

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017
5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL
9101 BONITA BEACH ROAD
BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34135
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Peter O'Flinn called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At the request of Deputy Mayor O'Flinn, Council Member Steve Slachta led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

Deputy Mayor O'Flinn and all Council Members were in attendance, with Council Member Mike Gibson arriving at 5:43 P.M., and Mayor Peter Simmons arriving at 6:22 P.M.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

5:32:46 PM John West questioned the process for responding to occurrences during a storm. Council Member Greg DeWitt explained that once winds reach 40 mph the Fire District does not go out; however, they monitor and prioritize calls and respond to them once winds are below the 40 mph.

V. DISCUSS HURRICANE IRMA AND PROVIDE STAFF DIRECTION.

A. INITIAL REPORT FROM JIM BEEVER

5:37:06 PM Jim Beever next furnished a PowerPoint presentation on his report on Flood Reduction Project (copy in Clerk's file). He addressed projects started, legislative initiatives, and expanded on twelve (12) potential flood reduction solutions.

5:43:40 PM Council Member Mike Gibson arrived.

Council discussion followed.

6:22:04 PM Mayor Simmons arrived.

6:41:07 PM Council Member Forbes suggested an E-Blast be put out with the information and a link to the presentation.

B. DISCUSS INITIAL WORK TO BE AUTHORIZED FOR ATKINS (GREENSHEET NO. 17-10-0405)

7:04:49 PM Council Member Forbes furnished an overview as reflected in his Greensheet and map. Discussion followed and Mr. Beever responded. Council Member Forbes, Staff and Atkins to work on costs for all these different projects, to take to Tallahassee. Council discussion followed.

[7:33:46 pm](#) Mayor Simmons motioned to approve; Council Member Greg DeWitt seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

C. OTHER ITEMS.

ERRATA SHEET: I AM PROVIDING BACKGROUND INFORMATION RELATED TO WATER STORAGE PROJECTS IN FLORIDA, INCLUDING THOSE MAINTAINED BY THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. I INTEND TO DISCUSS THESE PROJECTS WITH COUNCIL IN ANTICIPATION OF THE UPCOMING MEETING WITH THE SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. (DEPUTY MAYOR O'FLINN; GREENSHEET NO. 17-10-0405)

[7:34:28 PM](#) Council Member O'Flinn addressed this Greensheet in relation to a meeting scheduled for tomorrow with the South Florida Water Management District to which he and Council Member Forbes plan to attend. It addresses what they plan to speak to as reflected in the Greensheet. Council consensus yes as to what they plan to speak on. A brief discussion followed on Sunshine, and consensus for Council Member O'Flinn to attend on behalf of City Council. Also, to take the letter the Mayor previously sent out relating to surplus lands.

ERRATA SHEET: HURRICANE IRMA RELATED INVOICES PROCESSED THROUGH OCTOBER 24, 2017. (GREENSHEET NO. 17-10-0407)

[7:48:56 pm](#) Mayor Simmons addressed this Greensheet, which he explained was for informational purposes for residents relating to invoices to date relating to Hurricane Irma.

[7:55:12 pm](#) Council Member Forbes informed Council that he will be bringing a Greensheet next week to City Council on affordable housing and rental housing.

[7:59:06 pm](#) Council Member Quaremba referred to the ditches in Southern Pines and the need to identify the location of the ditches, who they belong to and who is to maintain them. She addressed the need for a policy. Next she requested Staff reach out to the care agencies who helped us with the problems that individuals have had in regard to quality of life after Hurricane Irma. She wants an understanding of what the needs were and the types of services that were provided. City Manager Schwing informed Council that the request went out today and that they were looking forward to obtaining the information.

[8:04:58 PM](#) Assistant City Manager Arleen Hunter informed Council that as part of the CRS efforts, the City has been scheduled for a tour of the National Weather Service on December 7, 2017 at 10:30 A.M. Five representatives are needed to attend, which should include a combination of City Staff, Fire Officials and Elected Officials. Additionally, there will be storm warning training at the Fire District on November 14, 2017.

[8:11:01 pm](#) A brief discussion was held on City Council meeting schedule, with Council consensus to move forward with meetings on November 1, 8 and 15.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

[8:17:15 pm](#) Patty Whitehead next referred to a slide on Mr. Beever's PowerPoint presentation and addressed building elevations for single family residences.

[8:22:26 PM](#) Vince Moderelli with the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs, and Habitat for Humanity, addressed affordable housing, which he stated entail 3 remedies - add supply, pay more, or subsidize. He also furnished an update on Hurricane Irma and Rotary Club fundraising events held

8:26:26 PM Marion Taylor, a resident on the Imperial River next to I-75 addressed her property which has been damaged by Hurricane Irma.

8:31:55 PM Lucy Adgate informed Council that Ms. Taylor is now homeless and is living with her.

8:33:25 pm John West addressed the City Council Zoning meeting held this past Monday. He also addressed Council Member Forbes map and suggested San Carlos Estates be included on it as well. He concluded by addressing the library and the upcoming SFWMD meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further items to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

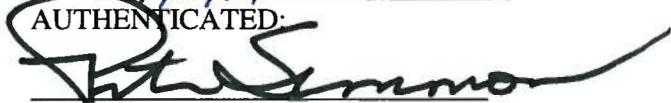


Debra Filipek, City Clerk

APPROVED:
BONITA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:

Date: 11/3/17 _____ .

AUTHENTICATED:



Peter Simmons, Mayor