

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2015
5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL
9101 BONITA BEACH ROAD
BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34135
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER: CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Ben Nelson, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

II. INVOCATION:

Reverend Jean Hite, with St. Mary's Episcopal Church, furnished the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

IV. ROLL CALL:

Mayor Nelson and all Council Members were in attendance.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:

5:32:45 PM Ed Fitzgerald referred to Agenda Item XV. C., regarding the Resolution relating to a high school, and stated he opposes the passage of the Resolution for a high school, because it generally accepts the DRGR as a suitable location in the City.

5:33:40 PM Jessie Purdon, District 2, stated he supports the resolution for a high school in the city. He suggested it be amended to bar those areas that are protected.

5:34:51 PM Fred Forbes informed Council that he attended the School Board meeting that was held today, in which it was indicated that they are going to try to delay plans for one year to review alternative sites for a high school. He is against development of a high school in the DRGR.

5:36:12 PM Meg Jacobson echoed comments made regarding the high school. She opposes the development of a high school in the DRGR.

5:37:02 PM Kathy McGrath stated she supports a high school in the City of Bonita Springs, but is against it being developed in the DRGR. She hopes it would be more centrally located.

5:37:50 PM Alex Grantt also voiced his support for a high school and suggested an elementary school and middle school be developed on the same site as well.

5:38:51 PM Martha Simons also voiced her support for a high school, but not in the DRGR.

VI. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

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.)

5:40:59 PM Council Member Bill Lonkart motioned approval of the Consent Agenda (Items A. through G.); Council Member Janet Martin seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. APPROVE RESOLUTION AWARDING THE SHANGRI-LA ROAD SIDEWALK ADDITION PROJECT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE, RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, BONNESS, INCORPORATED IN THE BID AMOUNT OF \$431,025.05, UPON APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTS BY CITY ATTORNEY. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-02-0037) **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 15-12**
- B. REQUEST APPROVAL FOR THE CITY WIDE CLEAN-UP SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2015 AT COMMUNITY HALL. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-02-0045)
- C. APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CHAIRMAN TO THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS BICYCLE PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-02-0052) **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 15-13**
- D. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR FARMER MIKE'S 3RD ANNUAL STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL ON FEBRUARY 7, 2015 LOCATED AT 26031 MORTON AVENUE, BONITA SPRINGS, FL 34135. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-02-0048)
- E. REQUEST APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA MARINE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION FOR THE BONITA SPRINGS BOAT SHOW EVENT ON MARCH 5, 2015 TO MARCH 8, 2015 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M. AT THE NAPLES-FORT MYERS GREYHOUND TRACK, 10601 BONITA BEACH ROAD. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-02-0046)
- F. REQUEST APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE ANNUAL FITZGERALD'S SAINT PATRICK'S EVENT ON MARCH 16, 2015 THROUGH MARCH 16, 2015 FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 9:30 P.M. AT 9070 BONITA BEACH ROAD, BONITA SPRINGS, FL 34135. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-02-0047)
- G. APPROVE ADDENDUM TO THE AGREEMENT WITH C.R. GRAY, TO LOAN THE CITY TWO SCULPTURES, BY REPLACING "SLICES OF HEAVEN" FOR PLACEMENT AT THE BUTTERFLY GARDEN IN THE LILES HOTEL AREA AT RIVERSIDE PARK, WITH "SLICES OF HEAVEN STACKED" AND ADJUSTMENT OF DATES. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-02-0049)

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

5:42:03 PM John Paeno complimented City Council on the Art Festival, and for making the road available for the local merchants.

5:42:48 PM Martha Simons urged everyone to attend the Strawberry Festival at Farmer Mike's.

[5:43:53 PM](#) Alex Grantt commended City Council on the wonderful dog park, which is being enjoyed by many.

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 TO REINSTATE THE MASTER CONCEPT PLAN IN ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 08-11 FOR THE SAINT JAMES DEVELOPMENT COMMERCIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (CPD) FOR FIVE ADDITIONAL YEARS OR A DATE CERTAIN; REMOVING CERTAIN USES FROM THE SCHEDULE OF USES; ON 9.12 ± ACRES; LOCATED AT 27825 - 27961 MILLER ROAD, BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

[5:44:47 pm](#) City Attorney Audrey Vance read the title block of the Zoning Ordinance into the record.

[5:45:11 pm](#) Council Member Slachta motioned to move forward with a second reading of the Zoning Ordinance on Monday, February 23, 2015; Council Member Steve McIntosh seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

X. PUBLIC HEARING:

A. REQUEST TO VACATE A PORTION OF A PUBLIC UTILITY AND DRAINAGE EASEMENT, LYING IN SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 47 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, AND AS SHOWN ON LOT 31, BLOCK 13, UNIT #4, IMPERIAL HARBOR, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 25, PAGES 124-126, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-02-0033)

[5:46:23 PM](#) Jay Sweet, with Community Development, furnished a brief overview of this vacation request. After purchasing their mobile home in Imperial Harbor the applicants learned that a portion of the home encroached over the subject easement. The applicant is requesting to vacate only that portion of the public utility and drainage easement that lays beneath their dwelling. Community Development Staff has recommended approval.

No public comments were made

Council Member Slachta entered a motion to approve the Petition to Vacate; Council Member Mike Gibson seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 15-14**

B. REQUEST TO VACATE A PORTION OF A 30 FOOT EASEMENT LOCATED ON TRACT H-875, LYING IN SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 47 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST, AS REFERENCED ON THE UNRECORDED PLAT OF SAN CARLOS ESTATES AND RECORDED OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 557, PAGE 354, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-02-0034)

[5:48:06 PM](#) Jay Sweet, Community Development, furnished a brief overview. The completed petition to vacate, VAC14-17009-BOS, which was submitted by Kevin Higginson, on behalf of Lori Dyer, Mark Higginson, Sheri Glazier, Patrick Higginson and Kevin Higginson, owned as Tenants in Common, for the property in question. Mr. Higginson has applied to vacate this easement to provide a single family residential lot. There are no utilities located within this easement, and the San Carlos Water Control District has stated that they do not have an objection of this easement. Staff has recommended approval of the vacation request.

No public comments were made.

5:48:54 PM Council Member Gibson entered a motion to approve the Petition to Vacate; Council Member Janet Martin seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 15-15**

XI. FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES (PUBLIC COMMENT ALLOWED):

A. FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES: AN AMENDMENT TO THE BONITA SPRINGS LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE CHAPTER 3 (DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS); AMENDING SECTIONS 3-486 THROUGH 3-497 TO REVISE COMMERCIAL BUILDING DESIGN STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, INCLUSION IN CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-02-0035)

5:49:36 PM City Attorney Vance read the title block of the Ordinance into the record.

5:49:58 PM Alexis Crespo, with Waldrop Engineering, presented a PowerPoint presentation (copy in Clerk's file) to address revisions. This does not cover the redevelopment area.

5:57:20 PM Council Member Gibson requested a revision to allow empty pallets to be placed inside the dumpster enclosure, outside of the dumpster itself. Staff to revise.

No public comments were made.

5:59:11 PM Council Member Peter Simmons motioned to move forward with a second reading and public hearing on Wednesday, February 18, 2015; Council Member Martin seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

B. AN AMENDMENT TO THE BONITA SPRINGS LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE CHAPTER 4 (ZONING); AMENDING SECTIONS 4-1215 THROUGH 4-1225 TO AMEND THE REGULATIONS REGARDING WIRELESS COMMUNICATION FACILITIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, INCLUSION IN CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-02-0032)

5:59:54 pm City Attorney Vance read the title block of the Ordinance into the record.

6:00:41 pm Mike Fiigon, Community Development, addressed this Ordinance, explaining the intent, which is to address land use compatibility, location criteria, definitions and development standards to update the Wireless Communication Facilities due to changes in the wireless industry. The Ordinance was reviewed by the Local Planning Agency on January 15, 2015. Due to comments received since that meeting, Staff would like to further vet the Ordinance to address concerns and recommendations by the wireless industry, the Florida Wireless Association and the PCIA – the wireless infrastructure association. The intent of Staff is to coordinate with the industry and change the ordinance to further address their concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

6:02:28 pm Attorney Janna Lhota stated she represents American Towers LLC. She addressed legislative changes, etc., as they relate to the Ordinance. She looks forward to working with Staff to craft an Ordinance that meets the needs of the wireless industry as well as aesthetics.

6:04:29 pm Assistant City Manager John Gucciardo informed Council that after Community Development did outreach to the community and the Ordinance did appear before the City's Technology Advisory Committee, whose suggestions have been incorporated. If additional changes are made, it will go before the Board once again before coming back to City Council.

6:05:32 pm Council Member Steve McIntosh motioned to move forward with a second reading and public hearing of the Ordinance on Wednesday, February 18, 2015; Council Member Simmons seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

XII. SECOND READINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCE (PUBLIC COMMENT ALLOWED):

- A. THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS PRIVATE STORMWATER CONVEYANCE MAINTENANCE ORDINANCE; CREATING AN ORDINANCE TO ADDRESS UNMANAGED GROWTH OF VEGETATION WITHIN STORMWATER CONVEYANCE SYSTEMS; PROVIDING FINDINGS, SHORT TITLE, APPLICABILITY, DEFINITIONS, DECLARATION OF PUBLIC NUISANCE, PROHIBITED CONDITIONS, AND ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, INCLUSION IN CODE, SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-02-0031)

6:06:05 pm City Attorney Vance read the title block of the Ordinance into the record.

Public Works Director, Matt Feeney, furnished a brief overview of the intent, which is to create a threshold for when property owners may be cited for failing to maintain their ponds and other conveyances, so as to ensure that the existing stormwater ponds are maintained to a level that promotes successful water quantity and quality treatment.

Council Member Lonkart motioned adoption of the Ordinance; Council Member Martin seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. **ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 15-04**

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

- A. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE SECTIONS 4-866 AND 4-869 TO REVISE THE EXHIBITS AND THE USES PERMITTED IN THE OLD U.S. 41 REDEVELOPMENT OVERLAY DISTRICT. THE ORDINANCE WILL BE SCHEDULED ON MARCH 4, 2015 FOR ITS FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING AND MARCH 18, 2015, WITH LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY REVIEWING ON FEBRUARY 12, 2015. (GREENSHEET NO 15-02-0038)

6:08:19 pm City Attorney Vance read the title block of the Ordinance into the record.

6:08:25 pm John Dulmer, Community Development, furnished a brief overview. City Council instructed Staff to expand the uses in the Commercial Industrial Flex Area and replace the map so as to expand the Overlay to include both sides of Industrial Street.

6:09:46 pm Council Member McIntosh motioned to move forward with a first reading of the Ordinance on Wednesday, March 4, 2015; Council Member Martin seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

XIV. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. RECEIVE PROPOSED BONITA BEACH ROAD VISIONING RFQ, REVIEW AND SET DATE FOR FIRST DISCUSSION. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-02-0040)

6:10:30 pm City Manager Carl Schwing addressed this Agenda Item, of which the intent is to schedule a full discussion one month from today. At the request of Mayor Nelson, City Manager Schwing expanded on the RFQ and process. It entails a corridor visioning study for all of Bonita Beach Road, inclusive of property east of I-75 to the line where public ownership ends. East of that Bonita Beach Road is privately owned and maintained. It also runs to Hickory Boulevard. The City will be looking for qualified nationally recognized firms to respond to the RFQ for purposes of a unique and dramatic vision – ways to continue to move traffic and make road more aesthetically pleasing, which will include the widening of sidewalks and to make it bicycle and pedestrian friendly. Lee County has reviewed the RFQ and has recommended some changes, which the City has incorporated. He further addressed the selection process,

6:21:54 pm At the request of Mayor Nelson, City Attorney Vance addressed Sunshine laws in relation to City Council Members contact with any potential proposer or any proponents that may serve as a conduit for the RFQ, which also includes citizens. She would discourage any contact(s) be made.

6:23:27 pm Council Member McIntosh stated he feels that Council has overstepped their bounds, as they are doing the work of what they (Council) thinks Staff should be doing. He feels they are putting Council in jeopardy every time they do this. He is uncomfortable that they are extending bounds into operational areas instead of policy and strategy.

Council Member McIntosh entered a motion that from this point on, once Council makes the vote, that no Council Member speak with a member of any consulting party, any party that might be considered as a contractor or any citizens that represent the contractor. City Attorney Vance added, or serving as a conduit. Mayor Nelson seconded the motion.

6:24:36 pm In response to Council Member Simmons, City Manager Schwing expanded on the RFQ process as it relates to firms outside of the local area. He explained that there are a number of national planning firms/associations where the City can gain that information. Also, some of the local planners may also know of nationally known firms the City would not want to miss. The City can reach out to the national associations and also gain additional information as to who to have on the list, as well as doing their own research. That solicitation would actually be a direct mailing to those firms.

6:25:43 pm The motion carried unanimously.

B. UPDATE ON US 41 AND EAST TERRY STREET LANDSCAPE INSTALLATION PROJECTS AND, ADOPT OLD 41 ROAD NORTH OF ROSEMARY CREEK, AND IMPERIAL PARKWAY SOUTH AS THE NEXT LANDSCAPE ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-02-0043)

6:26:24 PM Public Works Director, Matt Feeney furnished an update and information relating to the next phase. He explained that Staff has advertised the U.S. 41 landscaping enhancement project and the East Terry Street project, with bids due by February 9, 2015 for Council's consideration on February 18, 2015. The U.S. 41 project is comprised of 5.1 acres, however, because it's to be landscaped on both sides and medians, it amounts to

approximately 15 miles. The estimate for that project and the East Terry Street project are about \$2.4 million. Given that fact, Staff is looking at where to go next on their list of projects. With the visioning study for Bonita Beach Road, and the length of that Study, Staff is recommending to maybe not focus their next landscaping attentions on Bonita Beach Road, but rather direct them towards the remaining projects, of which two stand out for two reasons – 1) the need, and 2) the size of them. The two projects will be much less in scope in terms of dollars because geographically they are constricted. Those two projects are Old 41, from Rosemary Creek north to new 41, which would entail landscaping the medians because the road is built from right-of-way line to right-of-way line. It's a small scope project in terms of dollars and design. The second project would be enhancements to a piece of road that is currently maintained by Lee County, which would be Imperial Parkway, south of Bonita Beach Road – from the Collier County line, north up to Bonita Beach Road. This road is already landscaped, and in some cases has a bit of an enhanced feel to it. It also consists of some gated communities along some of the southerly portions of the road, which would preclude them from having to go into the roadside, and focus on the medians, thus, keeping the costs down.

6:33:03 PM Council Member Martin motioned to go with Staff's recommendations to adopt Old 41 Road North of Rosemary Creek and Imperial Parkway South as the next landscape projects; Council Member Simmons seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

XV. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

A. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER A CONCEPT TO RECOGNIZE CITIZENS GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND CIVIC DUTY, WITH DIRECTION TO THE CITY MANAGER. (MCINTOSH) (GREENSHEET NO. 15-02-0036)

6:34:34 pm Council Member McIntosh addressed this Agenda Item, explaining that there are several opportunities to recognize people for their efforts, i.e., Citizen of the Year, and Love of Bonita, all of which are external organizations to City Council and City Staff. He is suggesting that the City create their own way of recognizing people. He explained that there are a lot of people who made this City great who haven't been recognized because they've been there and have done the job and are sort of in the background. He feels it's appropriate for the City to say thank you to the many volunteers, as well as to those who helped establish the City and wrote the Charter and created the position for Bonita Springs to be the great City it is. He would leave the final decision to a committee to bring back to Council for the criteria for the decision. Once a committee is put together and they look at what Council has roughed out for them and come back with a recommendation on how they'll make those decisions. He agreed with Mayor Nelson in that he sees this more of a "hall of fame" analogy. It's not what you did this year, but rather an accumulation of your awards.

6:37:27 pm Council Member McIntosh motioned to accept; Council Member Simmons seconded.

6:37:37 pm City Attorney Vance stated that her understanding is that the City is not going to be setting up a new committee. It's just strictly the people who are doing it, will provide it to the City. Otherwise, if the intent is to do it the other way they can, but the City Manager will have to set up a committee. Council Member McIntosh stated that they originally talked about Council or Staff coming up with a committee that would function on their own and be sort of autonomous and not require any funds or Staff time. City Attorney Vance stated that is possible, however, they would be under the Sunshine Law. City Manager Schwing stated that's what they talked about – that City involvement would be minimal, and that there would be an outside group that would make these decisions. If, however, they are talking about a group coming back with recommendations to City Council, then they would step into Sunshine and there would have to be a Staff liaison, meetings published, and minutes taken. Council Member McIntosh stated that his vision was that it wouldn't come back to City Council for approval; they would come back to City Council and describe what the requirements were and they'd forward City Council recommendations on who should be in that Hall of Fame. Generally speaking he would think that the Committee

had the wherewithal and the right to make those decisions. Mayor Nelson stated if they came to City Council to make recommendation then they would be under the Sunshine Law, but if they are empowered to make the decision and you don't have anything to do with it, or just say hey, you are going to be assigned, and here are the parameters. Council Member McIntosh asked that Staff draft that the requirements for the Committee not fall under the Sunshine Laws. City Attorney Vance stated that meant it would be consistent as set out in the Greensheet.

The motion carried unanimously.

ERRATA SHEET: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS CITY LIMITS, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-02-0051 ADD-ON; MCINTOSH)

6:40:16 pm Council Member McIntosh addressed this item, explaining that his concern is that he doesn't want the School Board to think that the City of Bonita Springs doesn't want a high school. When Council first learned that there was the possibility of having a school in the City of Bonita Springs, he went to Community Development and asked them to create maps reflecting other potential areas. He is concerned as everyone else about where it's located. What this Resolution says is that we want a high school. From a legal point of view, he didn't feel that the City had the ability to be able to constrain where they locate it until they bring an application forward. City Attorney Vance referred to a memorandum she prepared, explaining that there are times where it will be appropriate for Council to give input, but it's too early at this time, as there's no application in the process. Mayor Nelson stated that it was not too early for Council to say that City Council is deserving of a high school, and that they are unanimous in that consent, and that they pledge to work with the School Board to find a suitable site, which is what the City's agreement with the School Board states. It says that Council promises two things – we want a high school, and that we will work with you to find a suitable site.

6:42:50 pm Council Member Slachta stated he was uncomfortable and would be in favor of an amendment to exclude the DRGR at this time. Council Member Simmons stated he felt, as written, it was too open ended. He also suggested that the Resolution be amended to exclude the DRGR. Discussion followed.

6:46:18 pm City Attorney Vance suggested adding language to the end of Section 1 that states “in a suitable location.”

6:49:50 pm Council Member Martin stated it needs to be a positive message done by all of Council.

6:54:42 pm Council Member Lonkart informed Council that he met with Kathleen Morgan to discuss all of the issues related to a high school. He indicated to her that the locations that could possibly be made available may have some questions with the water situation in the DRGR and that Council were all in agreement that they want a high school in Bonita Springs. He also asked her what the population of Estero High School students that are coming from Bonita Springs, because he feels it should be based on the number of kids from the City that attend that school. He did emphasize that it was a good idea based on the water and the circumstances with the flooding that that location would not be his choice, but rather to look somewhere else within the City. She stated she would take his message back to the District.

6:56:12 pm Council Member McIntosh clarified that the strategy of a magnet school is to draw kids from all around the County. The more pertinent question is what is the curriculum going to be to draw kids, and will the kids of Bonita Springs go somewhere else as they do now. He is willing to amend his motion to add “in a suitable location” as suggested. Council Member Slachta seconded the amendment to the motion. Council Member

Simmons stated that he feels it's heading in the right direction, but he doesn't feel it's tight enough yet. It's too random and too vague.

The motion passed 4-3 (Council Members Simmons, Gibson and Lonkart opposed). **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 15-16**

Carl to prepare letter for Mayor to send.

B. DISCUSSION OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBER APPOINTMENTS TO THE FLORIDA LEAGUE OF CITIES. (SIMMONS) (GREENSHEET NO. 15-02-0044)

7:01:46 pm Council Member Simmons addressed this Item, of which the intent is for City Council representation to the Florida League of Cities. A brief discussion was held, with Council Member Gibson stating he might be able to attend if they are quarterly meetings as stated.

Council Member McIntosh motioned the appointment of Council Member Gibson to the SW Florida League of Cities; Council Member Slachta seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Schwing stated in terms of the FLC; not the SW group, there was also the issue that the City did not have a representative serving on any of the FLC committees. He suggested submitting opportunities to Council Members and let them determine whether they have an interest in attending or if they can fit them into their schedule. Council agreed.

Council Member McIntosh reminded everyone that February 11, 2015 is Bonita Springs Middle School Government Day.

7:04:45 pm Council Member Martin reminded everyone that February 21, 2015 at Riverside Park is the City's Arbor Day Event which is being held in conjunction with the Tropical Fruit Tree Sale. She also reminded everyone that the City-wide Cleanup was scheduled for February 28, 2015. She also addressed a great question that came up at Government Day which involved drones, which she briefly addressed. City Attorney Vance to research the issue.

7:07:29 pm Council Member Gibson thanked the Art League, the Sheriff's Department and City Staff for their work on the road closure for the Art Festival. Everyone was happy!

7:07:56 pm Council Member Lonkart addressed an issue that arose concerning the lights at the interchange, and thanked the Sheriff's Office for their quick response. He commended the Sheriff's Department, the Fire Department, and the committees, for all working together so well.

7:11:45 pm Mayor Nelson reported that on Friday, February 6, 2015 from 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. there is a cleanup scheduled for the Flint Pen Strand. He also reported that he was also honored to once again be elected as the Chairman of the Corkscrew Regional Ecosystem and Water Shed.

XVI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 01/21/15 & 01/22/15

Council Member Slachta motioned to approve both sets of minutes; Council Member McIntosh seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

XVII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

7:13:45 PM Kathy McGrath commended the young ladies who attended tonight's meeting from the Estero Ambassador's Club. She also expanded on the agreement between BSU and Resource Conservation Services relating to reclaimed water. She also commended the City's Public Works Staff on their hard work on downtown.

7:17:53 pm Ben Hershenson commended City Council on the vote they took tonight on the Resolution for the high school. He also commended Staff on the wonderful open house and the great plans for downtown. He also feels roundabouts are great!

7:19:49 pm John Paeno invited Council to the Chalk Your Heart Out event and the river clean up event.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

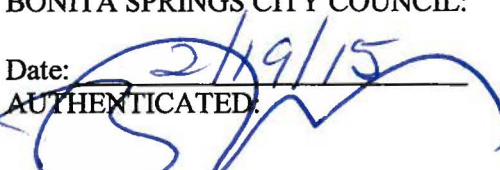
Respectfully submitted,


Debra Filipek, Recording Secretary
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED:
BONITA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:

Date:

AUTHENTICATED:

2/19/15

Ben L. Nelson, Jr., Mayor

Dianne J. Lynn, City Clerk