

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2015
5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL
9101 BONITA BEACH ROAD
BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34135
MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER:

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

II. INVOCATION:

Pastor John Anderson, with Bay Presbyterian 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:M

Mayor Nelson and all Council Members were in attendance.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

5:33:06 PM Roger Brunswick expressed his excitement regarding the downtown redevelopment and road projects, as it's a great time for the City and a long time waiting. He commended Council for making this finally happen.

5:34:41 PM Christine Bauder, CEO for the Bonita Springs Estero Association of Realtor and a resident of the City, also expressed her excitement for the redevelopment project. It's going to be beautiful! She feels it will be prosperous time for the entire community.

5:35:50 PM Alex Grantt also addressed the downtown redevelopment project and expressed concerns regarding pedestrian safety in relation to roundabouts. He informed Council of several entities he suggested they coordinate with to get their input.

5:36:57 PM Richard Pollina, a resident of Ragsdale Street, stated he never had a problem with the traffic lights on his street. He is concerned with delivery trucks on East and West Terry Streets with regard to the proposed roundabout.

5:38:27 PM Burt Saunders, representing Shangri-La Resort, stated that the Shangri-La has great plans for developing their property, but have concerns with the proposed plan. They would like to continue to have their two access points on Old 41, as the proposed plan shows one being closed completely. It also shows an access point on Kentucky. He is here to request that they be allowed to keep their two access points on Old 41, which can be moved around a little bit, which would require moving a median, or having a median cut. He will continue to work with City Staff to see if they can make that happen.

5:40:21 PM Rex Sims, a resident of Old 41, stated that he is excited about the redevelopment plans. He is concerned about their driveway access and left turn exit, which they have been guaranteed would be allowed to

remain. He would ask that they consider the option that has not been presented, which is to finish the intersection of Pennsylvania and Old 41 with pavers.

5:42:43 PM Caitlan Weber, with the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, stated that the Conservancy strongly supports City Council's efforts relating to Agenda Item XII. B., regarding the Ordinance addressing oil and gas drilling. She further addressed several suggestions the Conservancy has and suggested the title block of the Ordinance (copy in Clerk's file) be amended as follows:

An Ordinance requiring ~~consent~~ approval by Bonita Springs City Council for any permit to drill a gas or oil well, adopting a prohibition on including high pressure well stimulation treatments (such as fracking), prior to an application being approved by the Florida Division of Water Resource Management (within FDEP); Providing for conflict, ~~inclusion in~~ providing for codification code, providing for severability, and providing for an effective date.

5:45:33 PM Dennis Church stated he also was in attendance to express his support for the design plans for the downtown redevelopment project. The plans meet the goals of the CRA funding mechanism, which assumes increased property values. He has studied these types of developments throughout Florida and the United States and everything in the plans are right. This is a comprehensive plan with all of the pieces that work well together. He urged Council not to remove any of the pieces.

5:47:29 PM Frank Mosser informed Council that he attended the March 30th public input workshop, and suggested a key component he feels is needed, which regards an additional bridge over the Imperial River, between Center Avenue and Felts Avenue.

5:48:35 PM Fred Forbes expressed his support regarding the Conservancy's recommendation to revise the Ordinance that addresses gas and oil drilling.

5:48:59 PM Susan Sager, owner of Heaven Scent Flowers, stated she was very excited about the redevelopment plans. She was told repeatedly by her customers who stated that they did not like roundabouts and would go elsewhere to avoid them.

5:51:18 PM John Paeno, CTG Kayaks, stated that he also was not sure about the roundabout, however, he is very impressed by the way that City Staff has worked with the downtown businesses. He further addressed item XIII. regarding water vessels, and commended the City for addressing this.

5:52:59 PM Shelly Anderson stated she was here to express her support of the redevelopment plans for Old 41. She is also concerned about roundabouts. She is very excited and wants things to get started right away.

5:54:18 PM Anthony Mancilla stated that although he is not a resident, he came to address the redevelopment plans for downtown. The engineers handling this project are fantastic. He has about 3.5 acres of land in downtown and is trying to acquire another two acres. He feels the plan is wonderful, but he does have a few concerns, including the median – the center island. The biggest things to make downtown a success is whether they can draw the proper tenants for the downtown area. One of their needs is accessibility to their business. The idea of a two lane road with a divider does not make sense. The most important item is to make is accessible.

VI. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MAY, 2015 AS NATIONAL BIKE MONTH.

Mayor Nelson next read aloud a Proclamation proclaiming the month of May 2015 as National Bike Month. Council Member Janet Martin and Parks and Recreation Director Nicole Perino were both in attendance to accept the Proclamation and thank Council.

B. FLORIDA BICYCLE ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION OF 2014 CITIZEN BIKE ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD TO CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS RESIDENT RYAN SCOFIELD.

Mayor Nelson next introduced Becky Afonso, with the Florida Bicycle Association, who, along with Mayor Nelson, presented Bonita Springs resident Ryan Scofield with the 2014 Citizen Bike Advocate of the Year Award. Mr. Scofield was in attendance to accept the award and thank Ms. Afonso, Mayor Nelson and City Council.

C. PRESENTATION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 11-17, 2015 AS NATIONAL SALVATION ARMY WEEK.

Mayor Nelson next read aloud a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 11-17 as National Salvation Army Week. Majors Timothy and Cheryl Gilliam were in attendance to accept the Proclamation, and to thank Mayor Nelson and City Council.

D. A PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF MAY 17 THROUGH MAY 23, 2015 AS NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK.

Mayor Nelson next read aloud a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 17 through May 23, 2015 as National Public Works Week. City of Bonita Springs Public Work's Director Matt Feeny was in attendance to accept the Proclamation and to thank Mayor Nelson and City Council.

E. SUMMARIZATION OF THE SUCCESSFUL 2014/2015 EVENT SEASON. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-05-0155)

6:11:42 pm City of Bonita Springs Communications Manager Lora Taylor, along with members of her Staff, JoAnn Lawrence, Patrick Lippy, Special Events Committee Member Bobbi Bird, and Marjorie Kassel-Johnson, with the Bonita Springs Assistance Office furnished a summarization of the successful 2014/2015 event year. A short film was shown.

F. PRESENTATION FROM SOUTH LEE HOSPITAL ADVOCATE, LARRY NEWELL. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-05-0154)

6:26:14 PM Larry Newell next made a presentation to City Council on the importance and challenges involved in getting a south Lee hospital facility in the area.

G. PRESENTATION OF RESULTS OF DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT'S 60% PLAN PUBLIC INPUT WORKSHOP BY WRIGHT CONSTRUCTION. DIRECT WRIGHT CONSTRUCTION TO CONTINUE FORWARD AND DEVELOP A GUARANTEED MAXIMUM PRICE FOR THE PROJECT. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-05-0153)

6:33:56 PM City Manager Carl Schwing introduced this item, explaining that one of his goals four years ago as City Manager was to revitalize downtown. There has been a lot of work to get to where we are tonight, which includes a very unique revenue sharing program with Lee County who is the City's partner in this project. Tonight they are here with the design which resulted from many meetings with residents and business community, and property owners to present a design, they believe, makes sense. It's bold and creates a change needed to drive downtown to the next level. Although they haven't been able to accommodate all of the concerns of all the businesses, but they have worked very hard to accommodate those they could. They are here tonight to present the final presentation, with Public Works Director Matt Feeny providing an introduction, then allowing the consultants to provide the rest of the presentation. In conclusion, they will ask Council for approval of the 60% plans, which would then move forward to 90% in terms of design and a guaranteed maximum price for the project.

6:35:58 PM Matt Feeney, Public Works Director, next furnished a brief overview of where the City is in the process, what they will be requesting tonight, and the actions that were taken to get to this point.

6:39:59 pm Project consultants Andy Powell, Kevin Mangan, Michael Wallwork, and Dan Brundage next provided a PowerPoint presentation (copy in Clerk's file) to address the project. They addressed the goals, drainage, plans for underground utilities, open views to the Imperial River and Oak Creek, landscaping, and parking. The 60% design documents maintain a destination vision, enhances the natural assets, improves water quality, decreases operational costs and increases property values. They further addressed the design area which was expanded, along with permitting. Public information meetings were held in which comments were taken relating to street furnishings, lighting, parking, medians, roundabouts, bridge comments, stormwater improvements and pervious parking, and revisions were made. The next steps are to bring a cost proposal to Council for the Imperial River bridge, bring back a guaranteed maximum price to Council for approval, bring project design to 90% complete, and start construction.

7:25:17 pm Council Member Mike Gibson addressed a concern in that a lot of the businesses feel that access to their businesses is being limited, and that they are losing access from Old 41. He feels that they are changing the whole look and flavor of Old 41. They can use their access on Old 41 when they have larger vehicles instead of having to back around and go out one of the two side entrances to get out the front. If approved today, he questioned what can be changed. Mr. Powell explained that there are some items that still need to be refined. Mayor Nelson added that adjustments can always be made – during and after construction.

7:30:00 pm Council Member Gibson further informed Council of negative feedback he received regarding the roundabouts. Mr. Wallwork expanded on the issue of roundabouts.

7:37:26 pm Council Member Steve McIntosh stated he believes that City Staff, on behalf of City Council, has done the job they were supposed to do. They went to every business owner and building on Old 41 and spoke to the owners or the people who occupy that space, and talked to them about their issues and concerns and tried to work through them. The 60% plans include a cut thru and other things that the owners have talked to Staff about. Access has been the big issue along, as they don't want to destroy any businesses. Main streets are composed of small businesses that the City will support. His biggest question regarding roundabouts is public safety in terms of pedestrians and bicyclists.

7:48:03 pm Council Member Janet Martin stated that she would like to continue to work with the people as this evolves and do the best all around. She also asked the teams if they see that bridge connectivity between Felts and Center, which she feels is integral to giving bicyclists, cars and pedestrians an alternative, so they can stay off of the busier street. Mr. Wallwork responded, explaining that Felts stuck out to him as an alternative. He explained that a wooden bicycle/pedestrian bridge about 10 to 12 feet wide to one side of the Felt Avenue road pavement. They can then remove that wooden bridge at a later time and build a road bridge there. Council Member Martin stated that she felt that was a great idea, and one she would like to see be melded into this plan at some point. It's something she would like to see happen sooner than later.

Council Member Steve Slachta stated he was very impressed with the design, with the community input that was sought, and with City Staff.

7:51:34 pm Council Member Lonkart motioned to approve the 60% design and direct Wright Construction to develop the guaranteed maximum price for the downtown project based on the 60% design as approved by Council; Council Member McIntosh seconded. Council Member Gibson stated he would like to make sure that we will continue to work with all the businesses.

The motion passed 6-1 (Council Member Gibson opposed).

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.)

8:04:50 PM Council Member Slachta motioned approval of the Consent Agenda; Council Member Peter Simmons seconded; and the motion carried unanimously (Council Member Gibson absent during the vote).

- A. REQUEST APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT RIVERSIDE PARK ON MONDAY MAY 25, 2015. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-05-0145)
- B. APPROVE OUTSOURCING THE SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM TO SPORTS CAMP, INC., A FLORIDA NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION TO SERVE AS THE PROVIDER OF THE SUMMER CAMP, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS AND AT THE DIRECTION OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN THE 2015 AGREEMENT FOR SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-05-0149)

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING:

- A. ADOPT RESOLUTION CREATING THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE FOR ADA GRIEVANCES. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-05-0150)

8:05:33 pm City Attorney Audrey Vance addressed this agenda item, and furnished a short overview of the intent.

8:05:43 pm Council Member Slachta motioned adoption of the Resolution; Council Member Martin seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 15-32**

- B. ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RELATED TO MOBILE ACCESSIBILITY IN THE CITY'S PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-05-0151)

8:06:22 pm Parks and Recreation Director Nicole Perino furnished a brief overview of this agenda item relating to the Administrative Code related to mobile and accessibility in City Park and Recreational areas.

8:06:28 pm Council Member McIntosh motioned adoption of the Resolution; Council Member Martin seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 15-33**

IX. FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING (PUBLIC COMMENT ALLOWED):

- A. HOLD THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING, AS REQUIRED UNDER THE FLORIDA LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ACT, TO AMEND THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR EAST BONITA ACTIVE ADULT COMMUNITY. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-05-0138)

8:07:03 pm City Attorney Vance introduced Attorney Charles Basinait, representing the Applicant, to furnish a brief overview.

8:07:18 pm Attorney Basinait, representing Lennar, explained that the request is to modify the development agreement to provide for a maximum of 235 single-family units on the portion of the project that Lennar currently owns. There is another portion of the project that is owned by SHR that is limited to 500 units. None of what they are requesting to do increases the maximum number of units that was previously approved under the development agreement, which was 799.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

8:08:58 pm Martha Simons questioned the calculation in going from multi-family homes to single-family homes, as multi-family has a smaller footprint. John Dulmer, Community Development, responded.

8:12:06 pm Council Member Lonkart motioned to move the request forward to amend the Development Agreement to a second public hearing on May 20, 2015; Council Member Simmons seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

X. SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES (PUBLIC COMMENT ALLOWED):

- A. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA; REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY BONITA SPRINGS ORDINANCE NO. 10-10, WHICH HAD ADOPTED THE 2009 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE RELATING TO UNSAFE BUILDINGS AND MINIMUM HOUSING REGULATIONS; ADOPTING THE 2015 EDITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE RELATING TO UNSAFE BUILDINGS AND MINIMUM HOUSING REGULATIONS; PROVIDING FOR TITLE AND CITATION; PROVIDING ADOPTION AND REPEALER CLAUSES; PROVIDING SPECIFIC REVISIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-05-0142)

8:12:54 PM Assistant City Attorney Alexander Boswell-Ebersole read the title block of the Ordinance into the record. The intent is to replace the 2009 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code with the 2015 Edition.

No public comments were made.

8:13:33 PM Council Member McIntosh motioned adoption of the Ordinance; Council Member Slachta seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. **ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 15-10**

- B. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA; RELATING TO ELECTIONS, TO PROVIDE FOR GENERAL ELECTIONS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS TO BE HELD ON THE THIRD TUESDAY IN MARCH OF EVEN NUMBERED YEARS, TO COINCIDE WITH THE SPRING PRIMARY FOR STATE AND FEDERAL ELECTIONS, REVISING THE QUALIFICATION DATES TO COINCIDE WITH THE CHANGE IN DATES FOR THE ELECTION BY AMENDING CHARTER SECTION 13; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION OF THE CHARTER PROVISION, SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-05-0141)

8:14:17 PM City Attorney Vance read the title block of the Ordinance into the record.

8:14:44 pm Alex Grantt commented on the election date, and would like to see consistency for both the odd and even City Council districts.

8:18:49 pm Martha Simons stated she supports municipal elections to be held in November.

8:22:49 pm Council Member Martin motioned adoption of the Ordinance; Council Member Slachta seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. **ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 15-11**

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

8:23:22 pm Rosemary Putnam questioned whether the roundabout would affect the Lion's Club Wednesday market. She also put forth a challenge to Local Roots to donate \$2,000 each for two student scholarship.

8:26:26 pm Martha Simons referred to the oil and gas drilling Ordinance, and stated she supports the Conservancy's recommended revision to the Ordinance. She also commented on the Old 41 Redevelopment project in relation to roundabouts. She also expressed concerns with the project as it relates to the Fourth of July parade.

8:29:47 pm Alex Grantt also addressed the oil and gas drilling Ordinance and furnished the City Attorney with an article from "Hydrogel Could Green Up Fracking" for her information in drafting the Ordinance.

8:30:55 pm Carolyn Gallagher also addressed the Ordinance, which she stated does not address abandoned wells. She questions if this was something that should be addressed.

XII. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

- A. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE USE OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS' SEAL AND LOGO. THE ORDINANCE WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR A FIRST READING ON JUNE 3, 2015, AND A SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 17, 2015. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-04-0146)

8:32:16 pm City Attorney Vance introduced this agenda item, which entails an ordinance relating to the use of the City of Bonita Springs logo. She is requesting to advertise the Ordinance for a first reading on June 3, 2015.

Council Member McIntosh motioned to move forward with a first reading of the Ordinance on June 3, 2015; Council Member Simmons seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

- B. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ANY APPLICANT TO FDEP FOR OIL OR GAS DRILLING, INCLUDING HIGH PRESSURE WELL STIMULATION (FRACKING), TO OBTAIN CONSENT VIA A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTES §377.24(5) AND (6). IF APPROVED, THE ORDINANCE WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR A FIRST READING ON JUNE 3, 2015, AND A SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 17, 2015. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-05-0152)

8:33:46 pm City Attorney Vance addressed this item, involving a request for permission to advertise the Ordinance for a first reading on Jun 3, 2015. She briefly addressed the Ordinance content and explained that she was not sure about the language relating to prohibition. She is requesting a first reading on June 3, 2015 to allow her to do further work on the Ordinance.

Council Member Martin motioned to move forward with a first reading of the Ordinance on June 3, 2015; Council Member Simmons seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

XIII. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. DISCUSS PERMITTING COMMERCIAL RECREATION AND TOUR OPERATORS ("CRTO") WHO LAUNCH NON-MOTORIZED WATER VESSEL TOURS, WATER VESSEL RENTALS, LESSONS OR OFFERS ANY OTHER TYPE OF ECO-TOURISM ACTIVITY OR PROGRAMS FROM ANY CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS PARK, BEACH, OR CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS OWNED PROPERTY. IF COUNCIL APPROVES THE CONCEPT, STAFF WILL CREATE AN

ADMINISTRATIVE CODE FOR THE PERMITTING AND REVISE THE PARKS AND RECREATION ORDINANCE. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-05-0139)

8:39:17 pm City Manager Carl Schwing introduced this item, explaining that several months ago Mr. Paeno came forward and talked about the possibility of putting together some regulations for the launching and operation of non-motorized vessels from City facilities. Parks and Recreation Director Nicole Perino worked with Mr. Paeno to come up with the proposed regulations. If City Council is okay conceptually with what they see, Staff will bring forward at a later date changes to the Administrative Code and the Parks and Recreation Ordinance.

8:39:52 pm Ms. Perino addressed differences. The current Park Ordinance allows any vendor to launch from park facilities, as there are minimal regulations of 30 minutes in and out. They are also not allowed to park in City facilities, as they have to transport and leave. The City does also not regulate whether they have insurance or have safe vessels. Under the proposed regulations, they would have to come in and apply for a permit. They would have a maximum of 20 boats allowed, with only 12 being launched at a time. They will also have to provide insurance, and provide the City with their U.S. Coastguard Safety Certificate for all 20 boats. There is a fee of \$250 per year, and they would be required annually to show all these items to Staff to make sure they still have insurance, etc. They will also be required to provide a copy of the safety briefings they hold as well environmental briefings, as well as a list of all of their guides and agents that work for them. City Manager Schwing added that Mr. Paeno is in agreement with Staff's proposal.

8:40:59 pm Council Member Martin motioned to move forward with a permit system for commercial use of launching facilities and bring back to Council; Council Member McIntosh seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

XIV. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS.

- A. APPROVE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO NAME THE SOFTBALL FIELD AT COMMUNITY PARK AS THE VETERANS MEMORIAL FIELD TO HONOR VETERANS AND RECOGNIZE THE FIELD AS THE HOMETOWN FIELD OF THE WOUNDED WARRIOR AMPUTEE SOFTBALL TEAM. (SLACHTA) (GREENSHEET NO. 15-05-0148)

8:41:43 pm Council Member Slachta addressed this item and its history. The Veteran's Advisory Committee is seeking Council's approval to rename the field as the Veterans Memorial Field.

8:42:34 pm Council Member Slachta motioned to rename the softball field at Community Park as the Veterans Memorial Field; Council Member Simmons seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

- B. APPOINT A COUNCIL MEMBER AS A VOTING MEMBER OF THE LEE COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (TDC) BEGINNING JULY, 2015 AND TRANSMIT TO THE LEE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR RATIFICATION. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-05-0156)

8:43:20 pm Mayor Nelson motioned the appointment of Council Member Gibson; Council Member Martin seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

8:44:48 pm Council Member McIntosh commended all those who volunteer their time to serve on the various committees, the Café of Life, the Literacy Council, etc. He also thanked Public Works Director Matt Feeny for taking the lead on the revitalization of downtown. It's a comprehensive plan and opportunity for something to be done broadly in this community to make people healthier. Lastly, he addressed "blue zones" and work Mr. Allan Weiss at NCH is currently conducting for his organization. He will keep Council informed.

8:48:03 pm Council Member Martin informed everyone that Mr. Chris Griffith was a guardian for the honor flight that took the veterans to Washington DC on Saturday. Because she did that, she (Council Member Martin) explained that she heard about the whole process of the honor flight coming in and so she and her husband went as greeters. It was a wonderful experience.

8:48:53 pm Council Member Simmons announced that May 12, 2015 there's going to be a meeting at the Lee County School District. He would urge anyone who can make it, to go up in support of the Bonita Springs High School. The meeting will be held at 2855 Colonial Boulevard in Fort Myers, at 2:00 P.M. (239) 337-8303. He also feels the City is right on track with Old 41 redevelopment. He commended City Manager Schwing and the Lee County Commission for working together on this project.

8:50:27 pm Council Member Slachta reminded everyone that this Saturday at 10:00 A.M. is the 50th Anniversary for the Fire District. He also reminded everyone of the City's Memorial Day Ceremony scheduled for May 25, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., at Riverside Park.

8:51:24 pm Mayor Nelson informed everyone that it was 7 years ago that he started the 5 Mayors of Lee County, in which a lot of great things resulted. There will now be 6, including Nick Batos, the Mayor of the Village of Estero. He also reported that work on the fence at the middle school will begin next week. He concluded by informing Council of how proud his father would be of the Old 41 Redevelopment project, as he has done a lot to try to get development started there. He thanked City Council for their support.

XV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 04/15/15

Council Member Slachta motioned approval of the minutes; Council Member McIntosh seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

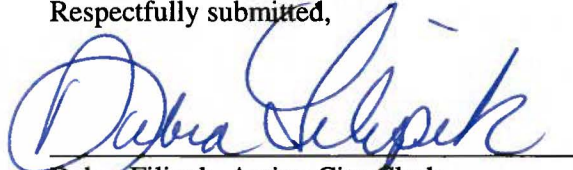
XVI. PUBLIC COMMENT:

8:54:48 pm Rosemary Putnam informed Council of fracking that occurred in Naples area.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further items to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Debra Filipek, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED:
BONITA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:

Date: 5/20/15

AUTHENTICATED:


Ben L. Nelson, Jr., Mayor