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CITY OF COCOA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

May 8, 2018

A Regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 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 6:07 p.m.

Councilman Whipple provided the invocation and Councilman Boisvert led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

The City Clerk took the roll.

PRESENT:	Henry U. Parrish III	Mayor
	Jeri Blanco	Deputy Mayor
	Don Boisvert	Councilman
	Brenda Warner	Councilwoman
	Clarence Whipple, Jr.	Councilman
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney
	Matt Fuhrer	Assistant City Manager
	Carie Shealy	City Clerk
ABSENT:	John A. Titkanich, Jr.	City Manager

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Karen Hamilton, Community Services Director; Gene Prince, Fire Chief; Michael Cantaloupe, Chief of Police; Lora Howell, Interim Finance Director; Jonathan Lamm, Deputy Fire Chief; and Trevious Folston, Helpdesk Support Tech.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

1. Agenda: Regular Meeting of May 8, 2018 (18-168)
2. Minutes: District 1 Town Hall Meeting of April 17, 2018 (18-169)

The Agenda was amended to add Item III.1, a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 6-12, 2018 as "Public Service Recognition Week."

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blanco, to approve the Agenda as Amended for the Regular meeting of May 8, 2018 and the Minutes for the District 1 Town Hall Meeting on April 17, 2018 as written.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

III. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Proclamation: Proclaiming May 6-12, 2018 as "Public Service Recognition Week".

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer read the proclamation in to the record proclaiming May 6-12, 2018 as "Public Service Recognition Week".

IV. DELEGATIONS:

Ron Shelton, 4260 Harvest Circle, Rockledge, representing the Sister City, spoke in regards to their "Zealous Project" and explained what it was. They introduced a young lady who would be representing them as an ambassador. She leaves in July. Theresa Miles with the Sister City also spoke in regards to the project, noting that her son was there currently and would be presenting the gift that Mr. Shelton displayed to them. They explained what the picture was and mentioned it was done by a Jewish artist.

Larry Sinclair, 1052 Mitchell Street, in Cocoa, felt that something needed to be done in regards to the roosters in the City. He spoke about the ordinance that was recently passed, and asked who was enforcing it. The Police and Code Departments need help. He further advised that there were pigs one block over from him at 1047 & 1049 Olive Street. Lastly, he pointed out that 1049 Bellefonte was a drug house and all of this stuff needs to be paid attention to. Residents

cannot make it to their cars due to the heavy scent of chemicals. Additionally, he has now purchased 1050 Mitchell Street and 511 N. Kentucky Avenue.

Candace Rogers, 93 Delannoy Avenue, in Cocoa, questioned the new connector being put in and why the connector was ending at Mariner's Square instead of the boardwalk, like the original plans showed. She asked upon what legal precedence did they decide not to continue and to end at the parking lot. She understood the history of the property, including the easement issues.

In response, Attorney Garganese mentioned that he could not remember off the top of his head the details but that there were a series of easements granted for boardwalk purposes. He will work with the Assistant City Manager and check into this.

Councilwoman Warner seemed to remember that something had happened when the marina sold. Ms. Rogers stated she was just asking because she does not want to give up anything since the marina owes them money. Her other concern is if the Civic Center is put in Lee Wenner Park, the original plan shows a walkway. She wants to make sure that everything is thought through before it all goes any further. City Attorney Garganese assured her he would look into this.

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer mentioned that the current project starts at Lee Wenner Park, goes under the bridge and follows the shoreline to the other side, behind Mariners Square. There is an easement that runs north and south by the boardwalk. He assured her that this would be brought back after it is researched and they would map out where the easements are located so that Council could see also.

Lorraine Koss, 2115 N. Indian River Drive, in Cocoa, advised she was wearing yellow to promote solar. She feels that price and policy are holding Cocoa back in regards to solar. The Public Utilities Commission voted allowing third party lease agreements. This is one way that moderate and low income people can enjoy the benefits of solar energy. Additionally, it was voted to waive permit fees for those going solar for one year and there is still one more year to receive the federal tax credit (through 2019). She received a six year return on their investment. She requested that Council look at approving the same incentive that the County did and waive permit fees.

Aleck Greenwood, 640 Brevard Avenue, in Cocoa, mentioned that on May 14, 2018, at 6 p.m. the developer of the proposed hotel at 603 Brevard Avenue would be presenting information regarding the project and recommended that everyone attend who can. There are a lot of rumors going around and he asked that this be stopped. He pointed out that when an issue arises and there are rumors going around he goes straight to the source to try to resolve the problem. He does not try to stir the pot and wishes the incorrect statements would stop. In closing, he reminded Council that May 11th is Captain Ed Lanni Day and he would be 93 years old.

Connie Harvey, 29 Riverside Drive, Cocoa, was representing the American Red Cross and spoke about the month of May being "National Water Safety Month". Additionally, May 15th is "Water Safety Day". She spoke about drowning and the importance of water safety. She asked that on May 15th everyone take the "Pool Safety Pledge". There will be stickers at the front desk in City Hall and those will be given to anyone who signs the pledge.

Allan Chapman, HCVA, 600 Florida Avenue, Cocoa, spoke in reference to the tourism report and Cocoa Village was named one of the three competing local attractions to visit on the Space Coast. He advised that the 26th Annual Summer Arts and Crafts Fair was this weekend. The times are Saturday, May 10th from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 11th from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. It is free admission and parking.

Councilman Whipple thought that the vintage car show was great and the cars were excellent. Mr. Chapman thanked him for the compliment and advised that the Mayor's trophy was presented for the last time by Mayor Parrish. It has been a joy to have him involved. Councilwoman Warner pointed out that the City had an entry, which was the old Model AA truck.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve Proposal by Connect Consulting, Inc., (CCI), High Springs, FL, for Hydrogeological Services for Wellfield Evaluation and Rehabilitation Services, utilizing the City of Palm Coast RFQ-PW-U-15-12, Services Contract for Professional Hydrogeological Services, Project No. WS18WR. (18-165). (Utilities Director)

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blanco, to approve the Consent Agenda.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Conduct final Public Hearing to approve the City of Cocoa's FY 2018/2019 CDBG & HOME Action Plan; authorize submission of the Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and authorize the Mayor to sign all subsequent certifications and agreements. (18-167). (Community Services Director)

Ms. Hamilton requested that this item be tabled as they were still awaiting notification from HUD that the funding had been released.

Deputy Mayor Blanco clarified that the funds had not been released. Ms. Hamilton responded in the affirmative.

City Attorney Garganese confirmed that it should be tabled until a time certain. This would preserve the advertising.

Ms. Hamilton requested it be tabled until the next meeting, May 22, 2018 in order to preserve the advertisement.

* **MOTION by Councilwoman Warner; Seconded by Councilman Boisvert, to table the Public Hearing until a date certain of May 22, 2018, in order to preserve the advertisement.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VII. COUNCIL BUSINESS:

1. Approve a Code Enforcement Lien Reduction request, as recommended by the Code Board, in the amount $4,500 for the property located at 1205 Japonica Ln. (18-163). (Chief of Police)

Chief Cantaloupe presented the item and advised that the Code Enforcement Board held a public hearing on June 18, 2015, at which time the Board found the owner, Innova Investment LLC, in violation of the following: Section 6-900 (b)(4)

Maintenance of a Structure; Section 6-1003 (f) Exterior Walls; and Section 6-1003(h) Decorative Features.

The Code Enforcement Board provided the owner sufficient time to correct the said violations. Therefore, consistent with the Code Enforcement Board's Order a fine ran at $100 per day from September 15, 2015 until compliance was achieved and documented on February 9, 2018. The lien is $94,000 and the current owner, Innova Investment LLC is requesting that the lien be reduced to $1,000.

Based on certain factors, the Code Enforcement Board, at its regular meeting on April 19, 2018, recommended that the lien be reduced to $4,500. Staff also recommends that the lien be reduced to $4,500 for the property located at 1205 Japonica Lane.

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Councilwoman Warner, to approve the lien reduction in the amount of $4,500 for the property located at 1205 Japonica Lane, Cocoa, FL. 32922.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VIII. CITY BUSINESS:

1. Approval to expend funds from the Police Forfeiture Account for the purchase of an unmarked vehicle for Special Investigations, and for the purchase price not to exceed $9,665.00. This use of Forfeiture Funds is deemed consistent and within the provisions of Florida State Statute 932.7055(5)(a); To Approve a Resolution amending the FY2018 budget. (18-125). (Chief of Police)

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

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

2. Approve a Joint Purchasing Agreement (JPA) between the City of Cocoa and the City of Melbourne to share costs to add a Subaqueous Pipe Crossing along the Pineda Causeway; To Approve a Resolution Amending the FY2018 Budget; To

Approve Proposal from Reiss Engineering, Inc. for Design, Survey, and Bidding Services. (18-171). (Utilities Director)

Mr. Walsh presented the item and reminded Council that this was an important project that they had teamed up with the City of Melbourne for. The methodology has all been worked out and they have been working with the City Attorney and the City of Melbourne on an Interlocal Agreement. Upon approval they will jointly split the funding and in the end they should save a few million dollars. There are a lot of positives to this project.

Mayor Parrish asked if there would be an interconnect between both cities. In response, Mr. Walsh stated yes, that there is one now and this will provide one at the end of Merritt Island. Mayor Parrish noted this is a great water system and it shows all of the work the City has done. He extended kudos to Mr. Walsh and stated that he is glad it is being done.

Mayor Parrish asked about the Sykes Creek bridge, and pointed out that there seems to be a lot of problems on the bridge. Mr. Walsh mentioned work had been completed and as far as the re-opening of the bridge, he has no clue. He keeps in touch with the County and will provide updates when available. The Utilities department has about 90% of the drawings complete for when they are ready to go, and he pointed out that they were done in house by staff.

Mayor Parrish met with Port Commissioner Justice and he mentioned that they would be getting a pump system at the Port so he feels that issue is being handled. In response, Mr. Walsh assured Mayor Parrish that he had met with the Port and they have an extensive fire system due to all of the things being brought into the Port. He stated it was an enlightening conversation. Mayor Parrish thanked Mr. Walsh again for rebuilding Cocoa's system.

Mayor Parrish further noted that the Port is growing with a ton of development and they need a water pump to pump the fuel after a hurricane. He is glad they have made the changes they have made. He also spoke about the importance of doing things in-house, such as drawings.

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

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

3. Approval to refurbish Engine 30 a 2006 Pierce Enforcer Pumper to extend the useful life of the unit and approve a resolution amending the FY2018 Budget, through the use of General Fund Reserves; Authorize the City Manager to contract with the lowest and best bidder for such services within the budget amount established and approved by the City Council. (18-173). (Fire Chief)

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

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

4. Approve a Resolution amending the FY 2018 Budget for the purchase of unbudgeted capital a Pac Mac KB Grapple Loader with a 18 / 24 Dump Body on a 2018 Ford F750 Cab & Chassis 33,000 GVWR utilizing the Tallahassee Vehicle Contract #3921. (18-174). (Public Works Director)

Mr. Wegerif advised that this would supplement the existing truck that picks up green waste. It is over ten years old and during hurricanes Irma and Matthew it was used seven days a week. It is showing its age and this new truck is in stock for approximately $118,895. After they receive this truck they propose to send the old one out for refurbishment.

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

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS:

5. Approve the Final Ranking of the Short Listed Firms for RFQ-18-10-COC, Engineering Services for Wastewater Collection, Treatment, and Disposal Systems; To Authorize the City Manager and City Attorney to Negotiate and Execute a Multi-Year Contract with the Top-ranked Firm. (18-161). (Utilities Director)

Mr. Walsh advised that this was on the Wastewater Collection side of Utilities.

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

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

6. Approve entering into a co-operative purchase agreement with Layne In-Liner LLC utilizing Polk County Bid 17-326 approved April 21, 2017 through February 28, 2020 to line various sized pipes on Alamanda Lane, Montclair Road and London Blvd and to issue a purchase order in the amount of $212,614.00 (Project SWO8PL). (18-170). (Public Works Director)

Mr. Wegerif advised that this was in regards to the deteriorating storm water pipes. It is cheaper to line them then to dig up the road and replace the pipes.

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

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

7. Approve the Terms and Budgetary Impact of a Multi-Year contract with City's Investment Advisor, Public Trust Advisors. (18-172). (Interim Finance Director)

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

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

IX. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA:

None.

X. REPORTS:

Captain Lanni stated that he was glad to be back and hoped to have his cast off soon.

Mayor Parrish acknowledged former Deputy Mayor Jake Williams who was in attendance.

Mayor Parrish congratulated Mr. Wegerif on the TPO award that he received.

Ms. Howell advised that the City currently has only one outstanding category for FEMA reimbursement to receive from Hurricane Matthew. The City just received a reimbursement. It is looking good and Hurricane Irma reimbursement is still being worked on.

She further noted that the Assistant City Manager passed out a packet to each Council member with the new water bill design. She acknowledged Jessica Dovale who had spent many hours with staff developing this layout. She pointed out that the Utilities Service Charge would have the most impact as it explains how each City is impacted and how only a small portion is for Cocoa.

Mayor Parrish mentioned that he receives a lot of calls in regards to this. In response, Ms. Howell stated that they get a lot of feedback from other cities. The new bill will be up to date and all relevant data is on the bill. This will start in the middle of the month, with Rockledge first on May 17th. Cocoa would be next. There will also be an insert for the next two months in all bills explaining how to read the bill. She thanked Ms. Dovale and her staff again.

Councilman Whipple asked if the bill would indicate if the meter was read or estimated. In response, Ms. Howell stated it would and it would say, "estimated". She was not sure of the exact wording otherwise, but could send him the information. Councilman Whipple thought that should be highlighted so people see it right away.

Mayor Parrish believed this was better. All other Council members thought it was very good and a vast improvement.

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer added that Ms. Howell mentioned how time intensive this was and the work that went into it. It was actually created through software that originated in 1992, so a lot of programming work also went into this. Council thanked her and her staff again.

Chief Cantaloupe reminded Council that there was a Community Watch meeting this Thursday in Cocoa Hills Neighborhood at Westview Drive and S. Lakemont Drive, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, May 12th was the First Annual Law Enforcement Appreciation Parade and Battle of the Badges in Viera. There would be a BBQ, chili, and cupcake competition. Cocoa Police Department would be there.

Chief Prince pointed out that they were about three weeks out from the beginning of the hurricane season and he reminded all to get prepared. You cannot take these storms for granted.

Ms. Hamilton stated that on April 25th they had the graduate students here from UCF and they presented the work they had done on the Fiske Corridor between Dixon and SR 520.

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer provided copies of the report to Council, and this was what was presented to staff. He explained what the project was and how it was in the City's Strategic Plan. This is the first plan that has been completed and once it is reviewed by staff it will be integrated into the City's plan.

She mentioned that last Thursday was the first Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting and the meeting focused on the mission of the Committee, orientation and reviewing the Resolution. This will be an ongoing committee until they finalize a plan.

Ms. Hamilton noted that the past two days there had been meetings regarding resiliency and updates would be provided in the future. Today's focus was mainly staff and people working in government.

Lastly, she mentioned that tomorrow morning they would be meeting in order to start preparing their efforts during the hurricane season and there would be a training to learn how they can be more efficient in their efforts. She reminded everyone that tomorrow was the community meeting regarding the Joe Lee Smith Center at the Civic Center at 6 p.m. and Monday, May 14th was the developers meeting for 603 Brevard Avenue.

Mayor Parrish confirmed that they are still planning to incorporate parking. In response, Ms. Hamilton stated that was the reason for the meeting and she explained in furtherance what the plan included.

Mr. Walsh reminded Council that at the Town Hall meeting it was mentioned that there was a minor violation in the City's water standards, which was the result of a missing test that never got to DEP. They were notified by DEP that they needed to notify customers and there would be flyers going out in the next bill cycle. He assured everyone that the water was safe to drink and the chemistry they were testing for never existed in the system; it was a missed test between the lab and collections. He reiterated that the water was safe to drink.

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer mentioned that City Manager Titkanich was at UCF for a public service recognition event. He spoke about having worked in several types of business and what he feels is unique to local government is what the employees contribute and their level of care they provide to the citizens. Directors and staff should be proud.

He further pointed out that a date has been secured for the CPSM, during the third week of June, and the City Clerk would be getting with each of them to confirm the date.

Councilman Whipple thanked Mr. Greenwood for his comments and would like to see that all are respected, that everyone listen to each other, and act as one. What Council does is for all of the citizens of Cocoa, not just one section of it.

He thanked Ms. McLaughlin for the PAL event she put on and had people speak about various careers. There were Fire, Police, lawyers, construction workers, etc.

Councilwoman Warner thanked the citizens who volunteered their time last night for an event that the Police Department and Community First were working on, which is the first Police K9 Competition. The event will be on October 13th. She thanked Principal Wilson who is allowing the use of the Cocoa High School stadium. There have been volunteers to help coordinate, and a website is being developed. She hoped it would be a good event.

She congratulated both Mr. Wegerif for his TPO award, and Officer Hattaway for his award from the Brevard County School Board.
In closing, she pointed out that Copper recently competed in an event that put him in one of the top three coon hound categories for running in the country.

Additionally, the Police Department is in need of more V-Cops so she asked that people start recruiting them.

Councilman Boisvert thanked Ms. Harvey and spoke about a situation he recently encountered at a pool he was at. Pool safety is so important and you have to keep an eye on children at all times near or in water.

Deputy Mayor Blanco agreed with Councilman Boisvert and thanked Ms. Harvey for coming. She spoke about a program that Cocoa Rotary has called "Josh the Otter" which is also related to water safety. This cannot be emphasized enough especially living in Florida.

She mentioned the upcoming Community Watch meeting at Westview Drive and S. Lakemont Drive. She hoped for a good turnout. She advised that both Dennis Bunt and Officer Hattaway always attend and provide great information.

Deputy Mayor Blanco thanked Ms. Howell for her assistance this past week with a realtor who was having a problem.

She noted that Cocoa High School was having their graduation ceremony from 6:30 p.m. -8:30 p.m. on Friday, May 18, 2018 and the Lemonade Stand would be at Cambridge Elementary for those who completed the FSA testing in grades 3-6 on Friday, May 11th from 12:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Lastly, she spoke about an opportunity for Planning & Zoning Board members who would like to receive training on Thursday, June 7th in Sebastian, Florida from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. She will probably attend as well. This is designed for members of the Planning & Zoning Board who make decisions and she believed it would be beneficial for all.

Additionally, she will be attending the Space Coast Tourism Luncheon on May 15th which will be at the Radisson at the Port.

Mayor Parrish spoke in regards to Aleck Greenwood's comments and he assured everyone that they are all dedicated to moving the City forward and everyone has done a good job. There is a lot of development and redevelopment coming up. There are no hidden agendas and he stressed for all to be mindful of information they hear. Council is elected to do what they can for the people who live here and to make things better.

Mayor Parrish asked if there would be a training for the EOC. In response, Chief Prince stated trainings are in the works. Additionally, Ms. Gemmati noted that on

June 28th there would be a summit provided by FMIT regarding lessons learned from hurricanes and other discussion on hurricanes would be held.

Chief Prince announced that moving days were delayed due to issues that came up, but he would inform Council as soon as possible regarding ribbon cuttings for the new stations.

Mayor Parrish stated that he saw the video of all three fire stations and thought it was awesome.

In closing, he spoke about Rocket Crafters and the success that they have had since acquiring their permits and opening their facility in Cocoa. He stated he visited the facility and witnessed a testing. He mentioned how 20% of launches do not make it and there is a 20% failure rate, however, the motors Rocket Crafters are developing do not blow up. They are fool proof. They have something that no one else has which is a patented rocket engine. He recommended everyone go and view a testing. It is fascinating.

XI. ADJOURNMENT.

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Councilwoman Warner, to adjourn the Regular meeting of May 8, 2018.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Henry J. Parrish III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carie Shealy, MMC, City Clerk

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