MINUTES
City of Cocoa
Regular Meeting of The City Council

June 22, 2021

A Regular City Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021, in Cocoa City Hall, in City Council Chambers, located at 65 Stone Street, in Cocoa, Florida, 32922, as publicly noticed.

I. Opening Matters:

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

Councilmember Hearn provided the invocation and Councilmember Dyal led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The City Clerk took the roll.

PRESENT:	Michael C. Blake	Mayor
	James Goins	Deputy Mayor
	Rip Dyal	Councilmember
	Lavander Hearn	Councilmember
	Lorraine Koss	Councilmember
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney
	Stockton Whitten	City Manager
	Carie Shealy	City Clerk

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matthew Fuhrer, Assistant City Manager; Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Rob Bobay, Police Lieutenant, Acting Chief of Police; Jonathan Lamm, Fire Chief; Bryant Smith, Public Works Director; Rebecca Bowman, Finance Director; Charlene Neuterman, Interim Community Services Director; and Trevor Roth, Helpdesk Support Tech.

II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:

1. **Agenda:** Regular Meeting of June 22, 2021 (21-431)

* **Motion by Mayor Blake to amend the agenda to remove Item III.1 under Awards & Presentations and he provided the following explanation:**

"Our city has a resiliency and sustainability plan, resiliency is, and should be, the cornerstone of what we do in terms of our utilities system, our stormwater system and public buildings and public facilities. Where we can achieve sustainability, when it makes sense in terms of cost, and not at the expense of meeting the basic needs of our citizens and businesses than we should. Cape Canaveral does not face the same challenges we do, our priorities are different. And we are not the same geographically and environmentally speaking. They have the Atlantic Ocean and Indian River on both sides, we are a mainland community. There's differences in our tax base, budget, housing, our residents and their economic position. We need to invest in those projects that best improve our community...in response to the needs of our residents. Again, we already have a resiliency action plan and we have a sustainability plan, those plans should guide our staff as projects are being identified and developed. We need to let the City Manager and the appropriate Directors do their job, I trust as projects are developed they will take into account our resiliency and sustainability plans. No offense to the representative from Cape Canaveral, they'd be better meeting with our Sustainability Committee. I'd like to respect everyone's time, and request this presentation be referred to the Sustainability Committee. They can report back to the City Manager if necessary, and he can get back with us."[1]

* **The Motion was Seconded by Councilmember Dyal, for discussion.**

Councilmember Koss stated that this has nothing to do with the differences in Cocoa and Cape Canaveral. She noted that they have a model program and it has to do with the similarities we share. She felt this was unusual because as a councilwoman she has the right to put something on the agenda and Cape Canaveral came as their guests. She was excited for them to get to share their program with the City.

Deputy Mayor Goins respected what the Mayor stated, and agreed with some of his points, however, representatives from Cape Canaveral were here and took their time to be here, and prepared a presentation to give us tonight. He felt that the City owed them the respect.

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1 Statement read by Mayor Blake

Mayor Blake noted there are twenty-nine slides and felt that they should have gone to the Sustainability Advisory Board first. He voiced his respect for the City of Cape Canaveral's staff and councilmembers. He spoke about the Sustainability Advisory Board and asked that they go straight to the board and then bring this back to Council. He stressed the importance of following protocol.

Councilmember Koss advised that most of the board has seen the presentation.

THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:

Ayes: **Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn**

Nays: **Koss**

THE MOTION CARRIED (4-1)

2. **Minutes:** (a) Regular Meeting of May 11, 2021 (21-432)
(b) Regular Meeting of May 25, 2021 (21-450)

* **MOTION by Councilmember Dyal; Seconded by Councilmember Hearn, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2021 and Regular Meeting of May 25, 2021 as written.**

AYES: **Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss**

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

III. Awards and Presentations:

1. Presentation by the City of Cape Canaveral's Sustainability Program Manager Zack Eicholz, Councilwoman Angela Raymond, and City Planner Brenda Surprenant, on Sustainability/Resiliency. (21-435). (Councilmember Koss)

- **This item was removed from the Agenda.**

IV. Delegations:

Keno Diefenderfer, 506 Donley Street, Cocoa, spoke about a skate park. He has researched the costs and it would be around $300,000 to $400,000. He explained his reasonings for having a skate park in the old Joe Lee Smith Center and advised the closest one is five miles away and is small. Additionally, it would be a safe place for kids and skateboarders to be and would keep them out of the Village or off of private property.

Ed Green, 104 Riverside Drive, #204, Cocoa, voiced his support for the CRA appointment happening tonight. He noted that it was significant, as first it marked the end of Capt. Ed Lanni's distinguished service on the board. All of the applicants are residents of the CRA area. It has been a long time since the board would have a member actually representing the tax payers of the Village. He believed that all three applicants were very qualified, however, he was supporting Candace Rogers. The other two have had ample opportunity to serve the City and have done so over the years. He felt that this was an opportunity to bring in someone who was anxious to help the city and who has worked very hard as a private citizen. She has worked tirelessly with the Cocoa Village Neighborhood Association. Her work has encouraged others to participate and to be aware of what happens in the City. He urged Council to give her consideration.

Phyllis Moscoso, 2209 Catawba Drive, Cocoa, provided an update on the Brevard Museum and noted they have established a non-profit and filed other various forms to be a non-profit, and they have requested that the application be expedited due to September 30th dates. She explained how the non-profit status works and that it can be retroactive to June 10th which was the date they filed with the State. She asked for staff to be approved to start speaking with Brevard Museum Inc. for a possible lease agreement.

John Niland, 130 Warsteiner Way, Unit 22, Melbourne Beach, Florida, spoke on fluoride. He mentioned the meeting held in Mims last night and that it was attended by about one hundred people. The majority of those attendees were from the dental industry. There were two panels presenting opposing views on fluoride. He further mentioned a poll taken by Florida Today and about sixty percent of those polled were not in favor of fluoride. He will be back to speak in the future.

Brenda Fox, 1110 Abington St., Cocoa, advised that she was at the last meeting and discussed pools in the area. She spoke with someone at the Joe Lee Smith Center and now the problem is with the pump. She asked when that would be fixed. In response, Mr. Smith noted that there was failure in one of the pipes and the contractor is aware but he did not have a timeline as to when this would be fixed. Ms. Fox further spoke about Pineda Street and that there was a sidewalk that was almost fully covered by a pine bush. She requested that area be cleaned as you cannot use the sidewalk. It was the east side of Pineda and Dixon.

Bernice Cox, 701 Aurora St., Cocoa, stated when Councilmember Hearn was elected he suggested some type of security during the meetings. She felt that there

should only be one entrance for meetings. She also attends Code Board meetings and there is always an officer in the back of the room. She felt that should be done during Council meetings as well.

V. Consent Agenda:

(A) General Consent Items:

1. Approve a Resolution Amending the FY21 Budget, BAF# 21-087-T through the use of General Fund Contingency, in the amount of $110,000 to Professional Services, to pay legal service invoices for the remainder of Fiscal Year. (21-442). (Administrative Services Director)

2. Authorize the City Manager to Provide Additional Easements and Access to Duke Energy at the Dyal Water Treatment Plant in an Agreement Acceptable to City Attorney and Utilities Director. (21-444). (Utilities Director)

(B) Multi-Year Contracts:

3. Approve a Multi-Year Contract with ClearGov, Budget Document Software, by way of Exemption to Competitive Bid. (21-415). (Finance Director)

4. Approve a multi-year contract with Thompson Consulting Services, LLC (Tier I) and Disaster Program & Operations, Inc. (Tier II) for Disaster Debris Monitoring Services from June 22, 2021, to June 21, 2027, including three one-year renewal options not to exceed six (6) years. Authorize the City Manager approval authority to sign the associated contracts approved by City Council and subsequent renewal terms. (21-433). (Public Works Director)

5. Approve a multi-year contract with CrowderGulf Joint Venture, Inc. (Tier I) and Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. (Tier II) for Disaster Debris Removal/Management Services and Ancillary Preparation/Recovery Services from June 22, 2021, to June 21, 2027, including three one-year renewal options not to exceed six (6) years. Authorize the City Manager approval authority to sign associated contract approved by City Council and subsequent renewal terms. (21-440). (Public Works Director)

* **MOTION by Councilmember Dyal; Seconded by Mayor Blake, to approve the Consent agenda.**

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VI. Public Hearings:

1. Consideration of 2nd reading (Ord. 09-2021) for a Zoning Map Amendment consistent with Appendix A, Zoning, Article XXI, to change the Zoning Map designation of one parcel (0.6 acres) from Brevard County IU (Light Industrial) to City of Cocoa M-1 (Light Industrial and Warehouse) as depicted on Exhibit A. (21-438). (Interim Community Services Director)

Attorney Garganese read Ordinance No. 09-2021 into the record, by title only as follows. He advised that this was the second and final reading of the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2021

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; CHANGING THE ZONING MAP DESIGNATION OF AN APPROXIMATELY 0.60 ACRE PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY, LOCATED NORTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF STATE ROAD 520 AND COX ROAD, IN COCOA, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DEPICTED AND LEGALLY DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO, FROM BREVARD COUNTY IU (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL) TO CITY OF COCOA M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND WAREHOUSE DISTRICT); PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Neuterman provided a background of the ordinance and pointed out that the proposed M-1 zoning designation is consistent with the allowable uses under the "Industrial" Future Land Use per the City of Cocoa's Comprehensive Plan.

She advised that on June 2, 2021, the Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval and on June 8, 2021, City Council approved the first reading of this Ordinance.

Mayor Blake opened the hearing to the public. There being no comment, the public portion of the hearing was closed.

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Goins; Seconded by Councilmember Hearn, to approve.**

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VII. Council Business:

1. Consider the Appointment of one of the following applicants as a member of the Cocoa Community Redevelopment Agency, through April, 2022: Dick Bankhead; Aleck Greenwood; or Candace Rogers. (21-436). (Administrative Services Director)

Pam Shaia, 308 Brevard Avenue, Cocoa and owner of Tails of the Barkery, voiced her support of Candace Rogers. She provided a brief background of what Ms. Rogers has done in the Village, including Ms. Rogers' ongoing support of businesses in the Village throughout the pandemic. Ms. Rogers also continued to feature the Village, how to dine in and dine out during the pandemic and she has supported all of the events to bring in the shoppers. Ms. Shaia believes that Ms. Rogers understands the importance of city government and the path of the Village and what it needs to be great. She represents the whole Village.

Capt. Ed Lanni, 989 N. Indian River Drive, Cocoa, spoke in regards to his service to Cocoa and advised that he was backing the appointment of Mr. Aleck Greenwood. Mr. Greenwood has always been a part of the Village and his heart is in the Village.

Mayor Blake felt all three candidates were worthy of this position. It is a win-win no matter what they do. He nominated Mr. Dick Bankhead, and stated that he is a community man, lives in Oleander Pointe, has a vested interest in business in the downtown area, has worked at the high school level, and in all aspects of the community. Additionally, he has served our country admirably and will do what is best for the community and citizens of Cocoa.

Mayor Blake reiterated his nomination for Dick Bankhead.

Attorney Garganese pointed out that each member has the right to nominate one member then they will go with majority vote.

Deputy Mayor Goins agreed all three candidates are great. His nomination is Candace Rogers. Since he has been on council he has seen her work really hard for the downtown. Everyone works hard but his choice is Ms. Rogers.

Councilmember Hearn agreed and felt all three are great candidates but from what he has seen, he loves the passion Mr. Greenwood has shown him and his pick would be Mr. Greenwood.

Attorney Garganese stated that since all three candidates have been nominated they could discuss who it would be at this point.

Councilmember Dyal agreed that all three candidates were fantastic. He spoke about each person but his vote was for Candace Rogers.

Councilmember Koss's vote was for Aleck Greenwood.

Mayor Blake supported Ms. Rogers as well. He recognized Mr. Greenwood and asked him to stay active with the City.

Ms. Rogers thanked Council and appreciated their votes. She will make it her mission to investigate and ask questions and to do what is best for the community.

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Goins; Seconded by Councilmember Dyal, to appoint Candance Rogers as a member of the Cocoa CRA.**

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

2. Consider the Appointment of Dr. Kathleen Rooney-Otero as a member of the Sustainability Advisory Board, through August, 2024. (21-437). (Administrative Services Director)

* **MOTION by Councilmember Dyal; Seconded by Mayor Blake, to approve the appointment of Dr. Kathleen Rooney-Otero as a member of the Sustainability Advisory Board, through August, 2024.**

Councilmember Koss believes that she will be a great addition to the Board and supported her appointment.

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

3. Consider the Reappointments of Kimberly Curtis, Sharri Scott, Ed Green, David Lightholder and Lloyd Roberts, as regular members of the Code Enforcement Board, through June 2024. (21-439). (Administrative Services Director)

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Councilmember Dyal, to approve the Reappointments of Kimberly Curtis, Sharri Scott, Ed Green, David Lightholder and Lloyd Roberts, as regular members of the Code Enforcement Board, through June 2024.**

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

4. City Council discussion and direction related to the construction of cross-country trails within the Cocoa Conservation area. (21-459). (Councilmember Koss)

Councilmember Koss advised that this issue was spoken about at the last meeting by several people. This would provide a place for the public to use as well as the high school's teams. By next year they could use it for cross country events.

She noted that a conceptual plan had been provided with the agenda item and she spoke about the costs.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Koss; Seconded by Councilmember Hearn, to approve the recommendation of supporting and funding this initiative, for discussion.**

Councilmember Dyal knows that there are a lot of volunteers going out to mark the trails and he would like to work it out where he and Deputy Mayor Goins could do this themselves. He felt if the community was going to help this could be turned into a fun event.

Deputy Mayor Goins asked about the back side where it connects to Range Road and if the right-of-way would be used. In response, Councilmember Koss advised that FPL has an easement and she has spoken with Bart Gaetjens. He was open to the idea and there would be no cost involved.

Mayor Blake asked if residents of Cocoa Bay have been informed. Councilmember Koss answered in the affirmative and pointed out that they were in support of having the path.

Mayor Blake further asked if they have collaborated with the principal of Cocoa High School. She noted that he was aware but the superintendent was not. The Mayor added that he was in favor but wanted to ensure that the powers that be were aware, because the City as well as Brevard Public Schools will have a part of this. He asked the City Attorney and City Manager if a letter could be constructed so that everyone was aware.

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

City Manager Whitten confirmed that the funding for this will come out of contingency and staff will do any necessary budget changes that needed to be done in order to facilitate the transfer from contingency.

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Councilmember Koss, to approve any budget amendments/transfers/resolutions that are required for this item.**

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VIII. City Business:

1. Approve, as recommended, the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 benefit renewal medical, dental, vision, life, and disability insurance; and to authorize the City Manager to sign related agreements. (21-421). (Administrative Services Director)

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

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

Multi-Year Contracts:

None.

IX. Informational Agenda:

1. Cumulative purchase approvals over $35,000 and under $50,000 for period 10/01/2020 to 5/31/2021. (21-416). (Finance Director)

2. Fire Incident Summary Report for May 2021. (21-420). (Fire Chief)

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. (21-424). (Finance Director)

4. FY 2021 Budget Adjustment Report. (21-425). (Finance Director)

5. Data showing the relation between the estimated and actual income and expenses to date. (21-426). (Finance Director)

X. Reports:

Gregg Stoll, 2203 Salem Drive, spoke as the SCTPO/Citizen representative for the City of Cocoa. He advised that the Transportation Improvement Plan was in draft

form for 2022-2026 and comments were due by July 8th. He also provided a brief update on the list of priority projects that affect Cocoa.

Ms. Bowman spoke in regards to the American Rescue Plan funds that were used to assist with utility payments. Staff reviewed the customers who were delinquent on bills and about to have water shut off. Payments were applied in order to avoid shutoffs. It was about $90,000 and in a couple of months they will do this again. She explained that when people are on this list they are typically about three months past due and service is about to be interrupted. Additionally, this afternoon she received an email from Our Florida Program which has been made to assist those in need of utility assistance and is only for delinquent payments. She will work with Ms. Senger to get this information out as well.

Ms. Gemmati advised that on May 11th it was approved to follow current CDC guidelines in public facilities. The City's policy regarding face masks was adopted on June 30, 2020. At this point, for employees, if they are fully vaccinated they are no longer required to have a face covering on in a city facility.

Ms. Neuterman shared that staff has been working on an interactive zoning map for the last two years. The map was shown and it was explained how to navigate the map. This will help customers and clients as they can go on the website and determine what type of development can be done in certain areas of the City. They will continue to update other maps that the City uses as well.

Ms. Neuterman further announced two new programs approved by the Diamond Square CRA last night. The first was a residential beautification program, which will allow a homeowner to get $500 worth of materials to beautify their homes. A landscaper will go and speak with the resident to determine the best way to beautify their yard.

Secondly, there is a residential paint program and the resident will speak with a local paint supplier who will help determine the right paint for their home. Someone will also pressure wash the house prior to it being painted. Materials will be provided to the homeowner and they will be able to paint their home.

There are organizations out there who can help with this as well, such as volunteers from churches. There is $10,000 budgeted for the beautification program and $5,000 for the paint program.

Lastly, there was a request from the Diamond Square CRA for a zoning change on Stone Street. They would like it reevaluated and back to mixed-use zoning as they would like to bring business back to that area.
Chief Lamm provided a COVID update. He provided the amount of cases in the State as well as Brevard County. He further provided vaccination numbers. He warned that the variant is stronger than the original COVID and that Florida is the leader in variant cases.

He stressed the importance of following the CDC guidance and recommendations as we continue to push forward. This should be done not only to protect yourself, but co-workers and family as well. This is not going away and are seeing less getting vaccinated. Vaccinations are widely available and he urged people to call the City if they cannot find a vaccination site. Staff will help them.

Mayor Blake mentioned the upcoming hurricane season and asked Chief Lamm to provide a few reminders.

Chief Lamm asked citizens not to wait to get prepared until the storm is off of the coast. He urged all to get things ready now and to be prepped in the event something comes. You need a thirty-day supply of medications in order to get through in the event of a bad storm. He further reminded all to be prepared with your important documents as those are what you need after the storm. If you are sheltering at home, get things now, because like in the pandemic, items are hard to get in the midst of an emergency.

Attorney Garganese mentioned that an individual Michael Graham appeared before City Council challenging his water bill and claiming that the City damaged his meter pipe and there was a significant leak. City staff worked hard to provide relief to him under City policies, however, he filed suit. There was trial last week and City prevailed in this matter. Mr. Graham stated he may appeal, however, he wanted to provide this update to Council.

He further spoke on Council's decision to terminate the agreement with the Villas of Cocoa Village. They had a six day evidentiary hearing and at the conclusion of the hearing the judge requested that both the City and the plaintiff provide recommended orders for his consideration with detailed findings of fact and conclusions of law. Those proposed orders are due at the end of the month and at that point the judge will make a decision at that time.

Mayor Blake announced that he, along with Deputy Mayor Goins, Councilman Hearn, and Councilwoman Koss will be traveling to the Florida League of Cities

Annual Conference beginning on Thursday, August 12th and will be returning on Sunday, August 15th. It should be noted that due to the Rosa L. Jones Mural Installation event on Saturday, August 14th that himself and Council members will be returning to the City to attend that celebration and then returning to Orlando to finish out the conference.

They will be staying at the World Center Marriott in Orlando and the estimated cost of the trip including registration, hotel reservations, mileage, parking and per diem will be around $1,460.00 dollars per person. This is budgeted under Council's travel and per diem account.

He spoke of the importance of supporting the incoming president as they need that support when they go to Tallahassee and to be able to keep those lines of communication open. Additionally, he is a member on FMIT and it is important to have relationships with all involved.

Councilmember Dyal thought the Juneteenth event was great and there was a great turnout.

Deputy Mayor Goins appreciated staff for the Juneteenth event. He thought it was a great event and they did a phenomenal job pulling it off with a short time frame. He feels it will be much bigger next year. He thanked Ms. Senger and Leisure Services staff.

He spoke about the allocation of $475,000 for signage in all of the parks and asked for consent before the July 8th meeting in regards to the Fern and Prospect Park. He believes that name change of the park would bring a new feeling and respect and citizens would take it more to heart. He mentioned Larry Gilmore and his efforts throughout the years as he has always watched the parks. He advised he spoke with the City Manager about the procedure to make this happen and since we own the park he was looking for a consensus to bring it back as an item.

Mayor Blake was in agreement and mentioned that the pavilion was named after him. He added reasonings why he thought that this would be a great reward for him.

Both Councilmember's Dyal and Hearn were in agreement and Councilmember Hearn has many childhood memories of Mr. Gilmore. He commended Deputy Mayor Goins for bringing this forward.

Councilmember Koss stated that rebranding was a way to bring new life to a place and she supported this as well.

Deputy Mayor Goins felt that they were doing a good job with the parks and he commended the police department as well.
He reminded everyone that the next Budget Workshop is July 8th and urged all to show up at 6 p.m. as this was a great way for citizens to voice their opinions about the budget.

Deputy Mayor Goins addressed Ms. Fox's concerns about the pool and announced that they have raised the lifeguards pay by $3.00. They can start at the age of fifteen.

He thanked Public Works for fixing the drainage on D Street and Washington Street.

He thanked everyone for coming and advised that they had received a packet from Pub Americana regarding outdoor dining. He pointed out the resolution expires soon.

Mayor Blake asked for input from Ms. Neuterman in regards to the resolution. He is for safety and parking is a deficit. He felt that this was taking away additional parking and asked for staff for have a chance to review this and bring it back to Council.

Councilmember Dyal agreed and stated he has seen big vehicles almost take out tables.

Mayor Blake further expounded on his reasonings as he has been there and seen the vehicles and motorcycles that go by. He reiterated that safety comes first.

Councilmember Koss was supportive of outdoor dining overall and was supportive of what staff brings forward.

City Manager Whitten assured them staff would bring this back. He asked the City Attorney that since it expires on June 30th if the city could withhold any code action until it is brought back.

Discussion was held on what Council could do in regards to code actions upon expiration of the resolution. City Attorney Garganese added that there would need to be a re-education period as well so that business owners were aware of the changes.

Ms. Neuterman added that staff would allow ample time for them to clean up tables, chairs, etc.

* **CONSENSUS TO SUSPEND ANY CODE ACTIONS ON THE OUTDOOR DINING RESOLUTION UNTIL JULY 27, 2021.**

Councilmember Koss mentioned an email from Marlene Weiss in regards to Travis Park. She noted this was a case where they have downgraded the park and classified it as a low maintenance park. The park is open for rental and they are doing a camp but they have very limited hours to the community.

Ms. Weiss' request was to do some sort of beautification project such as a butterfly garden there which was refused. This is the same community that has lost a cluster of assets around Clearlake and has found themselves spiraling downward. This is a community asset and the only community center in district 4 which is under-utilized and is now downgraded.

Councilmember Hearn spoke about the trash pick-up on Pineda Street on June 12th. Deputy Mayor Goins, Councilmember Dyal as well as a few other members of the community showed up. A lot of trash was picked up.

He thanked Councilmember Koss for spearheading the Vision Zero event and thought it was great. He was grateful to show support for the citizens of Cocoa.

Councilmember Hearn announced his attendance at the ribbon cutting for the new Adult Education Center Manufacturing Building. This building will be used to train young adults.

He asked for a consensus among council for staff to explore programs similar to the beautification and painting programs approved the Diamond Square CRA. He would like programs like this city-wide.

* **CONSENSUS AMONG COUNCIL FOR STAFF TO EXPLORE A CITY-WIDE PROGRAM SIMILAR TO THE PAINTING AND BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAMS APPROVED BY THE DIAMOND SQUARE CRA.**

He further spoke about his attendance at the Juneteenth event and thought it was great. There was a diverse group of people who enjoyed it

* **CONSENSUS AMONG COUNCIL FOR STAFF TO PUT TOGETHER A JUNETEENTH PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR THE EVENT.**

Lastly, he provided kudos to the Police Department for all of the great work they do and he has seen more police presence in neighborhoods.

Councilmember Dyal added that some of them had attended the Police Department's annual banquet this past Thursday night and it was a great time.

Mayor Blake attended the Space Coast League of Cities dinner on June 14th along with Councilmember Koss. Dr. Mullins spoke and it was a great event.

Additionally, he attended the 13th Annual Mayor's Breakfast for the Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce. It was also a great event.

He got to meet with the PAL kids and go swimming which was neat.

Lastly, he spoke in reference to citizens on Peachtree Street and the immediate surrounding areas, as there was a person acting as an exterminator. He asked that all be cautious of who is at your door.

He thanked staff for the Town Hall meeting on June 15th, and reminded all to buy local, stay local, and spend local.

XI. Adjournment:

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Councilmember Dyal, to adjourn the Regular meeting of June 22, 2021.**

AYES: Blake, Goins, Dyal, Hearn, Koss

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Michael C. Blake, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carie Shealy, MMC, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A: Statement read by Mayor Blake

Comments re: Sustainability presentation.

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Do I have a motion to refer this to the Sustainability Committee? A Second? Discussion