

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MAYOR'S CAUCUS

A Special Council Meeting was held on February 19, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

Council President Smith called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present were members Lance Smith, Ken Burgess, Jodi Wilkeson, Alan Knight, and Mayor Gene Whitfield. Charlie Proctor was absent.

Staff present: City Manager Steve Spina, CRA Director Gail Hamilton, Historic Preservation Officer Audrey McGuire and City Clerk Lori Hillman.

1. MAYOR

Mayor Whitfield presented the following petitions for candidates to run for the following offices:

1.1 Candidate Petitions

<u>Council Seat 1</u>	Certified Signatures
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Manny Funes	25
Lance Smith	25

<u>Council Seat 4</u>	
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Ken Burgess	25
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Alan Knight moved the candidate petition certifications be accepted. Seconded by Jodi Wilkeson. Motion passed unanimously.

2. BUSINESS ITEMS

2.1 Notice of Election Postcard

City Manager Dr. Spina advised the Supervisor of Elections will mail postcards to all registered voters as notification of the April 9, 2019 for a cost of \$.56 per postcard to include postage. City Council took no action.

2.2 Wireless Sound System Speakers for Downtown Zephyrhills

City Manager Dr. Spina advised the City has promoted installing a wireless sound system and adding WIFI in the downtown corridor encompassing 5th Avenue and 8th Street. The City has sole sourced the speaker system (\$41,275) and proposes to contract with Reese Electric (\$8,400) which requires a budget adjustment of \$50,000. If approved the system will be installed on Monday, February 28th and available for Founders Day on March 9th.

Council and staff discussed the location of the laptop and software controlling the sound system which will be housed at the Jeffries House, training of multiple employees in controlling the sound system, repayment over a period of time by the CRA for the speakers, and a contribution by CRA to the Main Street program.

CRA Director Gail Hamilton said the CRA will pay the reoccurring costs for Pandora Service to stream music. The system will entice groups to hold their events downtown and serve as an incentive for businesses to move into the downtown area.

Councilwoman Wilkeson moved to approve the Wireless Sound System and Speakers for Downtown. Seconded by Alan Knight. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 6:08 p.m.