



City of Palm Coast Minutes City Council Workshop Meeting

City Hall
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Mayor David Alfin
Vice Mayor Ed Danko
Council Member Cathy Heighter
Council Member Nick Klufas
Council Member Theresa Pontieri

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

9:00 AM

City Hall - Community Wing

City Staff

Lauren Johnston, Acting City Manager

Marcus Duffy, City Attorney

Kaley Cook, 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

City Clerk Kaley Cook called the roll. All members were present, with Council Member Pontieri appearing virtually.

Council Member Heighter arrived at 9:04 a.m.

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.

Robert MacDonald shared about his families' attendance at a March Strawberry Festival, a medical situation, thanked Commander Lutz for his assistance, and asked the City to recognize Commander Lutz.

Mayor Alfin asked Commander Finn to relay the message to Commander Lutz.

Jeffery Seib discussed new Florida Residents, Palm Coast growth, effects of rapid rates of growth, planning for the future, and infrastructure and services.

Jeremy Davis discussed his comments from the last meeting and shared an email received, discussed the history of the Certificate of Occupancy for a home neighboring his, and stated that he shouldn't have to keep asking, and worrying, about flooding.

E PRESENTATIONS

1 PRESENTATION - UPDATE ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2050

Ray Tyner, Deputy Chief Development Officer, opened the item.

Kathie Ebaugh, Consultant with JBPro, and Mr. Tyner, presented the topics to Council.

Topics presented included: agenda, Phase I, Phase 2, video feedback from students, vision statement, guiding principles, goal themes, goals, and next steps.

City Council held discussion on the following topics: appreciation for the inclusion of younger generation of participants, comments and suggestions for the vision statement, purpose of the vision statement, community expectations and items within the City's authority, and current legislative decisions at the State level.

City Council Members provided feedback and items of consideration for the vision statement.

Mayor Alfin suggested that City Council Members provide comments and suggestions for the vision statement to align with the pillars of priorities.

Ms. Ebaugh, Mr. Tyner, and Ms. Kershaw responded to Council comments and questions.

2 PRESENTATION - CITIZEN INTERACTION ROADMAP

Lauren Johnston, Acting City Manager, opened the item.

Jason DeLorenzo, Chief of Staff, presented the topic to Council. Topics presented included: project vision, process evaluation, phases, data driven decision making, and next steps.

City Council held discussion on the following topics: capabilities of sending push notifications, support for the initiative, feedback from residents, suggestion to educate Council Members on the efforts that have been taken over the years, a request for staff time and costs for appropriate budgeting, and differences in communication from the City and County.

Mr. DeLorenzo and Ms. Johnston provided a response to Council Member comments and questions.

3 PRESENTATION - ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Phong Nguyen, Senior Planner, presented the topic.

Mr. Nguyen shared compliments to Mr. Blocker, with the City's newly selected attorney firm.

Topics presented included: introduction, City of Palm Coast average annual daily traffic, summary, State Road projects, City road projects, and economic impact over the next 3-4 years.

City Council held discussion on the following topics: Governor timeline for State legislation, funding, importance in understanding the relationship between the

City's planning department, TPO, and FDOT, related Strategic Action Plan priorities, concern for Lake Avenue extension, traffic counts and level of service, increased traffic, and taking a proactive approach.

Mr. Nguyen and Mr. DeLorenzo provided a response to Council comments and questions.

4 PRESENTATION - PERMANENT CITY MANAGER SEARCH

Vice Mayor Danko was in favor of allowing the next City Council to make the selection of a City Manager and asked City Council Members for their thoughts.

Mayor Alfin recommended hearing the presentation and then sharing comments.

Renina Fuller, Director of Human Resources, and Tim Wilsey, Human Resources Manager, presented the topic to City Council. Topics presented included: a background of the item, options available, tentative timeline, City Council discussion, and various RFPs for review.

City Council held discussion on the item as a decision of the current City Council, or future Council, and options available for moving forward.

Consensus was provided to direct Human Resources to bring forward a contract with HGR as a search firm, understanding that the final decision of a City Manager will likely come in the early term post-election.

Council Member Pontieri requested that the contract being brought forward includes the price.

Mr. Blocker discussed the process and moving forward with the item.

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

Mayor Alfin asked all in attendance, and those listening, to find ALERTFlagler and recommended utilizing it for emergency notifications.

Council Member Heigher shared congratulations and well wishes to Council Member Pontieri on the birth of her baby.

Council Member Klufas commended City staff for the recent 'Touch a Truck' event and shared congratulations to Council Member Pontieri.

H DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Alfin asked Attorney Blocker if he will provide an update on when Mr. Duffy is expected to return from his military assignment.

Mr. Blocker shared that Mr. Duffy is eager to be back.

I DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

Council Member Pontieri shared thanks for the well-wishers and echoed kudos to staff for the recent 'Touch a Truck' event.

Mayor Alfin discussed a prior suggestion to add another component to the 'Touch a Truck' event to include a job fair, and shared support for the suggestion.

J ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted by: Kaley Cook, CMC, FCRM
City Clerk*