MINUTES

CITY OF COCOA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

June 27, 2017

A Regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, in City Council Chambers, located in Cocoa City Hall, 65 Stone Street, in Cocoa, FL as publicly noticed.

I. OPENING MATTERS:

Mayor Parrish called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm

Chief 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.

PRESENT:	Henry U. Parrish III	Mayor
	Don Boisvert	Deputy Mayor
	Jeri Blanco	Councilwoman
	Clarence Whipple, Jr.	Councilman
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney
	John Titkanich, Jr.	City Manager
	Matt Fuhrer	Assistant City Manager
	Carie Shealy	City Clerk
ABSENT:	Brenda Warner	Councilwoman (arrived at 6:11 p.m.)

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Nancy Bunt, Acting Community Services Director; Gene Prince, Fire Chief; Mike Cantaloupe, Chief of Police; Sonja Hamilton-Suarez, Purchasing Manager/Acting Finance Director; Ed Wegerif, Public Works Director; Gail Bantugan, Leisure Services Manager; Tre Folston, Helpdesk Support Tech; Jonathan Lamm, Deputy Fire Chief; David Thompson, Police Officer; and Laurie Thompson, Police Officer.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

1. Agenda: Regular Meeting of June 27, 2017 (17-276)
2. Minutes: (a) Regular Meeting of May 23, 2017 (17-250)

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Boisvert; Seconded by Councilwoman Blanco, to approve the Agenda as presented for the Regular meeting of June 27, 2017 and the Minutes for the Regular meeting of May 23, 2017.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)

III. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Housing Authority Update (17-274). (Herb Hernandez)

Mr. Herb Hernandez provided a brief update for the City in regards to the Housing Authority. He advised that the current interlocal agreement expires in six months and is renewable for another three years.

He provided a detailed report of funding that they have received, properties that had been purchased and programs that are offered through their office.

Mr. Hernandez noted that they have advisory board meetings and have hired a part-time investigator who supports their efforts to ensure all of their areas remains safe.

They truly enjoy working with the City's elected officials and staff.

Shauna Ginn with the Housing Authority provided photos[1] on the cameras that were installed and explained what they show. She provided examples of what the cameras can provide in both action shots and still shots. They have 48 cameras altogether and most are on the street corners.[2]

Councilman Whipple asked about the lots that they purchased and asked if there was a diagram or map that citizens could have access to in regards to the lots

[1] EXHIBIT A: Photos from cameras installed by the Housing Authority
[2] Councilwoman Warner arrived at 6:11 p.m.

available. Mr. Hernandez stated they do have a map and could get it to them. Additionally, City Manager Titkanich advised that there was a map.

Mayor Parrish thought the cameras would help a lot and thanked them.

2. Keep Brevard Beautiful Update on 2017 Trash Bash. (17-275). (Keep Brevard Beautiful)

Keep Brevard Beautiful held their annual Trash Bash 2017 on April 21, 2017 in Cocoa Village. It is always a great event and they thanked Council and staff for their support with the event.

Countywide, there were 1,152 volunteers and 30,642 pounds of litter was collected. They also had 4,311 volunteer service hours.

Neodasha Harris helped coordinate the City of Cocoa event and they had 404 volunteers and collected 13,681 pounds of trash in the City.

The event could not be made possible without the help of Waste Management and this year they split the prize money into four categories. Winners were: Rotoract Club of Cocoa; Cocoa Police Athletic League; A Better Foundation, Inc.; and Cocoa High School JROTC.

Dina Ryder-Hicks with Waste Management thanked Council and Keep Brevard Beautiful for their support with the program. It was great to benefit organizations within the City.

City Council thanked them.

IV. DELEGATIONS:

Rev. Earl Robbins, 304 Washington Avenue, Cocoa, advised that he was in attendance for the 5th time. He noted that the last time they discussed the traffic problem at the intersection of Washington Street and SR 520. There are certain times of the day when you cannot get out. He asked for a stop bar and the state put signs up. They have three stop bars on Washington Street which they don't want or need. He asked why they could not get what was being asked for.

Mr. Wegerif mentioned that he contacted FDOT Traffic Operations office in Deland and they believed that a stop bar was not conducive for that area. They have agreed to come meet and look at the area to see what could be done.

Mr. Robbins asked why he could not contact the Sharpes office and in response, Mr. Wegerif advised that office was a maintenance office and they receive orders from Deland.

Mr. Robbins stated that Mr. Wegerif had an excuse for everything but no solutions. His promises then turn to lies.

City Manager Titkanich assured Rev. Robbins that the City had promised its attention to the matter and reminded him all that had been done on the street. They are also working on enforcement in the area. A representative from FDOT was willing to come and look at the site, and he stressed that they cannot skirt around the issue.

Chief Cantaloupe advised that they have increased patrols and enforcement in the area. He has also been watching the street from the cameras installed in the area.

Mayor Parrish asked how long it would be before they meet with FDOT. In response, Mr. Wegerif assured him they would set up a time and it would be around 5 p.m.

Councilwoman Warner requested that they let the Reverend know. They also provided the police department's emergency number to call.

Brad Whitmore, 351 Rockledge Drive, HCVA, provided an update on the waterfront and spoke about the FIND grant program. He stressed the importance of submitting proposals in a timely manner and noted that there were funds out there for waterfront improvements. He further mentioned an idea about the installation of a wildlife camera in order to help capture images of suspected thieves in Riverfront and Lee Wenner Park. It would be inexpensive and a step in the right direction.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. To Approve a Resolution Amending the FY2017 Budget to Cover Overtime Expenditures in the Water Field Operations Division. (17-245). (Utilities Director)

2. To Approve a Resolution Amending the FY2017 Budget to Reallocate Funds for the Purchase of an Auto Flusher from Ferguson Waterworks, Melbourne, Florida. (17-246). (Utilities Director)

3. Approve participation in a cooperative purchase agreement for Cured in Place Pipe Lining,(Project # SW08PL) to line various sizes and lengths of drainage pipes on Fiske Blvd utilizing City of Orlando Bid #IFB-15-0017 which was awarded November 20,2014 and renewed on July 14,2016 and to authorize such purchase subject to Layne Inliner LLC's acceptance of the standard terms and conditions of the City's purchase order. (17-253). (Public Works Director)

4. To Approve Proposal by Connect Consulting Inc. (CCI), High Springs, Florida, for Hydrogeological Services for ASR Well Inspection, Repair, and Instrumentation Services, utilizing the City of Palm Coast RFQ-PW-U-15-12, Services Contract for Professional Hydrogeological Services, Project No. WS1117. (17-269). (Utilities Director)

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Boisvert; Seconded by Councilwoman Warner, 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. Consider the Reappointment of Ms. Linda W. Wells as a member of the Affordable Housing Committee through May, 2020. (17-277). (Administrative Services Director)

* **MOTION by Councilwoman Warner; Seconded by Councilman Whipple, to approve the Reappointment of Ms. Linda W. Wells as a member of the Affordable Housing Committee through May, 2020.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VIII. CITY BUSINESS:

1. To Approve a Resolution Amending the FY2017 Budget to Cover Unexpected Emergency Repair and Maintenance Expenditures in the Sewer Field Operations Division. (17-266). (Utilities Director)

* **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)

2. To Approve a Resolution Amending the FY2017 Budget to Reallocate Funds for Legal Expenses Associated with the Taylor Creek Reservoir Mediation, Project WS0919; To Authorize the City Manager to Approve Change Order #2 to P.O. 69039 to Garganese, Weiss & D'Agresta in the Amount of $25,000 for Special Legal Counsel for Water Supply/ Taylor Creek Mediation, Project WS0919. (17-272). (Utilities Director)

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

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS:

3. Approve a multi-year interlocal agreement between the City of Cocoa and the City of Rockledge for School Crossing Guard Services for the school year commencing August 10, 2017 and ending May 25, 2018. (17-252). (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)

4. Council approve a multi-year contract between the School Board of Brevard County and the City of Cocoa for renewal of School Resource Officer for the 2017-2018 school years, August 10, 2017 through May 25, 2018 and authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to finalize and execute the contract with the School Board. (17-257). (Chief of Police)

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

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

IX. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA:

1. Cumulative purchase approvals over $35,000 and under $50,000 for period 10/01/2016 to 05/31/2017. (17-256). (Finance Director)

2. Data showing the relation between the estimated and actual income and expenses to date. (17-263). (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. (17-264). (Finance Director)

4. FY 2017 Budget Adjustment Report. (17-265). (Finance Director)

5. Review of the Employee Health Center utilization report provided by CareATC for May 2017. (17-273). (Administrative Services Director)

X. REPORTS:

Mr. Wegerif noted that FPL would be beginning a project to replace poles in the downtown area, on Brevard and Delannoy Avenue. They will be spaced about 60 feet apart. The new poles will go in and eventually the old wooden poles will come out. This will take a few months and would begin July 5th and will go through August. They will work from 7 am until 7 pm.

A new contractor has been retained in order to clear the weeds on US 1. They are working on the problem, he just wanted to make Council aware.
City Manager Titkanich reminded everyone about the Fiscal Sustainability Workshop being held on Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Councilman Whipple spoke about his attendance at the Monroe High School Class of 1967 class reunion this past weekend. It was a wonderful event.

He thanked everyone involved for making that day a success. Those who had moved away and were back visiting were happy to see how beautiful the City is.

Councilwoman Blanco read a statement into the record regarding the recent shootings that have occurred in District 4.

"District 4 has seen two shootings in the month of June. One occurred in the Village Green apartments on Dixon and the other in the Save-A-Lot parking lot on Dixon. Both are areas where families with children live and shop. The reason I bring this up is it saddens me and at the same time frightens me to think of an innocent bystander hit and or killed by these shootings. To all of you at home and here in Council Chambers I urge you, if you have children especially teen age children, please get involved in their lives. Know who your children's friends are, know where they hang out and who they hang out with.

Get them registered with a summer program, Boys and Girls club, PALS, Parks and Rec. Help the police department keep our young people safe and off the streets. No one wins and we all lose as a community when our youth are neglected and left on their own to sometimes make tragic mistakes. Mistakes that can alter their lives forever. Thank you for listening."

She added that for the single parents, she knows it can be a struggle, as she was a single mother who had to juggle working full time to raise a child, as she had to work two jobs at times in order to pay for day care. However, she always focused on the most important thing, and that was her daughter's future.

Councilwoman Warner mentioned that she received a message during the meeting and was told that the live stream was not working.

She further mentioned that Mr. Sinclair asked her to remind everyone that raffle tickets were still available. Additionally, he has found a pole that would support the camera that he wants placed in the neighborhood but would need assistance with the installation.

Deputy Mayor Boisvert wished all a happy July 4th.

Mayor Parrish mentioned a Cocoa sign on Cox Road, close to SR 520 that was turning black. It has a lot of debris on it. Mr. Wegerif assured him it would be looked into.

Mayor Parrish mentioned his ride along with the police department on Saturday evening and felt it was a great experience. He advised that he will be riding more often and thought it was very interesting.

In closing, he spoke about his tour at the Dirty Ore last night and noted it would tentatively open this weekend. The water tower was part of their logo and he believed the brewery would put Cocoa on the map.

XI. ADJOURNMENT.

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Boisvert; Seconded by Councilman Whipple, to adjourn the Regular meeting of June 27, 2017.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Henry U. Parrish III, Mayor

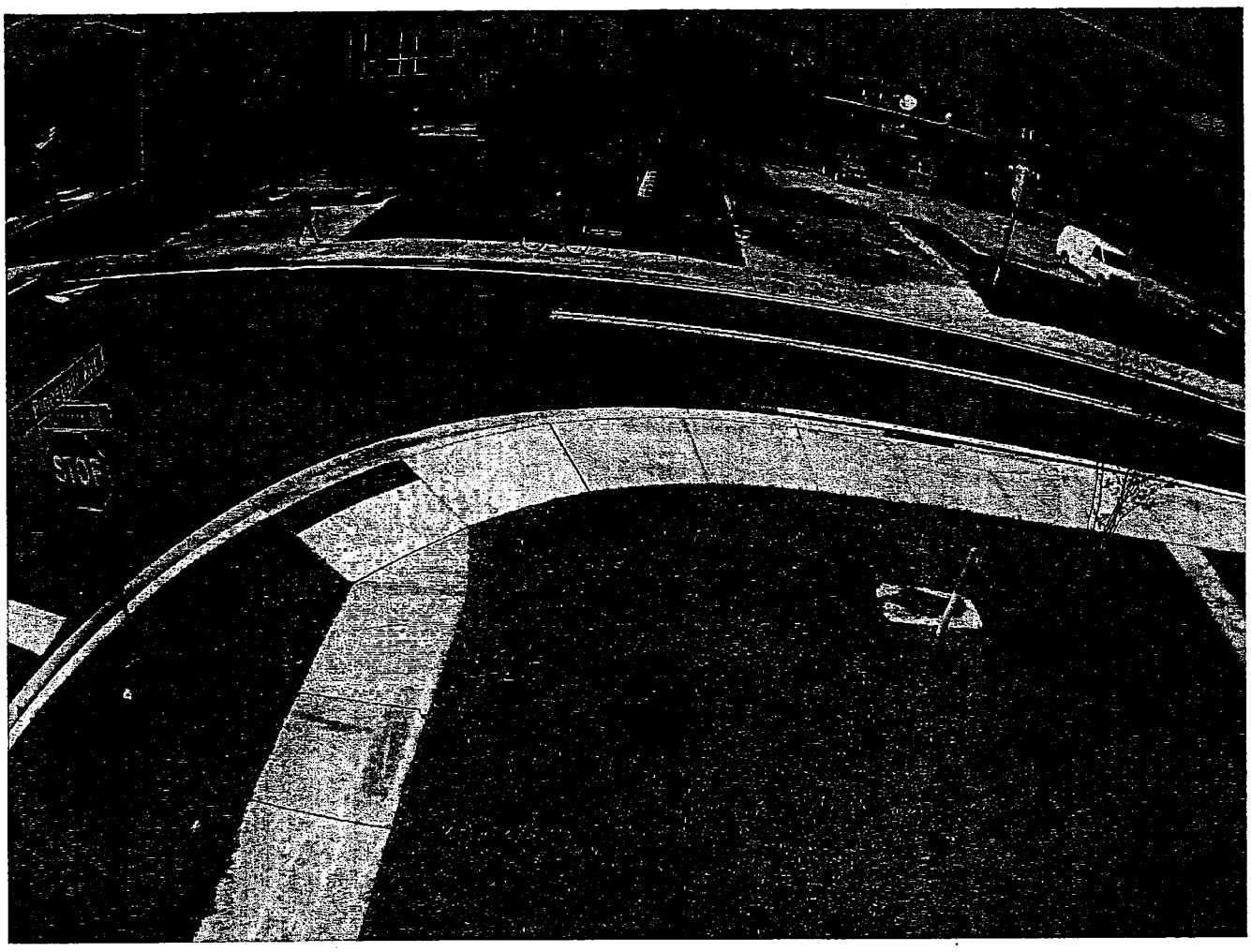
ATTEST:

Carie Shealy, City Clerk

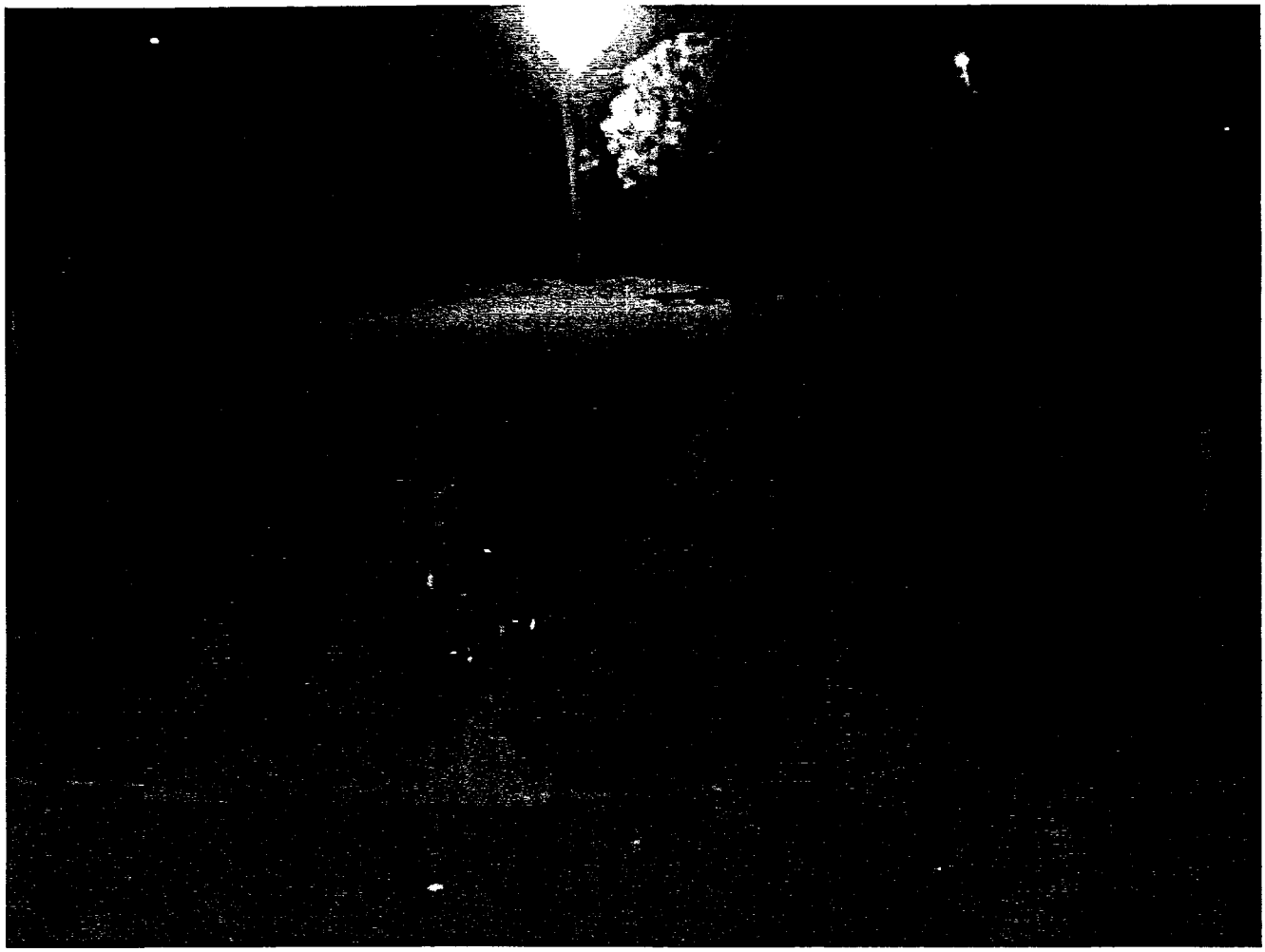
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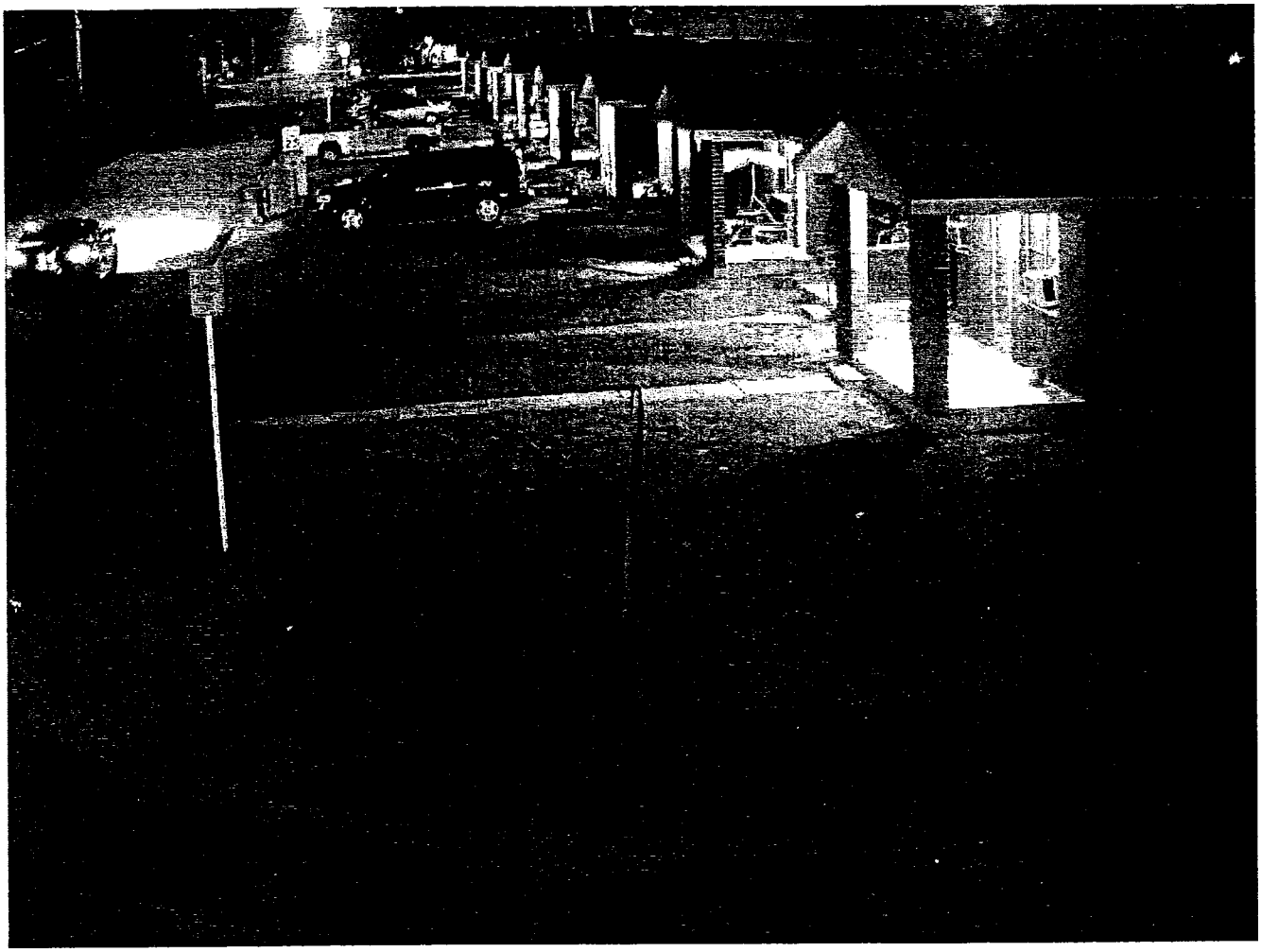
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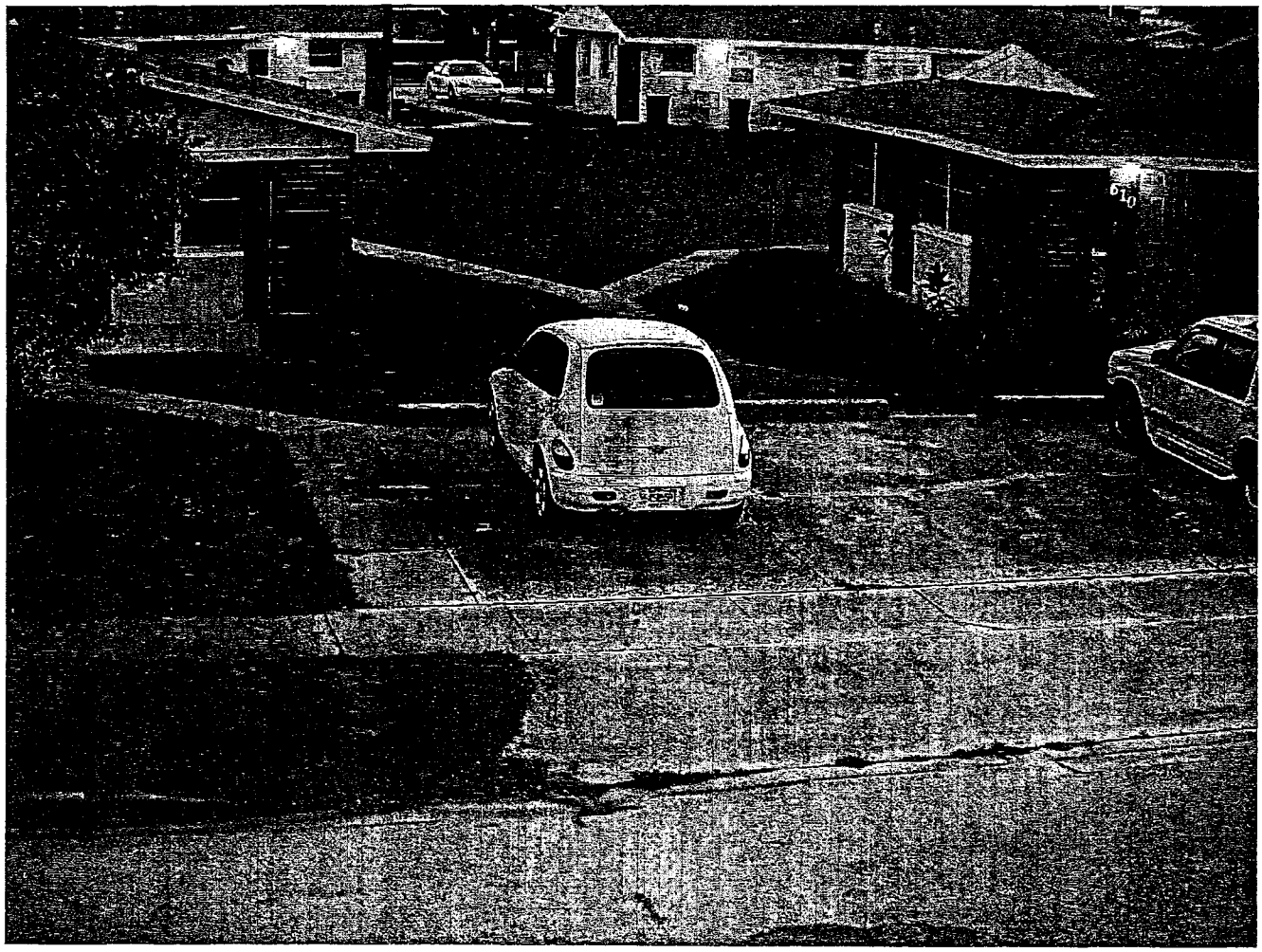
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