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CITY OF COCOA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

April 11, 2017

A Regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 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 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Whipple provided the invocation and Deputy Mayor 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
	Don Boisvert	Deputy Mayor
	Jeri Blanco	Councilwoman
	Clarence Whipple, Jr.	Councilman
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney
	Matt Fuhrer	Assistant City Manager
	Carie Shealy	City Clerk
ABSENT:	John Titkanich, Jr.	City Manager

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Steve Belden, Community Services Director; Gene Prince, Fire Chief; Mike Cantaloupe, Chief of Police; Lora Howell, Acting Finance Director; Ed Wegerif, Public Works Director; Jonathan Lamm, Deputy Fire Chief; Jason McCuen, Helpdesk Support Tech; Larry Lallo, Economic Development Manager; and Kristen Eick, Assistant City Attorney.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

1. Agenda: Regular Meeting of April 11, 2017 (17-142)
2. Minutes: (a) Regular Meeting of March 14, 2017 (17-145)

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Boisvert; Seconded by Councilwoman Blanco, to approve the Agenda for the Regular meeting of April 11, 2017, and the Minutes for the Regular meeting of March 14, 2017 as written.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

III. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS:

1. Proclamation recognizing the month of April, 2017 as "Florida Water Professionals Month". (17-146). (Utilities Director)

Mr. Walsh read the Proclamation into the record recognizing April, 2017 as "Florida Water Professionals Month."

IV. DELEGATIONS:

Larry Sinclair, 1052 Mitchell Street, Cocoa, advised that they had closed on two more properties in Broadmoor Acres earlier today. He will be working with the City in order to get plans drawn and they had committed builders. He also mentioned that the second annual raffle was coming up and that were some great prizes that have already been donated. All money from ticket sales would stay in Broadmoor Acres in order to improve the community.

Rev. Charles McGrath, 3518 East Roundtree Drive, Cocoa, and a City employee spoke about the improvements to Cocoa. He mentioned that he would like to see a light between Cypress and Bristol Streets so that the school zone would be lit up better. It was the Endeavor Elementary school zone. He believed that they needed at least five lights and appreciated any help.

After questions were posed by councilmembers regarding the exact locations, Mr. McGrath clarified the location was on the end of Cypress by Pineda.

Councilwoman Warner agreed that there was no sidewalk on one side, so children had to walk on the opposite side of the street on their way to school.

Mayor Parrish mentioned that they were looking into a joint venture with the county. Mr. Wegerif advised that they could get with FPL to have more lighting installed, but pointed out that they would possibly have to come back to Council for approval. He assured him that this would be looked into.

Mayor Parrish would like to go out at night and look at the site. Assistant City Manager Fuhrer assured Mr. McGrath and Council that they would look at options and noted some concerns. It would be evaluated to see what could be done.

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer further advised that he and Mr. Wegerif had met with the school and formed a sidewalk network in that neighborhood in hopes of making it safer for children.

Bob Harvey, 29 Riverside Drive, Cocoa, spoke in regards to the Broadmoor Acres project. He thanked the City for their efforts and the Chief for patrolling the neighborhood. This was neighbors helping neighbors and they were very appreciative of those coming on board to help. They were looking for those willing to make donations, hold mortgages, or even build. It was very rewarding to see these residents becoming homeowners, especially when they are paying less for a mortgage then they were with rent.

Additionally, he was aware that staff with busy and things move slowly, but he asked if the City could look into expediting the handover of Lee Wenner Park to the City and clean up the bike path. There were a lot of citizens willing to help clean it up and it would be a great opportunity to take advantage of the help.

In response to his concerns, Assistant City Manager Fuhrer advised that they did not yet have a final agreement from the County but were close. He mentioned that nothing was stated that said that the City could not ask the County if cleanup efforts could begin.

Mayor Parrish felt that should be looked into. Deputy Mayor Boisvert asked if there was a time frame. Assistant City Manager Fuhrer advised that hopefully it would be done shortly.

V. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approve Participation in a Cooperative Purchase Agreement with Danus Utilities, Inc. for Lift Station Rehabilitation Services utilizing the City of Clermont Contract No. 2011-40 effective July 11, 2016 through July 11, 2017; Authorize a Budgeted Expenditure for these Services not to Exceed $214,175. (17-131). (Utilities Director)

2. Approve the First Two-Year Renewal Under Contract B-14-07-COC, with Ace Flow Control, Longwood, Florida, to provide Cross Connection Control (CCC) Technical Field Services. (17-132). (Utilities Director)

3. Approve a Budget Resolution adjusting the FY17 budget to transfer funds from the Police Department back to the Community Services Department. (17-133). (Community Services Director)

4. Award Bid #B-17-06-COC, Riverfront Park Border Tile Paver Repairs (PW11RB), to C & D Construction, Inc. of Cocoa, FL, in the amount of $99,000, for the repair of the Riverfront Park ribbon curbing and concrete steps; Approve a resolution authorizing the City Manager to approve change orders not to exceed $2,000. (17-141). (Public Works Director)

5. Approve resolutions requesting the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to convey two parcels of land adjacent to US #1 to the City of Cocoa to be used for "Public Purpose". (17-148). (Public Works Director)

6. Authorize a Purchase Order to Vericon Construction Company for construction of SR520 Interim Safety Improvements (Project PW1505) as a Sole Source Purchase in the amount of $93,881; Approve a Resolution authorizing Change Orders in an amount not to exceed $5,000. (17-149). (Public Works Director)

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

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

1. Ordinance No. 05-2017/ 2nd and Final Reading: Amending the Zoning Map designation of 5 parcels totaling 11.54 acres, more or less, from C-N (Neighborhood Commercial) to C-G (General Commercial) and 9 parcels totaling 15.32 acres, more or less, from C-R (Restricted Commercial) to C-G (General Commercial). (17-147). (Community Services Director)

Attorney Garganese read Ordinance No. 05-2017 into the record by title only, as follows. He advised that this was the second and final hearing, and a quasi-judicial item.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2017

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING MAP DESIGNATION OF FIVE (5) PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TOTALING 11.54 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF CLEARLAKE ROAD AND NORTH AND SOUTH OF MICHIGAN AVENUE IN COCOA, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DEPICTED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO, FROM C-N (NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL) TO C-G (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) AND IDENTIFIED BY THE BREVARD COUNTY APPRAISER AS TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 2415964, 2415967, 2416207, 2441054, AND 2458336, AND NINE (9) PARCELS OF REAL ESTATE TOTALING 15.32 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF CLEARLAKE ROAD AND SOUTH OF MICHIGAN AVENUE IN COCOA, FLORIDA, MORE PARTICULARLY DEPICTED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO, FROM C-R (RESTRICTED COMMERCIAL) TO C-G (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) AND IDENTIFIED BY THE BREVARD COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER AS TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 2416205, 2442075, 2416206, 2416170, 2455270, 2416203, 2449993, 2450009, AND 2415958; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Boisvert; Seconded by Councilman Whipple, to approve Ordinance No. 05-2017 on second and final reading.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

Mayor Parrish advised that he received a card after Delegations and was going to allow May Pallay to speak.

May Pallay, 1514 Clearlake Road, Unit #134, provided an update on upcoming events for "A Better Foundation". A golf program would be held this Saturday and Sunday from 9 am- 4 pm. She assured Council that she would continue to keep them updated about future events.

VII. COUNCIL BUSINESS:

None.

VIII. CITY BUSINESS:

1. Authorize a Purchase Order to be issued to Maxwell Contracting Inc. in the amount of $80,945.00 for the construction of a sidewalk, ADA compliant curb ramps, gravity wall, curbing and pedestrian signal upgrades on Peachtree Street at U.S.1 as part of the East Peachtree Street Water Main Improvement Project (Utility Project No. WS1505) as it relates to the Peachtree Street Complete Streets concept. (17-135). (Public Works Director)

   Mr. Wegerif advised that this was for the Public Works portion of the Peachtree Street project.

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

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

2. Approve Task Order 2017-18 with Jobear Contracting, Inc. for the Schoolhouse Street Water Main Replacement, Project No. WS17SS; To Approve a Resolution Amending the Fiscal FY2017 Budget; Approve a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Approve Change Orders in an amount not to exceed $22,995 (10% Contingency). (17-143). (Utilities Director)

   Mr. Walsh presented the item and pointed out that Jobear was a preapproved contractor that the City worked with so a Task Order could be done for the project.

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

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

3. Approve a Resolution and contract by use of sole source with the ICMA Center for Public Safety Management to conduct an analysis of law enforcement services for the Cocoa Police Department; Approve a Resolution adjusting FY2017 Budget using General Fund Contingency; and Authorize the City Manager to execute the contract subject to the City Attorney and City Manager finalizing the terms and conditions of the contract with CPSM. (17-151). (City Manager)

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer presented the item, advising that this was directly related to the City's strategic planning efforts. Many things were underway in order to reduce crime throughout the City and this study would provide several outcomes for the City. It was an independent analysis.

He further noted that both he and the City Manager had spoken with other cities who had utilized this group to provide an analysis and they have all been very happy with them. They want to leave nothing unturned in order to decrease the crime rate.

Councilwoman Warner thanked Chief Cantaloupe and City Manager Titkanich for bringing this forward and believed that it would be a great tool, and especially beneficial during the next crime summit. It would help the City address some of the ongoing problems.

Deputy Mayor Boisvert concurred with Councilwoman Warner and believed that the Chief had done a great job on attending functions and being visible to the public.

Councilman Whipple echoed their sentiments. He agreed that this information would be a good thing. He stressed to the Chief that he did not want anyone at the Police Department to feel threatened by them being there doing the assessment. He wanted to make sure that all officers and employees were aware that they were there to help enhance their performance. He fully supported the effort.

Councilwoman Blanco questioned Assistant City Manager Fuhrer about the information that they had reviewed from other cities. In response, Assistant City Manager Fuhrer noted that they were surprised at the detail and information included in the report. They looked at everything including staffing, technology, and intergovernmental resources. He felt confident that an accurate report will be received in order to assist the City in meeting the needs of the citizens.

Mayor Parrish asked Councilwoman Warner about the company that did this approximately fifteen years ago. Councilwoman Warner advised that the company utilized at that time was not nearly as qualified as this group was and

the report was not as extensive. She added that this it would be a learning curve for everyone and a great way to get specifics in order to move forward.

Mayor Parrish thanked Chief Cantaloupe for making the decision to do this. He pointed out that the objective was to see where assets can go and what can be improved or not improved. He felt that the Chief was doing a great job, and it was better than what had been done in many years. He wanted everyone to be prideful in working for the Police Department and to go home safe.

Chief Cantaloupe mentioned that it would be a good tool and good to see the industry changes. Although changes have been made, it would be good to have things even better. They want to provide the best services to the citizens that they can and raise the bar even higher.

Councilwoman Warner advised that from her perspective staffing has not changed from what it was fifteen years ago, although the size and population of the City has increased. She was concerned if there was adequate staffing at the Police Department and felt this report would give them the answers to that.

Mayor Parrish reiterated that he felt good about this.

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

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

MULTI-YEAR CONTRACTS:

4. Authorize the City Manager to execute a Multi-Year Florida Department of Transportation Traffic Signal Maintenance and Operation Order Approval Number 70-C-22 which amends the Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement Contract Number ARX39 for the installation of traffic signal equipment at two locations on SR 524. (17-134). (Public Works Director)

Mr. Wegerif presented the item and advised that the locations were at the Walmart exit and the northbound ramp of I-95. The southbound ramp was being studied. DOT does not maintain the signals but they reimburse for them after they are installed.

To clarify questions posed by councilmembers, Mr. Wegerif advised that the north side had been studied and approved, and the south side was still being

studied. FDOT had to approve it, and he had a strong feeling that it would be approved.

Councilman Whipple mentioned the issues with the lights on SR 520 and asked if traffic flow by Washington St., Fiske Blvd, and Varr St. had been studied. In response, Mr. Wegerif noted that SR 520 was all one unit.

Councilman Whipple believed it was getting worse. Councilwoman Warner agreed.

Mr. Wegerif stated that they could request for FDOT to look into it. Councilman Whipple noted that since the City was growing the traffic flow was going to continue to increase. Councilman Whipple further asked Deputy Mayor Boisvert to bring up this issue at the TPO meeting.

Deputy Mayor Boisvert advised that their next meeting was this Thursday.

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

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

IX. INFORMATIONAL AGENDA:

1. Cocoa Police Department District Event Statistics for January and February, 2017. (17-144). (Chief of Police)

X. REPORTS:

Mr. Wegerif advised that Florida Avenue was rapidly progressing and the anticipated completion date was the end of this month. They also have one month to finish up various items.

He further advised that an item was approved under the Consent Agenda regarding SR 520 safety improvements. It would be done in the area of Suntrust Bank.

Lastly, Mr. Wegerif advised that the slab had been poured at Fire Station #1 and walls were going up today, so the project was moving along.

Mayor Parrish asked when Station 2 would begin. In response, Mr. Wegerif advised that they were starting on a site plan and waste had been removed from the site. They were waiting on a final report from the state.

Discussion was held on trains, times, and traffic problems from the trains. Mr. Wegerif advised that they have tried to call FEC in the past regarding the issues, but they have specific operating times and are on their own schedule.

Chief Cantaloupe advised that there was an upcoming Community Watch meeting at the corner of Hillsdale Drive and Westview. Additionally, there was an upcoming event, "Reaching Back into the Community" by the Central Brevard NAACP at Provost Park on Saturday, April 15th. It was an Easter egg hunt (1:15-1:40 p.m.) and 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

Breakfast with the Chief went well and he thanked all of Council for showing up. They raised around $20,000. These funds will go a long way in regards to PAL programs, outreach, etc.

Chief Prince advised that Governor Scott enacted an executive order regarding the wildfires. Kim Prosser was going to the County to have a countywide burn ban put into place and he asked Council to also consider that ban. They were asking not to use anything with sparks and to avoid lighting anything outside.

IT WAS A CONSENSUS OF COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS IN A BURN BAN.

Mr. Belden advised that the HCVA car show for this weekend had been cancelled. They will try to put it on again next year.

He introduced the new Economic Development Manager, Larry Lallo, who was from Ohio. He started with the City last Monday.

Mr. Lallo noted he was happy to be here and was enjoying it so far.

Mayor Parrish asked about the fence around the water tower. Mr. Walsh advised that the materials were on order and it would be installed when they were received.

Ms. Gemmati spoke about the Summer Youth Work Program and advised that the application period had been extended through April 24th in hopes of more Cocoa residents applying. The period would be open for a few more weeks,. Students can contact Jana Bauer at CareerSource of go the City's website for more information.

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer announced that the county was hosting a CRA Workshop in the Florida Room in the Viera Government complex on Thursday, at 1 p.m. Any councilmembers who can attend were welcome and City Manager Titkanich would be presenting the CRA basics. Many cities would be represented. He would also be attending.

He further announced that on Wednesday and Friday, April 12th & 14th, the city was hosting a leadership training for supervisors and above. This goes along with the strategic plan and they hoped it would help bring teams together.

The legislative session was quiet this week but he assured Council that they were keeping an eye on things.

Councilman Whipple noted that he had provided Assistant City Manager Fuhrer with information from the SCLC board meeting held last night.

He inquired with staff regarding the rules that apply when homes were torn down. Many of those properties were being used to store items when the land was vacant, such as cars, etc. Businesses were extending their property lines and he would like that to be looked into.

Councilman Whipple spoke of his attendance at several ribbon cuttings during the past week and congratulated Glenn's Tires on 65 years of business in the City. The food and company was good.

He spoke about a new Habitat for Humanity Home and that the ceremony for the new home owner was very touching.

He, along with Deputy Mayor Boisvert and Mayor Parrish attended a ribbon cutting at Tropics Apparel in the village.

In closing, Councilman Whipple believed that the City was moving in the right direction and he planned on attending the CRA meeting at the County on Thursday.

Councilwoman Blanco thanked Chief Cantaloupe and Officer Hattaway for the Community Watch meeting at College Manor. There was a nice turnout and a lot of great input from citizens. She believed that the meetings were doing what they were intended to do. Citizens were beginning to feel comfortable with officers. She requested that the Chief and officers to keep up the good work.

Councilwoman Warner spoke about their attendance at the YMCA Prayer Breakfast. It was a great turnout. She mentioned that at some point it will outgrow the Civic Center.

She further spoke about Breakfast with the Chief and thanked the Dixon Diner for providing real eggs and grits. She provided a special thank you to Mr. Perrone and Mr. Lightholder who worked on the event, in addition to the big sponsor Kel-Tec.

Councilwoman Warner noted that the day before the meeting was the Tour de Force which was a lot of fun. She got to meet family members of some of the fallen officers, who rode for the first time or were there supporting the event.

Lastly, she thanked Chief Cantaloupe for the additional traffic enforcement, especially on U.S. 1. Traffic issues were one of the largest complaints that they receive.

Deputy Mayor Boisvert was impressed with the size of the new fire station and thanked Chief Prince for taking him there.

He advised that new signs were up on S.R. 524 regarding construction and felt that they went up quickly. Mr. Wegerif noted that it was FDOT who was working with the contractors.

Deputy Mayor Boisvert believed that the Crime Watch meetings were good and he attended an event for Telecommunications Week at Lee Burton Park. He reiterated his attendance at ribbon cuttings during the past week.

Councilman Whipple reminded those in attendance that the District 1 Town Hall Meeting would be held on Tuesday, April 18 at 6 p.m. in City Council Chambers. All were invited to voice their opinions or concerns.

Additionally, on Friday, April 14th, Good Friday, he and the Mayor would be attending the "Last Seven Sayings of Christ" at Mt. Moriah AME Church at noon. Anyone was welcome.

Mayor Parrish asked about the status on the sunken boat. In response, Assistant City Manager Fuhrer advised that he had seen information regarding the T-Dock. He noted that a few of the vessels remained docked for more than 48 hours. One of the vessels had mechanical issues and had since been repaired. They were trying to work with the police department and the boating community to address concerns.

Mayor Parrish announced that he and Councilwoman Warner also attended the Telecommunications event.

Mayor Parrish was aware that the City was growing and reminded everyone of the public projects. He advised that budget time was approaching and he wanted to ensure that needs and wants were looked at in addition to short and long term goals. They were looking at getting the Moore Center finished and the Joe Lee Smith Center project pushed along. However, they also needed to look into private/public partnerships for a parking structure and new Civic Center.

Mayor Parrish, being a lover of history, showed a postcard from 1909 of the Hughlett House which was given to him by his mother. He spoke of his admiration of Mr. Hughlett and mentioned that he took four pictures of his house and turned them into postcards and sold them in Cocoa. He was a visionary and a forward thinker.

He relayed this information because he wanted everyone to be mindful about what they were doing and how decisions being made can make a huge difference. They were a part of history like Mr. Hughlett was and he wanted everyone to think about that. He was very appreciative for all of the things happening in Cocoa.

He spoke more about the postcard and believed it was like email was today. Councilwoman Warner agreed and thought it was great PR material for that time period.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Boisvert; Seconded by Councilman Whipple, to adjourn the Regular meeting of April 11, 2017.**

AYES: Parrish, Boisvert, Blanco, Warner, Whipple

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (5-0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Henry J. Parrish III, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carie Shealy, City Clerk