



City of Palm Coast Minutes COUNCIL WORKSHOP

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Mayor David Alfin
Vice Mayor Ed Danko
Council Member Cathy Heigher
Council Member Nick Klufas
Council Member Theresa Pontieri

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

9:00 AM

COMMUNITY WING

City Staff

Denise Bevan, City Manager

Neysa Borkert, City Attorney

Virginia A. Smith, City Clerk

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A CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alfin called the meeting to order at 9 a.m.

B PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE

C ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Kaley Cook called the roll. Council Member Klufas was absent.

D PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Participation shall be held in accordance with Section 286.0114 Florida Statutes. And pursuant to the City Council's Meeting Policies and Procedures:

- (1) Each speaker shall at the podium, provide their name and may speak for up to 3 minutes.
- (2) The Public may provide comments to the City Council relative to matters not on the agenda at the times indicated in this Agenda. Following any comments from the public, there may be discussion by the City Council.
- (3) When addressing the City Council on specific, enumerated Agenda items, speakers shall:
 - (a) direct all comments to the Mayor;
 - (b) make their comments concise and to the point;
 - (c) not speak more than once on the same subject;
 - (d) not, by speech or otherwise, delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the City Council;
 - (e) obey the orders of the Mayor or the City Council; and
 - (f) not make any irrelevant, impertinent or slanderous comments while addressing the City Council; which pursuant to Council rules, shall be considered disorderly.
- (4) Any person who becomes disorderly or who fails to confine his or her comments to the identified subject or business, shall be cautioned by the Mayor and thereafter must conclude his or her remarks on the subject within the remaining designated time limit.

Any speaker failing to comply, as cautioned, shall be barred from making any additional comments during the meeting and may be removed, as necessary, for the remainder of the meeting.

Members of the public may make comments during the public comment portion of the meeting. Please be advised that public comment will only be permitted during the public comment portions of the agenda at the times indicated by the Chair during the meeting.

Lacy Earhart shared an opening prayer.

Paul and Cheryl Johnson spoke about issues at their home regarding odors and recommended that Code Enforcement and the police use an outdoor meter to test for the toxins discussed.

Marie Summers expressed concern for the failed Invocation Policy item discussed at prior Council Meetings.

Robert MacDonald spoke about City Facility naming and provided a suggestion for the Community Wing.

Jeffrey Seib spoke about environmental issues that he is concerned about.

Gene Dowd thanked various veterans and public servants. Additionally, Mr. Dowd spoke about various deaths across the country over the last few weeks.

E PRESENTATIONS

1 PRESENTATION - ANNUAL INVESTMENT REPORT

Helena Alves, Finance Director opened the item.

Scott Stitcher and Scott Sweden, of PFM Asset Management, presented the topic to Council. Topics presented included investment policy framework, philosophy and public sector goals, current market themes, fixed income markets, consolidated summary, account summary, portfolio performance, and allocation analytics.

Council held discussion on the following topics: Portfolio management for municipalities of similar size, understanding long-term as it relates to the information provided, how to obtain a AAA rating and potential benefits, sector allocation.

The representatives of PFM Asset Management provided a response to each of the Council questions.

2 PRESENTATION - STORMWATER RATE STUDY

Carl Cote, Director of Stormwater & Engineering, opened the item.

Murray Hamilton and Henry Thomas, of Raftelis, presented the topic to Council.

Topics presented included: background of the item, updates to the presentation, right-of-way mowing analysis, service levels, changing conditions, fund maintenance needs, adding strategic capital improvements and additional crews, projected new loan assumptions, and summary of proposed stormwater rates.

Council held lengthy discussion on the following topics: relationship between long-term debt and fees, discussion on responsibility of mowing vacant lots, legality of assessments for mowing, code enforcement, discussion on the options presented, timeline for strategic capital improvements, details for adding in-house freshwater canal and weir maintenance crews, staffing vacancies, funding opportunities, Council priorities, summary analysis comparing these rates to other cities, relieving financial burden on homeowners, percentage of increase, effects of increasing long-term debt, maintaining levels of service, and timeline for adopting the Stormwater rate.

Neysa Borkert, City Attorney, provided details on the legalities of the topics discussed.

Murray Hamilton, of Raftelis, provided a response to all Council questions.

Ms. Bevan shared the Chief Sustainability Officer's efforts towards funding opportunities.

Staff will bring this item back to Council. Mayor Alfin asked for the impact to the taxpayer to be included.

3 PRESENTATION - THREE YEAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Jason DeLorenzo, Chief of Staff, opened the item.

Barbara Fiedor, Economic Development Manager, presented the topics to Council. Topics presented included: a background of economic development, City of Palm Coast active businesses, largest employers, multipliers, flow of money, economic impact, strategic action priorities, Office of Economic Development mission and vision, primary areas, year 1-3 plan, and the why and how of achieving the goals.

Council held discussion on the following topics: clarification of numbers within the 'active businesses' information presented, small business loans, description of ambassador program, gig city and business outreach, loan programs, recruitment of specialized charter schools, dichotomy between our efforts and the Chamber of Commerce, becoming business friendly, question on jobs multiplier slide, question of what companies are looking for, and details of the Comprehensive Plan review.

Council asked staff to return with land suggestions that can be prioritized to promote to businesses.

4 RESOLUTION 2023-XX APPROVING NAMING A PUBLIC FACILITY

Neysa Borkert, City Attorney, read the title into the record.

James Hirst, Director of Parks & Recreation, presented the topic to Council.

Topics presented included: nomination for naming a trail in honor of Mr. Al Krier, next steps, and an update on the Council Priority.

Roseanne, Mr. Krier's daughter, thanked Council for their consideration.

Council discussed the following topics: getting the information to the Palm Coast Historical Society, naming in honor of former Mayor John Netts, renaming of buildings and facilities versus trails and fields, including these items in a survey, potential to put an item on a ballot, reevaluating policy, suggestion to follow the naming process, and thanks for Roseanne for attending the meeting.

Attorney Borkert provided information regarding the policy and what facilities are encompassed within.

5 RESOLUTION 2023-XX APPROVING PURCHASES FOR FIBER OPTIC OUTSIDE PLANT CONSTRUCTION FOR US 1 FROM PALM COAST PARKWAY TO STATE ROAD 100

Attorney Borkert read the title into the record.

Doug Akins, Director of Information Technology, presented the topic to Council.

Topics presented included: a brief overview of the item, description of FiberNet, history of the item, looking to the future, closing the ring, and benefits.

Council held discussed the following topics: anticipation of offering this to businesses, security, and cost savings.

F PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Remainder of Public Comments is limited to three (3) minutes each.

There were none.

G DISCUSSION BY CITY COUNCIL OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Council Member Pontieri thanked Ms. Bevan for assistance with the naming nomination form. Council Member Pontieri requested to bring the topic of chickens within City limits to a future workshop meeting.

Mayor Alfin asked if there are other things that can be included with that item and suggested bringing several items to a special workshop.

Ms. Borkert clarified the request to bring this item to a future workshop rather than a special workshop.

Council Member Heighter reiterated her comments from the prior meeting regarding service animals.

Mayor Alfin thanked Council for their comments.

H DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

I DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

City Manager Bevan shared about an upcoming community outreach event for Florida Inland Navigation District (FIND) and encouraged members of the public to attend.

Mayor Alfin asked Ms. Bevan to share about communication and efforts with the County.