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Meeting Minutes City Council Workshop

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

Tuesday, July 12, 2016

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.

Mayor Netts asked for a moment of silence to remember the recent tragic shootings of police officers and citizens; let us remember those victims and those families and lets use our best efforts to see that this kind of needless murder ceases.

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

D. PRESENTATIONS

1 [16-266](#) PRESENTATION - 2017 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item. Mr. Beau Falgout, Administrative Services and Economic Development Director, gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached to these minutes).

CM DeLorenzo - Enhance Water and Wastewater Funding - He would like to see in

background a dollar amount to regulatory costs because it is staggering. The ZLD (zero liquid discharge) was almost \$12 mil.; other projects that were not capacity related but regulatory related. He would like to see that number in there (priority list). That is the real world effect of what they are doing. He is comfortable with the rest of the list.

CM Nobile - Improve Access and Efficiency of EMS (emergency medical service) - We are going for the certificate for public conveyance. What are the standards for service laid out by the State? Mr. Landon - He believes that the certificate is in control of each county commission. Mayor Netts believes there are no minimum standards. He is not sure if he wants the City to take over its own ambulance service but he wants some more negotiation leverage with the County.

CM Nobile - He is in favor of this if used in the sense that the Mayor just stated, leverage to make sure that the level of service that we are getting from the County meets what we feel is . . . Mr. Landon - This does not require the County to give the certificate; it is a matter of trying to make sure that they can't just ignore the process, etc.

CM McGuire - Statewide Civil Citation for Marijuana - He doesn't think that is in the best interest of our citizenry. Either it's legal or it's not legal. He doesn't agree with civil citations. He supports the idea of a Statewide citation for marijuana; he does not believe it should be a civil citation. CM Nobile agrees with CM McGuire. The referendum failed and now it seems we are trying to circumvent the laws that couldn't get passed through the proper measures. Mayor Netts agrees; let the legislature, which creates the laws; let them do something uniform, Statewide. It's confusing to law enforcement, users, to the citizens looking at this. Mr. Falgout offered a suggestion, he doesn't know how the State would deal with it; remove the words "civil citation" (from the priority).

Attorney Reischmann - They are creating an additional option for the imposition of a penalty; an option to the police officer instead of arresting the possessor of marijuana it is giving the police officer or sheriff the opportunity to issue a civil citation in lieu of an arrest misdemeanor or felony.

Mayor Netts mentioned there is a meeting in the morning of 7/13/16 of the coordinating committee as a whole where they will take whatever Commissioner Revels has compiled to consider a recommendation. He believes that whatever we do, we ought to do Countywide.

CM DeLorenzo - Maybe we can just state this in a different way, that we are asking the State for clarification; is what they are doing, does it fit under the State framework or not? So we have a better understanding so maybe they will take action either way. CM McGuire - The State legislature makes the laws, we don't. He doesn't want to be part of trying to tip toe around this some way or another. VM Shipley feels they are looking for what counties and cities want; she thinks we need to give input. CM Nobile - This is a Federal issue, we are attacking this problem . . . Mayor Netts - From the bottom up. For clarification, nobody other than the State legislature has the ability to make the use or possession of marijuana legal. What we are talking about is what is the penalty.

Attorney Reischmann - The issue is the confusion and the gray area between the civil system and the criminal system. Right now from a state standpoint, if you are caught with possession of some level of marijuana, then the police officer, the sheriff's officer has had one option to make an arrest or not make an arrest and once you make an arrest, you are in the criminal system. If it is the first incident with the criminal justice

system, it won't get before a judge; plea bargain, etc. The civil system is very different, the only way it would get to a judge in the civil system is if you are issued a civil citation and then there would be an ability to appeal the issuance of the civil citation. The penalty is completely different. In a civil citation what your penalty is, is money; nothing permanent other than the record that you paid a fine. Whereas if you were arrested and either plea bargained or convicted, you are going to have a record and there are consequences in the United States of America of having a criminal record. That is one of the reasons behind this issue and civil citations; whether you agree or not that is a major part of why this is moving forward. Is the impact/consequence of having a criminal record appropriate for this type of behavior?

Mayor Netts believes as a result of the 7/13/16 meeting there will be a draft ordinance of some sort that will go to the County Commission for consideration. If the County passes it, the document will be given to the 5 cities to either approve or disapprove.

Mr. Landon - Since there is a difference of opinion, we will bring it back to Council next week to take formal action. Mayor Netts - After tomorrow, we may have a specific document that the County is being asked to consider.

The Presentation was Received and Filed.

2 [16-253](#)

PRESENTATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 PRELIMINARY GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND PROPOSED MILLAGE RATES

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item. Mr. Christopher Quinn, Finance Director, and Ms. Lina Williams, Budget Analyst, gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached to these minutes).

>Proposed Personnel Changes slide:

CM McGuire - No other pay plan changes are proposed, that doesn't mean that wages are frozen? Mr. Landon - No, merit increases are happening and pay plan schedule is going to be more reflective of the market; those are the only changes.

CM McGuire - Why are you moving positions; what does that get us? Mr. Landon - The two custodians; our proposal is to put them in streets and have a private contractor perform that night work. We have found because they can't really do it during the day, it is actually cheaper.

CM McGuire - They are in Public Works now? Mr. Landon - Yes.

>General Fund Summary slide:

CM McGuire - General fund personnel, if the Council were to say no you can't have 7 additional persons, would the fund be required to be the same because you have to work overtime to do this job? Mr. Landon - It depends on which ones; equipment operators and maintenance workers yes it would be the same. The chief accountant would be salary and we have 1 accountant, CPA Chris Quinn and he can work 20 hours a day and our cost is the same. This is adding capacity, where we have 1 person that can only do certain things is not a good idea. We have been talking about this for quite some time; succession planning. As auditors have said, having one person doing one thing, and only that person, is not a good idea. We continue to extend people's purviews/tasks.

CM Nobile - The 7 (FTE-full time employees), does that include 2 interns? Ms. Williams - The 7 includes the transfers as well as the 5 new positions. Mr. Landon - It does not include any interns.

CM DeLorenzo - Of this almost 5% change, how much of it is related to pay raise or

in dollar amount? Mr. Quinn - He doesn't know off the top of his head but in the past it was somewhere between \$100,000-\$200,000.

>Fund Balance Results - Fiscal Year 2015 slide:

CM McGuire - Once you take \$500,000 out of this what happens to the rest? Mr. Quinn - It stays in the general fund; it is invested.

CM DeLorenzo - Does this allow us to get us through the gap between the new fiscal year and when property taxes start coming in? Mr. Quinn - Yes.

>Administration slide:

CM McGuire - When you say economic development, are you talking about the Business Assistance Center (BAC)? Ms. Williams - Not specifically the BAC, but the payout to UCF; BAC fund that tracks the specific costs for training, etc., that is not included in here but the Buxton contract is included in here and the high tech initiatives for next year as well.

CM McGuire - UCF, his understanding is the cost of the BAC, they actually administer it and for that we pay half the costs, is that correct? Mr. Landon - Yes, basically we give them a grant and then they hire the people; we have a contract with them.

Mayor Netts - The 1 FTE, is that the chief accountant? Ms. Williams - Yes.

CM Nobile - Does that include increases in salaries? Ms. Williams Yes. Mr. Landon - The majority is increases in salaries.

CM DeLorenzo asked if the detailed budget will be on the website. Mr. Quinn - We can certainly put it out there.

>City Council slide:

CM Nobile - Does that take into account 3 new Council Members? Ms. Williams - It takes into account some additional training and membership costs.

CM DeLorenzo - National League of Cities, who is participating in that? Mr. Landon - We are a member but since he has been with the City no one has ever gone to any of their functions.

CM DeLorenzo - Do we need to continue to be a member? Mayor Netts - Their function is on a Federal level, what they do supports us and all global municipalities. What he found when they used to attend their functions, their issues were so global that they didn't really seem relevant to what we were dealing with. He supports to continue our membership but not active participation of attendance in their programs.

Communications & Marketing slide:

CM DeLorenzo - Is that the branding team advertising and promotions, what are we doing for that \$20,000? Ms. Cindi Lane, Communications and Marketing Manager - The money we spend on branding directly supports the performance measures that we have to brand City facilities and to run a brand campaign. So, some of the money would be advertising, promotional materials, postcards, signage at City facilities (pool, Ralph Carter park). Mr. Landon - Newsletter, disaster preparedness guide; a variety of publications that also come out of this budget; economic development and we moved it to this budget.

CM McGuire - What is the headcount? Ms. Cindi Lane - 3.

CM McGuire asked about the disaster preparedness guide which has sponsorship revenue of \$8,000, what does that mean? Ms. Lane - We have been partnering with Flagler County and the City of Flagler Beach for the disaster preparedness guide. We have been doing it every other year with on the off years if we need to reprint; we just reprint what we have. Thankfully, this year we did not need to reprint. We ordered enough quantity last year, but next year we will need to update the guide and it runs through our division and then Flagler County and the City of Flagler Beach contribute to the project in equal amount as we do and then we ask for sponsors from businesses so they have an actual ad in the guide and that offsets most of the cost so that money comes back into the general fund.

CM McGuire - So, it is printing and distribution? Ms. Lane - It is mostly design and printing. We distribute it ourselves. Mr. Landon - This coming year includes \$11,000 extra year because we do it every other year but out of that \$11,000 we get reimbursed \$8,000 so the disaster guide really only costs us \$3,000 but the \$11,000 is part of that increase because it wasn't in the current year.

CM DeLorenzo - Does the disaster guide help us with our FEMA CRS (community rating system - flood insurance)? Ms. Lane - It does have a flood section, designed for before, during and after a storm. It was improved in the last issue to help us with that.

CM Nobile - What is the increase for personnel? Mr. Landon 11%. Ms. Williams - No additional positions in this division; the increase is related to the annual adjustment and merit pay fund.

CM Nobile - \$30,000 for 3 people; that doesn't sound like a lot? Mr. Quinn - It includes all benefits and taxes too which come to about 40%.

CM McGuire - This doesn't include any equipment, like communications, sound systems? Mr. Quinn - If they had to buy some small equipment it would be in here.

CM Nobile - Actually it is just salary, \$27,800 on 3 people.

>Purchasing & Contracts Management slide:

CM McGuire - The headcount here is? Ms. Williams - 4.

CM DeLorenzo - Salaries are actually down here (\$5,000) but the health insurance is up significantly (\$12,000) is that related to the change of employee? Ms. Williams - The salary yes, the health insurance she is not positive about. Mr. Landon - Had a change, long term employee so he was higher in pay scale and the new employee has a family, former employee was single.

CM Nobile - Communications - He wants to see breakdown of employees' increases. Ms. Williams will send.

>City Clerk's Office slide:

CM McGuire - Election year, what does that mean budgeted for election costs? Mr. Quinn - Typically, when it is an election year we have been putting \$15,000 aside, because if anything Palm Coast does adds additional pages to the ballot we have to pick up those costs but we don't know in advance.

CM McGuire - What about the cost of the City Clerk going to the canvassing board meetings and expenses involved there, is that part of this? Mr. Quinn - Yes.

CM Nobile - When we do IT&C (Information Technology & Communications)

allocation and liability, how do we determine the department's allocation? Mr. Quinn - With the IT&C allocation, what we do we take the IT expenses and directly charge each department for something that they primarily use. So, if there is a piece of software that IT pays an annual maintenance fee for and it's really used by the City Clerk's office, the City Clerk's office is charged for that. Once all the direct costs are allocated to the department, the rest of the IT costs which are the general upkeep and maintenance of the whole system is divided throughout the entire City based on number of employees in that division.

CM Nobile - Same for insurance and liability? Mr. Quinn - Insurance is allocated based on budgetary levels; amount budgeted. Auto insurance is based on actual number of vehicles the department uses.

CM Nobile - So, from a general fund perspective, what is our percentage of personnel? Mr. Quinn - About half. Ms. Williams - 234.

>City Attorney slide:

CM Nobile - What are the salaries for attorneys budget go to? Ms. Williams - The salaries include half of Virginia's (Virginia Smith, City Clerk/Paralegal) salary is in this budget.

CM McGuire - A lot of people don't understand that we don't have a City Attorney, we have a firm that the City Attorney works for that represents us that includes 3 or 4 attorneys? Attorney Reischmann - If you look at monthly retainer (\$25,000-\$26,000) statement, you will see that a lot of times there are 7 or 8 attorneys that provide legal services because of the different fields of expertise that they have and the legal needs that the City has - Planning Board, Code Board, experts in labor, etc.

CM Nobile - Do we anticipate any above expenses like litigation that doesn't fall under (retainer) or exceeds? Mr. Landon - That figure includes anticipated costs, etc. Attorney Reischmann - There are different types of litigation. If there is a claim against the City and they are calling for damages, that will almost always be covered under the City's insurance, Florida League of Cities (FLC) so that is covered by the policy premium the City of Palm Coast pays; like any type of insurance. There can be certain types of lawsuits that are not covered under the policy of insurance which in our case if our office defended those that would be an expense. So, in answer to the question, yes the best you can do is try to anticipate what that litigation is. Mr. Landon - We always come in under \$400,000; we are estimating high just in case.

VM Shipley - When a settlement is paid out, does it come out of this also? Attorney Reischmann - No.

>Human Resources slide:

CM McGuire - What is the headcount there? Ms. Williams - 5.

>Economic Development slide:

CM McGuire - That is Buxton (referring to the \$75,000 towards high tech)? Mr. Quinn - This is a new Council priority/strategic action plan item - to bring high tech firms to Palm Coast. Ms. Williams - This budget does include Buxton.

CM McGuire - How do we put \$75,000 towards a high tech initiative and the change in budget is only \$15,000? Ms. Williams - We included the \$75,000 for economic initiatives each year for the last several years.

CM DeLorenzo asked about the \$15,000-\$16,000 change in budget. Mr. Landon - Beau's promotion is reflected in these budget numbers.

>Construction Management & Engineering slide:

CM DeLorenzo - This division manages our projects, right? Mr. Landon - Yes, but not all construction inspections.

CM DeLorenzo - So, this (additional) inspector will also assist with private site work inspections? Mr. Steven Flanagan, Community Development Director - They do all the commercial site development inspections and we also have the other inspectors that do swale inspections and right of way inspections as well. This person would be more geared towards capital inspection of our own projects as well as the private side commercial site development.

CM McGuire - How are you doing it now? Mr. Landon - We are not out there as often as we should be.

CM McGuire - What is not getting done correctly that justifies 2 more people being put on the payroll? CM DeLorenzo - There has been an increase in home building 25% so they have to survey each swale to determine where the culvert pipe goes. Mr. Landon reminded Council of the presentation about PEP (pretreatment effluent pump) systems and how inspectors were spread thin and needed inspections were not getting done timely and the problems that arose later.

Mayor Netts - There is no impact on the budget until you shift the traffic engineer from Planning, what is the rationale? Mr. Landon - He is actually an engineer; he does some of the transportation and planning but this is a better fit with the functions.

CM DeLorenzo - Was that position funded from a different pot of money? Ms. Williams - No, moving from one general fund division to another.

CM Nobile - What is existing salaries and wages? Ms. Williams - Any time we have a new position being requested or a transfer position into a division, she tries to break it out on that budget worksheet this is what it would have been (on the detailed worksheet).

>Planning slide:

CM DeLorenzo asked about the detail for the new position. Ms. Williams - She adjusted it this morning.

CM DeLorenzo - An additional landscape architect, what do we have 1 now? Mr. Landon - Yes, Mr. Bill Butler, Landscape Architect, has things that only he does but he is going to retire a couple of years from now. A lot of field work versus design in-house. This position is going to be more field inspections and now is a good time also because of new landscape code. So we are trying to plan for all that to come together.

CM DeLorenzo - Is this development driven? Mr. Landon - Development driven, complaint driven.

VM Shipley - Has this person already been put in this position? Mr. Landon - No, not yet.

CM McGuire - Do you have a job description? Mr. Landon - He doesn't know yet.

CM McGuire - Will he be doing the same thing as Bill Butler does? Mr. Landon - Eventually, but right now the goal is more of the construction end; more inspections; Bill Butler will still do more of design.

>Code Enforcement slide:

CM McGuire - What impact has the number of red light camera citations had on Code Enforcement? Mr. Landon - He hasn't heard of any impact. Now we review all of them; it is not a full time job, it is a part time job for a code officer that does other things.

CM McGuire - Is the hearing officer in this budget? Mr. Quinn - The revenues and expenses for the red light camera program are in the streets improvement fund because any net was being used for street safety improvements.

>Law Enforcement slide:

CM McGuire - How does he determine what his manpower needs are with the population increasing and is that reflected in this budget? Mr. Landon - This keeps the same number of deputies that we are paying for, the rest you would have to ask Sheriff Manfre and his staff. CM DeLorenzo - It would be part of the County budget.

CM Nobile - The determination of what we should be paying for and what we should have from the County services and how that is determined; he can't nail down how that is determined and what we are paying above and beyond that. He wants to be sure that what we are paying for is extra. Mr. Landon gave a little background, initially it was the traffic unit 10-15 years ago it was all about the traffic; a lot of street improvements, signal improvements and City Council at that time said we needed deputies out on the street doing traffic control; speeders, red light runners, etc., and we are willing to pay for that patrol or specific function. Then we had the crash in the economy and the Sheriff at that time wanted more money because the County Commissioners were cutting budgets. Then it became a lot more blended as this overall law enforcement service and how much should Palm Coast be paying for additional level then if we just had strictly a County budget for law enforcement. That question is impossible to answer.

CM Nobile - We have fair equity in this. Mr. Landon assured that we are getting additional service. Mayor Netts - If we didn't pay for additional it would potentially be additional traffic, additional traffic issues; the County would increase its budget perhaps, etc. We have had a Sheriff that said we shouldn't have to pay because the Sheriff has worked out resources based on need. Mr. Quinn - Some of the other things the County taxes go to is the Jail, correction officers, detectives, things like that are not specific to our contract and trying to put your finger on whether or not we are getting our fair share is not always easy.

CM Nobile - He would like to see more visibility of police officers in our community.

VM Shipley - Do other cities have the same thing, sections they cover? CM McGuire - Yes, but their sections are different from our sections. Mr. Landon - Yes, very common and then they will supervisor levels over that. Mayor Netts - The popular term is neighborhood policing; if you are in the same area all the time you get to know who the bad guys are, etc.

>Parks & Recreation slide:

CM McGuire - Are we going to keep the headcount as it has been? Mr. Landon - Yes, for this fiscal year.

>Park Facilities slide:

CM McGuire - No new positions? Ms. Williams - No.

>Streets slide:

Mayor Netts - The current facility maintenance individuals, do they have the skill sets necessary to be part of the streets crew? Mr. Landon - They may not be the actual people moved to that particular crew; they will move people around. Mr. Nestor Abreu, Public Works Director - The individual that will be the crew lead, is currently the crew lead in the custodial; he comes out of that group. He will be able to train 2 new ones.

CM DeLorenzo - There is a big change in personnel services here; what is the total FTE? Ms. Williams - 50, increasing to 53. Mr. Landon - This was one of the budgets that was impacted significantly by the adjustment in our pay scale of this year; we made some mid-year adjustments.

CM Nobile - What is the significant increase in the health insurance in all divisions? Mr. Quinn - Health insurance runs on a calendar year basis; right now we are having a great year in the health insurance fund. We are self-insured, so if it is a bad year all departments have to pay extra to make up for it. He factored in a 5% increase because he doesn't know at this point. If it comes in less, we really won't know until we get the actuarial information probably October/November. The actual costs might be less the next year but he has to factor in a reasonable increase.

CM McGuire - Are these union people? Mr. Landon - Majority, yes.

CM McGuire - Union contractual requirements have all been . . .? Mr. Landon - Negotiations were finished and voted for allocation today and tomorrow so we have taken that into consideration.

>General Fund Revenue Projections slide:

Mayor Netts - Why the big decrease in fines and forfeitures? Mr. Quinn - A lot of that has to do with what we did with the public nuisance amounts going on the tax bill. The preliminary number was always something like \$60,000. It was much more than that, it was in the 100's of thousands of dollars. When the economy improves, the Code Enforcement fines and fees go down in theory property taxes go up and development fees and charges for services go up.

CM McGuire - The 2017 based on proposed TRIM Rate, is that proposed by Jay Gardner's office (Property Appraiser)? Mr. Quinn - Jay Gardner provides the taxable value. The TRIM Rate is proposed by us.

CM Nobile - Licenses and Permits, why did that go down? VM Shipley - Is that the changes we just made with differences in charging for things? Mr. Landon - That is in the Building fund. Mr. Quinn - It is not Business Tax; there are many, many line items in this he will have to look specifically what that is.

>Capital Project Fund Projections slide:

CM McGuire - The Seminole Woods path, isn't that better than half done? Mr. Landon - Yes, it's more than Seminole Woods it also the Citation/Sesame loop that goes into that so that is part of it. CM DeLorenzo - Plus there are grant dollars here; this is just the expense.

CM McGuire - The only thing he would like to change on the list is Fire Station #22; he thinks we ought to look at replacing it somewhere down the line. What we are doing now is putting a bandaid on it to try to make some more living space. We are going to have to get serious about replacing the fire station; it needs to be in our fund projections.

CM DeLorenzo - What does the fire and impact fee fund look like? Mr. Quinn -

\$300,000-\$400,000; some of it could be used there.

Mr. Quinn presented the active "Preliminary Taxable Value 201 - July 1" Excel worksheet (attached to these minutes) and demonstrated the different effects of different millage rates, etc., and Council discussed.

CM DeLorenzo - There has been a lot of discussion about a dedicated senior center; his suggestion would be once the community center renovation is complete, and after a year the future Council will have an opportunity to evaluate how the community center is operating as a senior center and if there is still a need; push out the Long's Creek, etc., to the future. CM Nobile - And at that point though we will probably need another community center.

CM DeLorenzo - We should probably consider changing the kitchen in the community center. Mr. Landon - The design is complete now; doesn't mean we can't change but it may cause a delay. CM Nobile would not like to see a delay with the community center.

CM DeLorenzo - He knows the timing isn't the best, but if we are serious that we think that the improved community center can be a senior center the considerations for the kitchen and how it will operate within what is expected from a true senior center. Mr. Landon - Food services (food preparation) was not contemplated in this design.

>2017 Maximum Millage Rate Proposal slide:

Mr. Quinn expressed at this point we are going to bring forward the flat millage rate 4.2450 and that can be whittled down from this point forward.

CM DeLorenzo - Increasing the millage rate to fund the gap in stormwater, what is the effect on residential and commercial or raising the stormwater fee? Mayor Netts - Which is the most equitable? Mr. Quinn - We can come up with those numbers.

CM DeLorenzo - Maybe there is an opportunity to alleviate some of the pressure on the residents and put a little bit more on commercial. Mr. Landon - We will add that to the presentation for next week.

(VM Shipley left the meeting at 11:20 a.m.)

>Looking Ahead slide:

Mr. Quinn suggested the flat rate (4.2450 and Council can go down from there). Mr. Landon - Council must set trim rate by August 2, 2016.

The Presentation was Received and Filed.

E. WRITTEN ITEMS

3 [16-231](#) RESOLUTION 2016 XX APPROVING THE PRICE AGREEMENT WITH ALPHA GENERAL SERVICES, INC., FOR PEP SYSTEM REPLACEMENT PUMPS

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item.

No comments.

The Resolution was Continued.

- 4 [16-263](#) RESOLUTION 2016-XX APPROVING BUDGETED PURCHASES FOR TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT, MAINTENANCE AND LICENSING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016

Mr. Landon gave a brief overview of this item.

No comments.

The Resolution was Continued.

F. 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 topics on the workshop agenda or any topic or proposition not on the agenda, 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.

Jack Carall - Boos is going to build 12,000 homes along the I-95 corridor; we are going to build 267 more buildings? Where are we going to get our water from? We are getting orange and brown pollution coming in; somewhere along the line it is going to affect our drinking water. Eventually, we are going to run out of water, we will have to ration or water will become so expensive . . . Where are we going to get water 10-20 years from now? Moratorium on building or find something to clean up this pollution.

Robert MacDonald - Last week at the public meeting, there was concern about a homeless individual that was living on a bench across from the fire house. If we keep clearing out these wooded areas, what is going to happen to these tent cities and how many of them are there? What are we going to do about the homeless? We have to protect these people too, they have rights too.

Responses:

Mayor Netts - Every drop of water is owned by the State of Florida and its use is regulated by the Water Management Districts. The Water Management District has instituted several water resource recovery plans, several plans that will increase the amount of water but ultimately it would appear that game plan is to issue consumptive use permits as long as their metrics show there is water left available. You're right, you can't continue that forever and at one point we talked about desalination and had the growth in our region continued, he thinks you would have seen a plant but growth didn't continue and the concept of desalination was dropped. Water is certainly the critical resource for growth in Florida. We have sufficient resources for our anticipated growth; we have thousands and thousands of acres west of US1 that are in the City that are potentially water resources, but at some point we are going to run out of cheap water. It is something future Councils and Water Management Districts are going to have to deal with.

Mayor Netts - Do we know how many homeless there are? Mr. Landon - He knows the Sheriff's Office has been paying attention to where they are located and how many people; they would know.

Mayor Netts expressed wherever the homeless are located they are in need of some emotional, psychological, economical support. It is something that we are going to have to deal with as a city and a county.

CM McGuire said he has gone out and taken some tours over the last couple of years with Commander Carman and observed the homeless people. The issue is they are not breaking any laws, you can't make them go away; the people in their neighborhoods often times come by and feed them and you can't compel them to go somewhere like a shelter if they don't want to go.

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

No comments.

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

No comments.

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

Annual Principals luncheon at noon at the community center this Friday, 7/15. It would be appreciated if Council could attend; good cooperation between the City and School District. We are going to highlight our internship program and partnership, etc.

Food Truck Tuesday a week from tonight, 7/19.

7/23 Tour de Palm Coast - our annual bicycle tour, 6.5 miles; Linear to Linear. CM McGuire has volunteered to help

Lacrosse at Wadsworth Park and at Indian Trails we had flag football last weekend.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Redline*

Calendar and Worksheet

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