City of Palm Coast
Minutes
City Council Business Meeting

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

Tuesday, August 27, 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 9:00 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.

D PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1 DISCUSSION - CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT SEAT 4 VACANCY
This item was heard after Item 2 of the agenda.

Mayor Alfin opened the item.

Attorney Duffy explained that staff is seeking direction from City Council for a proposed procedure and timeline.

Mayor Alfin asked if an application is available.

Ms. Johnston responded that an application is ready and that staff is looking to know when Council would like it to be released.

Council Member Pontieri stated that a crucial step has been missed, and that Council needs to determine if they are going the route of appointment and why, from a legal standpoint.

Attorney Duffy provided Charter language and an opinion regarding filling the Council vacancy.

Mayor Alfin sought clarification on Council Member Pontieri's question.

Council Member Pontieri stated that it is clear that City Council has to make an appointment in 90 days, which is before the new Council is seated, if Council chose to appoint, supported a democratic process, and clarified that her question relates to candidate qualifying to ask if candidates could legally qualify, and if so, if it is practicable. Additionally, Council Member Pontieri discussed the deadline for the Supervisor of Elections, and qualifications or requirements for the candidates.

Mayor Alfin summarized the comments to ask if Council were to move forward with an election, if candidates are afforded a legitimate process.

Council Member Pontieri agreed, discussed the inability for candidates to qualify for petition at this stage in the election, and shared concern for the Council seat being bought through the payment qualification method.

Vice Mayor Danko agreed with Council Member Pontieri that he did not want to see anyone buying the seat, did not believe that candidates would have enough time to campaign, and believed the decision fell on the Council to make the appointment as quickly as possible, providing a recommended timeline of 3 weeks.

Mayor Alfin reiterated his earlier question to ask if an application that has been used prior is available, and asked if City Council is okay with it.

Ms. Johnston responded that an application is available.

Mayor Alfin asked if City Council Members have had a chance to review it.

Ms. Johnston responded that the application is the same application that was used for the previous appointment of Mr. Fanelli.

Mayor Alfin stated that Council is comfortable with the application and asked City Council Members if they would like to suggest a process.

Vice Mayor Danko asked how quickly it can be posted to the City's website.

Ms. Johnston responded that the application could be available on the City's website this afternoon.

Council Member Klufas recommended the following schedule: Application to be available today, allow 30 days for submissions, review of qualified candidates at the following business meeting or workshop, with the appointment to occur at the next business meeting.

Discussion was held on the process and timeline.

Council Member Pontieri recommended the following timeline: Applications to open today, allow 2 weeks to apply (close date of 9/11/2024), special workshop on 9/17/2024, candidate interview on 9/24/2024, and an appointment to be made on 10/1/2024. Council Member Pontieri sought to make this as much as a democratic process as possible.

Mayor Alfin agreed with Council Member Pontieri and stated that the appointment will be for two years, plus, with an opportunity to run as an incumbent, which would offer them a chance to run again, potentially being a 10-year seat.

Mayor Alfin and Attorney Duffy held discussion on term limits and fulfilling a special term.

Council Member Pontieri shared concern for meeting with applicants outside of the Sunshine Laws.

Mayor Alfin asked if that was personally, as an individual Council Member.

Council Member Pontieri responded yes, shared concerns, and suggested that City Council avoid the appearance of impropriety.

Discussion was held on Sunshine Laws and when it applies to a candidate elect.

Attorney Duffy responded that without looking at case law, the Sunshine Laws usually apply when an individual is the candidate elect, but that he would research the topic further.

Council Member Klufas shared that he has been part of this process 4 prior times, that there have been stellar candidates, and that he does not expect this time to be different.

Ms. Johnston clarified the details of the proposed schedule.

Mayor Alfin asked for the deadline to be included on the application, asked how the application will be available to applicants, asked how the information will be shared, and asked staff to include the district boundaries.

Ms. Johnston provided the details as requested.

Council Member Pontieri agreed with the importance in sharing the timeline and process with residents.

Attorney Duffy provided a response to earlier Council discussion to state that there is not a Sunshine Law that prevents Council from individually meeting with the candidates.

Public Comment:
Kandie Stevens, shared concern for Mayor Alfin's comment that someone can move into the district and rent a home to get appointed to the seat, buying the seat, and encouraged the requirement that the candidate be here for a few years.

Jeffery Seib discussed the City of Palm Coast is about to embark on an unprecedented journey as we face the unparalleled event of almost a complete turnover of the City Council occurring at one time and encouraged an orderly transfer of authority.

Cameron Orr, discussed animal shelters in Florida and in Flagler County, referenced figures he emailed to City Council, details of the Flagler County Humane Society, and shared concerns and recommendations.

James Deen discussed a vacant seat which Mr. Fanelli filled and voting against what the residents want. Mr. Deen encouraged additional night meetings, no major votes through the end of this council's term, and encouraged a special election.

Stephen Swarner shared his history previously running for a Council seat, his need to step away at that time, and shared his intent to apply to the District Seat 4 vacancy.

Celia Pugliese did not agree with an appointment, agreed with the comments of Mr. Seib, and believed that the appointment be temporary until a special election can be conducted. Ms. Pugliese shared that importance in knowing who donates to each candidate, the need for people who represent the residents, and urged Council to do an election.

George Mayo was in favor of appointing someone to fill the 2-year term and hoped that it can be done as soon as possible.

Mark Webb asked for clarification of the 90-day timeline to know if it starts from the resignation date of August 23, and believed the decision was being taken from the newly elected officials.

Dennis McDonald was uncomfortable with anything other than an election, encouraged putting the decision off until the new Council takes their seats, discussed prior appointments, and the need to make some big changes to the Council.

Ralph Lightfoot, agreed with the comments of Mr. McDonald, was discouraged, and believed that candidates in the runoff should be here to discuss the topic.

Mike Norris shared a discussion with Supervisor of Elections, the requirement to follow the Charter, and suggested going to the ballot.

Ray Stevens echoed the public comments supporting a special election rather than the appointment, discussed a temporary appointment, and reduced costs if going on a March ballot with the City of Bunnell and the City of Flagler Beach.

Mayor asked Attorney Duffy to discuss a potential election process and how much time candidates would have to make their candidacy and platforms known to the residents.

Attorney Duffy provided a response to share the Supervisor of Election ballot deadline, reiterated the Charter language, Charter silence on a special election, and timing as a major obstacle.

Council Member Pontieri asked for the date of the General Election and shared that the 90-day window is outside of the new Council taking their seat, resulting in the legal inability of the new Council to complete the appointment.

Attorney Duffy responded that the statement was correct.

Council Member Pontieri shared that she discussed with the City Attorney the potential of adding a special election to the March ballot for the City of Bunnell, which poses a concern for voting locations and voter suppression.

Vice Mayor Danko agreed with the concerns shared by Attorney Duffy, discussed costs, inability to conduct a special election, did not support an applicant moving into the district just to get elected, and encouraged an additional night meeting.

City Council held discussion on workshop and business meeting schedules and potential implications for staff.

Council Member Klufas supported an additional nighttime meeting and encouraged Council to consider the cost and practical implementation.

Ms. Johnston confirmed the schedule for applicant interviews and sought consensus to have an additional workshop in the evening.

Council Member Pontieri agreed with the 9/24/2024 workshop being held in the evening, was unsure with regular evening workshop meetings, and was amenable to scheduling the one evening workshop and scheduling a future discussion on the topic.

Discussion was held on the scheduling of the additional workshop to be added monthly.

Council Member Pontieri discussed the democratic election process, doing the best thing in alignment with the Charter, and shared concern for allowing the seat to be bought by special interest.

Mayor Alfin asked if the City Council has the ability to waive the qualification fee.

Attorney Duffy replied no, that the City Charter is specific about the candidate qualification requirements.

Council Member Pontieri discussed residency requirements and that Council can consider residency while reviewing the applications.

Council Member Klufas discussed following the Charter, unfortunate perceptions, and hope for a quality set of candidates.

Council Member Pontieri shared that with either an election or appointment, the term is only for the remaining two years, and that the candidate will have to run again in two years.

Mayor Alfin asked for consensus to open public comment again due to the complicated discussion.

Public Comment:
Mike Norris believed an election is the best way to go, discussed the process, and ability to vet candidates.

Paulette Hatfield said that the residents elected Council to make decisions based on what the charter says, that Council can't make their own decisions because the public wants them to be made, and to accept and respect the people that were voted for. Ms. Hatfield encouraged public education and to attend the Citizens Academy.

Celia Pugliese disagreed with counsel opinion and hoped that this was a proper interpretation.

James Deen was concerned for the damage that can be done in 2 years being the reason why the residents want to elect someone.

George Mayo, resident of District 4, would like to see the seat filled as soon as possible to have a representative for his district.

Dennis McDonald supported following the Charter and asked if the City Attorney can discuss the interpretation of the resignation date.

Vice Mayor made a motion to appoint a replacement for seat 4, following the schedule that was laid out: application to be available today through 9/11/2024, interviews to be held on 9/17/24, and additional workshop on 9/24/24 (evening), *and an appointment on 10/1/2024. The motion was second by Council Member Klufas.*

Council Member Pontieri recognized the recently held election, representation, and believed that more options and quality candidates can be more properly vetted through the appointment process rather than rushing an election. Additionally, Council Member Pontieri urged residents to talk to neighbors and get them to participate in the process and to share feedback with Council.

Mayor Alfin called a roll call vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Alfin asked to open public comment before item 3.

2 PROCLAMATION - SEPTEMBER 2024 AS WATER QUALITY MONTH

This item was heard before Item 1 on the agenda.

Mayor Alfin presented the Proclamation to various members of Utility.

Amanda Rees, Director of Utility, shared about the various Utility staff members in attendance, and shared thanks.

Peter Roussell, Deputy Utility Director, shared about clean and accessible water, education and conservation efforts, and ensuring clean and sustainable water for generations to come.

Mayor Alfin shared about the investment it will take to prioritize water quality and conservation.

3 PRESENTATION - FINAL PROPOSED BUDGET FOR ALL APPROPRIATED FUNDS

Helena Alves, Director of Financial Services, Gwen Ragsdale, Budget & Procurement Manager, Raelene Bowman, Budget Coordinator, and various department directors, presented the topic to Council.

Topics presented included: budget timeline, general fund, proprietary funds, capital funds, all remaining funds, and TRIM.

City Council held discussion on the following topics: percentage of funds dedicated to public safety, meter replacement, request for a very strong analysis to be done on Utility fees, Stormwater projects and ARPA funds, new hires for Stormwater, costs and research related to subcontracting Stormwater, and changes in funds.

Various staff members provided a response to Council questions and comments.

Ms. Johnston shared about reductions, potential millage options available, and highlighted the themes of the budget for public safety, quality of life, beautification program, increased lighting on streets and roadways, Parks &

Recreation programs and amenities, cultural arts grant funding, focus on citizen engagement, and protecting the quality workforce.

Vice Mayor Danko wanted to see a full millage rollback.

Council Member Pontieri commended staff for finding the additional $200,000 and asked where it was found.

Ms. Johnston provided a response regarding one-time appropriations and a review of State revenue final estimates, and interest calculation adjustments.

Council Member Pontieri asked Vice Mayor Danko what policies he would want to affect.

Vice Mayor Danko did not believe the Council should micromanage departments, did not agree with new hires and lack of reduction of the workforce, and wanted staff to tighten the budget.

Lengthy discussion was held on directing policy, staffing, budget, and priorities.

Mayor Alfin discussed his efforts with the Property Appraiser, to share that more than 75% of residents in the City of Palm Coast over the last 4 years have enjoyed a 0.7%, or $17.06, decrease in their median tax bill.

Council Member Klufas commended City staff, recommended taking a sharp look at the reality of creating a bigger inequality between taxes collected versus the property taxes that are rising, level of services provided each year, adjusted for inflation, and that even if the City were to hold steady, there would be a suffering of services. Council Member Klufas supported the proposed fiscal year millage rate for the level of service that is provided to residents that is tangible and measurable to the quality of life in Palm Coast.

Council Member Pontieri wanted to see the 4.1893 millage rate added as an option at the upcoming adoption hearing.

Vice Mayor Danko asked how much needs to be cut in order to get to the 3.9961 millage rate.

Ms. Johnston responded that it would be a loss of $2.14 million.

Discussion was held on the total budget, reserve funds, proposed budget, debt policy, and the general fund budget.

Mayor Alfin requested a calculation taking the median home price and the real dollars that the adjustment would change for the tax bill.

Council Member Pontieri asked for the specifics on the reserves.

Ms. Johnston shared that as next steps, staff will bring back the options at the tentative budget hearing, which is scheduled for Thursday September 5, at 5:15 p.m.

Council Member Klufas requested the historical balances of the reserve fund.

Mayor Alfin asked for a footnote of significant changes to the charter of account definitions during this time.

Ms. Johnston shared that the final budget hearing is scheduled for September 18, at 5:15 p.m., and reminded the public that all budget presentations and information are available on the City's website.

Vice Mayor Danko requested that staff come back with a budget at the full millage rate rollback and what the city would be losing.

Mayor Alfin responded that staff would need to know what Council would like to cut.

Council Member Pontieri reiterated her earlier comments to ask Vice Mayor what direction he would give staff for budgetary adjustments.

Vice Mayor Danko asked if every single employee, presently employed by the city, is absolutely vital to running the City.

Ms. Johnston shared that the city looks at efficiencies for the workforce, including an efficiency analysis for every new position, or position vacancies.

Vice Mayor Danko asked Ms. Johnston if she is incapable of providing a budget with the full millage rate rollback.

Ms. Johnston responded that the statement is not true and that she is seeking policy direction from City Council on what they would like to prioritize.

Public Comment:
Celia Pugliese responded to Mayor Alfin's comments related to data from the Property Appraiser, tax increases, County ad valorem, initiative to see what is going on in the County, capacity and growth, how much do we get in impact fees versus what we pay for growth, and tax decreases.

Mayor Alfin discussed the budget process, and that staff would need a consensus from City Council on policy adjustments.

E 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.
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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.

This item was heard after Item 2 of the agenda.

Sue Rowe discussed Vincent Lyon, complaints about Flagler Humane Society, animal neglect and a cruelty case at FHS, conflicts of interest, violations and conditions of the shelter, and lack of response.

Anne Thompson, shared about an email she sent to 5 board members of the Flagler Humane Society regarding concerns for animals with no response, provided suggestions and associated costs, requested a forensic audit of the Flagler County Humane Society, asked where all of their money and donations go, a Humane Society staff member with pending charges for animal cruelty, and demanded change at the Flagler Humane Society.

Jeffery Seib discussed the importance of water for life as we know it to exist, his review of water annual quality reports, which is consistent with most other water districts, discussed chemicals found in municipal water systems and the impossibility of removing toxins, and freshwater canals supporting aquatic life.

Celia Pugliese spoke on behalf of animal lovers, discussed the euthanasia practices at the Flagler Humane Society, and supported funding a municipal animal shelter/humane society.

Scott Hunter shared that he was here as an animal lover, that a board position is open for the humane society and recommended a stipulation in future contracts that the City get to appoint a board member.

Dennis McDonald discussed the recent election and astounding results, a new movement in Palm Coast, and the end of dark money in Palm Coast.

Mark Webb extended a huge thank you to Flagler Beach for lowering their speed limits and believed that city streets and lack of sidewalks are dangerous.

Sue Rowe agreed with the comments of Mr. Webb on public safety.

Kandie Stevens discussed public safety, excessive construction traffic in the area of Point Pleasant Drive and asked if other routes can be encouraged.

Gary Kunnas discussed Article IV of the Charter related to fiscal contracting authority, a referendum item, confusion, and clarity for candidates.

Vice Mayor Danko agreed with the comments of Mr. Kunnas and believed the language needed to be clearly rewritten. Vice Mayor Danko believed the language to be intentionally misleading, deceptive, untransparent, and stated that the approval will give the city an unlimited amount of money. Additionally, Vice Mayor Danko stated that all City Council Members were invited to a meeting with Rayonier regarding a $90 million stadium they want to be built and that he asked the City Attorney to rewrite the language.

Vice Mayor Danko and Mayor Alfin discussed the question at hand, the history of the item, and the role of a presiding officer.

Attorney Duffy shared that the language has not been changed due to the adoption of the Ordinance and lack of directive from the Council to make any changes.

City Council debated the prior vote, the ballot language, which was adopted by Ordinance, and the purpose of the item.

Council Member Pontieri continued the Council comments to respond to public comments related to the Flagler Humane Society and the need for public pressure and shared about the upcoming joint City/County meeting related the Flagler County Humane Society and provided details related to the animal cruelty investigation. Additionally, Council Member Pontieri provided the financial figures for lowering speed limits citywide and asked for Ms. Johnston to provide details for alternative routes for construction vehicles.

Ms. Johnston shared about the upcoming joint meeting and the scheduled topics and shared staff communication with the contractor relating to minimizing disruption.

Council Member Pontieri responded to Vice Mayor Danko's regarding the adopted Charter Amendment, specifically remembering Vice Mayor Danko and herself proposing changes during the item to make the language more transparent, alternative motives and her perspective, details of the potential change, being a proponent of a sports tourism opportunity, and was concerned with Vice Mayor Danko throwing a red flag when he has previously approve every residential zoning variance that has come before Council. Council Member Pontieri stated that this is an opportunity to invest in commercial development in our community that will bring dollars back to the community. Additionally, Council Member Pontieri shared the city's obligation to prove that borrowed monies can be repaid.

Council Member Pontieri and Vice Mayor Danko held additional discussion on the topic and related meetings.

Council Member Klufas provided a response to Mr. Kunnas related to speed limits.

Vice Mayor Danko shared that he was told, and assumed that the other Council Members were told, that if they did not approve the bonds then the company building the stadium would exit and leave the westward expansion, that it has changed his mind, and he urged Council to rewrite the language.

Council Member Pontieri stated that she was not told that, that she has no issue readdressing the language, had an issue with not doing due diligence and research before a vote, shared that she has been sent proposed language, and asked if Council is able to rescind the previous vote.

Attorney Duffy provided a response on timeline and procedure.

Discussion was held on the procedure for adjusting the language, proper Ordinance noticing requirements, and timeline to submit updated language to the Supervisor of Elections Office.

Vice Mayor Danko made a motion to remove the item from the ballot. The motion died for lack of second.

City Council moved to item 3 of the agenda.

Public Comment:
Celia Pugliese disagreed with the comments of Mayor Alfin related to tax decreases, discussed continued increase, and that the County is the largest portion of the tax bill.

F MINUTES

4 MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL:
AUGUST 6, 2024, BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2024, WORKSHOP MEETING

Pass
Motion made to approve the August 6, 2024, Business Meeting Minutes by Vice Mayor Danko and seconded by Council Member Pontieri

Motion made to approve the August 13, 2024, Workshop Meeting Minutes by Vice Mayor Danko and seconded by Council Member Pontieri

Approved - 4 - Mayor David Alfin, Vice Mayor Ed Danko, Council Member Nick Klufas, Council Member Theresa Pontieri

G ORDINANCES FIRST READ

5 ORDINANCE 2024-XX APPROVING THE 2050 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT AND MAP SERIES FOR THE CITY OF PALM COAST

City Council recessed at 1:00 p.m. City Council reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

Attorney Duffy read the title into the record.

Ms. Johnston opened the item.

Topics presented included: agenda, overview, vision statement and guiding principles, chapter overviews, recommendations, and next steps.

Vice Mayor Danko shared thanks for the hard work but believed that the decision should wait for the incoming Council.

Council Member Pontieri disagreed, sharing that Council has sat through hours upon hours of presentations, and was concerned about the timeline to get the incoming Council Members up to speed on the topic.

Council Member Pontieri asked Council to consider the time, resources, and expense, to start the process again and was not willing to put the burden on the taxpayers.

Council Member Klufas believed that the presentation was great and a product of many months of effort. Council Member Klufas was in alignment with Council Member Pontieri on the investment to the process and that it would be irresponsible to dump this on the incoming Council.

Vice Mayor Danko wanted to see if any of the potential future Council Members show up between now and the 15th to give their thoughts on the topic.

Mayor Alfin discussed timeline, election that recently transpired, and the comprehensive plan being a living document for change and a blueprint for the future.

Mr. Tyner replied to comments to say that this is a community based comprehensive plan, that community input drove the policy changes, and that the next City Council will play an important role in taking the community based comprehensive plan and implementing what the community wants.

Council Member Pontieri shared concern for maps (CP-1.1, CP-1.3), proposed changes, and provided a recommendation for the map.

Lengthy discussion was held between City Council, and with Mr. Tyner, on the map, land uses, staff concerns, Council concerns, suggestions, process and procedure for the landowner, current DRI, landowner driving the change, and future intent.

Mayor Alfin looked to staff and the consultant to bridge the gap on the items discussed.

Vice Mayor Danko asked what Council Member Pontieri would like to see changed.

Council Member Pontieri replied that she would be most comfortable with the area of the map remaining DRI Mixed-Use. Council Member Pontieri discussed a potential option to designate a third category in the legend which describes the current DRI with the potential to become master planned mixed-use.

Mayor Alfin asked Council Member Pontieri to work with staff on the change.

Ms. Johnston recapped the conversation to have the Ordinance come back for first reading at the September 3, 2024, Business Meeting. Council concurred.

Council Member Klufas shared that the opinion of staff is that the comprehensive plan is such an all-encompassing/holistic approach that years ago would have happened in the fashion proposed today.

Mr. Tyner provided a response to the question.

Public Comment:
Celia Pugliese supported the comments and requests of Council Member Pontieri and shared her prior request to change the process for future cell tower location approval.

Mr. Tyner shared that the policy referenced has been updated.

Public Comment:
Mike Norris believed this should be put off until a new Council is in place, discussed landowners using the LDC and comp plan to do what they want to do, that he will submit audio clips to the Clerk, and supported the comments of Council Member Pontieri.

Council Member Pontieri did not want to denigrate the work that staff has done, understood the concerns for westward growth, shared that the Land Development Code will be amended with the future Council, that residents have had input, and that staff have done an excellent job including resident feedback.

H RESOLUTIONS

6 RESOLUTION 2024-127 APPROVING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT

Attorney Duffy read the title into the record.

Kyle Berryhill, Fire Chief, and Patrick Juliano, Fire Lieutenant, presented the topic to Council. Topics presented included a background of the item, details of the grant program, paramedic training, budget, and timeline.

Public Comment:

There were none.

Pass
Motion made to approve by Vice Mayor Danko and seconded by Council Member Pontieri

Approved - 4 - Mayor David Alfin, Vice Mayor Ed Danko, Council Member Nick Klufas, Council Member Theresa Pontieri

7 RESOLUTION 2024-131 APPROVING FREEDOM AT SAWMILL PHASE 7A FINAL PLAT, APPLICATION NO. 5710

Attorney Duffy read the title into the record.

Estelle Lens, Planner, and Dennis Leap, Site Development Manager, opened the item.

Council Member Pontieri asked about the bond amount.

Mr. Leap provided a response related to the bond balance.

Mayor Alfin called for any ex parte communication. There were none.

Public Comment:
There were none.

Pass
Motion made to approve by Vice Mayor Danko and seconded by Council Member Pontieri

Approved - 4 - Mayor David Alfin, Vice Mayor Ed Danko, Council Member Nick Klufas, Council Member Theresa Pontieri

8 RESOLUTION 2024-128 APPROVING PONCE PRESERVE FINAL PLAT, APPLICATION NO. 5685

Attorney Duffy read the title into the record.

Estelle Lens, Planner, and Dennis Leap, Site Development Manager, opened the item.

Council Member Pontieri pointed out that this relates to a public comment from earlier in the meeting related to dump trucks and traffic and asked if there is a solution.

Mr. Leap provided a response regarding suggested alternate routes.

Mayor Alfin called for any ex parte communication. There were none.

Public Comment:
Celia Pugliese discussed public comment from earlier in the meeting, asked if the City has made arrangements or reviewed the pavement status from overloaded trucks, lack of reserve funds to fund road repairs.

Pass
Motion made to approve by Vice Mayor Danko and seconded by Council Member Klufas

Approved - 4 - Mayor David Alfin, Vice Mayor Ed Danko, Council Member Nick Klufas, Council Member Theresa Pontieri

I CONSENT

Council Member Pontieri did not believe that contracts that have not been to workshop, and that are over a million dollars, should be included under consent.

Mayor Alfin asked staff to come back with a policy decision on the topic.

Ms. Johnston responded yes.

Council Member Pontieri asked staff to review a reasonable dollar amount based on the item.

Public comment:
Celia Pugliese agreed with Council Member Pontieri.

9 RESOLUTION 2024-126 APPROVING PIGGYBACKING THE MANATEE COUNTY CONTRACT WITH GML COATINGS, LLC FOR INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORK

10 RESOLUTION 2024-132 APPROVING AN INCREASE OF THE SRF LOAN AMOUNT, A CHANGE ORDER FOR MEMBRANE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT, AND A WORK ORDER WITH CPH, INC., FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING, AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE WWTF NO. 2 EXPANSION PROJECT

11 RESOLUTION 2024-125 APPROVING A MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ODYSSEY MANUFACTURING COMPANY TO PROVIDE AND INSTALL NEW ODOR CONTROL UNIT FOR PUMP STATION 24-2 WHITEVIEW

12 RESOLUTION 2024-129 APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH R.J. SULLIVAN CORPORATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT NO. 3 LIQUID OXYGEN (LOX) SYSTEM PROJECT

13 RESOLUTION 2024-130 APPROVING A CONTRACT WITH SAWCROSS, INC., FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW SLUDGE THICKENER AND GROUND STORAGE TANK PROJECT AT WATER TREATMENT FACILITY NO. 2

Pass
Motion made to be adopted on consent by Council Member Klufas and seconded by Vice Mayor Danko.

Approved - 4 - Mayor David Alfin, Vice Mayor Ed Danko, Council Member Nick Klufas, Council Member Theresa Pontieri

J PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

There were none.

K DISCUSSION BY CITY COUNCIL OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Council Member Pontieri congratulated candidates and thanked everyone who ran in the recent election for putting themselves out there, and thanked the voters.

L DISCUSSION BY CITY ATTORNEY OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were none.

M DISCUSSION BY CITY MANAGER OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

14 REPORTING OF EMERGENCY AND SOLE SOURCE PURCHASES FOR JULY 2024

Ms. Johnston highlighted the emergency and sole source purchases and asked if Council had any questions.

Ms. Johnston shared a reminder about the joint City/County meeting.

Council Member Pontieri shared about an upcoming outdoor concert and encouraged attendance.

N ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

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