



City of Palm Coast

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Meeting Minutes

City Council

Mayor Jon Netts
Vice Mayor Heidi Shipley
Council Member Jason DeLorenzo
Council Member Bill McGuire
Council Member Steven Nobile

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

9:00 AM

City Hall Community Wing

City Staff

Jim Landon, City Manager

William Reischmann, City Attorney

Virginia A. Smith, City Clerk

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A. Call to Order

Mayor Netts called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

C. Roll Call

City Clerk Virginia Smith called the roll.

Present: 5 - Mayor Netts, Vice Mayor Shipley, Council Member DeLorenzo, Council Member McGuire, and Council Member Nobile

Approval of Minutes

- 1 [16-62](#) MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL'S:
- A. February 2, 2016 City Council Business
 - B. February 9, 2016 City Council Workshop
 - C. January 26, 2016 City Council Training (Ethics)
 - D. February 9, 2016 City Council Training (Sunshine/PRR)

Attachments: [February 2, 2016 Business Meeting](#)
[February 9, 2016 Workshop](#)
[Minutes January 26 2016 Ethics Training](#)
[Minutes February 9 2016 FI Sunshine and Public Records](#)

A motion was made by Council Member McGuire, and seconded by Council Member DeLorenzo, that the Minutes be Approved as presented. The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Approved: 5 - Mayor Netts, Vice Mayor Shipley, Council Member DeLorenzo, Council Member McGuire, and Council Member Nobile

Proclamations and Presentations

PROCLAMATIONS

- 2 [16-06](#) PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING FEBRUARY 16, 2016 THROUGH FEBRUARY 22, 2016 AS "CITIZENS OBSERVER PROGRAM WEEK"

Attachments: [Proclamation COPS](#)

CM DeLorenzo presented the Proclamation to COPS members.

The Proclamation was Received and Filed.

PRESENTATIONS

- 3 [16-07](#) PRESENTATION ON PALM COAST LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SAFETY

Sheriff Manfre and Sr. Commander Carman presented a PowerPoint Presentation and video which is attached to these minutes.

CM McGuire-How do you measure response time? Ans: Sheriff Manfre-From the time the call gets in; it depends on the type of call it is. It depends on where the Deputy is to where the call is.

CM McGuire-Who makes the decision on who will respond to a call? Ans: Sheriff Manfre-Dispatch gets the call, at our state of the art facility for communications, checks the GPS screen to see who the closest deputy is, calls the deputy and they respond that they can respond to the call or that they are tied up at the previous call. There are times, we have to call in another deputy from a different area to respond.

CM McGuire-Do these statistics include SRO's? Ans: Sheriff Manfre-Yes.

CM McGuire-What is the seriousness of drug trafficking in the City? Ans: Sheriff Manfre-We are seeing a dramatic decrease in this at this time. That is not to say it won't change tomorrow, this is an ever changing issue. It is all about supply and demand-the cheapest is the most prevalent.

CM McGuire, So, you believe overall trafficking is down, does that include the schools? Ans: Sheriff Manfre-Yes, it includes the schools, however, recently had a conversation with Superintendent Oliva and there has been an increase but we are working on that by bringing in the dogs. We are monitoring it constantly.

CM McGuire-With the demise of red light cameras in the City, what is your strategy to augment, catch those breaking the law? Ans: Sheriff Manfre-This is an issue for us as the cameras did create for us video of traffic accidents or potential law breakers who are driving through our community. We are going to be using license plate readers (LPR)-it can oversee speeding, it has an electronic board to show the speeds; we have purchased two, other cities and counties already have them for example, Daytona, in Volusia County has them.

CM DeLorenzo-Can you speak on the role of the SRO when they are not in the classrooms? Ans: Sheriff Manfre-If you watch crime, it spikes in the summertime, it is not because people are out or on vacation, it is because the kids are out of school. They are out and about at our parks, community center, etc. and play ball with the kids. Providing presence in the parks, which sometimes become issues in the community in terms of crime, drugs, etc. so they become very active in learning the programs and encourage them to be involved in our PAL program as coaches.

The Presentation was Received and Filed.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

Order of Business for Public Hearings (Council may make inquiries at any stage):

Open Hearing
 Staff Presentation
 Applicant Presentation (if applicable)
 Council Questions of Applicant (if applicable)
 Public Comments/ Presentations
 Rebuttal by Applicant (if applicable)
 Close Hearing
 Council Discussion
 Council Action

Second Reading

- 4** [16-23](#) ORDINANCE 2016-XX REZONING 2.0986 +/- ACRES FROM LIGHT AND WAREHOUSING INDUSTRIAL (IND-1) TO HIGH INTENSITY COMMERCIAL (COM-3) FOR ONE HARGROVE GRADE REZONING, APPLICATION NO. 2980

Attachments: [One Hargrove Grade Ordinance.doc](#)
[2980 Planning Division Staff Report](#)
[2980 Location Map](#)
[2980 FLUM](#)
[2980 Existing Zoning Map](#)
[2980 Proposed Zoning Map](#)
[2980 Building Elevation](#)

City Attorney Reischmann reminded Council this item and the next are quasi-judicial. Mayor Netts called for any ex-parte communications. There were none.

City Attorney Reischmann read the title into the record.

Mr. Landon gave a brief summary of the item.

Public Comments:

Jim Millhollin-Thanked Council for their consideration and staff for their assistance.

Mike Macin-Thanked Council and staff for all the cooperation and work.

A motion was made by Council Member McGuire, and seconded by Council Member DeLorenzo, that the Ordinance be adopted on Second Reading. The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Approved: 5 - Mayor Netts, Vice Mayor Shipley, Council Member DeLorenzo, Council Member McGuire, and Council Member Nobile

Enactment No: O2016-1

5 [16-24](#)

ORDINANCE 2016-XX REZONING 0.82 +/- ACRE FROM LIGHT AND WAREHOUSING INDUSTRIAL (IND-1) TO HIGH INTENSITY COMMERCIAL (COM-3) FOR THREE HARGROVE GRADE REZONING, APPLICATION NO. 2979

Attachments: [Ordinance-Three Hargrove Grade](#)
[2979 Planning Division Staff Report](#)
[2979 Location Map](#)
[2979 FLUM](#)
[2979 Existing Zoning Map](#)
[2979 Proposed Zoning Map](#)
[2979 Building Elevation](#)

City Attorney Reischmann read the title into the record.

Mr. Landon gave a brief summary of the item.

This item was heard under the previous item.

Mayor Netts called for ex-parte communications. There were none.

Public Comment:

There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Council Member McGuire, and seconded by Council Member DeLorenzo, that the Ordinance be Adopted on Second Reading. The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Approved: 5 - Mayor Netts, Vice Mayor Shipley, Council Member DeLorenzo, Council Member McGuire, and Council Member Nobile

Enactment No: O2016-2

6 [16-40](#)

ORDINANCE 2016-XX RELATING TO AND PROVIDING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY OF PALM COAST CHARTER, FOR AN EQUITABLE ADJUSTMENT TO THE SALARIES OF THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Attachments: [Ordinance Council Salary Adjustment](#)

City Attorney Reischmann read the title into the record.

Mr. Landon gave a brief summary of the item.

Public Comment

Jack Carall- Recommends review of the City Charter.

Motion by CM DeLorenzo to approve the Ordinance.

Motion dies for a lack of a second.

The Ordinance failed.

First Reading

7 [16-51](#)

ORDINANCE 2016-XX REZONING 13.95 +/- ACRES IDENTIFIED AS PARCEL ID# 26-10-30-0000-01010-0030 FROM ESTATE-2 (EST-2) TO PUBLIC/SEMI-PUBLIC (PSP) AND PRESERVATION (PRS) FOR THE PORTUGUESE AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER, APPLICATION 2970

Attachments: [Ordinance Portuguese American Culture Center Rezone_2-1-16_CDR.doc](#)

[Planning Division Staff Report](#)

[Location Map](#)

[FLUM Map](#)

[Zoning Map](#)

[Proposed Zoning Map](#)

[Conceptual Site Plan](#)

City Attorney Reischmann read the title into the record and advised Council this is a quasi-judicial item.

Mayor Netts called for any ex-parte communications. There were none.

Mr. Landon gave a brief summary of the item.

Ms. Angela Piltaver provided a PowerPoint presentation, which is attached to these minutes.

Ray Tyner announced there was a neighborhood meeting with no opposition.

Luis Medeiros-Past president and Chair of the purchasing of the land project-this will suit our community much better. Thanked Council for their consideration and staff for all their hard work.

VM Shipley-supports this proposal.

CM McGuire-What will happen with the current Portuguese-American Club? Ans: Mayor Netts-That is up to them to decide.

Public Comments:

Ed Branquinho-Also a past president and supports the culture of the Portuguese American Club as well as this proposal.

Maria E. Herrera-Supports the new Club property.

A motion was made by Council Member McGuire, and seconded by Council Member DeLorenzo, that the Ordinance be approved on First Reading. The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Approved: 5 - Mayor Netts, Vice Mayor Shipley, Council Member DeLorenzo, Council Member McGuire, and Council Member Nobile

Resolutions

8 [16-46](#) RESOLUTION 2016-XX OPPOSING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING AND OFFSHORE DRILLING

Attachments: [Resolution-Fracking](#)

[Autoban letter](#)

Mr. Landon provided a brief overview to this item. Ms. Denise Bevan provided a PowerPoint presentation, which is attached to these minutes.

VM Shipley-We are showing we do not want fracking but what about seismic testing? Ans: Attorney Reischmann-Section 1 of the Resolution specifically provides that we are objecting to anything that would inhibit the City's ability to regulate or restrict requirements for activities related to oil and gas exploration, development production for process and storage and transportation and including the process for hydraulic fracturing and acid fracturing. This is the language that you find, closely find, in the bills. Mr. Landon-If you want to add the language specifically relating to seismic testing, that would be very appropriate too.

CM McGuire-I discourage the use of seismic testing. Would like this sent to the legislature as well as the Environmental Protection Agency.

Public Comments:

George Mayo-Encourages Council to add no seismic testing into the Resolution.

Jack Carall-Is there any way you can restrict the amount of mineral rights that some of these people who are fracking, so if someone is to drill can we restrict them to just Volusia County and not crawl across to Flagler County?

Responses to Public Comments:

Restricting-Mayor Netts-Could we include a horizontal restriction in our Resolution?

VM Shipley motioned to include seismic testing included in the Resolution.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Shipley, and seconded by Council Member DeLorenzo, that the Resolution be Adopted as amended. The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Approved: 5 - Mayor Netts, Vice Mayor Shipley, Council Member DeLorenzo, Council Member McGuire, and Council Member Nobile

Enactment No: R2016-7

9 [16-61](#)

RESOLUTION 2016-XX APPROVING AMENDING COUNCIL'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOPS

Attachments: [Resolution Amend Council Policy and Procedures.docx.doc](#)
[Council Meeting Policy Procedures 2 2016.doc](#)

Mr. Landon provided an overview to this item.

CM Nobile-I do not see the need to limit what is discussed by the Public at our workshops.

Public Comments:

Louis McCarthy-We need to stick to what is on the agenda; it is okay to get the complaints, issues, etc. here at the business meeting. The workshop is meant for specific items that are on the agenda. Prefers to stick to the agenda.

George Mayo-Thank you for considering this. Any idea or tangent that someone thinks of is good.

Jack Carall-Why can't we just throw it in the water and test it for 2 or 3 sessions first. If it doesn't work you can say you tried it.

Mayor Netts-Opposes adding this to workshops.

CM McGuire-Motion to amend Resolution to include open conversation. Seconded by CM Nobile.

A motion was made by Council Member McGuire, and seconded by Council Member Nobile, that the Resolution be adopted as amended. The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Approved: 4 - Vice Mayor Shipley, Council Member DeLorenzo, Council Member McGuire, and Council Member Nobile

Denied: 1 - Mayor Netts

Enactment No: R2016-8

10 [16-44](#)**RESOLUTION 2016-XX APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH PC CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT NO. 2 PROJECT**

Attachments: [Resolution PC Construction WWTP 2](#)
 [Contract Summary - PC Construction](#)
 [Bid Opening Tab](#)
 [Award Recommendation - Palm Coast WWTF2](#)
 [Wastewater Treatment Plant #2 Map](#)

Mr. Landon provided a brief overview to this item. Mr. Steve Flanagan provided a PowerPoint presentation, which is attached to these minutes.

CM Nobile-Our growth is exceeding what we had planned on for us hitting our limit, will we reach our capacity before the plant is ready? Ans: Mr. Flanagan-We think there is a great chance that we will reach capacity before the plant will happen but do not expect it to happen.

CM Nobile-What are the ramifications if we exceed capacity? Ans: Mr. Flanagan-Normally DEP will not cause us any issues since they will see we are planning and proceeding with the constructing of the plant.

Mayor Netts-The additional monies above the 26 to the 30 is for two other projects-one is the effluent disposal. Now our existing water treatment plant, we have rapid infiltration basins, we have connections to reuse lines, where does the effluent from this new stormwater plant go? Ans: Mr. Flanagan-Hopefully to our reuse and what does not go to our reuse will go to Hewlett Branch Swamp.

CM DeLorenzo-Currently we hold reuse water for our customers at Cigar Lake, will there be another area for this? Will we hold it at Cigar Lake, is Cigar Lake capable of holding more? Ans: Mr. Flanagan-We do not have a holding pond for this facility, but what we do have is this facility reuse system interconnects with Wastewater Plant 1's reuse system. So basically we have one reuse pipeline of transmission system.

CM DeLorenzo-Future plans for Palm Coast Park, and what was the Sawmill Creek, etc. will they all be required to have reuse when they develop? Ans: Mr. Flanagan-Yes, they will.

Public Comments:

Jack Carall-If WWTP 1 has a 6 million capacity, why are we building this one at 2 million capacity? And cost?

Responses to Public Comments:

Capacity building-Mr. Flanagan-It is designed as a phased project. It is set up for 6 million gallons in the future for when we need it.

CM Nobile-Any idea of what an increase to 2 million gallons would cost? Ans: Mr. Flanagan-Not sure because we do not know what the design would be for it but it should be less money in the future unless a long period of time lapses because what you should have is the facility set up for that next 2 million gallon increment.

CM Nobile-In today's dollars what would it cost to add 2 million gallons? Ans: Mr. Flanagan-I would be wildly guessing. Roughly \$15 million.

A motion was made by Council Member McGuire, and seconded by Council Member DeLorenzo, that the Resolution be Adopted. The motion was adopted by the following vote:

Approved: 5 - Mayor Netts, Vice Mayor Shipley, Council Member DeLorenzo, Council Member McGuire, and Council Member Nobile

Enactment No: R2016-9

Consent Agenda

Public comments shall be held In accordance with Section 286.0114 Florida Statutes. Any member of the public interested in speaking on any item on the Consent Agenda, shall come to the podium, state their name and will have up to three (3) minutes each to speak.

A motion was made by Council Member McGuire, seconded by Council Member DeLorenzo, that the Consent Items be Considered as reported on the Consent Agenda. They were approved by the following vote:

Approved: 5 - Mayor Netts, Vice Mayor Shipley, Council Member DeLorenzo, Council Member McGuire, and Council Member Nobile

11 [16-27](#)

RESOLUTION 2016-XX APPROVING BUDGETED PURCHASES FOR TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES, MAINTENANCE AND COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

Attachments: [Resolution-IT Supplies](#)
[Engagement Letter - Empire - 2-16-16](#)
[Engagement Letter - CDW - 9-16-16](#)
[Engagement Letter - Verizon Wireless - 9-16-16](#)
[Engagement Letter - Dell - 2-16-16](#)

A motion was made by Council Member McGuire, seconded by Council Member DeLorenzo, that the Consent Agenda be Adopted on Consent. The motion was Approved unanimously.

Enactment No: R2016-10

12 [16-38](#)

RESOLUTION 2016-XX APPROVING PIGGYBACKING FEDERAL SUPPLY SERVICE U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION CONTRACT GS-07F-5559R WITH NETWORKFLEET, INC. FOR VEHICLE MONITOR (TRACKING) SYSTEMS

Attachments: [Resolution Network Fleet, Inc.](#)
[Engagement Letter - Networkfleet - 2-9-16](#)

A motion was made by Council Member McGuire, seconded by Council Member DeLorenzo, that the Consent Agenda be Adopted on Consent. The motion was Approved unanimously.

Enactment No: R2016-11

13 [16-39](#)

RESOLUTION 2016-XX APPROVING PIGGYBACKING A

CONTRACT BETWEEN LIFE EXTENSION CLINICS, INC., AND
POLK COUNTY FOR FIRE EMPLOYEE PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS
BY LIFE SCAN WELLNESS CENTER

Attachments: [Resolution Piggyback Life Extension Clinics Contract](#)
 [Engagement Letter](#)
 [Polk County Contract](#)

A motion was made by Council Member McGuire, seconded by Council Member DeLorenzo, that the Consent Agenda be Adopted on Consent. The motion was Approved unanimously.

Enactment No: R2016-12

14 [16-45](#)

RESOLUTION 2016-XX APPROVING THE GRANTING OF A
UTILITY EASEMENT TO FLORIDA POWER & LIGHT COMPANY AS
REQUIRED FOR THE OLD KINGS ROAD MASTER PUMP STATION
PROJECT

Attachments: [Resolution - FPL Easement at Old Kings Road Master Pump Station](#)
 [FPL Easement](#)
 [FPL Legal sketch and description](#)
 [Old Kings Rd Master Pump Station Map](#)

A motion was made by Council Member McGuire, seconded by Council Member DeLorenzo, that the Consent Agenda be Adopted on Consent. The motion was Approved unanimously.

Enactment No: R2016-13

15 [16-47](#)

RESOLUTION 2016-XX APPROVING THE FY 2017-2019 STATE
HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP - LOCAL HOUSING
ASSISTANCE PLAN

Attachments: [Resolution - SHIP LHAP](#)
 [2016-2019 LHAP FINAL COPY](#)
 [Exhibits](#)

A motion was made by Council Member McGuire, seconded by Council Member DeLorenzo, that the Consent Agenda be Adopted on Consent. The motion was Approved unanimously.

Enactment No: R2016-14

D. Public Participation

Public Participation shall be held in accordance with Section 286.0114 Florida Statutes. After the Mayor calls for public participation each member of the audience interested in speaking on any topic or proposition not on the agenda or which was discussed or agendaed at the previous City Council Workshop, shall come to the podium and state their name. Each speaker will have up to three (3) minutes each to speak. The Mayor will advise when the three (3) minutes are up and the speaker will be asked to take a seat and wait until all public comments are finished to hear answers to all questions. Once all members of the audience have spoken, the Mayor will close public participation and no other questions/comments shall be heard. Council and staff will then respond to questions posed by members of the audience. Should you wish to provide Council with any material, all items shall be given to the City Clerk and made part of the record. If anyone is interested in discussing an issue further or ask additional questions, individual Council Members and staff will be available after the meeting to discuss the matter and answer questions.

Kevin Guthrie, Public Safety Manager-Formally thanked Council and all that have bought into his program that he tried to bring here. Accolades to management and staff. Sadly he is leaving for professional reasons. Thanked Council and staff for all they have done.

CM McGuire-Mr. Guthrie will leave a big void in our emergency response and I am sad to see him go.

CM DeLorenzo-Mr. Guthrie, Your leadership, your knowledge, incredibilizes the County, we are going to miss you. I wish you well. The County is making a huge mistake by letting you go. We will miss you.

Mayor Netts-I have been on City Council for 13-15 years, and it was not until Mr. Guthrie came that I was offered training in emergency response. I very much appreciated that you provided training to Council. Thank you.

Steve Carr-Wishes City Council was more active in protecting us.

Jack Carall-This is not said too often, not enough, we have some of the best workers in the State. I have to give them congratulations every now and then. They do good work. We should try a little harder to keep them here.

E. Discussion by CITY COUNCIL OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

CM McGuire-Would like to resume the conversations relative to dispatching our fire trucks to medical calls. Would like to see the results of changing to using jump trucks instead of our big trucks periodically.

CM DeLorenzo-Mr. Landon had a meeting with County and staff. Mr. Landon will provide an update.

Mayor Netts-I have 35 years' experience on an ambulance, 11 years on a fire truck and 12 years as a Fire Commissioner. There are a two reasons why we send a fire truck out. Reason number one is to get to the scene more quickly than an ambulance can. With two ambulances stationed in Palm Coast and 5 other ambulances stationed outside of Palm Coast, there is a reasonable expectation if there is a single medical call that the first ambulance from Palm Coast can get there in a reasonable

amount of time. We can talk about whether it should be 5 or 8 minutes but I can tell you from 35 years' experience the quicker you get there the better. If that first ambulance is in service, and there is a second call now you bring the second ambulance in from wherever it is located; potentially reducing the response time. If both ambulances are active, now you have to bring in an ambulance from the outside and that greatly increases the response time. So one reason to send the big red fire truck is to get there quicker. The second reason that I can think of in having that second vehicle is for the additional manpower. The ambulances, as operated by the County have 2 paramedics on board, sometimes we need more than 2 people to go to handle a call. By sending the big red fire truck you get an additional person at the scene. There are a number of ways to address those two concerns, other than using the big red fire truck and I think it is time we have the discussion of some alternative means. We do not want to reduce our level of service, but we definitely want to reduce the excessive cost to the City. There are other ways to deal with this. One way is to use the jump trucks, providing they were appropriately located, but in my mind there is even better options available.

Collateral issue on the 800 MHz system-Mayor Netts-It is a County system, we are a user on their system, but the City of Palm Coast has a 5 and 10 year revolving capital improvement plan. Our policy, our fiscal policy, is whenever possible to put money in the bank for an eventual expenditure. We do that with fire trucks, we do that with other vehicles, we do that with bulldozers, we do that with just about everything we purchase. I need to know now and this Council needs to know now, as we enter the budget season, what are the anticipated costs to the City in 2020, 2021, etc. whenever the County anticipates putting this new system in. They are questions that we need to have answered. Will our existing radios be compatible with the new system, or are we going to have to go out and buy new radios? What are the anticipated costs to the City, hard costs, up-front costs, hardware costs, infrastructure costs. We need to know that now so we can budget appropriately. If we are going to proceed with our idea of trying to pay cash whenever possible. For our utility plant, wastewater plant we got State Revolving Fund loan for 0.87, if you can tell me, Mr. Landon you could assure me, that in 2020, 2021 or whenever that we can get a loan of less than 1% interest, I would be perfectly happy borrowing the money, but the reality is we would probably be borrowing at 5, 6 or 7%. That is the cost to the tax payers. I would rather be putting the money aside, how much, I do not know. I am going to communicate with the County on this issue, we need answers. I can understand they cannot get it down to the penny, the dollar but they certainly ought to be able to give us some parameters. I am going to pursue this personally.

CM DeLorenzo-Mayor when you speak with County, can you also try to get some sort of a timeframe, the 2021 date-is that the timeframe for the RFP? Is it the timeframe for the new system to be operational? How long will it take to transition? These are all things we need to know.

F. Discussion by CITY ATTORNEY OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Just to follow up on one of the items we had on the agenda today, the resolution relating to the fracking issue-one of the parts of the Resolution is relating to Home Rule, there are 20 bills this legislative session relating to preemption of Home Rule Powers, fracking is just one of them.

G. Discussion by CITY MANAGER OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

EMS/FIRE issue-This has been an issue that came up during budget time, when we were contemplating buying additional fire trucks and the operation of how we can make it as efficient as possible. We made a presentation to Council and then you

instructed us to work with County to see if we can come up with a better system to operate as efficiently as possible and seamlessly as possible since we are both providing EMS services, first responder services, fire, etc. We have had some very productive meetings with our County administration and the two fire departments, the two fire departments have been meeting at the supervisory level. Deputy Chief Forte came up with a proposal of trying to combine EMS services as much as possible to make us operate as efficiently as possible. We have scheduled that option of Deputy Chief Forte at a workshop for Council. You also asked us to set up a meeting with the County Commissioners to discuss this jointly and I think at this time, it would be a good idea for you to get briefed on it before you meet with the County Commissioners and hopefully they will be briefed also, and then the two groups get together. I think it is probably a good time to schedule a meeting with the County Commissioners. I am pleased with the progress we have made thus far but we still have all the details to work out which is always the critical part.

The radio communication system-I agree it is critical on both sides-financial and technical sides. Recently met with them, the County Administration, Emergency Management. I asked a number of questions and they were able to answer many of them but for the most part, this is in the future for them-the 2020, 2021 timeframe. They currently have a debt on their main system, I think they are planning on issuing debt for replacing the system with the new technology, it is something they have to do because the current system will not be supported by the manufacturer after 2017, so there is that concern for the period from 2017 to 2021. But there is also that concern of the financial side of it. We agree 100%, we already have internal teams set up to start getting answers to those questions. We are going to invite the County and our partners with Bunnell and Flagler Beach, because we all need to have a compatible system. We are hoping to have answers to the types of questions the Mayor has been asking for this budget cycle. I will say that Mr. Quinn has already set up a communication fund similar to our fleet fund, it is actually a subset to that, but it is for the most part a shot in the dark which is not a good way to set up your long term plan. We are hoping the County will send representatives because it is so critical, it is their backbone, their system. If they are not willing to sit down now and only in the future, we are going to proceed with our staff. I must stress, before I go to that point, I spoke with Sheriff Manfre and he is very much supportive of this too. The City of Palm Coast and the Sheriff's office are the two largest users, we are both about the same size, so we will definitely include the Sheriff in that conversation. I must stress that this is not just emergency services for us, this is also how our parks people and utility people communicate, our whole network relies on this communication system. And when you talk first responders, Mr. Guthrie spoke about the great response we had during the tornado we had a couple of Christmases ago, that was not just fire and EMS, they can't do anything if the trees are across the street and we do not have people out there with chainsaws, our stormwater, when we had that big heavy rain, these people rely totally on this means of communication right now to get our resources out there where they need to be and we talk amongst ourselves, fire talks to our crews and vice versus, so we will involve all those parties in getting those answers.

Local realtor association has asked for Council assistance that I think is serious enough to warrant your support, the Cape Coral and Fort Myers Realtor Associations want to be combined and call themselves the Royal Palm Coast Association. Mayor Netts-We need to jointly write a letter of opposition.

Statewide recognition-Quality Cities-we are spot-lighted again with our CHIRP program (Children Helping in Resource Protection).

The FCCMA (Florida City County Management Association) has for the third year in a

row asked the City of Palm Coast to present at the annual State conference. Having a city present three times at this conference is unusual. Three years in a row is probably unheard of, this year there were only 5 slots available for cities to present and there is over 400 cities and there are counties and for us to get one of the three slots, three years in a row, is rather amazing but indicative of our quality programs. They are looking for innovative programs-in this case it is our retirement program. Something that we implemented a few years ago, so they were actually looking at something that wasn't just an idea, it actually has some track record and shows how we educate our employees and are able to help them in future retirement without having a pension plan. We do not have a pension plan, we have a 401A which is the government version of a 401K, so there is no future liability except the few County employees we brought over 15-16 years ago. The other two programs were our Strategic Action Plan (SAP) process and last year it was our healthcare program.

H. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Smith, City Clerk

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