MINUTES

CITY OF COCOA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

April 24, 2018

A Regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, April 24, 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 6:03 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 (arrived at 6:06 p.m.)
	Clarence Whipple, Jr.	Councilman
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney
	John 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; Karen Hamilton, Community Services Director; Gene Prince, Fire Chief; Michael Cantaloupe, Chief of Police; Lora Howell, Interim Finance Director; and Jason McCuen, Helpdesk Support Tech.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

1. Agenda: Regular Meeting of April 24, 2018 (18-115)

2. Minutes: (a) Mayor's Town Hall Meeting on February 20, 2018 (18-116)
(b) Regular Meeting of February 27, 2018 (18-117)
(c) Regular Meeting of March 13, 2018 (18-118)
(d) Regular Meeting of March 27, 2018 (18-143)

The Agenda for the Regular meeting of April 24, 2018 was amended to remove Consent Item V.1; Add City Business VIII.5; and to move Consent Item V.3 to City Business VIII.

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blanco, to approve the Agenda for the Regular meeting of April 24, 2018 as amended.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)[1]

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blanco, to approve the Minutes for the Mayor's Town Hall Meeting on February 20, 2018; Regular Meeting of February 27, 2018; Regular Meeting of March 13, 2018; and the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2018.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)[2]

III. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Proclamation: Florida Water Professionals Month. (18-144). (Utilities Director)

Mr. Walsh read a Proclamation into the record, proclaiming April as "Florida Water Professionals Month".

2. Presentation of the 2018 Volunteer of the Year. (18-151). (Mayor Parrish)

Mayor Parrish and Council presented the 2018 Volunteer of the Year Award to Mr. Rip Dyal. Councilwoman Warner provided a brief background on Mr. Dyal and spoke about his many contributions as a City Board member on the Board of

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Adjustment, along with other organizations that he is both a member of and/or volunteers with.

Mayor Parrish added that every volunteer is appreciated and the City always needs more people to volunteer.

IV. DELEGATIONS:

Donna Kettner, 111 Harrison Street, and owner of Green Apples in the Village advised that she walks to work every day and is appalled by the smell of garbage. This is a growing city but there is a garbage problem. There is no reason for the smell and asked that garbage cans be pressure cleaned on a regular basis. She feels that Cocoa Village is not keeping an appealing image for visitors. Additionally, she pays for garbage at both her home and her business and that one day a week she takes her green can to the dumpster. She asked that everyone work together to get this situation resolved.

Mayor Parrish asked if Waste Management was picking up on weekends. In response, Assistant City Manager Fuhrer advised that they had added an additional pickup both pre and post weekend. Furthermore, if the dumpsters are full at certain locations they will come and pick up.

Mayor Parrish noted that the bricks in the village, especially around Pub Americana were dirty. He requested that this be looked into.

Councilwoman Warner asked if the bricks were the owners' responsibility. City Manager Titkanich mentioned he is almost certain it is their responsibility and that he would have the Code Enforcement Manager speak with the owner of Pub Americana.

A brief discussion was held in regards to the cleanliness of the village.

Rev. Johnnie Dennis, 3710 Catalina Drive, Cocoa, spoke about the last time he was at Council and mentioned that he never gets calls. He further spoke about a case of unlawful conduct that went to the State Attorney and that fourteen months ago he made a proposal to the city to end this systemic brutality. He advised there are fifteen cases every year that fall through the cracks and are not reported. He provided a photo of a case in Cocoa, which was passed around by Council and to the Chief of Police.

He felt it was important to have a Citizen's Review Board and it only takes one call to set a board up.

City Manager Titkanich assured him that he would bring back information relating to the photo for him. City Manager Titkanich explained where the consultants for the study were located and spoke about the time line in detail of the process. There were interruptions due to the hurricane and they are now in the process of finalizing dates for a workshop.

Rev. Dennis reiterated that many cases fall through the cracks. He said it is a safety issue not a black or white matter. In response, City Manager Titkanich explained everything that was included in the study and believed it would not be appropriate for him to present the study, as the consultants are the professionals.

Heidi Peterson, 2833 E. Main Street, Mims, Florida, was in attendance on behalf of David Henry, to pick up a proclamation on Parental Alienation. She read the proclamation into the record.

Rip Dyal, 3807 Parapet Drive, Cocoa, thanked Council once again for the surprise of being voted Volunteer of the Year. He would continue to work with the charities that he does. He spoke about "A Day with a Dog" event and thanked Pam from Tales of the Barkery for the event. He spoke about the different events held and thanked the City for allowing the event.

Councilwoman Warner also thanked Pam and thought it was a fun day, there were a lot of families and children.

Aleck Greenwood, Brevard Avenue, Cocoa, mentioned that he was able to give thanks to everyone except for Councilwoman Warner before the meeting for the nice letter received for his volunteer efforts. It meant a lot to him. He spoke about a public meeting regarding the development of 603 Brevard Avenue and that he had spoken with the City Clerk on available dates. He still has to make arrangements for the developer to come but would appreciate a response from staff when dates are finalized. Lastly, he mentioned that Capt. Lanni was doing well and will be available next month for the meeting. He is rested and ready to put more of his time into the City.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

~~1. Approve the Amendment to Bill of Sale and Easement for USA Today/Florida Today, 3101 Gannett Plaza, Melbourne, Florida; To Approve the City Manager to~~

~~Execute the Amendment to Bill of Sale and Easement Document. (18-119). (Utilities Director)~~

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

2. Approve a Budget Resolution Amending the FY 2018 Budget and to Authorize the City Manager to Approve Change Order #1 to Purchase Order 72271 with All Terrain Tractor for Restoration Services. (18-128). (Utilities Director)

~~3. Accept the recommendation by the Cocoa Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to approve the rankings approved by the Staff Selection Committee and select the proposal submitted by The Villas of Cocoa Village for the redevelopment of 915 Florida Avenue (also known as the former location of the Oaks Mobile Home Park); Authorize the City Attorney and the City Manager to negotiate a development agreement. (18-148). (Community Services Director)~~

- **This item was moved to City Business VIII.6.**

4. Approve the selection of two bond underwriting firms for the negotiated sale of the City of Cocoa, Florida Water and Sewer System ("System") Refunding and Revenue Bonds, Series 2018. (18-157). (Interim Finance Director)

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

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None.

VII. COUNCIL BUSINESS:

1. Approve the requested street closure of June 16, 2018 for the Annual Juneteenth Celebration hosted by the Alliance for Neighborhood Restoration, Inc. (18-109). (Community Services Director)

* **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)

2. Consider the Reappointments of Mr. Robert Frey, Ms. Connie Harvey and Mr. James Goins to the Board of Adjustment through May, 2021. (18-114). (Administrative Services 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)

3. Approve a Budget Resolution Amending the FY 2018 Budget through the use of General Fund Contingency, and to approve the Donation Application Request from Endeavour Elementary in the amount of $5,473.00 for the Endeavour Book Project; Declaring that the expenditure of funds in support of the Endeavor Book Project serves a municipal purpose and requiring the City Manager to restrict said expenditure to serve the municipal purpose. (18-121). (Assistant City Manager)

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer spoke about the item and mentioned that this donation would be able to provide every student at Endeavor Elementary with a book to take home over the summer. He discussed in detail the issues that Endeavor has and pointed out that it has been rated a D school and has maintained that grade for several years. The City was asked what they could do to assist the school and the City's answer was to provide a book to each student.

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

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

4. Consider the Appointment of the following applicants as members of the Sustainability Advisory Committee: Trina Gilliam; Susan Hushla; Robert Musser; and Josephine Shim; and Appoint a City Council Liaison for the Sustainability Advisory Committee. (18-122). (Administrative Services 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)

Councilwoman Warner agreed to be the liaison for the Sustainability Advisory Committee.

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blanco, to approve the election of Councilwoman Warner as the liaison for the Sustainability Advisory Committee.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

5. Consider the Reappointment of Captain Ed Lanni as a member of the Cocoa CRA through April, 2022; OR the Appointment of Ms. Candace Rogers to the Cocoa CRA. (18-129). (Administrative Services Director)

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Councilwoman Warner, to reappointment Capt. Ed Lanni to the Cocoa CRA through April, 2022.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

Councilman Whipple asked if there were any other positions, including alternate member positions available for Ms. Rogers. In response, City Attorney Garganese explained that by statute and the City Charter alternate board members are not permitted on CRA's.

The City Clerk agreed to contact Ms. Rogers about other board membership possibilities.

6. Publication of the FY2017 Popular Annual Financial Report. (18-132). (Interim Finance Director)

Ms. Howell presented the item noting it was for informational purposes. Additionally, City Manager Titkanich mentioned it was a great reference to the CAFR that was recently approved.

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blanco, to accept the FY 2017 Popular Annual Financial Report.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

7. Determine City Council's attendance at the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference, in Hollywood, Florida, August 16-18, 2018. (18-134). (Administrative Services Director)

Discussion was held on who would attend the conference in August. It was determined that Deputy Mayor Blanco and Councilwoman Warner will attend.

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Councilman Whipple, to approve the attendance of Deputy Mayor Blanco and Councilwoman Warner at the FLC Annual Conference in Hollywood, Florida, August 16-18, 2018.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

8. Requesting settlement authority for the tentative settlement agreement between former City of Cocoa Police Officer Bruce Niepoetter and National Union (AIG) authorizing the payment of the Workers' Compensation settlement and Workers' Compensation Medicare Set-aside Arrangement; Authorize the City Manager to finalize and execute such legal agreement(s) required to complete the settlement in accordance with the settlement authority approved by the City Council; and Approve a Budget Adjustment Resolution amending the FY2018 Budget to transfer funds to the appropriate accounts for the settlement. (18-141). (Administrative Services Director)

Ms. Gemmati presented the item and advised that this settlement was for an old Workers' Compensation claim.

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

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VIII. CITY BUSINESS:

1. Approve Task Order 2018-91 with CH2M for the Installation of the Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS) at Taylor Creek Reservoir (TCR) and the Groundwater Clear Well Transfer Pump Panel Design and Installation at the Dyal Water Treatment Plant; To Approve a Resolution Amending the FY2018 Budget. (18-106). (Utilities Director)

* **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)

2. Approve the three-year contract between the City of Cocoa and the Central Florida Police Benevolent Association (PBA) Lieutenants for the contract term of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2020. (18-146). (Administrative Services Director)

Ms. Gemmati advised that this contract has been in the negotiation process for several years and they have worked really hard with the lieutenants to come to an agreement. This is the first agreement with the lieutenants.

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

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

3. Approve an application for a Technical Assistance Grant from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Grant and contract with the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council if awarded, to develop a hazards-based Economic Resiliency Plan. (18-154). (Community Services Director)

Ms. Hamilton advised that these next three items were all related in regards to applying for loans that related to resiliency. She explained in detail what they all entailed and mentioned that after the Hurricane Irma, Community Services met to see how things could be done better in the future and what type of plan they could come up with.

This grant is provided through the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and provides technical assistance grant funding for communities to develop innovative planning and development strategies that promote a diverse economy, vibrant rural and suburban areas, and meet the requirements of the Community Planning Act while protecting environmentally sensitive areas. If this was awarded, the City would contract with the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council to develop an economic resiliency plan.

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

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

4. Approve the application for a United States Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration Grant and contract with the East Central Regional Planning Council to increase the economic resiliency of small and medium-sized businesses in Cocoa by developing Continuity of Operations Plans. (18-155). (Community Services Director)

Ms. Hamilton noted that this next grant would focus on economic resilience for economic reasons. For instance, after Hurricane Irma they noticed that some of the smaller businesses were struggling on how to cope with certain things and this grant would help engage with the community and figure out what their needs are. Cocoa has many "mom and pop" type businesses and their lives depend on their business.

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

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

5. Approve an application or a grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Florida Resilient Coastline Grant and if awarded contract with the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council to conduct a vulnerability study.

Ms. Hamilton described what this type of grant would entail, noting it would aid in the ability to recover from shocks and stresses. For example, a shock would be a sudden or severe event such as a hurricane, and a stress would be long-term issues such as high unemployment.

* **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)

Mayor Parrish asked where they found these grants and in response, Ms. Hamilton advised they get information from list servers, etc.

Deputy Mayor Blanco asked if there was a way that staff could coordinate with merchants so the merchants know who to contact if they need help. Ms. Hamilton assured her they would.

Mayor Parrish noted that all of these things were seen after the hurricane.

Councilman Whipple asked about the Governor's concerns regarding generators in medical facilities. Ms. Hamilton was aware but did not have information on hand. She stated she would be willing to provide the information at a future meeting.

City Manager Titkanich mentioned that in the aftermath of the nursing home incident the Governor mandated generators in those facilities. He further assured Council that they would focus on the high hazard areas and places, such as nursing homes. He stated that every storm is different and they understand the importance of high hazard buildings.

Councilman Whipple thanked him and stated he wanted the City to abide by the Governor's mandate. He reminded citizens to start getting hurricane supplies now.

City Manager Titkanich further stated that there would be two weeks tax free coming up soon for the purchasing of hurricane supplies.

6. Accept the recommendation by the Cocoa Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to approve the rankings approved by the Staff Selection Committee and select the proposal submitted by The Villas of Cocoa Village for the redevelopment of 915 Florida Avenue (also known as the former location of the Oaks Mobile Home Park); Authorize the City Attorney and the City Manager to negotiate a development agreement. (18-148). (Community Services Director)

City Manager Titkanich advised that this was moved from Consent during the amendment of the agenda, however, he noticed that the applicants had left. He deferred this item to the City Attorney since it was in regards to the potential land acquisitions and asked if it should be postponed until the next meeting.

He noted there were two options put forth and explained them in detail. He asked if the Council felt comfortable in allowing himself and the City Attorney to negotiate the critical point.

Councilwoman Warner and Councilman Boisvert had no issues on how they collect and trusted them to make that decision.

City Manager Titkanich explained the history of the property and that while some of the property was in Rockledge the majority of it was in Cocoa. It was determined that the City would facilitate the lead of the redevelopment.

Councilwoman Warner prefers Option #1.

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blanco, to allow the City Attorney, City Manager, and Assistant City Manager to work with the developers on the details of the project.**

City Attorney Garganese mentioned that this was for redevelopment and they would have to come back to Council for final approval and the other part of the issue is that they will have to dispose of the property for redevelopment.

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS:

7. Approve a multi-year Interlocal Agreement Addendum between the City of Cocoa and the Brevard County Tax Collector's Office for Lockbox Services. (18-123). (Interim Finance Director)

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

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

8. Authorize the City Manager to approve Amendment #3 to Task Order Number 2017-40, with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for Preparation Services of a

Brownfields Site Rehabilitation Agreement at 6 Rosa L. Jones Blvd., Brevard County Parcel ID 24-36-33-80-20-2. (18-149). (Community Services Director)

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

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

IX. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA:

1. Cumulative purchase approvals over $35,000 and under $50,000 for period 10/01/2017 to 03/31/2018. (18-124). (Interim Finance Director)

2. Cocoa Police Department Event Statistics for February, 2018. (18-127). (Chief of Police)

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. (18-138). (Interim Finance Director)

4. FY 2018 Budget Adjustment Report. (18-139). (Interim Finance Director)

5. Data showing the relation between the estimated and actual income and expenses to date. (18-140). (Interim Finance Director)

6. Resignation letter from Mr. Jeff Childers on the General Employees' Pension Board. (18-156). (Administrative Services Director)

X. REPORTS:

Mr. Wegerif provided an update on the Heart of Cocoa Community Meeting Room and advised that construction was underway. The project should be completed by the end of September.

A contractor has also started work on SR 520 as part of the waterfront connector. This is from Mariner's Square, under the bridge to Lee Wenner Park.

Chief Prince advised that on May 1, 2018, operations would start at the new Station #3 and on May 9th operations would start on Station #2. Grand openings

would be on May 19th for both stations. Further information would be announced when plans are finalized for those events.

Ms. Hamilton advised that May 3rd was the first Sustainability Advisory meeting. On May 8th there is a one day resiliency workshop and several members of Community Services will be in attendance. Additionally, May 9th is Damage Assessment Training and someone from Brevard County would be coming to provide training to those staff members who go out during the hurricane. Lastly, the meeting regarding the relocation of the Joe Lee Smith Center will be on Wednesday, May 9th, at 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Attorney Garganese recognized a few members of staff who were part of a recent trial regarding a water meter slip and fall that case that could not get resolved. The case was taken to trial and the City prevailed. He recognized Tammy Gemmati and Lora Howell who were key witnesses along with Deane Mills who was instrumental in pulling many documents for the case. He further recognized Attorney Scott Danahy and Attorney Jeffrey Weiss, along with Paralegal Charlotte Meeks who put a lot of time into this case. In closing, he pointed out the following point for claimants who like to target the City for claims that have no merit. The City will be defended if needed.

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer spoke about an issue regarding some of the public parks that the City has. There have been some challenging issues in the parks and both agencies within and outside of the City have put forth efforts in fixing these issues. They are public spaces and are working on a plan to address some of the community concerns. He has visited the site on a regular basis. Provost Park is currently closed and will reopen on May 23, 2018.

City Manager Titkanich thanked everyone for showing up for the Budget Workshop last night. The next workshop will be on Thursday, June 28th at 5:30 p.m.

He thanked all of the hardworking administrative professionals who work so hard for the City and pointed out that tomorrow was Administrative Professionals Day.

City Manager Titkanich further confirmed that there was a law signed into effect by both the House and Senate, after Hurricane Irma requiring that every nursing home have emergency generators in the event that power is lost.

Councilman Whipple thanked everyone for showing up to the District 1 Town Hall Meeting. He appreciated the support from the citizens. He wanted to ensure that everyone understands that this decision about the Joe Lee Smith Center is a group decision. The decision will come from Council. The next meeting in regards to this will be on Wednesday, May 9, 2018 at 6 p.m. at the Cocoa Civic Center. He encouraged everyone to come out and cautioned everyone in regards to what they read, until they get the full story. They will do what is right for the entire City, not just a section of it.

Councilwoman Warner thought that the District 1 Town Hall meeting was very nice and it was nice to see that citizens were engaged.

Lastly, she thanked the Board of Directors with the Brevard Kennel Club who have agreed to pay for Officer Hattaway and Copper to attend a K9 Conference in Virginia. They are paying for the week of training and the instructors are known worldwide for their search and rescue classes. Copper will come back with a certification that will assist the police department.

Councilman Boisvert congratulated Rip Dyal and thanked everyone for coming to the District 1 Town Hall meeting. He likes the Town Hall meetings because everyone can participate and input can be given. Everyone can work together for the benefit of the City.

Deputy Mayor Blanco mentioned that tomorrow morning she would be attending the legislative update breakfast through the EDC and will share that information at the next meeting. Additionally, on Thursday, April 26th there will be a Community Watch meeting in College Manor at the corner of Ivy and Stetson.

She further noted that Officer Hattaway will receive an award at the Brevard County School Board this Thursday night. She congratulated both him and Mr. Dyal on his Volunteer of the Year award.

Councilman Whipple asked if there were any ordinances in regards to the meeting date and time. He entertained the idea of changing the meeting date to Wednesday, as it would give until the middle of the week to prepare for the meetings. The School Board meets on the same night as Council and he believed that changing the night would be better. Additionally, he felt that it would lighten the load for staff. He asked that this be brought back to Council.

Attorney Garganese mentioned that in the Code it established Tuesday, but Council could change that.

Mayor Parrish asked about the Sykes Creek Bridge. In response, Mr. Walsh stated they were done with the stabilization efforts but it was still not opened.

Mayor Parrish asked the Assistant City Manager about the boats in the river. In response, Assistant City Manager Fuhrer advised that there was a lot going on with the vessels and the state reinstituted a case on one of the boats. There are two more against the shore line, in which FWC got mixed up when they were doing the removal of derelict boats. The Coast Guard does not have the resources to dispose of or remove those that they did not pull out. The whole derelict boat program took a hit after the hurricane.

Mayor Parrish has noticed cats living on the boats and clarified that there was nothing that the City could do. In response, Assistant City Manager Fuhrer pointed out that these boats are on private property. Additionally, he explained the FIND program after a question was posed by Mayor Parrish.

Councilwoman Warner asked if they were a health hazard and further discussion was held in regards to the City's position versus others in Florida. City Manager Titkanich spoke about the CRA Waterfront Master Plan and advised that they were working on updating the plan. Assistant City Manager Fuhrer further noted that there were still a lot of vessels along the basin that pose a threat.

Mayor Parrish asked City Attorney Garganese if this becomes a bigger problem would the City have to commit tax payer money to remove the boats. In response, City Attorney Garganese informed him that there are statutory rulings that would apply and they would have to be looked into on a case by case basis.

City Manager Titkanich advised that they presented in front of the Brevard Delegation and asked that in the event of a storm, could the City go in and remove something that is a hazard or would affect the health and safety of the citizens. Mayor Parrish would like this to be looked into.

Mayor Parrish asked if there was an actual plan in place when they re-open Provost Park, and Fern and Prospect Park. He wants to ensure they are kept safe and does not want the trouble makers back.

Councilman Whipple questioned the facility on Varr Avenue and wanted to ensure that this issue is made right. There are a lot of people counting on the City to make it right. Roadways need to be kept clean and clear for the children.

Councilwoman Warner announced that the Police Department is in need of more V-Cops.

Mayor Parrish mentioned that the Walmart Distribution Center was now hiring people. There is a trailer set up in the Byrd Plaza parking lot where you can apply.

Mayor Parrish asked Mr. Walsh about Ryan's sewer problem. In response, Mr. Walsh advised that it was determined that it was on Ryan's side and staff has gone down to the area at least 3-5 times in the last month or so. They also cleaned the right-of-way and found some obstructions. He hopes this made a difference. The lines are filled with grease and this is a big problem with all of the vendors in the area. The amount of man hours used to clean those lines is unbelievable.

Mayor Parrish asked if there was any useful information that the City could distribute to businesses. In response, Mr. Walsh advised that the workers in the Reclaimed department go out and speak with the vendors. He assured the Mayor that they were proactively maintaining it.

Mayor Parrish further asked about the Pineda piping project. In response, Mr. Walsh mentioned that there was a last minute change and as soon as they received the information back from the attorney it could come to Council. There could be an item in the next two weeks, if not it would be four weeks.

Mayor Parrish asked if anyone had spoken with the Port. Mr. Walsh stated that both he and the City Manager had met with them and they have some ideas.

Mayor Parrish spoke of his opinion on the Indian River Lagoon and the condition of it. He asked why there are not any dredgers out there and mentioned there are fish dying in Cocoa Beach. Realtors have said that the condition is hurting the sales. Further discussion was held on the Indian River Lagoon.

Councilman Whipple agreed and stated that he has lived in Cocoa since he was a child and fishing used to be plentiful. He mentioned the Space Coast League of Cities meeting and noted they spoke about the cleanup of the lagoon, and that

it would take a lot of time and money. There are a lot of priorities out there. Mayor Parrish did not believe this would be a cheap fix.

City Manager Titkanich added that the City had received a thank you from Keep Brevard Beautiful for the City's support of the Trash Bash and he thanked both Leisure Services and Public Works who worked hard on this event. There were 316 volunteers and a lot of trash collected.

He also received a letter from Westminster Asbury thanking the Cocoa Fire Department for an event they attended on April 17th.

Councilman Whipple thanked Assistant City Manager Fuhrer for doing a great job during the City Manager's absence.

XI. ADJOURNMENT.

* **MOTION by Councilman Boisvert; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blanco, to adjourn the Regular meeting of April 24, 2018.**

AYES: Parrish, Blanco, Boisvert, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Henry D. Parrish III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carie Shealy, City Clerk

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