

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2016  
5:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL  
9101 BONITA BEACH ROAD  
BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34135  
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER.

Mayor Peter Simmons called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

II. INVOCATION.

Pastor Russ Winn, with the Springs Church, furnished the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

At the request of Mayor Simmons, Council Member Steve Slachta led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ROLL CALL.

Mayor Simmons and all Council Members were in attendance.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

5:32:31 pm Deb Logan, Executive Director of the Blue Zones project, was in attendance to ask for Council's support of the proposed Resolution for the City's participation in the Blue Zones project.

VI. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER AS NATIONAL HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS. TO BE PRESENTED NOVEMBER 9, 2016.

ADD-ON:

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO INTERACT CLUB OF ESTERO HIGH SCHOOL.

Mayor Simmons and Council Member Steven Slachta presented a Certificate of Appreciation to the Interact Club of Estero High School. In attendance to accept the Certificate of Appreciation were Ms. Klinker and Estero High students Cameryn DeWitt and Victoria Romero.

B. RECOGNITION OF FINANCE STAFF ON BEING AWARDED THE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING. (GREENSHEET NO. 16-11-0353)

INFORMATIONAL.

C. RECEIVE UPDATE FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD (HPB) MEMBERS.  
(GREENSHEET NO. 16-11-0363)

5:40:00 pm Dallas Revord, Chairman of the City's Historic Preservation Board, introduced other Members of the Board in attendance. Chairman Revord next furnished an update to City Council on items the Board is currently in the process of addressing or interested in pursuing, including the proposed demolition delay ordinance, the creation of a historic village, and the pursuit of grants to assist in funding a historic village. They would like to host a workshop December 1, 2016 at City Hall at 5:30 P.M. on the demolition delay ordinance to address with the residents. He further explained.

5:44:31 pm Arleen Hunter, Assistant City Manager, clarified the request from the Historic Preservation Board, which is to host a public workshop for purposes of outreach to the affected property owners via a letter signed by the Chairman of the HPB Board. Council consensus to move forward with the public workshop and letter.

D. PRESENTATION BY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ON NEW COMMUNITY PROJECTS  
ONLINE DATABASE.

5:45:36 PM David Ortiz, Community Development, utilized an on-line presentation on the Community Development website to furnish an overview of the system and its functions.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA: (NOTE: ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE CONSIDERED AS ONE UNLESS A SPECIFIC ITEM IS REMOVED BY A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION.)

5:55:53 PM Council Members Peter O'Flinn and Steven Slachta requested item A. be pulled to commend and briefly address the Blue Zones Project. Council Member O'Flinn motioned to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda; Council Member Slachta seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

A. ADOPT RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BLUE ZONES PROJECT. (GREENSHEET NO. 16-11-364)

5:57:54 pm Council Member Slachta motioned to approve the Resolution; Council Member O'Flinn seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 16-59**

B. APPROVAL OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 CONSISTENT WITH PRIOR YEAR'S PROCEDURES. (GREENSHEET NO. 16-11-0358) **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 16-60**

C. AUTHORIZE MAYOR TO SIGN RESOLUTION APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL TASK AUTHORIZATION NO. 3 WITH JOHNSON ENGINEERING SERVICES, FOR WATER QUALITY SAMPLING & FLOW MEASUREMENT SERVICES CN 13-025 IN THE NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$68,079.00. (GREENSHEET NO. 16-11-0352) **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 16-61**

D. ESTABLISH THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD GRANT FUNDING SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSES OF ASSISTING WITH IDENTIFYING, PURSUING, AND SECURING GRANT FUNDS, AND COMPLYING WITH GRANT FUNDING PROGRAMS, POTENTIALLY AVAILABLE FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION RELATED ACTIVITIES. (GREENSHEET NO. 16-11-0360) **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 16-62**

- E. APPROVE THE PARKS AND RECREATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS AND THE BONITA SPRINGS LITTLE LEAGUE. (GREENSHEET NO. 16-11-0359)
- F. APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT WITH TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES AND CO-SPONSORSHIP FOR THE ROTARY CLUB OF BONITA SPRINGS 5K RUN ON NOVEMBER 19, 2016. (GREENSHEET NO. 16-11-0366)

VIII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS: NONE

6:01:27 pm Council Member O'Flinn, as Liaison to the Art in Public Places Board (APPB), addressed items he previously spoke to City Council about which he addressed with the APPB to consider – to do something to make the bridge over the Imperial River and new U.S. 41 to make it look better, and secondly for some kind of signature element, i.e., a lighthouse, etc., to be located near I-75 that inform people that they are entering the City of Bonita Springs.

Assistant City Manager Arleen Hunter addressed preliminary concepts/ideas by the Board for both items by referring to two photographs furnished to Council Members. The board is looking for direction on whether they are on the right track with their proposal. She also addressed the possibility of some sort of applique on the East Terry Street bridge that crosses I-75. Mayor Simmons stated that he agrees that the Board is on the right track, and he also agrees with pursuing and working with the private land owners, and yes on the Terry Street bridge. He also stated that maintenance on that bridge is moving forward. He also addressed outreach he did with BSU regarding the water tower on I-75 and the tower at the beach to welcome people to the City of Bonita Springs. BSU was receptive to the idea. Assistant City Manager Hunter addressed direction for the Board to continue with their workshops and bring back final recommendations.

IX. FIRST READING OF THE FOLLOWING ZONING ORDINANCE (NO PUBLIC COMMENT ALLOWED)

A ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA; CONSIDERING A REQUEST BY BONITA SPRINGS FIRE CONTROL & RESCUE DISTRICT, TO GRANT STREET SETBACK REDUCTIONS ALONG HICKORY BOULEVARD AND A SIDE YARD SETBACK ALONG THE SOUTHERN PROPERTY LINE; FOR AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A FIRE STATION, LOCATED AT 26105 HICKORY BOULEVARD, BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

6:13:28 PM Council Member O'Flinn motioned to move forward with a second reading of the Zoning Ordinance on Monday, November 14, 2016; Council Member Slachta seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

X. FIRST READING OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE (NO PUBLIC COMMENT ALLOWED):

A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA; RELATING TO SMOKING OF CANNABIS AND MARIJUANA IN OPEN AND PUBLIC PLACES; PROVIDING FOR DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING THAT SMOKING OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA USE IS PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN OPEN AND PUBLIC AREAS; ALLOWING LIMITED EXCEPTIONS BY SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES, CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-11-0355)

Council Member O'Flinn motioned to move forward with a second reading of the Ordinance on Wednesday, November 16, 2016; Council Member Fred Forbes seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

[6:18:07 pm](#) Kathy McGrath commended all who attended and helped with Riverfest. She also commended Council on their moving forward with the project to have derelict boats removed. She also addressed briefly the "Neverglades" bus tour and property south of Lake "O."

[6:23:31 pm](#) Sharon Curtis, a resident in the City representing approximately 13 families, submitted into the record a letter addressing the proposed bike path to be located near their properties, which the residents are opposed to for reasons relating to safety, etc.

[6:27:48 pm](#) Patricia Duff, also commented on the proposed bike path, which she also is opposed to.

XII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

XIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

[6:28:54 pm](#) City Manager Carl Schwing was happy to report that Parks and Recreation pool staff once again received the Ellis award, exceeding marks on all categories. He next thank Communications Director, her Staff and Neighborhood Services Staff on the great job they did with Riverfest.

ADDITIONAL ITEM:

Communications Director Lora Taylor next furnished a PowerPoint presentation on the Downtown Brochure. Brochures to be provided to the Mayor and Council Members.

[6:39:10 PM](#) Assistant City Manager Hunter informed City Council that Dr. Margaret Banyan, with FGCU, will begin an introduction of the Bonita Beach Road Visioning implementation to the Local Planning Agency at their November 10, 2016 meeting.

XIV. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

- A. APPROVE A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF ONE MEMBER OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS BOARD FOR LAND USE HEARINGS AND ADJUSTMENTS AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS; APPOINTING ONE MEMBER TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM. (MAYOR SIMMONS; GREENSHEET NO. 16-11-0362)

A ballot vote was taken. Council Member Gibson next motioned the appointment of Russ Winn to the Zoning Board; Council Member Forbes seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.  
**ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 16-63**

[6:43:33 pm](#) Council Member Amy Quaremba also commended all involved for Riverfest, which was a great event! She also addressed branding and a work on a video for her district and outreach by Council with residents of their districts to comment on the features of their district that are appealing to get people to move here or do business in the City. It's a great experience and helps to understand the value in the City. She next addressed the Save Our Water conference in Sanibel, which was very informative. She also addressed notices received regarding new businesses and ribbon cuttings, and read aloud the names of new businesses in the City and welcomed them to the City. She would suggest public recognition of

new businesses coming to the City. She concluded by reminding Council Members of the December 9, 2016 event for them to show up to decorate the tree. The event starts at 5:00 P.M.

6:49:51 pm Council Member DeWitt also afforded “kudos” to all involved with Riverfest. It was a great event! He also reminded everyone to get out and vote!

6:52:43 PM Council Member Slachta reminded everyone of the Veteran’s Day ceremony scheduled for Riverside Park on November 11, 2016 at Riverside Park. The ceremony starts at 11:00 A.M. Retired Navy Blue Angel, Curt Watson, will be guest speaker!

6:53:36 PM Mayor Simmons gave a shout out to the two Hampton Inn’s who redid both of their hotels. They did a fantastic job! He next reported that Governor Scott was in town with Herc, which was a fantastic and well attended event. He also asked that Council Members let him or Council Member Forbes their legislative priorities.

6:55:36 PM Council Member O’Flinn also commended all involved with Riverfest! He also thanked Council Member Slachta in his leadership on Veteran’s Day. He also commended Steve and Connie McIntosh for all their work in forming the Interactive Group. Lastly, he addressed the bikepaths as they relate to security. City Manager Schwing stated he will reach out to the neighbors and try to address all their concerns, fears, etc.

6:58:51 PM Council Member Gibson reminded everyone of the Film Fest the following evening at the Prado.

6:59:01 PM Council Member Forbes addressed the issue of the bike paths and security, and suggested security cameras be installed. He concluded by suggesting that at Council’s next meeting or the meeting after that, that it include an approximate 30-minute presentation to recap all of Council’s accomplishments to date.

XV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 10/19/16

Council Member Slachta motioned approval of the Minutes; Council Member O’Flinn seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

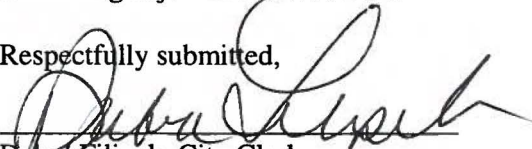
XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kathy McGrath addressed the Riverfest duck race.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT.

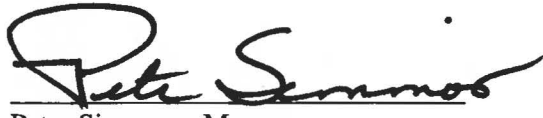
There being no further items to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Dora Filipek, City Clerk

APPROVED:  
BONITA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:

Date: 11/17/16  
AUTHENTICATED:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Simmons". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "P".

Peter Simmons, Mayor