

CONSENT ITEM 1.1

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Council Meeting was held on February 25, 2019 at 6:07 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

President Smith called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present were members Ken Burgess, Jodi Wilkeson, Alan Knight, Charlie Proctor, Lance Smith and Mayor Whitfield. City Manager Steve Spina and City Attorney Matthew Maggard were also present.

Staff present: Police Chief Derek Brewer, Fire Chief Brian Swartout, Utilities Director John Bostic, Public Works Director Shane Leblanc, Building Official Bill Burgess, HR Director Sandra Amerson, Director of Planning Todd Vande Berg, IT Director Mike Panak, Airport Manager Nathan Coleman, CRA Director Gail Hamilton, Main Street Coordinator Anna Stutzriem, Assistant City Clerk Jessica Carter and City Clerk Lori Hillman.

Christian Ryman gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Jodi Wilkeson moved to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019 Mayor's Caucus and the minutes of the February 11, 2019 Regular Meeting by amending the second paragraph under Consent Item 1 to read "Council discussed whether or not it was in the best interest of the City and the FAA to sell the property. After discussion, it was agreed that it was due in large part to the unsure process involved with the purchase of FAA property." Seconded by Ken Burgess. Motion passed unanimously.

1. MAYOR

1.1 ZHS Girls Weightlifting Proclamation

Mayor Whitfield welcomed the Girls Weightlifting Team and Coach Joe Rinaldo as City Clerk Lori Hillman read the Girls Weightlifting Proclamation.

Councilman Burgess thanked City employees for volunteering to coach at the high school and for little league programs during their down time.

Councilman Smith said it's nice to recognize kids who are doing the right things and congratulated their parents.

1.2 Frank Rebecky and Tyler Jones Presentation

City Manager Dr. Spina recognized A.D. Morgan President Rebecca Smith and Vice President John Kaleb for their services to the City during the construction of City Hall and singled out Frank Rebecky and Tyler Jones for recognition. Dr. Spina presented a proclamation to Tyler "T.J." Jones along with a personalized laser engraved rosewood pen and case. He then presented Frank Rebecky with a key to the City of Zephyrhills and a plaque which read "For the quality workmanship and personal touches you have bestowed upon the new City Hall. His dedication and attention to detail enhanced the overall character of City Hall for the use of the citizens of Zephyrhills for generations to come."

Public Works Director Shane LeBlanc said it has been a pleasure to work with Frank who is very meticulous, takes pride in his work, and is loyal to his customers. He said if Frank runs into a problem on the construction plans, he finds a way to make it right.

Councilman Smith said this is a building that is going to be around for 75 to 100 years.

1.3 EMERGENCY ITEM

Mayor Whitfield requested to add the demolition of the Hercules building and pool as an emergency item for Council consideration. Charlie Proctor moved to approve adding the Mayor's Emergency Item. Seconded by Jodi Wilkeson. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Smith said this item is from a prior discussion of the preceding workshop.

Dr. Spina advised the City budgeted \$100,000 in FY 18/19 for Hercules Park and suggested preparing to go to bid for demolition services beginning with the pool for safety reasons.

Jodi Wilkeson approved to move forward with the bid for demolition as outlined by the City Manager. Seconded by Ken Burgess. Motion passed unanimously.

2. CONSENT

2.1 Hold Harmless Agreement

2.2 Canine Ownership Transfer Agreement – Sergeant Rinaldo/Mako

Charlie Proctor moved to approve the Hold Harmless Agreement. Seconded by Alan Knight. Motion passed unanimously.

Police Chief Brewer announced the official retirement of canine Mako who began his loyal and trusted service with Sergeant Rinaldo and the City in October 2009. He said while Mako has a strong desire to catch the bad guys, he is beginning to show signs of declining health due to his diagnosis of cancer in July of 2018. Since canines are the property of the City, the City has agreed to transfer ownership and care of Mako to Sergeant Rinaldo. Chief Brewer displayed a PowerPoint presentation of Sergeant Rinaldo and Mako's nine and a half years of service while presenting Sergeant Rinaldo with a plaque on Mako's behalf.

Sergeant Rinaldo said his job is the greatest job in law enforcement and thanked Chief Shears, Chief Brewer, Captain Roberts, Lieutenant Hillen, Lieutenant Gardner and everyone who supported him along the way. He said he will always look back at this time in his career as some of his best years.

Spoke from the floor: Cody Bolton – 36441 Lake Pasadena Road – Dade City, FL 33525

Cody Bolton, son of Sergeant Rinaldo, spoke in a teenager's voice on behalf of Mako. He said he arrived in Zephyrhills nine years ago from his homeland of Germany. The first night home, he ate his masters double quarter pounder with cheese sandwich but left the bun and pickles behind. He shared a story about canine trainer Johnny from the Pasco County Sheriff's Office and how he loved going to work every day. He thanked City leaders and police staff for their support.

Jodi Wilkeson moved to approve Consent Item 2.2 Canine Ownership Transfer Agreement. Seconded by Ken Burgess. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilman Smith said Mako is more than a service dog, he is a member of the City family and this is difficult for everyone.

3. BUSINESS ITEMS

3.1 PLANNING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Planning Report

Planning Director Todd Vande Berg presented petitions submitted by Bill Nye Realty for annexation, a future land use map amendment from Pasco County RES-3 to City MU (mixed use), and rezoning from Pasco County AR (agricultural residential) to City C2 (community commercial) for a one-acre single family property located at 37843 Kossik Road. The property encompasses 196 feet of frontage along Kossik Road with a single access point onto the property with a depth of approximately 200 feet. This is a small piece of property with minimal impact on the City's water and sewer services and is located within the Joint Planning Area (JPA). Staff is of the opinion the proposed annexation meets Section 171.043 of the Florida Statutes for annexations, the future land use proposed changes are consistent with the City of Zephyrhills' Comprehensive Plan, goals, objectives, and policies, and the proposed zoning is appropriate for the location and timing based on development trends in this area. He added, a commercial designation of this property is appropriate and consistent with the land development patterns in this area.

Mr. Vande Berg advised he was questioned by a resident whether the annexation consisted of the entire area on the north side of Kossik Road to Green Slope Drive and he said the annexation consisted of only one acre. He envisions a commercial retail node at the northwest corner of the major arterial road with a transition into office and higher density residential further west toward Green Slope Drive.

Jodi Wilkeson moved to recommend approval of the annexation petition, the FLU Map from Pasco County RES-3 to City MU (mixed use) and the rezoning petition from Pasco County AR (agricultural residential) to City C2 (community commercial) and directed the City Attorney to create an ordinance. Seconded by Alan Knight. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Vande Berg said the City has partnered with local consultant, Tammy Vrana, and a group out of Chicago to create an industrial corridor master plan by conducting a market analysis to identify manufacturing and industrial development through a Department of Economic Opportunity Grant which ends April 2019. Task Force meetings have been held and attended by Duke Energy, the Pasco Economic Development Council, Melanie Kendrick with Pasco County Economic Development, MPO Staff, and DOT members. A separate meeting was held with CSX rail regarding a rail spur with positive feedback.

Lastly, Mr. Vande Berg announced the civil engineering group AECOM was awarded the SR 56 contract which will follow the Ace Process which involves looking at several different alignment alternatives where SR 56 could extend further to the east. He advised it has been agreed to minimize the alternatives to more of a northerly route, north of the Hillsborough River, and bring planning, design and environmental elements into the scope.

Regarding the annexation process, Councilman Smith stated if a citizen owns a piece of land, they can fill out a petition themselves or hire someone to fill it out. He said he was asked this question at the planning commission meeting and wanted to make sure everyone was clear that an individual can submit a petition themselves, they don't have to hire a consultant. He thanked Mr. Vande Berg for staying on top of the SR 56 Alignment Study.

3.2 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Z-Cart Update

Public Works Director Shane LeBlanc commended public works staff for a great job in the field, answering calls and working outside their normal way of doing things with all the disruptions and phones lit up like a Christmas tree with questions from citizens. The City purchased 8,000 carts and 5,300 have been delivered with a surplus at the City maintenance facility. Nuances are being worked out involving vacant properties and lots where employees are retrieving carts and building a data base. Complaints have been minimal, ranging from the carts are too big to carts are too small, which is normal when implementing a new service.

Mr. LeBlanc said sanitation will pick up yard waste comingled with solid waste as long as it is not a hazardous material. The sanitation department's phone number and email address are located on the City's website for citizens to call or email to schedule pickups of additional items not contained in the Z-cart. The new process has slowed down crews considerably due to a learning curve but employees have not had to pick up 100 pound containers full of sand and leaves and the exposure to the hazards of hypodermic needs has been eliminated. A three-man crew is still running alley pickups. Mr. LeBlanc advised a committee has been formed to include Deputy City Manager Poe to amend the Sanitation Ordinance to review data gathered during the Z-cart rollout for policy revision.

Councilman Knight complimented Shane on the directions that came with the Z-Carts which were very clear and precise.

Councilwoman Wilkeson said she has taken it upon herself to answer questions on the community pages of Facebook since the City does not have a public information officer.

3.3 CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

First reading of **RESOLUTION NO. 758-19 – “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ZEPHYRHILLS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ZEPHYRHILLS TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT WORKSHOP WITH THE PASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND OTHER EAST SIDE MUNICIPALITIES TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”**

Resolution No. 758-19 was read by title. City Attorney Matthew Maggard advised pursuant to some changes in the Florida Statute, the City is required to pass a resolution authorizing Council's attendance and participation in joint meetings with Pasco County.

Councilman Smith said the City has worked with Pasco County on many projects in the past and stated joint workshops are beneficial to the City.

Ken Burgess moved to approve Resolution 758-19. Seconded by Alan Knight. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Main Street Coordinator Anna Stutzriem announced the Founder's Day event is March 9th, with a parade at 10:00 a.m. This is the final week to submit parade and vendor applications and they

are ten spots shy of selling out of vendor spaces. There will be two blue grass bands playing, Tales of the Hills will be presented on the Hopkins Family Porch of the Jeffries House and Mr. Hale will perform a whip demonstration in the afternoon.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor Whitfield thanked Sergeant Rinaldo for his service to the City and community. He asked everyone to keep Sergeant Rinaldo in their thoughts with difficult days ahead with Mako.

CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS – Dr. Spina advised the City received two thank you plaques from the Zephyrhills Athletic League for basketball and football.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mr. Maggard said he doesn't have a Z-cart but the cart provided by Waste Connections in Pasco County is the same size as the City's Z-cart.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS – Councilman Proctor said being a dog lover himself, he knows how hard it is going to be for Sergeant Rinaldo not to be able to take Mako to work with him every day. He said he appreciates all City departments who are moving the City forward.

Councilman Knight acknowledged the reporters from the Zephyrhills News and Free Press for their fair reporting and publicity.

Councilman Smith thanked Anna for her hard work in planning this year's Founder's Day event.

Councilman Burgess – N/A

Councilwoman Wilkeson – N/A

Councilman Smith said it is nice to recognize young people and it was great to hear young voices recite the pledge of allegiance. He recognized Sergeant Rinaldo and canine Mako for their service to the City. He acknowledged the Junior ROTC's Project Patriotism at Oakside Cemetery on Saturday, February 16th where they held a flag burning ceremony and cleaned the graves of veterans.

Meeting adjourned 7:18 p.m.