MINUTES

CITY OF COCOA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

June 26, 2019

A Regular City Council Meeting was held on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, in Cocoa City Hall, in City Council Chambers, located at 65 Stone Street, in Cocoa, Florida, 32922, as publicly noticed.

I. OPENING MATTERS:

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

Deputy Chief Lamm provided the invocation, and Councilmember 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:	Jake Williams, Jr.	Mayor
	Brenda Warner	Deputy Mayor
	Don Boisvert	Councilmember
	Alex Goins	Councilmember
	Lorraine Koss	Councilmember
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney
	John A. Titkanich, Jr.	City Manager
	Matt Fuhrer	Assistant City Manager
	Carie Shealy	City Clerk

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Nancy Bunt, Community Services Director; John Hankins, Major @ Police Department; Jonathan Lamm, Deputy Fire Chief; Ed Wegerif, Public Works Director; Rebecca Bowman, Finance Director; LeShawn Hinton, Helpdesk Support Technician; Lora Howell, Deputy Finance Director; and Samantha Senger, Assistant to the City Manager/ Public Relations Specialist.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

1. Agenda: Regular Meeting of June 26, 2019 (19-282)
2. Minutes: n/a

* **MOTION by Councilmember Boisvert; Seconded by Councilmember Koss, to approve the Agenda as presented for the Regular meeting of June 26, 2019.**

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

III. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

None.

IV. DELEGATIONS:

Sylvia Thomas, 717 Aurora Street, Cocoa, spoke on behalf of Mt. Moriah AME Church. She advised that a few weeks ago they funeralized Ms. Barbara L. Jenkins and during the service the Pastor appealed to the City of Cocoa to tie a ribbon on the street pole with her name on it. It was approved and she wanted to let the City know that the date of this ceremony would be after church on Sunday, July 7, 2019. They would like the ribbon to be hung for forty days and was told by Mr. Georgio that she would need to come before Council to ask permission.

Mayor Williams, Council and staff were all in agreement for this being done.

She thanked Council and invited the City to attend. The time would be around 12:00 p.m.

Lastly, she thanked Council for the recent acknowledgement of her mother, Ms. Betty Rackston. It meant a lot to her mother.

Mr. Jack Brown, 8700 Ridgewood Avenue, Cape Canaveral, Florida, advised that this was his local residence and he planned on being there on a fairly permanent basis. He thanked everyone for helping get him to the position that they are currently at with the hotel.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve Amendment #1 to Task Order 2019-92 (Change Order #1 to Purchase Order 73824) "Additional Project Management Assistance to the Water Field Operations Division" with CH2M Engineers, Inc. for an Addition in Time Required to Assist WFO; To Approve Amendment #1 to Task Order 2019-93 (Change Order #1 to Purchase Order 73660) "Project Management Assistance, Data/Invoice Review, and Strategic Planning in Support of the Cross Connection Control Program" with CH2M Engineers, Inc. for a Reduction in Time Required to Assist WFO. (19-273). (Utilities Director)

2. Approve Participation in a Cooperative Purchase Agreement with VacVision Environmental LLC (A Vortex Company) for Manhole Rehabilitation Services Utilizing the Gainesville Regional Utilities Contract No. 2014-032, Amendment 4, Effective October 27, 2017 through October 27, 2019 in the amount of $135,745.27; To Approve a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Approve Change Orders in an Amount Not to Exceed $14,254.73 (approximately 10.6 %) for a Project Total of $150,000. (19-280). (Utilities Director)

3. Approve Additional Purchasing Ability up to $200,000 for FY 2019 and to Approve Change Order #1 to Purchase Order 74016 with Sunstate Meter Supply utilizing the Manatee County Agreement IFAS #T400065A, Effective August 17, 2014 through August 16, 2019. (19-281). (Utilities Director)

4. Approve Task Order 2019-09 with Carollo Engineers, Inc. for the Jerry Sellers WRF Influent Pump Station and Transfer Pump Rehabilitation (portions of the Flow Improvements Project), Project No. WS16SF. (19-288). (Utilities Director)

5. Authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute an agreement with Don Bell, Inc., DBA DBI Demolition, for code enforcement initiated and citywide demolition services beginning October 1, 2019, pending approval of the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. (19-300). (Community Services Director)

6. Award BID No. B-19-16-COC for an Emergency Radio Enhancement System for Fire Stations 1, 2, and 3 to BSC & Consulting Inc., DBA Modern Media Communications. (19-302). (Deputy Fire Chief)

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

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Approve the First reading of Ordinance No. 10-2019: Home Rule Stormwater Special Assessment Ordinance. (19-279). (Finance Director)

Attorney Garganese read Ordinance No. 10-2019 into the record, by title only as follows and advised that this was the first reading of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, FLORIDA; RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF STORMWATER SERVICES, FACILITIES, AND PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE INCORPORATED AREAS OF COCOA, FLORIDA; AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION AND COLLECTION OF STORMWATER ASSESSMENTS AGAINST PROPERTY; PROVIDING CERTAIN DEFINITIONS INCLUDING A DEFINITION FOR THE TERM "STORMWATER ASSESSMENT"; ESTABLISHING A PROCEDURE FOR IMPOSING STORMWATER ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING THAT STORMWATER ASSESSMENT CONSTITUTE A LIEN ON ASSESSED PROPERTY UPON ADOPTION OF ASSESSMENT ROLL; PROVIDING THAT THE LIEN FOR A STORMWATER ASSESSMENT COLLECTED PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 197.3632 AND 197.3635, FLORIDA STATUTES, UPON PERFECTION SHALL ATTACH TO THE PROPERTY ON THE PRIOR JANUARY 1, THE LIEN DATE FOR AD VALOREM TAXES; PROVIDING THAT APERFECTED LIEN SHALL BE EQUAL IN RANK AND DIGNITY WITH THE LIENS OF ALL STATE, COUNTY, DISTRICT, OR MUNICIPAL TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS AND SUPERIOR IN DIGNITY TO ALL OTHER PRIOR LIENS, MORTGAGES, TITLES, AND CLAIMS; AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF INTERIM ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING FOR HARDSHIP ASSISTANCE; PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR THE COLLECTION OF STORMWATER ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING A MECHANISM FOR THE IMPOSITION OF ASSESSMENTS ON GOVERNMENT PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

He advised this was a procedural ordinance similar to the Fire Assessment ordinance. He noted that the Supreme Court has recognized a municipalities' ability to adopt its own procedure to impose a special assessment and like the

Fire Assessment, this would require two resolutions, an initial and a final. Those resolutions would come at a later date this fiscal year after the ordinance gets approved.

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

* **MOTION by Councilmember Koss; Seconded by Councilmember Boisvert, to approve Ordinance No. 10-2019 on first reading.**

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

2. Approval of Ordinance No. 08-2019/Second and Final Reading: Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article VII Police Officers' Retirement Plan of the Code by amending Section 2-193(a), Board of Trustees, extending the terms of office for the Board of Trustees from two years to four years. (19-295). (Administrative Services Director)

Attorney Garganese read Ordinance No. 08-2019 into the record, by title only as follows. He advised that this was the second and final reading. This ordinance would extend pension board member's terms from two to four years.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VII, POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT PLAN, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF COCOA BY AMENDING 2-193, BOARD OF TRUSTEES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Gemmati noted the only thing that has changed since the first reading was that the actuary provided the "No Impact Statement" which is required by the City and the State.

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

* **MOTION by Councilmember Boisvert; Seconded by Councilmember Koss, to approve Ordinance No. 08-2019 on second and final reading.**

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VII. COUNCIL BUSINESS:

1. Consider the Reappointment of Ms. Delores Martin as a Regular member of the Diamond Square CRA through June, 2023. (19-283). (Administrative Services Director)

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Warner; Seconded by Councilmember Boisvert, to approve the Reappointment of Ms. Delores Martin as a Regular member of the Diamond Square CRA through June, 2023.**

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

2. Consider the Reappointment of Ms. Laura Houston as a Regular Agency Member on the US 1 CRA, through June, 2023. (19-284). (Administrative Services Director)

* **MOTION by Councilmember Boisvert; Seconded by Councilmember Koss, to approve the reappointment of Ms. Laura Houston as a Regular Agency Member on the US 1 CRA, through June, 2023.**

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

3. Consider the Appointment of Ms. Linda Gombert and one (1) of the three (3) Non-Resident applicants as members to the Sustainability Advisory Committee. (19-287). (Administrative Services Director)

Ms. Gemmati presented the item, advising that there have been many applications received by those who are non-residents of the City of Cocoa. She explained what the Code allowed in regards to non-residency.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Koss; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Warner, to approve the appointment of Ms. Linda Gombert as a member of the Sustainability Advisory Committee.**

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

Mayor Williams pointed out that they received emails from both Ms. Rinaldi and Ms. Riggs.

Councilmember Koss felt that all of these applicants were highly qualified and believes that they are applying because we have been a leader in the sustainability committee and the County does not have one.

She further provided the names and backgrounds of the applicants.

Councilmember Koss asked the status of the Affordable Housing Committee, in which Ms. Bunt explained that the committee was formed through a state program. She further explained that because of rules being changed the City does not have to meet on a yearly basis.

City Manager Titkanich further explained the purpose for that committee and Ms. Bunt added that the committee had a few members from other boards as well. Its purpose was to make recommendations to the state.

Councilmember Koss confirmed that they do not have any powers beyond that.

Mayor Williams spoke about Ms. Rinaldi's role and Deputy Mayor Warner felt that with her legislative experience she could look at the big picture and how it all would fit into the state plan. She does not know the other two but thought that their resumes looked fabulous.

Deputy Mayor Warner hoped that the other two applicants would attend the meetings to provide their expertise but agreed with Mayor Williams in that Ms. Rinaldi brings experience that was very rare.

Brief discussion was held on the Cocoa CRA vacancy and City Manager Titkanich explained that Ms. Stewart had to leave the board because she does not operate her business in Cocoa.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Goins; Seconded by Councilmember Koss, to nominate Ms. Angelique Rinaldi for the Sustainability Advisory Committee.**

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

Councilmember Koss stated that she would contact the other applicants about participation on the committee.

4. Consider the Reappointment of Mr. Jim Gifford as a Regular member of the Code Enforcement Board through June, 2022. (19-301). (Administrative Services Director)

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Warner; Seconded by Councilmember Boisvert, to approve the Reappointment of Mr. Jim Gifford as a Regular member of the Code Enforcement Board through June, 2022.**

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VIII. CITY BUSINESS:

1. Approve A Resolution Amending the FY2019 Budget through the use of Fund Balance Reserves, in the amount of $2,000,000 (BAF # 19-104), to pay the Wal-Mart Stores East, LP (Wal-Mart Distribution Center) Economic Development Cash Incentive, approved by Council on May 24, 2016. (Community Services Director). (19-152). (Community Services Director)

City Manager Titkanich spoke about this item pointing out that this project goes back about 4 ½ years. In May 2016, City Council approved the Economic Incentive Agreement along with an ordinance granting an ad valorem tax abatement. This item was in regards to one part of the incentive.

City Manager Titkanich explained the project and agreement in detail and advised that the project was supposed to be done in four stages, however, Walmart chose to finish the project early. He spoke about the initial requirements and pointed out that they had exceeded all of them.

Additionally, they were required to employ 239 employees and Walmart worked with Career Source and Economic Development and were asked to show preference to Cocoa residents when fulfilling jobs. They currently have 151 (one hundred fifty-one) employees and they have until December 31, 2020 to hire the additional 89 (eight-nine) employees.

City Manager Titkanich explained that he tried to break everything down in the agenda item so that the information was very thorough.

In furtherance, he explained that this budget amendment was consistent with the City's obligation in the economic incentive agreement and that way it could be disbursed.

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

The motion was opened for discussion.

Councilmember Koss asked about the $12 million in machinery and if this was machinery that the City uses. In response, City Manager Titkanich advised it was private capital investment for their company.

Additionally, Councilmember Koss asked about the remaining jobs needed to fulfill the agreement. In response, City Manager Titkanich advised it was 89 (eight nine) jobs that still needed to be filled and he was confident that they would meet that. They are ahead of schedule.

She pointed out that she was one of two people who spoke against this project, not knowing that it was Walmart, but believes it has turned out pretty well. There was an article in Forbes about Walmart replacing warehouse jobs with robotics and asked if in the long run, would we still be looking at the same type of results. City Manager Titkanich noted they were committed to 239 but would likely hire more than that. He stressed that they built with certain intentions.

Councilmember Koss asked if we knew how many from Cocoa were employed, in which City Manager Titkanich stated nine.

Ms. Bunt advised that Ms. Singleton is coordinating a tour for Council in August.

City Manager Titkanich advised that if they do automation then the amount would go up as they will have to make more private capital investment.

Councilmember Koss wondered if they were utilizing Eastern Florida State College and their robotics program so that they could train and hire from Cocoa. City Manager Titkanich noted it was his understanding that they were providing training for them.

Councilmember Koss further thought that it would be neat to see where employees were living, so that they would get an idea if there was an ability to draw people to Cocoa.

City Manager Titkanich mentioned some of the states where employees relocated from and it was interesting to look at some of the data.

Councilmember Koss spoke about a recent conference and spoke in detail about the model of Amazon and how it was located in Arlington.

City Manager Titkanich agreed with the location of EFSC and UCF and the proposed housing developments in that corridor, there would be opportunity for employees to relocate to Cocoa.

Deputy Mayor Warner stated that Amazon just broke ground in her home town and the parking lot was 200 acres.

Lastly, City Manager Titkanich assured Council that Walmart was utilizing all of the land that they purchased.

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

2. Approval of Ordinance No. 09-2019/First reading: Amending Chapter 2, Administration, Article VIII, Firefighters' Retirement Plan of the Code by amending: Section 2-281, Board Designated as Administrator, Composition, extending the terms of office for the Board of Trustees from two to four years; Section 2-308, Investment Powers of the Board, modifying the investment policy

to allow the board to invest up to twenty-five percent of plan assets in foreign securities. (19-230). (Administrative Services Director)

City Attorney Garganese read Ordinance No. 09-2019 into the record by title only as follows.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2019

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VIII, FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT PLAN, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF COCOA BY AMENDING SECTION 2-281, BOARD DESIGNATED AS ADMINISTRATOR, COMPOSITION; AMENDING SECTION 2-308, INVESTMENT POWERS OF THE BOARD; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

He advised that this is the first reading of the ordinance. He explained that this was similar to the police pension ordinance and noted that it was expanding the term of the board members from two to four years. Additionally, it would include the change of amending the pension ordinance to allow the board to invest up to 25% of plan assets into foreign securities.

Ms. Gemmati added that the pension actuary also submitted a letter of "Non-Impact".

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

The motion opened for discussion.

Councilmember Koss asked if the board acted as a fiduciary. In response, City Manager Titkanich explained that they do act as a fiduciary and they employ financial advisors whom they consult with.

She asked if the 25% was the same for the police, and in response, Ms. Gemmati explained that it was already in their ordinance and this does not mean that they would invest the full 25%.

Councilmember Koss further asked about contributions of the fire pension and City Manager Titkanich suggested that this be talked about at the workshop tomorrow.

City Manager Titkanich acknowledged the pension boards and pointed out that they have taken it upon themselves to lower their investments.

Councilmember Koss advised that she had checked with people and the 25% was applicable.

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

3. Approve a Resolution Amending the FY2019 Budget, through use of Water/Sewer Contingency, to Reallocate Funds due to Increased/Unexpected Expenditures. (19-268). (Utilities Director)

Mr. Walsh advised that in the agenda packet he had outlined the meter program and how service calls for meters were done for any reason. This item was to move some money around as there were some major breaks and other items that resulted in increased expenditures.

Councilmember Koss bragged on the Cone Road project in Merritt Island. She toured the project and felt that it probably cost less due to the collaboration.

She asked if the meter program had a return on investment. In response, Mr. Walsh answered in the affirmative. They are looking at going completely automated in the future.

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

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

4. Award Bid #B-19-17-COC, Dyal Groundwater Filters #1 and #4 IMS Cap and Media Replacement, Project No. WS19FR, to S4 Water Sales & Service, Bowling Green, Kentucky, in the Amount of $518,073; To Approve a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Approve Change Orders in an Amount Not To Exceed $51,807.30 (10% of the Contract Amount), for a Total Project Cost of $569,880.30; To Approve a Resolution Amending the FY19 Budget; To Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Contract. (19-276). (Utilities Director)

Mr. Walsh explained that this item was a continuation of a project that was done last year. He explained why the equipment needed to be replaced. He further pointed out an error in the agenda item and mentioned that the account should be the engineering division, as they would be managing the project. The money would come from the 4020 account.

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

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

5. Authorize the City Manager to Submit a Parcel Combination Application with the Orange County Property Appraiser to Combine Three Separate Dyal Water Treatment Plant Parcels (adjacent to State Road 520) into One Parcel for Property Identification, Tax, Zoning and Other Official Purposes; and to authorize the City Manager to execute and direct the prosecution of a zoning special exception application for any remaining portion of the Dyal WTP property that requires a special exception to authorize the wastewater and water plant land use, to the extent necessary upon review of the City Attorney's office. (19-277). (Utilities Director)

Mr. Walsh explained that this property was the open space purchased north of the Dyal Plant. This would not change the zoning but staff was asking for a special exception to use the land for municipal purposes. This would entail a fairly detailed application which would include an exhibit. He anticipated that due to the location of the property it would be a fairly easy process.

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

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

6. Approve a Resolution Amending the FY2019 Budget, to replenish General Fund Reserves by reversing a Stormwater Fund Transfer in the amount of $232,864, and then Amending the FY2019 Budget through the use of General Fund Reserves in the amount of $100,000, to fund a Public Works project PW19MR to restore medians on US #1. (19-299). (Public Works Director)

Mr. Wegerif advised that this would include SR 520 and reminded Council that in April staff was directed to move forward with spending about $100,000 on the medians. These funds would come from the general fund reserves.

Councilmember Koss asked about jasmine and juniper as they are slow growing and asked if there were plans for more than one mulching. In response, Mr. Wegerif advised that this one would last but they would budget for additional years.

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

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS:

7. Approval to purchase Axon Body Worn Cameras and additional digital storage using the awarded Body Worn Camera Grant for $18,000 with an $18,000 match, using project number PD18BC and Approval of a multi-year contract between the City of Cocoa and Axon Enterprise Inc. for four years ending on September 30, 2022. (19-272). (Chief of Police)

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

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

8. Approval of a Multi-Year contract with Pitney Bowes for the renewal of the lease of the DM 475 Mailing System, through June 30, 2024 utilizing the State of Florida Department of Management Services contract # 4102100-17-1. (19-285). (Administrative Services Director)

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

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

IX. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA:

1. Cumulative purchase approvals over $35,000 and under $50,000 for period 10/01/2018 to 05/31/2019. (19-267). (Finance Director)

2. FY 2019 Budget Adjustment Report. (19-291). (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. (19-292). (Finance Director)

X. REPORTS:

Rip Dyal, Chairman for the Board of Adjustment mentioned that there were several vacancies on the board and they need applicants. At the request of City Council, he provided a brief explanation of what the board does.

Alton Edmond, 630 Brevard Avenue, Chair of the Cocoa Police Advisory Committee, advised that he had requested a copy of the police bodycam policy a few times and that Chief Cantaloupe had stated he would get it to him. City Clerk Shealy stated that her office would take care of the request.

Major Hankins advised that Chief Cantaloupe was attending the Florida Accreditation Hearings and the Cocoa Police Department has received full accreditation.

Deputy Chief Lamm reminded everyone that the Hurricane Expo will be tomorrow and the first 100 (one hundred) citizens that come will receive giveaways that will

help start their hurricane preparedness kit. He thanked Ms. Senger for the work she has done on this event and for getting donations from vendors.

Lastly, he mentioned that he attended a Florida Natural Gas meeting today and heard a lot about what was going on with natural gas. He stressed the most important thing he learned was what was going on at the port and also about the gas line that runs through the City.

Ms. Gemmati announced that there would be a BBQ luncheon on Friday, June 28, 2019 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. to benefit United Way. Tickets are $10 at the door and $8 if you buy in advance.

City Clerk Shealy reminded all of those required to submit a Form 1 that the due date is July 1st.

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer added that food could be delivered on Friday as well from the BBQ.

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer recalled the agenda item that was recently discussed regarding the Waterfront Advisory Committee. He announced that he and the City Manager had met with Mr. Ed Green and spoke about the make-up of the committee and the establishment of a volunteer role. They will be soliciting soon for those who would like to be included as resources for waterfront projects, etc. It would be a volunteer role and we would maintain a listing of all of those volunteers and their backgrounds.

Councilmember Koss asked if they would have the burden of the Sunshine Law. In response, City Manager Titkanich explained that they would not be making formal decisions, and it would be no different than citizens reaching out to staff.

City Manager Titkanich reminded everyone that following the Hurricane Expo there would be a Budget Workshop at 6 p.m. Additionally, there would be a Friday Fest at Myrt Tharpe Square on Friday, July 28th and he announced that the Cocoa Tigers Chorus would be the opening act at the July 4th celebration at Riverfront Park. They will start at 6 p.m.

Councilmember Goins thanked all for coming and for watching from home and he appreciated all of their interest in the City.

He spoke about their upcoming tour to Hannibal Square in Winter Park. He noted that the purpose was to receive guidelines for the Leon and Jewel Collins Museum. There is a building but he feels that there was no direction given for this project. They are leaving Saturday around 8:15 a.m. from City Hall and will return by 12:30 or 1 p.m.

He thanked the volunteer cops for all they have been doing on Friday nights with Pastor Wash. There were over 500 kids this past Friday night and it is a beautiful thing going on in the Diamond Square area. They expect more this weekend.

Councilmember Goins mentioned that he received a text about feral cats in downtown and that they are overtaking the area.

Deputy Mayor Warner advised that when they got rid of them before the Village was overrun by river rats, so there needed to be a balance.

Councilmember Goins spoke about the Virgin Trains grand opening and the Mayor and some staff attended. He stressed that he was pushing for a stop in the Diamond Square area. In response, City Manager Titkanich provided a brief history of this project and how sites were selected.

Mayor Williams added that as far as connectivity, SR 528 and US 1 was perfect but Rosa L. Jones was ideal for development.

Councilmember Koss spoke about her recent attendance at the LOCUS Leadership Summit which was a conference organized by Smart Growth America. It was about opportunity zones and in district four she has two of the assigned opportunity zones. There was a lot of emphasis on transit, Walk-Ups (walkable urban places) and schools.

She mentioned that she was able to tour Endeavor Elementary and thought it was remarkable. She believes the City has all of the seeds to be a great City.

There was also an emphasis on complete streets and she knows that the Planning department was working on that. A new word she heard was attainable housing (you need to have housing at all different levels).

Lastly, she mentioned her attendance at the Eastern Florida Regional Planning Council on Resiliency. It was a collaborative workshop at the Brannon Center in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. The workshop was for the purpose of bringing

together resources so that everyone could share their ideas when it comes to sustainability, resiliency, etc. She provided the City Manager with an MOU that would be brought forward at a future meeting.

Mayor Williams spoke about the demolition of the Joe Lee Smith Center. He was glad to see movement on that project.

He voiced his disappointment with Parks and Recreation, especially with the condition of the sidewalks. He understands why gates are locked but during the day the gates need to be open, along with the restrooms. We are paying the County to maintain the parks and are having to jump through hoops to use them.

Mayor Williams noted that there was a lot happening at EFSC and there is a possibility that they will lose the YMCA. The Cocoa campus is becoming more of a technical school. He believed that the City needed to communicate with them as we are losing a lot of important things. He has a meeting with the executive director of the YMCA and will be setting up a meeting with the EFSC president.

He felt that it was disappointing that the City was not engaging with some of these organizations that have done a lot with the City.

Lastly, he spoke of his meeting today with Bart Gaetjens from FPL. FPL has priorities so if someone is without power and sees a truck going by, FPL is aware, but there are priorities they must get to first.

He stated that Council needed to do the jobs that they were elected to do and become more engaged in the community.

XI. ADJOURNMENT.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Boisvert; Seconded by Councilmember Goins, to adjourn the Regular meeting of June 26, 2019.**

AYES: Williams, Warner, Boisvert, Goins, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Jake Williams, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

Carie E. Shealy, MMC, City Clerk

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