



**City of Palm Coast**  
**Agenda**  
City Council Business  
MINUTES

City Hall  
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**Mayor Milissa Holland**  
**Vice Mayor Steven Nobile**  
**Council Member Robert G. Cuff**  
**Council Member Nick Klufas**  
**Council Member Heidi Shipley**

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Tuesday, October 3, 2017

6:00 PM

Community Wing

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**City Staff**

**Jim Landon, City Manager**

**William Reischmann, City Attorney**

**Virginia A. Smith, City Clerk**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Holland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Mayor Holland led the pledge.

**C. ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Virginia Smith called the roll. All members were present.

**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 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

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

George Mayo-The last meeting ended, it was announced that the public can make comments either before the meeting or at the end of the meeting. He would like the Council to open it to everyone at the end of the meeting to everyone again because he had questions at the end of the last meeting. He was wondering if the City would be asking our lobbyist to get more money back for our school boards.

Gretchen Smith, Flagler County Chamber applauds Palm Coast's action to hire a consultant to find better ways to capitalize optical fiber network.

Robert MacDonald- He was concerned about the budgeted numbers for various amenities the City is budgeting regarding the signage entering the City. He expressed his appreciation for Chris Quinn's and gave him accolades before his departure.

Steve Carr-Elders update email to Council regarding Senior Centers. He spoke of the health issues he believed would develop from traffic on Florida Park Drive.

Mark Berta was not in favor of spending extra money for signage. He also complained about trash pickup.

Jimmy Millhollin-Echo's Gretchen's comments relating to the RFP for FiberNet. Please do not forget that these people will also need housing.

Elizabeth Robinson, Community Cats of Palm Coast, was not in favor of moving the cat colony in Linear Park.

Angie Pascucci was not in favor of moving the cat colony in Linear Park.

Judy McGovern was not in favor of moving the cat colony in Linear Park.

Alan Petersen was not in favor of having signage on I95 overpass. He was also concerned about the debris pickup.

**RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Lobbying firm-Ans: Mayor Holland-Obviously we will make a determination on our lobbying firm tonight. And I will say that I think we are always supportive of helping our governing partners and I cannot think of a better issue than the lack of funding for our school district.

FiberNet-Ans: Mayor Holland-Thank you to our Chamber for recognizing efforts for

increasing our fiber capacity and recognizing it connects directly to economic development. This Council has agreed by our actions.

Spending in Palm Coast-Ans: Mayor Holland- As far as spending in the City of Palm Coast from Mr. MacDonald's comments, we have had many discussions about what we are paying for our tax dollars. I just want to recognize the fact that we have the lowest municipal tax rate in the State of Florida. I don't think that should go unrecognized because I think we do an exceptional job to ensure that we are spending the tax payers' dollars as wisely as possible.

Senior Center/Florida Park Dr. -Ans: Mayor Holland- As far as Mr. Carr's comments, there has been nothing brought up. We went through our budget process as far as our Senior Center. We did increase our Senior Services and our capacity to our community center will allow for increased opportunities for programming for all generations. As you know our vision indicates that we are a multi-generational community.

Mayor Holland – Ans: To the gentleman, welcome to Palm Coast; glad to have you. I certainly appreciate your comments. I am not sure about the - I will turn this over to our City Manager there has been about a 25% reduction in pickup service.

Ans: Mr. Landon-Our typical recovery plan did not work this time because our typical recovery plan after a storm is we have contracts with national companies that bring in their resources, just like after Mathew. We had half a dozen major trucks that were geared toward debris. When we called them this time, they kind of laughed at us and said, Palm Coast is not where we are going to be because of Harvey and what was going on in Texas and South Florida and the national companies are not coming to Volusia County and Flagler County, etc. We have a relationship with our local contractors and haulers and immediately kicked that in. The resources are difficult to obtain. It is not the manpower it is the equipment. The resources are what you have here in town. So, it is slow. First of all, within a week of Irma hitting us, we have had trash debris pick up or storm debris pick up every day for six days a week. The problem is if they have not been in your neighborhood, it doesn't appear that we are doing anything. Miles and Miles have been picked up. On Wednesdays which is a normal Waste Pro pick-up. They are picking up bags and cans but there are too many bags and cans and they are not getting to every neighborhood. Waste Pro has assured me that they will be picking up in all areas tomorrow. The City has rented a claw truck from Waste Pro to expedite debris pick up. The City is putting a lot of effort into increasing the resources the best we can but it has been a struggle. And it is going to take a while. As far as how long? We are talking between six and eight weeks before we are totally finished in the community.

Mayor Holland-How are we communicating this to our residents? Ans: Ms. Lane provided an overview to how we are getting the word out.

Mayor Holland: We are recognizing our customer service representatives tonight. I can tell you, having been through this occurrence and watching them not sleep for four days and answering calls and continue to do that, I have not witnessed a more

dedicated group or team other than our current customer service department. It is frustrating, I am sure for our residents, but we need to understand that these very dedicated members of our team are trying to do the best they can by yielding these calls. We need to respect the fact that they are trying their best to do that. Secondly, I am on calls every single day with the mayors across the State of Florida and every single community has been affected and impacted and continues to be by the flooding. We are all struggling with these issues. This is not an issue these other Mayors impacted by or frustrated by they are trying to find the equipment just like we are. These are regular every day conversations I am having. I am telling you the City Manager of Flagler Beach, having lost 400 homes within their community and having debris of their content of their homes in front of their house and not picked up has been very sad. I think we are doing the best we can. It is not a perfect scenario. We have to recognize the fact that these are FEMA reimbursement dollars so the fact of the matter is that we cannot just go out there and pick it up without documentation, without working with companies that are recognized by FEMA. These are very technical issues and I understand the frustration that is there. I can say we sincerely apologize but all I can tell you it is not without the dedication of our very hard working members of our team trying to resolve the issue. The best we can do is try to find ways to communicate with our residents to insure we are working diligently to resolve this issue. I hope we don't have to deal with these hurricanes year after year. They are very taxing on our community. I met with Representative Renner the other day and he said what was most frustrating was dealing with FEMA. We have yet to get reimbursed from Matthew, which is \$2.5 million dollar reimbursement that we have yet to proceed. I asked that our residents try to be patient during this time.

Mr. Landon: This is a high, high priority. We understand the frustration and we will keep on it. It won't be as fast as some would like.

Cats-Ans: Mayor Holland- We have heard from a population of people about our feral cat issue and our relocation efforts and I am hoping that we can talk about that. I for one, need to understand this issue more as far as what populations we have here in our city, what it looks like, how have we dealt with it. I have not been on the City Council long enough to understand how we have dealt with it.

Ans: Mr. Landon-We have had a very positive relationship with the last year – year and one half with the Humane Society and I think community cats is one of the organizations they coordinate with. There used to be a lot more conflicts among the city, the neighbors, the cats, and community cats, etc. In the last year, you don't hear much about it. We have a good working relationship with the Humane Society to try and deal with the feral cats. There are numerous colonies throughout Palm Coast. I think most people would be surprised as to how many colonies. Our animal control people have been working closely with the Humane Society to allow those populations to stay. We think the Humane Society has been doing a good job working with us to manage that program. The City has two guidelines that we have asked them to follow: 1. to abide by state and local laws. One of those is not to allow any of the colonies on public property or city park and 2. to avoid the nuisance or the conflict with residents and businesses. I am confident we can work with the Humane Society to find a solution to

this small colony and we will continue to that but it is something that we have to work together on to try to find the solution that we don't have the conflicts, and we don't have the cats on public lands but we avoid the problems of trying to trap them and do away with them but to try and follow the TNR guidelines.

Mayor Holland-We are obviously not going to be able to make a decision on this tonight. If you are in discussions, bring everyone around the table. We have done that historically to have a comprehensive discussion on how we can do this. If we can arrange that for next week and get back to us at the next workshop.

Landon: I don't know the timeframe but we will work toward that.

Shiple: In the meantime, can we make sure the cats won't be touched until we have the workshop?

Landon: We will get back to you before we actually move them.

## **E. MINUTES**

- 1. MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL'S**  
**1<sup>st</sup> VM Nobile**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> CM Shiple**  
**Motion: Passed unanimously**

## **F. PROCLAMATIONS**

- 2. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 1, 2017 THROUGH OCTOBER 7, 2017 AS CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK**

CM Shiple presented this Proclamation.

- 3. PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING OCTOBER 8, 2017 THROUGH OCTOBER 14, 2017 AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

VM Nobile presented this Proclamation.

## **G. ORDINANCES 2ND READ**

- 4. ORDINANCE 2017-16 A FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT FOR 5+/- ACRE PARCEL LOCATED 1800' NORTH OF WHITEVIEW PARKWAY ON THE EASTSIDE OF US-1 FROM AGRICULTURE & TIMBERLANDS (FLAGLER COUNTY DESIGNATION) TO MIXED USE (CITY OF PALM COAST DESIGNATION)**

Attorney Reischmann read the title of the Ordinance into the record. Mr. Landon provided a brief overview to this item.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were none.

**1<sup>st</sup> VM Nobile**

**2<sup>nd</sup> CM Cuff**

**Motion: Passed unanimously.**

**5. ORDINANCE 2017-17 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM AGRICULTURE (FLAGLER COUNTY DESIGNATION) TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL (IND-1) FOR A 5+/- ACRE PARCEL LOCATED 1800' NORTH OF WHITEVIEW PARKWAY ON THE EASTSIDE OF US-1**

Attorney Reischmann read the title of the Ordinance into the record. Reminded Council this item is quasi-judicial. Mayor Holland called for any ex-parte communication. There were none.

Mr. Landon provided a brief overview to this item.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were none.

**1<sup>st</sup> VM Nobile**

**2<sup>nd</sup> CM Shipley**

**Motion: Passed unanimously.**

**6. ORDINANCE 2017-18 RELATING TO THE VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS KORONA LANDS**

Attorney Reischmann read the title of the Ordinance into the record. Mr. Landon provided a brief overview to this item.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

George Mayo-Can we put up a map of where these lands are located in the City?

**RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ans: Mr. Landon-Yes, Beau is doing that now for you.

**1<sup>st</sup> VM Nobile**

**2<sup>nd</sup> CM Cuff**

**Motion: Passed unanimously.**

## H. ORDINANCES 1ST READ

### 7. ORDINANCE 2017-XX MEDICAL MARIJUANA REGULATIONS

Attorney Reischmann read the title of the Ordinance into the record. Mr. Landon provided a brief overview to this item. Ms. Ida Meehan provided a PowerPoint presentation, which is attached to these minutes.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

George Mayo-On the first and second slide, the first slide said that no advertising would be allowed. The second slide said if you allow them, you couldn't regulate them any more than you could a pharmacy. I am a little vague on this. CVS, Walgreens has their sign. Would they be allowed to have some kind of signage to show what it is or is it a just a blank building . . . would be driving around the block. I think there should be something that would designate what it is.

#### **RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ans: Mr. Landon- I think the issue is that is what the State is saying. There is no advertisement. So if the State says no advertisement, . . .

Ans: Attorney Reischmann-The important thing to understand is that this is an aspect of regulation that is being designed specifically, implemented and enforced by the State of Florida. Otherwise, all we are allowed to do is regulate them as far as their locations, as we locate pharmacies. Everything else has been pre-empted by the State. Yes, there are some limitations that the State has imposed upon the signage of these facilities. I am not aware specifically of the exact regulations of the signs of these facilities but I know they are kept to a minimum.

**1<sup>st</sup> VM Nobile**

**2<sup>nd</sup> CM Cuff**

**Motion: Motion passed.**

## I. RESOLUTIONS

### 8. RESOLUTION 2017-125 APPROVING A MASTER SERVICE CONTRACT FOR STATE LOBBYIST SERVICE

Mr. Landon provided a brief overview to this item.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Jack Carall-Could you explain to me how you cannot get a 3-2 vote with five people sitting on the Council? Unless one abstains but I don't think you can abstain from something like this. You have to have three. You can't have less than 2.

Louis McCarthy-I say, pick the company that is more well-rounded company. You had one company that were all lawyers. You had another company that was

better. Then you had another company that did that and did this and did everything else. They work even when the legislature is not working. I think we need that kind of service because we are small to put our name out there and then they have their ear to everything going on. We need someone that has their ear to everything going on. It is the little stuff that passed under the table that no one knew about that went across. Only the bigger firm knew about it. I say pick the larger firm.]

#### **RESPONSES TO PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Vote-Ans: Mr. Landon-3 affirmative votes to appoint someone.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

VM Nobile-I was reading through this, pondering who I would like here. I think one of them made a statement that was pretty true, that all three are very competent companies that are going to serve us very well. Personally, I am not a fan of lobbyists. We are a small district and we should be able to talk to our delegation but I believe the lobbyist do more for the global Florida agenda than just our private one. Again, I don't see any real difference between them and I would like to throw my two cents in and say I would like keeping who we have because the only thing they have that the others don't is familiarity with Palm Coast, the staff.

CM Klufas- I thought it was a very educational session that we had with the lobbyists groups. My comments on our current lobbyist, I found it interesting that they did not find a conflict in supporting Senate Bill 596, exclusively for ATT but our main concern is Home Rule. That is one of the bills, it didn't make any sense, they were all about prevent conflict but yet they were the sole supporter behind a movement that limited our Home Rule. I am not sure it is the right decision to go with them. Between the other two, what I was most swayed by, was the fact that they are a lobbyist for Daytona State College. What is good for the goose is good for the gander. We don't have many opportunities to grow our education opportunities in Palm Coast. I know Daytona State College has numerous facilities but if they were able to expand in our area whether it be in Palm Coast or auxiliary. It is still good.

Mayor Holland- I agree. It is not going to get any easier every legislative year we are going to be faced with issues that we have to fight for our right to govern locally and to advocate on behalf of our residents and speaking with Representative Renner this past weekend, the incoming Speaker of the House, will be very similar to the current Speaker. His mentality is to take away a lot more ability for us to govern locally. Disappointing, because I believe the best form of government is closest to your home. I believe we make the decision that we feel is right for our community and we care about every single resident and every single issue. I believe strongly we need to send a very strong advocacy group that will give us the ability to have our voices heard. Every unintended consequence that comes out of the legislature every year and these unfunded mandates continue to cause to grapple with the fact of how we spend our tax payer dollars. It can become quite frustrating when they institute legislation that requires us to upgrade our well system without us having the ability to say we can do this year because we can afford it.



Not in favor of keeping our current lobbyist just for the fact that I think he has served us since the inception of the City and I think it is time for a change and a group that I think can carry our voice and strongly carry our voice

**1<sup>st</sup> CM Klufas -Motion to approve Southern Strategies Group as our lobbyist and we award them the RFP.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> CM Cuff**

**Motion passed 3 to 2 with Council Members Nobile and Shipley voting no.**

**J. CONSENT AGENDA**

**9. RESOLUTION 2017-126 APPROVING A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH THE EAST FLAGLER MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY ON UTILITY DRIVE**

**10. RESOLUTION 2017-127 APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH WENCOAST FOODS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF RIGHT OF WAY ON OLD KINGS ROAD**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No comments were received regarding the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Mayo needed clarification regarding the vote on the lobbying firm.

**1<sup>st</sup> VM Nobile**

**2<sup>nd</sup> CM Shipley**

**Motion: Passed unanimously**

**K. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - Remainder of Public Comments**

Jack Carall-I was at the meeting to amend the Charter. There were a dozen people in the whole people. I want to ask just one question before I go further. Where are these people that are pushing for a change in the Charter? We came up for the better part of the year and we kept hearing, my people want this Charter change. They want to make an adjustment to the Charter. Where are these people? You put out a notice that you are going to have a meeting and you don't get an input. What you get is not even a tenth of a percent of the population that comes in to say what they want to say. We are spending money for something that the people don't give a damn about. People don't come to make any kind of adjustments and they don't care if we have a charter or don't have a charter. I don't see why we are spending all this money, wasting our time, on something that is not going to happen anyway.

Louis McCarthy-I just want to say to the workers that I think they are doing a terrific job. We are small and we have a lot of hard working guys and girls out there and all I can say is . . . keep opening up the catch basins cuz there are a whole lot of places to get water. I know you hear something the F and C Sections. I live in the P section and I can assure you we get water there too. All you have to do is fly over my house and you will see next to my house, a lake. In any event, I would like to compliment the people as I drive around and see them working and not chit chatting. Thank you.

Carmen Bongiovanni- I just have one comment. I realize the City uses reclaimed water but why is it the residents are forced to not use their sprinkler systems when it rains and why is it that it is pouring rain and up and down Belle Terre sprinkler systems are spraying all over the place? I realize that it is reclaim water but should the City set an example by having those rain gauges where they don't sprinkle when it is raining?

**Responses to Public Comments:**

Charter-Ans: Mayor Holland-I think we moved forward with our Charter Review was the discussion of the Council that every few years it is appropriate to address and review our charter and I think we are trying to get the information out to as many people as possible to show up and I think the best end result, Jack, would be as many people that could show up as possible. They do and we hear from them. It's all been decided and discussed and approved and we are having these workshops and we are going to continue to get the message out there for our residents to participate.

Attorney Reischmann – We have a workshop tomorrow night at Indian Trails Middle School. I expect to see you there Jack.

Mayor Holland – Thank you Mr. McCarthy for your comments regarding our employees. Again, we cannot thank them enough. Our residents are very fortunate to have the dedication that we have in our staff. We really appreciate you recognizing them because it doesn't go unnoticed.

Sprinklers- Mayor Holland – This is an important comment about the reclaim water because I think there is a reason for this.

Ans: Mr. Landon- In fact that was going to be part of my comments but what happens when we get 13+ inches of rain in Palm Coast. It is one of those perceptions that if the storm has a name that it will going to have more of an impact on us and obviously the wind has a major impact on us and the fact of it is, when you are out of power, it is very inconvenient. But the amount of rain we received this past weekend from a non-named storm had a huge impact on us but in a different way. As far as our stormwater system, it handles it about as best as any system that you can have but it is difficult right not and am hoping the prediction of a lot more rain is not happening because our natural systems are already over their banks. We don't hear a lot about that but our creeks, Pellsner Creek; it is not inside its bank, it is flowing outside and creating a swamp. I drove down Old Kings Road before the meeting. There is still water over Old Kings Road. It is not because Old Kings Road is not draining; it is because it is going through Graham Swamp and Graham Swamp is full. Our system did extremely well. Our canal gates are completely open. It is just hard to get it to drain down because of the amount of water we had but not just this weekend but for the last two months. To the reclaim, one of the major impacts the water has on our services is going to be wastewater. Sunday we were at our Wastewater Treatment Plant, we only have one right now and we are building a second one, there were 13 million gallons we treated. It's normal capacity is about six – six and one half million gallons. We were at double of what the plant handles normally. We have that much water coming into the plant, it has to go

somewhere. It is going into reuse and it is the best place to put it. You will see when you drive down Town Center Blvd., there is a pipe with water coming out of it. That is reuse and we are trying to discharge as environmentally friendly as possible of getting rid of that treated wastewater. This is treated at a very high level so that it is environmentally friendly. US 1, you see the irrigation system going 24/7 that is a reuse line that is getting rid of that affluent. No one needs to be using their private system and we are not but we need to get rid of it and this one of the ways we do it.

This morning, the report was we are only 80% recovered in our wastewater system. We still have Tanker Trucks out last night and this morning. It is still not recovered. It is that backed up. We still have people having trouble flushing their toilets. It is getting most of the water through the system. It actually operates better than most utilities do. I am very proud of it. But this is one of the reasons it is. We have to have a place for the water to go when it is treated. I've got to tell this story about my family, they are probably going to shoot me. Sunday I go over to the daughter and grand-daughter's house and they're on a pep system. I pull up and Mom is not happy because the toilet is not flushing right as I am watching her washing machine go around, doing her third load of laundry. Do you have any idea that the laundry is going to that pep tank that is not going where it is supposed to go because the whole system . . . . I have to remind people when we have our major storms and our wastewater system is being taxed: long showers, dishwashers, laundry, it is all just contributing to the problem. If we can get people to turn off the washing machine and wear some of the clothes that are already in the closet, it would be very helpful.

Keeping the culverts open, keeping the drain pipes open, watching the weirs and maximize efficiency; this is something that we have all hands on deck, even with a no name storm like this in the areas where we really need the help. I am very proud of what we do but the fact of it is, it is just impossible to stay up with completely. We did have a couple confirmed houses with water in it. Relatively, minor flooding but if it is your house, there is nothing minor about flooding. We are very fortunate we can handle more than 13 inches and not have flooding but part of it is, we have a great crew and we work hard to minimize the impact even though it is frustrating and scary.

**L. DISCUSSION BY CITY COUNCIL OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

CM Shipley-One of them and I didn't want to bring it up during the lobbyist vote because I didn't want to interfere with that but there was one where our logo was on top of theirs and I found out it happens often. On our website, it specifically says that the use of the city logo is limited to city contractors working on city projects. People have to get permission to use our logo. I want to make sure we pay attention to that. I think when it comes to the voting sometimes if you see our logo on it .It might make us think that they are approved by the City of Palm Coast.

At the last business meeting we had, someone had gotten up and said when they get up and make their comments at the end that we address the concerns, questions when the issue is resolved.

CM Klufas-I want to thank all of our hardworking employees in the torrential downpours

and the continued efforts to get our systems under control.

VM Nobile-Cats-If we had a colony of 25 cats and it went down to seven, maybe we are doing the right thing and maybe we should just stick with that. I agree that we don't want colonies started or moved on public property but if one is there prior but if it is moving in the right direction. I would say let it work out.

It would be nice, if it is possible to get an update. To me it seems the information we are putting on the website is generic and redundant. It would be nice to say, this is what happened yesterday and this is what we anticipate tomorrow and here is what we anticipate for your regular. Ans: Mr. Landon-The staff is working on that already.

VM Nobile - Trucks on Florida Park Drive-we agreed to put up signs that say no trucks on Florida Park Drive, where are we? Ans: Mr. Landon-The Sheriff's office said they cannot enforce that. What we agreed to was to do a study on what kind of truck traffic we have and we have that and we have shared that with you. They can't stop trucks from using Florida Park Drive that are making local deliveries. And what we have seen is that we don't know of any trucks that are actually doing through, as a cut through beyond the neighborhood. I thought this was under control. Putting up a sign that we cannot enforce...

Commander Carman-. I have contacted FDOT. We have asked the stores that are getting deliveries to abide by the traffic flow for their deliveries, it works for about a week or so. It is really not enforceable.

VM Nobile - Over the last 5 or 6 days, I have received a number of negative calls, emails regarding the proposed signage over I95. What additional costs do we have to put in to this issue before it comes for a vote? Ans: Mr. Landon-The next step is design and it will be about \$30,000. If the design is over 30,000 dollars, it will need to go to Council. If it is under 30,000, it does not have to go to Council. The installation of the sign and the lighting and the package will definitely need to be approved by City Council.

VM Nobile: I want to say this is why I said and still think it is a good idea. I believe this is one of those things that is . . . we are going to spend money and going to put up this sign and it will raise awareness of Palm Coast. People use appearance to get off exits. I believe this sign will pay for itself. However, I don't believe if we don't put it up, we are going to lose anything. Given the attacks and the firm objections to this project, I would suggest one of two things. We don't move further on it or we bring up the design for a vote regardless of what the dollar amount is. This way we can sit down, talk to our constituents and decide at that moment that we are going to move forward with this sign.

It was the consensus of Council to put this project on hold.

CM Cuff-Debris removal-FEMA reimbursement, can we consider having the residents drop their debris somewhere? Ans: Mr. Landon-It sounds great and if people only bring

their yard debris and do what they are supposed to do, it would be great. But what happens is, we will get their paint cans and oil. In order to ensure we do not have a dumb site, we would have to have it manned. Communities do that when we have a landfill that you can go to; we do not. The only way it works is for it to be manned and fenced off, so at night they cannot come and bring it. Otherwise, it will cause other problems that are above and beyond. They can take it to places like ELS; they might charge them but they are welcome to take them to a business like that. Nestor to you have an update on that?

Mr. Abreu-The Manager talked about how we competing for equipment. We are competing for dumping. We are waiting 30 or 40 minutes at ELS for our turn to dump. Something to consider.

CM Cuff- Agreed with Vice Mayor Nobile regarding the cats. Signs and cats. Stormwater-budget and the problems we are facing. We need to put more emphasis on our stormwater system fees.

VM Nobile- To the gentlemen's question regarding speaking before and after. Our policy does not specify that. If we were to do that would it be at the discretion of the Council? Ans: Attorney Reischmann-Yes. The changes we recently made to the Council's Rules and Procedure expanded the scope of public comments to provide greater input from the public. There was nothing specific that was in your amendments that said if you can speak before or after. They are your rules. It is how you interpret them; if you want further amendments we would be happy to bring it back.

Mayor Holland-Agreed with Council Member Cuff's discussion before next year's budget discussion to really discuss this deficit in our stormwater system. It is a big issue.

Public Comments- Mayor Holland-I think we have gone above and beyond allowing as much public input; allowing for input before and after the agenda items as well as after each agenda item.

#### **M. DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Attorney Reischmann – Just a comment/follow-up, Mayor and Council you had comments during our discussion with the regard to the selection of the lobbyist, having to do with our legislature and local government being closest to people. I would add it is the most transparent of governments that tax payers and citizens have and I think there is a tie in of that recognition and the decision you made tonight. I have witnessed a growth in the laws that come from Tallahassee that the substance of those laws are decided behind closed doors at the last minute. It is very frustrating for local government attorneys to not be able have any input with Florida League of Cities with matters that affect our ability to represent our citizens and our taxpayers at this local level.

#### **N. DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

Mr. Landon- Let me start off with the fun events. We are trying to get back to normal and October we are getting into the festivals and activities going on: Movie in the Park October 13; Pink Army Run Sunday, October 15; Food Truck Tuesday, October 17. This Saturday evening we starting something new. This is for children 7+ all the way up to as old as you like. Bring your flashlights and do a walk through Linear Park to see night animals. It is part of our nature emphasis and a lot of people are interested. We do ask that you sign up a head of time so we know about how many people. We need you to do this by Thursday on our website.

Mr. Landon: Mayor, I need a little clarification on the sign over I95. Are we bringing to City Council for a formal vote or just stopping the project? Ans: Mayor Holland-stopping the project.

This is Mr. Chris Quinn's last Council meeting; Friday is his last day. I will have to say that Chris was more than a Finance Director. He was a very important and very active member of our management team. He was critical in our Strategic Action Plan and that entire process. He was instrumental in developing many of the programs and teams that we have, along with an impressive staff. I will personally miss Chris. He has been a colleague and I value . . . a very special individual in my opinion. One of the things he accomplished last year here was recruiting a chief accountant. If you recall, a few years ago, our auditor commented that we needed more depth in our finance department because we only had one CPA, one true accountant. He recruited an individual that worked many years for the Clerk of the Court. She started a year ago and I am announcing that I am appointing her our new Finance Director- Helena Alves.

Mayor Holland: Chris, well done. Thank you.

**O. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

**11. CALENDAR/WORKSHEET**

**12. ATTACHMENTS TO MINUTES**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
VIRGINIA A. SMITH, CITY CLERK**