



City Council Chambers
9101 Bonita Beach Road
Bonita Springs, Florida 34135

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 1, 2023
5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rick Steinmeyer called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

2. Invocation

Pastor Riley Grandell, with Gulf Shore Church, furnished the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Steinmeyer led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

The Mayor and all Council Members were in attendance.

5. Approval of Agenda

6. Mayor's Welcome

7. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Joe Gallagher commented on the City's legislative priorities and the need for affordable housing.

Dwight Esmon commented on the stormwater management project for the golf course.

Ben Hershenson commented on the stormwater management project for the golf course.

Bob DiGilarmo commented on the stormwater management project for the golf course.

Grant Lundberg commented on the stormwater management project for the golf course.

Herb Nelson commented on the stormwater management project for the golf course.

Brad Sikas commented on the stormwater management project for the golf course.

8. Proclamations and Presentations: No items

9. Consent Agenda:

Council Member Jesse Purdon voiced his support for the buyout program and commended Parks and Recreation Director Nicole Perino on the EnviroStruct proposal for the Community Park Baseball Complex.

Mayor Steinmeyer motioned approval of the Consent Agenda; Council Member Laura Carr seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approval of the December 21, 2022 Draft City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve a purchase agreement to acquire parcels located in the Quinn/Downs/Dean Neighborhood for the Voluntary Home Buyout Program (Green Sheet No. 23-02-12)
- C. Authorize staff to submit a grant proposal to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the FY2023-2024 Federal Recreational Trails Program (RTP) to construct the Pine Avenue Multi-Use Path. (Green Sheet No. 23-02-013)
- D. Confirm and ratify Resolutions extending the Local State of Emergency and two Executive Orders facilitating recovery from Hurricane Ian. (Green Sheet No. 23-02-014)
- E. Approve the proposal from EnviroStruct, LLC from the Construction Manager at Risk Continuing Services agreement in an amount not to exceed \$1,420,409.78 for Community Park Baseball Complex LED field lighting project. (Green Sheet No. 23-02-015)

10. Mayor and Council Member Items:

- A. Consider two applications for appointment to the City of Bonita Springs Local Planning Agency (Green Sheet No. 23-02-020)

Council Member Carr motioned to approve; Council Member Jamie Bogacz seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 23-09**

- B. Consider one application for appointment to the Outreach Advisory Committee (Green Sheet No. 23-02-017)

Council Member Purdon disclosed that the applicant is his fiancée.

Mayor Steinmeyer motioned to approve; Council Member Carr seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 23-10**

11. City Attorney's Items:

- A. Discussion regarding a purchase agreement with BS Parcel Holdings LLC to acquire land for stormwater purposes and an Infrastructure Oversizing Agreement for related offsite work. (Green Sheet No. 23-02-019)

City Attorney Derek Rooney provided an overview of the two agreements for Council's consideration. He clarified that the City would acquire the property in an improved state in accordance with the stormwater design conducted by Singhofen & Associates.

Council Member Carr motioned to approve; Council Member Purdon seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

12. City Manager's Items:

- A. Adopt the City's 2023 State Legislative Agenda and provide direction regarding potential priority projects for appropriations requests. (Green Sheet No. 23-02-018)

City Manager Hunter introduced the item and informed the Council that the City's lobbyist was in attendance by phone to answer any questions. The recommendation is to request five million for home elevation and acquisition of homes that are vulnerable to flooding. She next addressed the beach renourishment planning and recommended asking for the remaining half of the funds needed to complete the southern portion of Bonita Beach. She next requested Council's permission to pursue 5.4 million for the golf course project.

Council Member Purdon commented on the need to rehabilitate Lovers Key as a priority. City Manager Hunter and Assistant City Manager Feeney further addressed.

Council Member Forbes motioned to approve the legislative requests. Council Member Bogacz seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

- B. Presentation and request authorization for submission under the American Rescue Plan Act Grant (Green Sheet No. 23-02-016)

Lisa Roberson, Finance Director, provided a Powerpoint presentation (in Clerk's file) to address eligible uses of the American Rescue Plan Act Grant and requested

direction from Council to submit the eligible Governmental Services expenditures for reimbursement.

Council Member Corrie motioned to approve; Council Member Fullick seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Update regarding Hurricane Ian recovery

John Dulmer, Community Development, provided an update on permitting operations related to damages caused by Hurricane Ian and adjustment of office hours for staff to address permit efficiency.

Assistant City Manager Matt Feeney next provided an update regarding the conclusion of debris removal operations.

City Manager Hunter announced that the Hurricane Ian Recovery Reimbursement Grant program is live in the DEP portal. This is a new grant opportunity for sand replenishment for private property owners on the beach and entails a 50% match. A link will also be provided on the City's website.

She next informed Council that the city received its certification for being a Blue Zone Community and that Bonita Springs Utilities has invited Council and the public to an open house on Saturday, February 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lastly, she requested direction to schedule a series of Council workshops to discuss CIP projects, with the first workshop to follow the next Council meeting.

13. Mayor and Council Member Reports

Council Member Forbes reported on the MPO meeting he attended and plans for I-75 to be widened to ten lanes from Golden Gate to Corkscrew Road.

Council Member Purdon thanked Barron Collier for the collaboration in developing the stormwater management project for the golf course.

Council Member Corrie also thanked Barron Collier and staff for their work in developing the stormwater management project for the golf course.

Council Member Fullick reported on a discussion with the Lee County Property Appraiser, Matt Caldwell, regarding potentially conducting public workshops to educate members of the public on tax roll issues stemming from the impacts of Hurricane Ian.

Council Member Purdon motioned to authorize staff to assist the Property Appraiser's Office with coordinating the workshops as well as the use of City facilities; Council Member Corrie seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

Council Member Fullick requested Council's consensus to have staff address the emails received from Estero residents regarding BERT. Council discussion ensued.

14. Public Comment

Donna Poronto commented on the BERT emails sent to Council Members.

Dwight Esmon addressed public input on City projects.

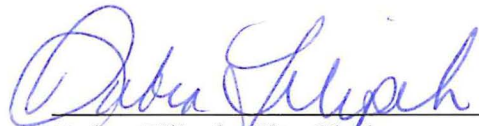
Kyle Moran commended Council and Staff on progress in City.

Ben Hershenson commended the professionalism of the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

15. Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

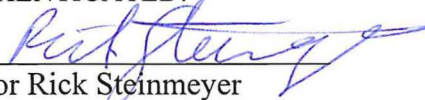


Debra Filipek, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Date: 2/15/2023

AUTHENTICATED:



Mayor Rick Steinmeyer