

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Council Meeting was held on February 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Alice Hall Community Center.

President Knight called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present were members Ken Burgess, Kenneth Compton, 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, Police Lieutenant Matt Hillen, K9 Officer Emile Limoges, K9 Officer Joe Rinaldo, Utilities Director John Bostic, Public Works Director Shane LeBlanc, Building Official Bill Burgess, Director of Planning Todd Vande Berg, IT Director Mike Panak, Airport Manager Nathan Coleman, CRA Director Gail Hamilton, Main Street Coordinator Anna Stutzrien, Assistant Planner Rodney Corriveau, GIS Tech Kevie DeFranc, Wastewater Foreman Joey Theel, Assistant Clerk Jessica Carter and City Clerk Lori Hillman.

Alan Knight gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. Kenneth Compton moved the minutes of the February 12, 2018 Regular Meeting and February 20, 2018 Special Meeting be approved. Seconded by Charlie Proctor. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Utilities Director John Bostic recognized Gene Stanek and Josh McCall for preventing a potential disaster. He said while Gene Stanek and Josh McCall were at the storage hangar, they smelled smoke and upon investigation discovered a grass fire on Airport property. He said with a water tank on their vehicle, they headed toward the fire and upon arrival circled the fire spraying the grass. Once contained, they continued to spray the fire until distinguished. The cause of the grass fire was due to an illegal fire pit next to a leased hangar. With the high wind conditions that day, it sparked a grass fire. Mr. Bostic thanked Gene Stanek and Josh McCall for their quick thinking and requested the Mayor, City Council, and City Manager recognize the two men who went above and beyond their normal duties to avert the fire. Both men received a round of applause.

FLORIDA BIKE MONTH PROCLAMATION

City Clerk Lori Hillman read aloud a Florida Bike Month Proclamation which was presented to Chamber of Commerce President Dr. Randy Stovall by Mayor Whitfield.

Councilman Smith recognized Dr. Stovall who is the representative for the BPAC (Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee) which is part of the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization). He said Dr. Stovall is doing good things for our area.

ALICE HALL COMMUNITY CENTER VS. LIBRARY MEETING ROOM FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Dr. Spina explained since the demolition of City Hall, the Library Meeting Room has been used to host Council meetings which has been adequate with the exception of large crowds. He asked Council for their feedback on the location of future meetings and listed pros and cons for each venue. Council concurred to resume meeting at the Library and use the Alice Hall Community Center if large crowds are anticipated.

CITIZEN SIGNED UP TO SPEAK

Ms. Ward stated K9s of Valor was launched two years ago when a canine of the Canton, Ohio Police Department was killed in the line of duty. She said founder, Nathan King, began providing lifesaving equipment to law enforcement agencies with limited funds for K-9 Units. Ms. Ward presented Zephyrhills Police Department K9 Officers Limoges and Rinaldo with Narcan Kits, dog toys, and treats on behalf of K9s of Valor. She said there is a massive epidemic of Fentanyl and Heroine and Narcan will reverse an overdose in a dog that can be carried on the officer's duty belt. She said the Narcan works like an internal nasal spray and will stop a dog from overdosing with time to transport to a veterinarian.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Street Narcotics Apprehension Program (SNAP) Grant

2. Barney's Pump Contract Renewal

Charlie Proctor moved to approve the Consent Items. Seconded by Ken Burgess.
Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS
PUBLIC HEARING

1. Second Reading ORDINANCE NO.: 1351-18 – “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ZEPHYRHILLS, FLORIDA, APPROVING A LARGE SCALE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT TO THE CITY’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION FROM COUNTY IL TO CITY INDUSTRIAL, AND AMENDING THE ZONING FROM COUNTY I1 TO CITY LI, FOR PARCEL 06-26-22-0000-01500-0020 PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Ordinance #1351-18 was read by title. Dr. Spina said this property is located at 40119 CR 54. A public hearing was held and there were no comments from the audience. Charlie Proctor moved Ordinance #1351-18 be passed on the second reading. Seconded by Ken Burgess. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Second Reading ORDINANCE NO.: 1352-18 – “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ZEPHYRHILLS, FLORIDA, APPROVING A LARGE SCALE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT TO THE CITY’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION FROM COUNTY RES-3 TO CITY RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN, AND AMENDING THE ZONING FROM COUNTY R2 TO CITY R2, FOR PARCEL 13-26-21-0040-00C00-0010 PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Ordinance #1352-18 was read by title. Dr. Spina said this property is located at 39730 Alston Avenue. A public hearing was held and there were no comments from the audience. Kenneth Compton moved Ordinance #1352-18 be passed on the second reading. Seconded by Lance Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Second Reading ORDINANCE NO.: 1353-18 – “AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ZEPHYRHILLS, FLORIDA, APPROVING A LARGE SCALE FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENT TO THE CITY’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP DESIGNATION FROM COUNTY N/A TO CITY INDUSTRIAL, AND AMENDING THE ZONING FROM COUNTY C2 AND LI TO CITY LI, FOR PARCEL 19-26-22-0000-00400-0000 PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Ordinance #1353-18 was read by title. Dr. Spina said this property is located at 40132 Tucker Road. A public hearing was held and there were no comments from the audience. Ken Burgess moved Ordinance #1353-18 be passed on the second reading. Seconded by Charlie Proctor. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mayor Whitfield thanked K9s of Valor for their donation of Narcan Kits for the City's K9s.

CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS - N/A

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENTS - N/A

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS - Council Vice President Smith said he attended the Chamber of Commerce's Student of the Month event to present awards and said he had a wonderful time. He stated with all the disturbing news at schools this past week, it was great to be involved with positivity for the students.

Councilman Compton congratulated Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Melonie Monson and Chamber of Commerce President Dr. Randy Stovall for successful BBQ and Blues and Pay It Forward events.

Councilman Burgess – N/A

Councilman Proctor – N/A

Council President Knight said the school shooting in Parkland, Florida has disturbed everyone. He said he met with Mayor Whitfield, City Manager Dr. Spina, Police Chief Brewer and Police Captain Roberts and feels confident and proud of the Zephyrhills Police Department staff. He asked Police Chief Brewer to say a few words of confidence that our schools and children are protected.

Police Chief Brewer said school shootings have been at the forefront of everyone's minds recently. He said the Zephyrhills Police Department has been training and preparing for active shooter type incidents for years and they are prepared to respond.

Dr. Spina said he received a phone call from Allen Altman, member of the Pasco County School Board, who advised there was a police presence of patrolling at all four schools within the City limits days after the shooting. He said Chief Brewer initiated a strong presence at the schools with his staff to show support. He said these are trying, difficult situations but our department is aware of what is going on and will protect our community.

Councilman Burgess said when the schools had the walk out last week, he saw the presence of police units. He said a lot of the officers know their way around the schools because they have walked the hallways.

Councilman Proctor said he is 100% confident in the Zephyrhills Police Department.

Mayor Whitfield said he is proud and confident in Chief Brewer and respects how quietly he goes about his work but how deliberate he is in preparing.

Councilman Compton said he and Councilman Smith spent some time at a luncheon with Mr. Altman who was pleased with the Zephyrhills Police Department and made a personal effort to shake hands and express his gratitude in person.

Councilman Smith said Mr. Altman was complimentary of the Zephyrhills Police Department. He said it is a great opportunity for the children to see the police in a positive manner and he would like to see the City work hard to get officers back in the elementary, middle and high schools. He said he believes it is important and the City needs to reach out to the school board.

Council President Knight congratulated Adam Wilkes for a great job with the Little League baseball season opening last Saturday.

Spoke from the floor: Jeff Strickland – 26778 Hickory Loop - Lutz, Florida

Mr. Strickland said he works for Ernie Morris, a contract furniture company that sells through the state of Florida contract. He addressed City Council and said if he is presented with the opportunity to be of service to the City for the City Hall Project, he promises to do a good job. He said Ernie Harris has been in business for 50 years in Bushnell, Florida with a 25,000 square foot warehouse. He looks forward to being a part of the competitive process.

Spoke from the floor: Warren Earle – 3822 Florida Ranch Blvd. – Zephyrhills, Florida

Mr. Earle introduced himself as Citizen of the Year and said sometimes it pays to read the paper. He said on the back of the Laker, Turin Aviation had a large advertisement related to their opening.

Main Street Coordinator Anna Stutzrien announced Mr. Warren Earle will be the Grand Marshall for the 108th Founder's Day Parade.

This item was added to the agenda

OPIOID EPIDEMIC

City Attorney Matthew Maggard stated there is a Federal Lawsuit in Ohio, brought by municipalities and county governments throughout the state of Ohio, regarding the

opioid epidemic. He said a federal judge has appointed three attorneys who have assembled a team to negotiate a settlement with the cities and counties. He said the compensation is reimbursement for police and fire personnel who have responded to opioid incidents. He said some of the cities involved in the lawsuit have a population as low as 350 with 120,000 prescriptions written in a given year.

Mr. Maggard said the City of Dade City has advertised a Request for Proposals to Provide Special Council Legal Services for Opioid Epidemic Investigation and Potential Litigation to seek attorneys that have experience in opioid litigation and Pasco County has retained a law firm in Pensacola, Florida. He said he was approached by the City of Dade City questioning whether the City of Zephyrhills would like to join the RFP process or potentially piggyback on Dade City's RFP. He said the attorneys involved will be paid based upon the class action settlement with no out-of-pocket expenses to the City. He said Dade City's attorney is projecting a potential settlement between \$20,000-to-\$50,000. He said Zephyrhills is similar to Dade City in that both municipalities rely on Pasco County for transport services and believes the City may have a justifiable claim.

Dr. Spina said he will reach out to Florida Hospital Zephyrhills' CEO Amanda Maggard for possible records.

Mr. Maggard will look into available resources and nail down what information would need to be gathered and bring back to Council.

Meeting adjourned 6:51 p.m.