler, Finance Director; Ed Wegerif, Public Works Director; Matt Rush, Police Officer; Alan Worthy, Corporal; Mike Dellatorre, Sergeant; Katie Ennis, Deputy Utilities Director; Samantha Senger, Public Relations Specialist; Mark Rush, Police Officer; Lora Howell, Deputy Finance Director; Jonathan Lamm, Deputy Fire Chief; Yvonne Martinez, Public Information Officer (PD); and Randolph Bevard, Desktop Support Specialist.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

1. Agenda: Regular Meeting of August 23, 2016 (16-344)
2. Minutes: (a)Fiscal Sustainability Workshop of June 29, 2016 (16-345)
   (b)Regular Meeting of July 12, 2016 (16-346)
   (c)Regular Meeting of July 26, 2016 (16-347)

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Boisvert; Seconded by Councilwoman Warner, to approve the agenda as presented for the Regular meeting of August 23, 2016, and the minutes as written for the Fiscal Sustainability Workshop on June 29, 2016, the Regular meeting of July 12, 2016, and the Regular meeting of July 26, 2016.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blake, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

Mayor Parrish asked Sergeant Dellatorre, Corporal Worthy, and Officer Rush to come forward and speak about the incident that happened over the weekend. Sergeant Dellatorre explained the incident, noting that the officers went above and beyond the call of duty when it came to finding and saving the toddler trapped under a boat. Sergeant Dellatorre advised that they were all in the right places at the right time and thanked his wife, who is a trauma nurse and was able to help, along with other assisting agencies.

Councilman Blake asked that the family that was saved be brought in to the next meeting.

Mayor Parrish thanked all of the first responders and thought the whole incident was unbelievable, pointing out that the officers were on Good Morning America twice. Photos were taken and everyone thanked them again.

III. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Update on the Sister City's Israel Ambassador Trip. (16-348). (Sister City)

Kathy Mardirosian from the Sister City provided a presentation[1] on the Sister City Program. She provided a few brief facts about the Sister City and spoke in detail

[1] EXHIBIT A: Sister City Program Presentation

about the upcoming Israel Peace Ambassador Tour 2016 which will take place December 14 through December 25, 2016.

They announced that the Brevard County Sheriff's Office has stepped up and spoke about Israel's National Police Academy. Chief Lewis with BCSO and his wife will be going to Beit Shemesh and will spend a day and a half at their police academy. In the academy they will be able to see how they prepare for terrorism and other things such as medical issues when there is a large attack.

He thanked Mayor Parrish for initiating the contact between BCSO and the Sister City.

Mayor Parrish advised that the he amended the agenda by adding the Police Department's presentation. He further recognized County Commissioner Jim Barfield in the audience.

IV. DELEGATIONS:

Mayor Parrish advised that due to the amount of speaker cards there would be a three (3) minute time limit. Delegations are supposed to go for 30 minutes and if it exceeded that time it would need to be extended.

Janie Bryant, 365 Stone Street, Cocoa, Florida, spoke in regards to the fire station on Fiske Blvd., which serves Virginia Park and other areas. She asked that a fire truck be kept at this location. She further spoke against the closure of Stone Street at US 1 and the building of Cumberland Farms, as this would impede with residents travel access.

Wanda Betourd, 229 Smith Lane, Cocoa, Florida, advised she recently had a lien forgiveness/reduction approved. She received a letter requesting that $1,000 be paid in 30 days or make payment arrangements. She sent in a good faith payment of $285 and it was denied. She mentioned she spoke with both Ms. Dresser and Mr. Counsellor and was back in front of Council to request an approval for a payment arrangement.

City Manager Titkanich noted that the current code provided that an applicant requesting the lien forgiveness had 30 days to pay or make payment arrangements. It was his understanding that the applicant came in after thirty days.

In response, Mr. Belden advised that she came in within the 30 days but believed that the language in the letter had been confused. The payment arrangement has to be made within the 30 days, whether it is all at once or in payments, but within the 30 days. City Manager Titkanich added that after the 30 days the forgiveness goes away and it would have to be reapplied for.

Councilman Blake asked Ms. Betourd that if the forgiveness was reinstated could it be paid within 30 days. She stated yes and he said he did not see a problem with it. He believed that this was not setting a precedent.

Councilwoman Warner agreed with Councilman Blake and believed the whole program was to bring properties into compliance and knows what the city's rule was. After hearing the excerpt from the letter that Ms. Betourd read aloud, Councilwoman Warner agreed that she would have interpreted it the same way.

City Attorney Garganese explained that in the code it states that conditions have to be complied with and there were no conditions. Council could impose conditions, such as a payment plan.

City Attorney Garganese recommended putting this on an agenda and specifying the conditions so that it could be presented as a whole package. Councilwoman Warner clarified that it would not have to go back to the Code Board and City Attorney Garganese stated no.

Councilman Blake asked if Ms. Betourd came forward with a good faith payment, would that be okay and the City Attorney responded in the affirmative.

IT WAS A CONSENSUS AMONG COUNCIL TO BRING THIS ITEM BACK TO A FUTURE MEETING.

Ms. Betourd then asked about renting her house out and that she needs more security around her house. Mayor Parrish asked her to give her information to Acting Chief Austin and City Manager Titkanich explained rules for renting.

Nate Hooks, 723 Carissa Ave., Cocoa, Florida, advised he has been a property owner and business owner in Cocoa for 36 years. He spoke in regards to the fire truck being slated to be removed out of his community and he was against Cumberland Farms coming to Stone Street.

Lurline Smith, 440 Barbara Jenkins St., Cocoa, Florida, spoke about rusty water in the baptism pool at her church. She wanted to know if they were responsible and what could be done.

Mr. Walsh advised that a crew had been sent out and a sample of water had been taken. He stated it did have a tint so they let it run. He explained what could be going on within the water lines, but assured her the water was safe to drink and the color was from inside the pipes. He also noted they reset her meter box to a new height. There have not been any other complaints from the lab for problems in this area, so that also provides a clue that it is from the pipe.

Councilman Blake asked if this problem reoccurred what she should do. Mr. Walsh stated if there were more complaints they would look at the line to see if the pipe needed to be replaced, then they would take action.

Purvette Bryant, 373 Stone Street, Cocoa, Florida, opposed the plans to build a Cumberland Farms on Stone Street. She felt it would not do anything for the Diamond Square community and the store would turn its back on the community. Additionally, she voiced her opposition to the removal of fire trucks at Fiske Blvd.

Larry Sinclair, 1052 Mitchell Street, Cocoa, Florida, offered his condolences for Councilman Furbish. He spoke of the importance of addressing the ordinance regarding Code Enforcement and stressed the need for a clear process when it comes to lien reductions. He further noted that there were twenty two more security lights installed in Broadmoor Acres. Property taxes have risen in the neighborhood and that was a good thing.

* **MOTION by Councilman Blake; Seconded by Councilwoman Warner, to extend Delegations by 30 minutes.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blake, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

Rev. Robbins, 364 Washington Avenue, Cocoa, Florida, spoke about a serious problem that has been talked about for over eight years, which was speeding trucks and nothing has been done. A second problem was Washington and S.R. 520. During certain times of the day you cannot get out. He has been told that signs would be installed that say not to block the intersection. Signs have been put up there is no enforcement.

Cindy Smith, 1206 Purdue Way, Cocoa, Florida, advised that on February 9, 2016, she sent an email desperate to get reclaimed water in her yard, and was promised unlimited use for $5.00. She does not have constant pressure in her yard and a promised credit to her water bill had not been posted. She was now upset because the City wanted to raise the rates.

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer noted that Ms. Smith had reached out to the water reclamation team and they did testing and found that the pressure was low and not reaching certain portions of her yard. He further stated they had multiple interactions with her, the reuse team, and engineering and upped her usage. Ms. Smith felt the system was unreliable and Mayor Parrish agreed.

City Manager Titkanich pointed out that the original resolution done in 1991 did not provide that the rates would be $5. There was no record of that. Everyone agreed that they were told $5.

Ms. Smith advised that she had an email from Councilman Furbish about a credit that has never been placed on her account.

Mayor Parrish believed that we had to have a reliable system. In response, City Manager Titkanich mentioned that the issue was taken to the Utilities Advisory Board and they unanimously voted to stay with the current polices. The City always strives to provide reclaimed water but issues happen. Ms. Smith did not understand how the city can say that they are going to guarantee service.

Mr. Walsh explained different scenarios that can affect the pressure of the water. He noted that he cannot promise pressure in the reclaimed water system as much as he cannot in the regular system, but assured Ms. Smith that when there are complaints they are investigated.

Councilwoman Warner advised her that there were openings on the Utilities Advisory Board and to please consider serving. Her input and experiences might help in making better decisions for the system.

Ms. Smith reiterated that she has tried to contact Mr. Fuhrer and he does not respond. In response, Assistant City Manager Fuhrer noted that another crew could be sent out to see if any of the neighbors were having problems and that there was adequate pressure.

Andrea Graham, 520 Adobe Ave, Cocoa, Florida, has been a business owner for 18 years and was speaking against the liquor store opening on Fiske Boulevard. She believed that liquor stores increase crime, drugs, etc. There were already seven stores within the community that sell liquor. She would like to see another type of usage such a learning center with computer stations, etc.

Deputy Mayor Boisvert asked where they were proposing the store to be. It was noted 800 Fiske Boulevard.

Mr. Belden noted that this came up last year at the Board of Adjustment as a special exception application, and as a result of the board's decision, the property owner had to wait another year. This item will go to the Board of Adjustment next month and they will hear the item for a special exception approval. All property owners within 500 feet will be notified.

Councilman Blake asked for clarification as to whether or not Council can supersede a ruling made by Board of Adjustment. It was explained that the Board of Adjustment would hear the matter first and then it was subject to appeal to the City Council. Interested parties can be adversely affected so they can also appeal. City Attorney Garganese pointed out that tonight was not the forum to do so.

Mayor Parrish mentioned that Council was for improving Fiske Boulevard, not making it worse.

Councilwoman Warner asked if the application was denied by the Board of Adjustment last time and if so, why. In response, Mr. Belden noted it was based on the comments from the community and like tonight, the comments reflected that they thought there would be a negative impact on the community.

Councilwoman Warner stressed that those with concerns needed to be at the Board of Adjustment meeting in September.

Alzera Morrison, 312 Edinburgh Drive, Cocoa, was also speaking against the liquor store. She felt that there was a grand plan happening that no one was being told about in Cocoa. She wanted to see more police presence and believed that the fire station needed to be re-furbished instead of being closed. She stated that Council can do what they want to do.

Councilman Blake advised that before accusations were made they should know how people felt. He clarified that he was against a liquor store.

City Manager Titkanich stressed that neither City Council nor the Board of Adjustment has approved a liquor store, but the person who owns the property has done an application to put a liquor store in. City Manager Titkanich reiterated the process and stressed the importance for all of the neighbors to attend the meeting and express their opinion.

City Manager Titkanich noted any person has the right to appeal to City Council to overturn the Board of Adjustment's decision, so he encouraged them that in the event the Board of Adjustment reverses their previous decision, to come to Council to address the issues. He advised that Council was not aware of this and he had only found out about it earlier when he spoke with the Community Services Director.

* **MOTION by Councilman Blake; Seconded by Councilwoman Warner, to extend Delegations by four (4) more minutes.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blake, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

Kathy Hamilton-Brown, 306 Edinburgh Drive, Cocoa, spoke in regards to the same thing. She was concerned by the fact that she saw the person who owns the store having kids sign the petition in order to get the store. She provided information on liquor stores and the negative impacts they have on both people and the community. She was concerned that kids would be able to get alcohol and other items that they should not be getting.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Maintain the Current Rate Structure for the Reclaimed Water System. (16-337). (Utilities Director)

2. Approve a one year policy for Workers' Compensation Specific Excess Insurance with Safety National Casualty Corporation for the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, with an estimated premium of $126,127, pending approval of the FY2017 budget. (16-352). (Administrative Services Director)

3. Approve a Resolution officially recognizing and declaring a vacancy in Seat 4 of the City Council pursuant to Article III, Section 10 of the City Charter[2]. (City Attorney)

* **MOTION by Councilwoman Warner; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Boisvert, to approve the Consent Agenda.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blake, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Approve a resolution to accept Burton & Associates FY 2017 Utility Rate Study, validating the implementation of a five percent (5%) increase to the water, fire lines, hydrant, wastewater and reclaimed water fixed monthly charges and usage rates effective October 1, 2016, with an annual increase, of five percent (5%) thereafter on October 1st of each fiscal year beginning October 1, 2017; and provide for the update of the Utilities Handbook and the City Code. (16-336). (Finance Director)

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

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blake, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

VII. COUNCIL BUSINESS:

1. Approve the request for the following street closures: Walk to End Alzheimer's and the Christ Central Church Block Party/Fundraiser. (16-338). (Community Services Director)

Mr. Belden explained the item, advising it was for two closures. The first closure is the "Walk to End Alzheimers. This one day event will bring the total to twenty (20) approved street closure days, of the allowable twenty four (24) street closure days that are permitted by Ordinance No. 02-2016 in the Central Business District per calendar year. This event will be held on Friday, September 16, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. until Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 2 p.m.

The second closure being requested is Christ Central Church Block Party/Fundraiser which will not count towards the 24 allowable closure days since it is not located within the Central Business District. This event will be on Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

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

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blake, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

VIII. CITY BUSINESS:

1. Approve a Resolution adjusting the FY2016 Budget to transfer funds from Contingency to Hydrant Fees for the unbudgeted fees of 125 hydrants within the City of Cocoa. (16-116). (Finance Director)

Ms. Butler spoke about this item and explained it was due to an upgrade in the GIS systems and was not just in our city, but county-wide.

* **MOTION by Councilman Blake; Seconded by Councilwoman Warner, to approve.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blake, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

2. Approve the Preliminary Assessment Resolution for the Fire Protection Assessment for FY2017. (16-326). (Finance Director)

Ms. Butler explained the item.

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

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blake, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

3. Approve a request to vacate that portion of the Stone Street right-of-way located between US 1 and the F.E.C. railroad. (16-349). (Community Services Director)
Mr. Belden advised that in June a right-of-way application was received asking for the portion of the Stone Street right-of-way located between US 1 and F.E.C. rail road to be vacated. There were no objections made by staff, police, fire, or the public. The applicant has provided a site plan. Regarding the closure and going back to 2008, there was correspondence in regards to a closure from FEC to FDOT, and in a letter they confirmed FEC's opposition to Stone Street re-opening in Cocoa.

Councilwoman Warner asked who closed it and when it was closed. In response, City Manager Titkanich advised it was closed in 2002. He noted that at that time, representatives of the FEC looked at stations that no longer met purpose of what they were originally designed to do.

Discussion was held in relation to Stone Street and the settlement agreement. Councilwoman Warner confirmed that the City did not close the crossing. City Manager Titkanich concurred with her and provided a history of the closing.

Mayor Parrish asked if they would need the City if they opened a station. In response, City Manager Titkanich stated no because they had the right-of-way.

Mayor Parrish further asked if a fresh negotiation could be done and City Manager Titkanich noted that he could reassure them that there would not be a fresh negotiation. The crossing has been closed 9 years and they have communicated they are not interested.

The following people spoke in regards to the item:

Oliver Mohammed, 2640 Mercury Drive, Cocoa, advised that the way the City Manager explained the closing was close but not all the way. He provided his input on the closing and agreed that it was true that they were actively looking for stations to close, but they did not come to this spot until they were invited.

City Manager Titkanich noted that he had a letter from FEC in 2002 and read it into the record. He noted that the City did not initiate any communication with FEC. In 2003, FDOT stated that they were contacted by FEC, and in 2007 Council directed staff to reopen it. He reiterated that the City did not initiate any activity to close Stone Street.

Purvette Bryant, 373 Stone Street, Cocoa, Florida, spoke of her opposition to the closing of Stone Street to US 1 and Cumberland Farms. She agreed with Mr. Mohammad and stated all that he said was true.

Max Kiser, Biscaya Cocoa Holdings, LLC, noted he was represented by Attorney Chris Broome. Attorney Broome advised that they filed the right-of-way

application. He understood there were decisions made that the public does not like. FEC has spoken and they were not re-opening the access. As a Council, they have a fiduciary responsibility to the citizens and they could either spend more time fighting with FEC or spend time assisting the citizens and business owners who are tax payers. There are some who are participants in the City and want to vacate the road so that they can have this. The applicants have nothing to do with FEC and Stone Street, they are just trying to vacate the property. His clients were obeying the laws and want to develop a good project that will benefit Cocoa.

Councilman Blake asked the developers if things happened would they be willing to invest in the immediate area. They responded in the affirmative.

Attorney Broome pointed out that Mr. Kaiser's uncle lived in Beit Shemesh.

George Brown, 555-557 W. King Street, spoke about parking issues on Oak Street and Olive Street. He asked if someone parked there for a minimum of five minutes in order to unload their car if they would be ticketed.

In response, Acting Police Chief Austin advised that there were indeed "No Parking" signs, but he did not foresee any tickets or citations being issued for loading and unloading.

Mr. Brown further spoke about the blocking of SR 520 and Washington Street. The signs are up that say not to block the intersection, but he felt that the statute needs posted noting that they can impose a fine. He also requested a white line be added to the road.

Lastly, he requested Council to close Stone Street. There are different parts of the property that can be utilized and it should be closed now.

Pablo Camposano, 444 Brickell Avenue, St. 417, Miami, Florida, with Biscaya Cocoa Holdings, LLC, introduced himself to the community and reiterated that they had nothing to do with the issue and that they believed in Cocoa. They want to help bring additional tax revenue and beautify the corner. They were not certain it would be Cumberland Farms but believed it should be something beautiful.

Timothy Pickles, 353 Brevard Avenue, represented Ms. Irene Crumb and reiterated what all of the others have said. He felt it would be a waste of money to try to work with FEC and that Ms. Crumb had agreed to sell the property to the applicants. He felt Council should approve the item and this would provide a much more aesthetically pleasing feature to the area.

Jan Stone, 516 King Street, Cocoa, is a resident of Cocoa and owner of Stone Funeral Home. She mentioned that in 2002 when Rudy Stone was a Council

member, the City Council and staff got the road closed. She believed it was of the City's best interest to investigate this further and to make sure the street is re-opened. Additionally, she spoke in opposition of moving the fire truck to another community. Citizens need their own community to take care of them.

Mike Shaw, 402 High Point Drive, Cocoa, is a business owner in Cocoa. He owns 5 N. Cocoa Boulevard and was hearing what everyone had to say. He asked why not keep the street as is because his concerns were U.S. 1 and S.R. 520. He was concerned with the safety of the roads and that location. He requested that Council deny the request.

Pam Hooks, 723 Carissa Avenue, Cocoa, advised that she sat and listened as long as she could. She has been an educator in Cocoa for the past 25 years. She felt that Council was making decisions for the Diamond Square Community and none of them lived there. She stated that the applicant was not familiar with the area and did not know what Councilman Blake meant when he asked if he would invest in the community.

Councilman Blake advised that he was in approval of staff's recommendation because he was looking at the future and it would enhance the tax base. He realized people do not like change, but he was looking at the grand scheme of things.

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

AYES: Boisvert, Blake, Warner
NOS: Parrish

THE MOTION CARRIED (3-1)

4. Approve the Indirect Cost Allocation Study provided by Burton and Associates by which the cost of services is calculated and charged annually to both Enterprise Funds (Water/Sewer and Stormwater). (16-350). (Finance Director)

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

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blake, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

5. Approve entering into a co-operative purchase agreement with Goodson Paving (DBA WWG) utilizing Brevard County Bid # B-4-15-02 in the amount of $122,348.80 for the repair and reconstruction of sidewalks, curb, ADA curb ramps and sidewalks as it relates to the reconstruction of the Fiske Blvd. project

#PWPAVE; Approve the budget transfer and approve the budget resolution amending the 2016 budget. (16-351). (Public Works Director)

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

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blake, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

6. Approve a Resolution amending the FY2016 Budget, using General Fund Contingency to cover overages due to Firefighter Leave/Vacancies. (16-354). (Fire Chief)

* **Motion by Deputy Mayor Boisvert; Seconded by Councilman Blake, to approve the item.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blake, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

7. To consider an Interlocal Agreement with Brevard County Florida to determine the distribution of the revenues derived from the half cent discretionary infrastructure sales tax consistent with the Save Our Lagoon Plan. (16-358). (Assistant City Manager)

County Commissioner for District 2, Jim Barfield, addressed Council regarding the item, but first provided condolences for Councilman Furbish. He advised that this item was in regards to the Indian River Lagoon and that it was going to take a lot of money to fix the lagoon. He explained that after many discussions, it was determined that the ½ cent sales tax could be done in order to get things done in the lagoon.

Mayor Parrish clarified that this would be going to the voters of Cocoa and that other cities had to be in agreement. Commissioner Barfield responded in the affirmative.

Councilman Blake believed that the river did not get this way by itself, and that it needed to be healed and revitalized. He mentioned that his students were ecstatic about the lagoon revitalization.

Commission Barfield felt that this could not be put off much longer, as the lagoon needs help now.

Mr. Fuhrer further explained the item and pointed out some of the prominent impacts this would have on Cocoa, such as the fertilizer plan, oyster reef lining,

septic system conversions, and muck removal. Outside of the city they were looking at waste water upgrades and septic system upgrades.

* **MOTION by Councilman Blake; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Boisvert, to approve.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blake, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS:

8. (a) Approve and authorize the City Manager to execute the documents necessary to pursue St. Johns River Water Management District Cost-Share Funding for two stormwater retrofit projects; (b) Approve a Multi-Year contract for the Factory Street stormwater retrofit and cost-shared project. (16-335). (Public Works Director)

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

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blake, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

IX. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA:

1. Cocoa Police Department District Event Statistics. (16-331). (Chief of Police)

2. Cumulative Purchase Approvals over $25,000 and under $50,000 for the period 10/01/2015 to 07/31/2016. (16-333). (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. (16-340). (Finance Director)

4. Relation between the Estimated and Actual income and expenses to date. (16-341). (Finance Director)

5. FY 2016 Budget Adjustment Report. (16-342). (Finance Director)

6. New Local Business Tax Receipts for July 16, 2016-August 10, 2016. (16-353). (Community Services Director)

X. REPORTS:

Ms. Lorraine Koss, a member of the Utilities Advisory Board, expressed an idea of painting storm drains throughout the City. She compared the idea to the painting of the benches in Riverfront Park and felt that this way people would understand what they were looking at.

Mr. Wegerif announced that U.S. 1 was completed. Over 20,000 new plants were planted and many compliments have been received.

He advised that Fiske Boulevard would be started soon and noted the road would be rebuilt.

Mayor Parrish mentioned that they were still working on the SR 520 bridge.

Mr. Walsh introduced the new Deputy Director of Utilities Katie Ennis. All Council members welcomed her.

Ms. Ennis thanked them and stated she had worked for the City of Palm Bay for 8 years and then moved to Pennsylvania. They recently relocated back here.

Ms. Gemmati reminded all Council about benefit enrollment changes and that if they had changes to their benefits to let her know.

Attorney Garganese reported that Judge Maxwell validated an order for the fire assessment bond and this gives them the authority to proceed with the three new fire stations.

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer announced that he submitted an application to the state to have the flags lowered in honor of Councilman Furbish. The request was reviewed and per their policy, municipal members do not fall within it. A letter would be sent to explain why it was denied, but it was also mentioned if they are lowered on the City's doing, they would not fine the city. He encouraged all residents to do the same and the information would be sent to the County.

Furthermore, he mentioned an event he would be attending at the Florida Solar Energy Center tomorrow night and explained what it would entail. Additionally, on

Sunday, at 2 p.m., the Cocoa High football team will be playing a game that will be featured on ESPN 2.

Mayor Parrish asked Commissioner Barfield if something could be done with the flags at the County. In response, Commissioner Barfield stated they were working on it.

City Manager Titkanich advised that a Resolution was distributed related to the United Way Fundraisers that the city has and they were requesting a consensus for approval, as this would provide sufficient coverage for the City. City Attorney Garganese mentioned that Council should vote and the item to be opened up for public input since it was not on the agenda. He explained the types of events and that the resolution defines that they serve a municipal purpose.

Mayor Parrish opened the item up to the public for comment. There being no comment from the public, Mayor Parrish brought the item back to Council.

* **MOTION by Councilwoman Warner; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Boisvert, to approve Resolution No. 2016-95.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blake, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

City Manager Titkanich reminded all that on Friday, August 26, 2016, there is a Family Fun Fest at Junny Rios Park and on Saturday, August 27, 2016 is the Tuxes and Tails Gala and Council was invited to that as well.

Additionally, on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, will be the first public hearing for the budget at 6 p.m. and on Thursday, September 8, 2016 is the Mayor's Crime Summit at 6 pm at the Cocoa Civic Center.

City Manager Titkanich announced that the preliminary population stats were received and Cocoa was currently at 18,833 people which reflected a growth of 520 people over last year.

Lastly, he, along with City staff and Council, extend their condolences to Ms. Nancy Furbish and the residents of District 4. He spoke of Councilman Furbish's wisdom and guidance, noting this was a huge loss here in the city, the community and within the Special Forces. He will be greatly missed.

Councilman Blake noted that a group would like to provide a presentation at a future meeting regarding mental illness, as it was an ongoing issue in the community that needed to be addressed.

He further announced that he provided the invocation at the Past Presidents' luncheon at the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference that he and Councilwoman Warner attended. He felt it was important to continue to collaborate with surrounding cities/towns.

Councilman Blake congratulated Deputy Mayor Boisvert and Councilwoman Warner for running unopposed in the upcoming election. He pointed out that the Mayor has competition and knows that the right thing would be done.

He further announced that Cocoa High School was holding a fundraiser for providing lockers at the new stadium. He asked all Cocoa High alumni to donate $200 and a name would be on a plaque and a locker named on their behalf.

In closing he reminded all, in the words of Councilman Furbish, to buy local, spend local, and keep it local.

Councilwoman Warner spoke about the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference, advising that there were great sessions and great ideas were heard. She believed Councilman Blake did Cocoa proud at the luncheon and mentioned it was so good that the CFO referred back to it when he spoke.

She congratulated Ms. Carol McCormick who was now heading up the League of Mayors.

Committee appointments have been made and she announced that she would serve on the Growth Management Committee again. She mentioned there were a lot of issues coming up and they were going to be working hard.

In closing, she stated she was back from vacation and would not be missing any more meetings. She visited several towns and reiterated the need for diagonal parking in Cocoa.

Deputy Mayor Boisvert spoke about Councilman Furbish, who was not only a fellow Councilman, but a friend. He would be deeply missed.

Mayor Parrish concurred with Deputy Mayor Boisvert and thanked him for being by Councilman Furbish's side day in and day out. He spoke about Councilman Furbish and mentioned that he would be deeply missed.

He closed the meeting with reminding all to "Buy Local".

XI. ADJOURNMENT.

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Boisvert; Seconded by Councilwoman Warner, to adjourn the Regular meeting of August 23, 2016.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blake, Warner

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Henry L. Parrish III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carie Shealy, City Clerk


Sister City Program
COCOA, FLORIDA
BEIT SHEMESH, ISRAEL

Beit Shemesh, Israel



Fun Facts about our Sister City

Beit Shemsesh is in-between Jerusalem, (a 25 minute drive), and Tel Aviv (35 minutes drive)

Beit Shemesh has over 100,000 residents. 20% have arrived in the last six years.

60% of population is under 21.



Israel Peace Ambassador Tour 2016

December 14th - December 25th, 2016

Sister City will be sending a delegation from Brevard County, Florida to our Sister City of Beit Shemesh, Israel.



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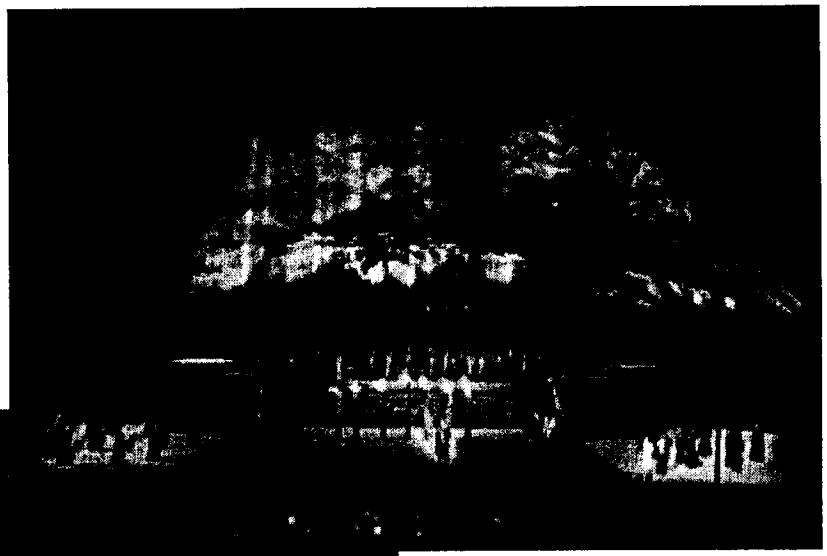




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SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF WAYNE IVEY



Israel' s National Police Academy

The 64,000-square-meter facility sprawls over 57 acres outside Beit Shemesh.

The facility includes mockups of a nightclub, a courthouse, and a mall, for anti-terrorism units and regular patrol units, as well as a mock traffic circle to train in directing traffic.

It also has training grounds for canine units, bomb disposal police, and crime scene units, as well as nine shooting ranges.

