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Meeting Minutes City Council Workshop

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

Tuesday, November 10, 2015

9:00 AM

City Hall Community Wing

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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

Records Coordinator Barbara Redline called the roll.

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

D. PRESENTATIONS

1 [15-446](#) ORDINANCE 2015-XX LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT ON STANDARDS FOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item. Mr. Bill Hoover, Planner, gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached to these minutes). Mr. Ray Tyner, Planning Manager, was also present for questions.

VM McGuire - What is the purpose of this zoning, telling them where they can put the pool? Mr. Landon - It is a setback issue so you don't have one house close to the street and the other one way back; intended to give uniformity in the streets.

VM McGuire - Is it an aesthetic thing, a safety thing, what are we trying to do with this code? Mr. Hoover - What we are trying to do is people that live in an existing home and they want to put \$40,000-\$50,000 worth of pool in to improve their property and improves the quality of the neighborhood so when they sell their house, etc.

VM McGuire asked about areas where they have been there a long time, etc. Mr. Tyner - Back in the days Palm Coast Community Service Corp., they would allow what we are proposing. These are rare; they don't come up often.

VM McGuire - Can they ask for a variance? Mr. Tyner - They can, they have to go to the planning board; Mr. Tyner corrected this statement afterwards - - No they cannot request a variance because the code specifically says it has to be in back of the structure. Attorney Reischmann - You cannot ask for a variance if it is self-imposed.

VM McGuire asked about the next buyer of the property; will it be outside of the code? Attorney Reischmann - The buyer would have purchased the home subject to the current or existing Land Development Code (LDC) at that time.

Mayor Netts - What is the downside? Mr. Landon - That include sheds.

There was discussion about the placement of a shed on a lot and also the maintenance of it.

Mayor Netts is comfortable as presented.

2 [15-468](#)

RESOLUTION 2015-XX APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH AWA CONTRACTING CO., INC., FOR BOULDER ROCK DRIVE CROSSING REHABILITATION PROJECT - STRUCTURE - F-2

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item. Mr. Juan Bostwick, Stormwater Engineer, gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached to these minutes).

Mayor Netts - 4 out of possible? Mr. Bostwick - 5.

VM McGuire asked where the location is. Mr. Bostwick - Behind Outback Steakhouse.

VM McGuire - Widening of Palm Coast Pkwy. won't be affected? Mr. Bostwick - No.

CM Shipley - Where we take out the concrete pad and put in grass, will there be a sidewalk? Mr. Bostwick - Yes.

VM McGuire - You only had 1 bidder for this, why is that? Mr. Bostwick - Yes, he called the other 5.

CM Shipley called 4 of them and they didn't call back. Mr. Landon this is the fourth time we bid this project.

CM DeLorenzo - Why? Mr. Landon - The design blew the budget.

CM DeLorenzo - I thought these were standardized? Mr. Landon - Last time it was a box culvert and it came in above budget. This is the lowest bid we have received; we have money in the budget.

VM McGuire - Have we done business with the company before? Mr. Landon didn't think so. Mr. Bostwick - No.

CM Nobile - Are we comfortable; check references? Mr. Bostwick - He spoke to the County Engineer and they were satisfied; the only change orders they had were ones that the county initiated.

CM Shipley - That is the only way in and out of there right? Mr. Landon - Yes, were are going to have to maintain traffic.

CM DeLorenzo - Is that enough time - July 2016? Mr. Bostwick - Yes.

CM DeLorenzo - Was that noted in an addendum? Mr. Bostwick - Yes.

Mayor Netts - Why are we waiting until the end of January? Mr. Bostwick - It takes 10-12 weeks; holidays; we have to have the neighborhood meetings, etc.

CM Shipley - The amendment, so when you put out the bid then you notify the contractors? Bostwick - The addendum went out before the bids were received. Attorney Reischmann - It is standard in the industry; the questions are answered before the bids are received.

VM McGuire - Does this go back to Palm Coast Pkwy.? Mr. Bostwick - No.

E. WRITTEN ITEMS

3 [15-425](#)

RESOLUTION 2015-XX APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND THE FLAGLER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE SCHOOL RESOURCE DEPUTIES

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item.

CM Shipley - We are taking out a few words, "immediately;" is there a reason we are taking that out? Attorney Reischmann - The word "immediately" is a little ambiguous, speculating about the definition of "immediately."

CM Shipley - Well then how long do they get to help somebody? Mayor Netts - This is an obligation, not the deputies, but upon the School Board, the City and the Sheriff.

Mayor Netts - We don't know who proposed this change? Mr. Landon - No. Attorney Reischmann believes it was the School District, it was not the City Attorney. Mr. Landon - It was the School District or the Sheriff's Office. Senior Commander Mark Carman with the Flagler County Sheriff's Office - 2 at the Flagler/Palm Coast High School, there is 1 at Buddy Taylor Middle School (also handles Wadsworth), 1 at Belle Terre Middle School, 1 Indian Trails Middle School, 1 at Belle Terre Elementary, 1 handles Rymfire, Old Kings Elementary, Bunnell.

Mayor Netts - Who determines where these Resource School Deputies (RSD) go? Sr. Commander Carman stated it is mainly based on the population of the school and need, by the School Board and the Sheriff, and their representative, Ms. Winnie Oden and the Sergeant in charge of the force.

CM Shipley - Is there a reason we have 2 at Flagler/Palm Coast High School and 1 at Matanzas? Sr. Commander Carman - Population, he is stationed there but he can roam around to the other schools as needed and supervise.

VM McGuire - There is no SRO (RSD) in Bunnell? Sr. Commander Carman - No, there is 1 deputy that does 3 elementary schools.

VM McGuire - Why is it the City of Palm Coast and School Board with no participation from Bunnell, Flagler Beach, etc.? Sr. Commander Carman - All the schools are in the limits of Palm Coast; in return they will handle calls in Palm Coast, summer camps, coverage at Ralph Carter Park, etc.

VM McGuire - Since all the neighborhoods around this area of Palm Coast have children attending schools, why is it the taxpayers of Palm Coast are the only ones contributing to the financing of the SRO (SRD)? Mr. Landon - It's probably the same reason why we are the only city that contribute to other deputies in the Sheriff's operation; the concept is to try to have both deputies obligated to assist in our neighborhoods and our parks when they are not in schools.

VM McGuire - Does this agreement prohibit the Sheriff from deploying them somewhere else? Mr. Landon - No.

CM Nobile - We are at 1/6th of the cost of this; 1 deputy? Mr. Landon - Yes, 1 plus, this 1; because it is a 3-way agreement; it is also a separate agreement.

CM Nobile asked about the gang related intelligence being removed from the contract. Mr. Landon will get that information in writing to Council.

4 [15-455](#) RESOLUTION 2015-XX APPROVING PALM HARBOR PARKWAY
EXTENSION LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH FLAGLER COUNTY

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item.

No Council questions.

5 [15-427](#) RESOLUTION 2015-XX APPROVING CONTRACTS FOR DEBRIS
REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL SERVICES FROM CROWDERGULF JOINT
VENTURE, INC., ASHBRIIT, INC. AND PHILLIPS & JORDAN, INC.

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item.

CM DeLorenzo - Price-wise, how did we do as a group rather than an individual?

Mayor Netts - When we had our own contract with our own debris remover, we called the shots; in this case where there are all the cities and County involved, who decides who will get debris removal first? Mr. Landon - We all will have our individual separate contracts with them; it's not just one big contract. We are piggybacking on the (co-op) bid; it's just a matter of bringing resources for all of us.

CM Shipley - How does it work, Flagler calls the first company CrowderGulf and then we call the next? Mr. Landon - It's not just Flagler, it may be somebody from Volusia County, St. Johns County, Georgia; these companies are nationwide so it's important to have at least 3 of them to make sure we have enough resources.

VM McGuire - Who calls them, Kevin Guthrie (Flagler County EOC) or do we call them? Mr. Nestor Abreu, Public Works Director - We call them. Mr. Landon stated for example, the Starlight Tornado we used our own crews.

Mr. Abreu - He believes the price is regulated through FEMA and Feds; very little discussion about price.

CM DeLorenzo - Of these 3 were any of those 3 in our previous contract? Mr. Abreu - CrowderGulf, we have had contracts with before.

- 6 [15-470](#) RESOLUTION 2015-XX APPROVING CONTRACTS FOR DISASTER FINANCIAL RECOVERY SERVICES FROM CDR MAGUIRE INC., DAVID M. SHAPIRO DISASTER PLANNING & RECOVERY CONSULTANTS, INC., AND GP STRATEGIES CORP

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item.

No Council questions.

- 7 [15-440](#) RESOLUTION 2015-XX APPROVING PIGGYBACKING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SENSUS METERING SYSTEMS AND CLAY COUNTY UTILITY AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE VARIOUS SIZES AND TYPES OF WATER METERS, TRANSMITTERS, AND ASSOCIATED PARTS

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item.

CM DeLorenzo - In the past couple of years, have we had any problems with Sensus or did any other municipalities have trouble with Sensus? Mr. Randy Zaleski, Utility Systems Manager - Port Orange, part of that was their problem; they were not watching. In the City when there is a meter without usage, we want to know why. He described we look into; are they snowbirds, are they there; did they bypass the meter, etc. We identify any problem immediately and Sensus warranties them; we don't have any problem with the small meters. With the large meters, we have a large metering service contract where they are all tested once a year. The large meters are where there is big revenue; small meters - small bill; you lose a big meter - that is a lot of money; yes we are very diligent about that.

VM McGuire - Part of this is standardizing our meters also isn't it; to make our meter reading more efficient? Mr. Zaleski - Yes, part of this is we have standardized the Sensus meters but we are also migrating. Almost the whole City is touch read; where the meter reader can go by, touch it and it gives the meter number and the reading. We are in the process of converting to radio reading in a portion of the City and that is drive-by; our next goal is fixed-based, which can be read from the office. When we get to that point, what will happen is not only will be able to read it from the office but we can do audits on it; all software based; the customer will also be able to check and see what their meter readings are via the web; we can set up a portal for them; help the customer monitor their own water usage.

VM McGuire - When a meter fails and has to be replaced, does the defective meter get any type of forensic analysis to determine why it failed? Mr. Zaleski - We send it back to the manufacturer or depending on the meter type, various meters have some mechanical parts that can fail; a lot of the times we can identify what is going on and we have replacement parts we can put in and then we send it off to the manufacturer for a full analysis.

VM McGuire - Once an analysis is done over a period of time, then you have compiled some kind of statistical information that says 43% of them failed for this and 20 for this. Then does Sensus or the City attempt to engineer any type of cure that would allow the meter to live longer? Mr. Zaleski - Primarily, when we have had only 2 types of failures - mechanical (measuring chamber) and the register itself. That is why the manufacturers are now going more towards mag (magnet) meters or taking away the mechanical portion, and he described the mechanical portions fails due to wear and tear.

VM McGuire - It may cost more but can you get an extension on life? Mr. Zaleski - We have a meter change out program, at about 15 years we run a report on it seeing

what the usage is and 15 years is a long time to have a device in the ground; technology is changing. So, in 15 years, do you still want to keep that same meter in there or do you want to replace it with something that is of better quality. The older meters don't have what is called a data line capability, the new meters do; where you can report the usage in 1 hour increments for 31 days. It's progress moving on, he understands the point about making it last longer but at some point in time you have to decide how long you want it to last before it is time to replace it. He believes 15 years is a good life expectancy on the meter; some last a lot longer; new technology and software can save the City money in the long run, etc.

CM DeLorenzo - Failure rate is minimal? Mr. Zaleski - Yes.

CM Nobile - That is complete failure; it's hard to determine if it is really accurate or do we pull it? Mr. Zaleski - We do have a pull bench where can pull them every so often and check them for accuracy, but usually with the new ones - either they are working or they are not.

VM McGuire - The total cost estimate for this year is 3/4 of a mil. dollars; we are looking to spend how much at this time? Mr. Zaleski - The total is for basically - water, potable water, raw water and wastewater for reuse too so it is spread over divisions and the portion for this year is the transmitters. Out of that amount, we are spending approximately 1/2 mil. dollars on transmitters as part of the conversion to radio reading. As far as the amount on meters, that is a smaller portion.

CM DeLorenzo - How many transmitters for 1/2 mil. dollars? Mr. Zaleski - 3,787 transmitters.

8 [15-442](#)

RESOLUTION 2015-XX APPROVING PIGGYBACKING LEE COUNTY'S CONTRACT WITH MILLER PIPELINE CO., INC., FOR INSTALLATION OF EX AND CIPP LINER FOR 8" GRAVITY SEWER PIPE IN THE WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item.

VM McGuire - What is vitrified clay pipe? Mr. Danny Ashburn, Utility Systems Manager - It was the pipe that was used back when Palm Coast first was built; it is actually clay, shorter sections. It is not used any more.

Mayor Netts - What is EX and CIPP? Mr. Ashburn - The EX liner is the new form liner that we like; sturdier, thicker. (CIPP) Curing in place is like fiberglass, it is kind of the same thing, but we like the EX liner better.

9 [15-458](#)

RESOLUTION 2015-XX APPROVING A WORK ORDER TO CONNECT CONSULTING, INC., FOR THE REHABILITATION OF WELL SW-27 FOR \$39,000.00

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item and Item 10; both well rehabs.

VM McGuire - How do you budget for a year's worth of this when you don't know what is going to come in front of you? Mr. Hogan, Utility Systems Manager of Water Operations - It's a difficult process, we try to prioritize the wells; we have 59 wells, 8 of the wells in the south zone are open-hole limestone wells and 51 gravel-packed screen wells and they are the ones that require rehabbing basically every 3-5 years. A key indicator that we look at is called specific capacity; gallons per minute, per foot of draw. With chief operators at all 3 facilities, before each fiscal year for budgeting purposes we look at the wells that we think are going to need to be rehabbed and we get a pretty good idea which ones we want to do and get the most bang for the buck;

ones that the specific capacity has declined the most.

VM McGuire - What causes you to think that they may need to be rehabbed, their age? Mr. Hogan - It is a function of not necessarily age but time. The wells themselves have a 15-20 year life span. With the gravel packed screen wells, the specific capacity is constantly declining, when that well is brand new, it's developed turned over to us by the contractor; it's the best it is going to be and it will decline from then on and we watch that specific capacity religiously and try to get those rehabbed. For example the 2 wells to be rehabbed now, have declined about 70% from the original specific capacity.

VM McGuire - Meaning they are pumping 70% of what they did when they were new? Mr. Hogan - Correct.

Mayor Netts - Does the specific capacity decline equally from well to well to well? Mr. Hogan - No, and the older ones, the construction is such that they have a life span 15-20 years but when they fail, it is catastrophic failure and they start pumping sand and we have to jump on that and do a redrill.

CM Shipley - You must know by now, when you get to that point just how long you have; estimate based on what you have seen in the past? Mr. Hogan - Correct.

CM Nobile - How are you doing with that? Mr. Hogan - We are doing pretty well now, we have a couple of pots of money that we draw our CIP (capital improvement plan) and R&R (renewal & replacement) funds. In the years of Florida Water, they didn't have a very aggressive PM (preventive maintenance) philosophy. We still have some wells that are patched from Florida Water days, etc.

VM McGuire - How have we performed to budget in the last 2-3 years, over spent, under spent or pretty much on it? Mr. Hogan - We are pretty much on it; we have these pots of money and we spend it; we make sure we can do all we can.

Mayor Netts - Is there some current technology better than gravel packed; or is this state of the art? Mr. Hogan - There are some conceptual things he has heard lately, instead of a conventional vertical gravel packed well where you punch a hole in the ground and target specific a specific water producing zone, there are these horizontal wells that you can go drill down and then go horizontal into that water-bearing zone. We have a meeting with our hydrogeologist, Gary Eichler, and another fellow that is really strong with aquifer storage and recovery wells, etc. As far as he knows, the conventional gravel packed screen well is the ticket to get it to produce.

Mayor Netts - When Florida Water owned this utility they did minimum maintenance he is sure; if we had not acquired it, the purchaser would have come across these problems also.

10 [15-459](#)

RESOLUTION 2015-XX APPROVING A WORK ORDER TO CONNECT CONSULTING, INC., FOR THE REHABILITATION OF WELL SW-31 FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$41,000.00

This item was discussed under Item 10.

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item.

VM McGuire - Why 20 sets? Mr. Landon - This is our schedule; they have a shelf life.

VM McGuire - They have a shelf life if you don't use them? Deputy Fire Chief Gerard Forte - Yes, they have a 5-year shelf life; this year we are replacing 15 sets for the

lieutenants. He expressed they were all tested.

VM McGuire - What do you do with the old ones? Dep. Chief Forte - Good for a backup and for volunteers for training; they reach a point of wear in the interior lining.

CM Shipley stated she called the national fire protection association and they told her the life expectancy is 10 years; then she called the company we are buying them from and asked them and said that their life expectancy on their equipment is also 10 years, etc. Dep. Chief Forte - 5 years active, 5 years volunteers; by the end of the first 5 years they are pretty worn, due to washing them often to keep off carcinogens; 10-year point they go.

VM McGuire - We are piggybacking Orange County, Flagler County wasn't interested? Dep. Chief Forte - We don't know, this was the best price that we could find.

VM McGuire - What if a frontline firefighter puts on gear that is older than 5 years old? Dep. Chief Forte - Usually in the leg area, they can experience a burn through the worn areas; thinning thermal barrier.

11 [15-469](#)

RESOLUTION 2015-XX APPROVING PIGGYBACKING THE CONTRACT BETWEEN FISHER SAFETY AND ORANGE COUNTY TO PURCHASE 20 SETS OF PROTECTIVE FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

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12 [15-475](#)

RESOLUTION 2015-XX APPROVING A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 RELATING TO CITY COUNCIL TRAVEL AND TRAINING EXPENSES

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item.

VM McGuire - Is this in the general fund? Mr. Landon - Yes.

VM McGuire - So, it is paid by ad valorem taxes? Mr. Landon - Yes.

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F. DISCUSSION BY CITY COUNCIL OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

CM DeLorenzo - He was told right around the time we did the Florida Park closure to run the pipe to the park and at the same time he was told (he did not experience this) because of the pavement on Palm Coast Pkwy. you also couldn't make a left turn onto Old Kings Rd. north so if you lived in the "F" section you couldn't get there, so if we could please pay attention to that. Mr. Landon expressed we probably should have done a better job of coordinating; hopefully, won't happen again for 20 years.

CM Nobile - He had a couple of people ask him about the Lehigh Trail and Old Town Center Blvd. and Old Kings; people park in that little area and there is no guardrail over there; is that a legitimate parking area? Mr. Landon - No, we are designing a (traffic) signal at that location and because if you come off of Town Center Blvd., because that is not a legitimate parking area and because you don't have a driveway, etc., when we put that up we are going to have to block that off. It is intended to be a T-intersection. We are going to have to eliminate that makeshift parking area.

CM Nobile stated he witnessed that someone lost their bicycle down the embankment while trying to put it in their trunk.

CM Nobile is getting a lot of chatter in the community with regards to safer streets and was wondering if CM DeLorenzo could give an update from the team. CM DeLorenzo - Our staff and School District staff were talking about putting together a strategic plan to evaluate some of those things. The two staffs are working together. The City is looking for a little more data from the School District. The School District is working on the education part, so they are going to be engaging the students of the problem solver groups and to work on peer-to-peer education, student-to-student education. We kind of have the engineering side of it. Also, the Sheriff's office is involved with the enforcement side.

CM Nobile - So what is the engineering component, what are we looking at doing?

CM DeLorenzo - Getting the kids off the streets and onto existing driveways or something that is already in place. Possibly, meeting with citizens themselves. The School District says that doesn't always work (driveways); sometimes they take up a little more room than the homeowner would like.

CM Nobile - The other 2 issues: one is the driving in school zones; he drives up through Belle Terre during school hours and there are always cars speeding through the school zone while the light is flashing. CM DeLorenzo expressed he drives that route daily as long as the southern school zone by Wadsworth as well; he has seen it also once a week; enforcement is really hard. CM Nobile was wondering if there is a plan to get more police presence. Sr. Commander Carman - Each motor officer is assigned a school. CM Nobile - The other issue is passing school buses when they are stopped to pick up kids. Sr. Commander Carman stated they can't cite them if they didn't see it, but they could go to their house and have a discussion with them

and also follow the school bus.

CM DeLorenzo - The technology is there at an incredible capital expense. Mr. Landon - School bus camera citations; expensive; highly unlikely to happen in Florida due to red light cameras, etc.; can't do without State authorization.

Mayor Netts - In the past, he has seen kids spilling out into the streets at the bus stops on Florida Park Dr. In the last 2 months, he has seen parents at the bus stops and with the adult there it makes a difference; on the driveway. Second point, at one time the City of Palm Bay used their volunteers and put them out with a radar gun and clock a car; no enforcement per se except for a letter informing the owner of the car saying that they were observed speeding and had a deputy been present you could have received a ticket for x amount of dollars, please drive safely. It is helpful to know someone is watching. When the signs for the red light cameras were up, people slowed down. When the police with flashing lights are around, people slow down. He suggests that Council Members contact their representatives and suggest school bus cameras make sense, even if it is not enforced and just send a nasty letter.

CM Nobile - That is the bus stops and the school bus, we also have the issue with a lot of speeding and reckless driving in our communities and that is a tough one. If we could put together some kind of method for people who have reckless drivers in their community to call in, and then maybe putting in one of those devices that snaps a photo and takes their speed and get involved with warnings, etc. Sr. Commander Carman - We do work with the City closely, we get so many complaints instead of us just sending a deputy out a lot of times people misjudge speeds. He expressed it is difficult to judge speeds. He will call Mr. Abreu and have City staff put out the speed trailer right away; gives data; doesn't take pictures, but gives how many vehicles, what time of day. Once they get the data, they send it to the traffic sergeant and he will go out there at the times indicated, etc.

CM DeLorenzo - He spoke to Sean Castello last week about Blair Castle Dr. and asked that Mr. Castello get that data also for Blair Castle Dr. to see if something has changed.

VM McGuire asked about the speeds (15 mph) coming into City Hall from the feeder roads; he suggested that maybe our traffic engineer, Sean Castello, or his team look into it and conduct a study.

Mayor Netts - Do we set those speed limits? Mr. Landon - It was originally done by the development district, but they are now our streets and he has already asked Sean Castello to take a look at it.

VM McGuire - He has been to so many hearings over the last 5 years where people have got caught violating things (regarding driving issues); what he comes away with is that people want the law enforced to everyone but them. If people are breaking the law, unless you make it painful for them they are going to keep doing it.

CM Nobile - The roads on the Town Center Blvd. at the intersections, what are those? Mr. Landon - They are speed bumps intended to slow traffic down. The 15 mph zones are where the parked cars are backing up into the street. It makes sense near the movie theatre but outside of that area it doesn't really make sense. We will take a look at it.

Mayor Netts - The initial PowerPoint presentation of the development of Town Center; it made sense then when it was designed and the concept of a walking

community; maybe in the interim we can make adjustments.

CM Shipley - Over the weekend she went to a garage sale that was being run by one of the people running the feral cat program. She wants to know if it is going to be done during this year. Mr. Landon - We are done with our part; it is scheduled for Council workshop 12/8/15; if that goes well, it will move onto 12/15/15 business meeting. She knows it is a money issue also, with the money paid to the Humane Society, etc.

CM Shipley - Pay raises for City Council, touchy because it is hard to give yourself a raise. The government says you will be penalized if you don't have any health insurance; she would like Council to be able to get health insurance instead of a raise; just like City employees. She doesn't know if it is an ordinance or resolution change. Also, get raises according to what the State gives - cost of living raise; at least to get a percentage raise every year.

CM Nobile - Does it vary? Mr. Landon - We adjust the pay scale annually, there is a merit raise. He thought there was a formula the State has. CM Nobile suggested that City Council gets 70% of what the Flagler County Commission gets (due to population is 70% of the County) and be allowed to participate a lot more in the things that need to be done. It is a full time job, he probably puts in the least amount of time, but he puts in at least 30 hours a week.

VM McGuire doesn't feel strongly about his rate of pay. He doesn't want to lose money because he is living on a fixed income. He doesn't want to dip into his Social Security to finance his activities on behalf of the City, so from that standpoint he would want to be compensated in kind or . . . He thinks if he has to leave the City of Palm Coast and go somewhere and conduct business that is valuable to the City he should be able to use a City vehicle. He thinks he should be issued a City cell phone for City business. As far as health insurance, he would like something for his wife but he is on Medicare and Medicare supplements. So, it isn't hurting him financially to do his job but he is cutting it close. CM Nobile - We are sitting here today because we have the opportunity to, none of us would be able to leave our job and serve and that just cuts down the candidate pool maybe. CM Shipley - She doesn't think people were happy with that idea (salary increase) and she is always trying to make the middle ground but compensation as far as a benefits package, whether it be health insurance, life insurance; it does have a value. She would love to make more money but she wants to do what is comfortable to the people too. VM McGuire - If you ran for this office and you said you were going to be fiscally conservative and do your best to keep taxes low as he did; then to participate in any type of compensation over and above what he is already getting, would come out of the ad valorem taxes and it would be to say - just kidding. CM Shipley - She does not believe that, so you make \$9,600 you can't say that is going to be it for the rest of the time the City of Palm Coast is going to be around. Mayor Netts - The truth is, if the cost of living goes up every year and you don't get more money, you are losing money. The City Council salaries were raised once since incorporated. CM Nobile sees this as volunteering or service; everyone should get paid for their time serving but you don't want to get rich off of it.

Mayor Netts asked the City Attorney as to process. Attorney Reischmann read from the Charter; it is to be established by ordinance; such compensation shall not take effect until the date of commencement of the terms of Council Members elected at the next regularly scheduled election that follows the adoption of said ordinance by at least 6 months. So by Charter, it would be some time in the future.

CM DeLorenzo - We need more information; salary is easy math; he would like to see

more information about benefits with dollars and cents amounts. We get allowance for our cell phone; he doesn't want to carry another phone. Mr. Chris Quinn, Finance Director - There is an amount each pay period for phones/communication \$50 a month. Council also receives a monthly mileage allowance of \$100. Council can submit mileage receipts and then it would be considered reimbursable mileage; if not Council will be taxed on it.

Mayor Netts reminded Council regarding the public records laws and if you use your personal phone (or computer) for City business they may be producible under the public records law. If he gets an email (or text) from a resident, he forwards it to the City account so the permanent record is maintained.

Mayor Netts - What is the cumulative increase or decrease of the cost of living - CPI (consumer price index); what would the result have been?

G. DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Attorney Reischmann handed out Sec. 10 - General Provisions of the Charter. The language has been added and is reflected in Municode.

CM Nobile - Is there no reference in there? Attorney Reischmann - We can ask Municode for a footnote.

H. DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Tomorrow (11/11/15) is Veterans Day, offices will be closed; ceremony at Heroes Park will be 8:00 a.m.

VM McGuire - What about essential services? Mr. Landon - Emergency services, Utility are obviously 24/7; Parks & Recreation probably has some things going on that has been scheduled.

Holiday schedule: from now until 12/15/15 (second business meeting of the month) there are no changes to the City Council meeting schedule. Second workshop in December would be between Christmas and New Year's and we always cancel that; then the associated business meeting which will be the first business meeting in January 2016 is also tentatively plan on not holding that meeting unless something comes up and we have to; so keep the first Tuesday in January open but we hope to not hold that meeting either as part of our holiday schedule.

I. CITY COUNCIL TRAINING ON NEW EQUIPMENT

Short break at 11:33 a.m. then the Council Members received training on the new equipment in the City Council Chambers.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m. Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Redline

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