

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2015
9:00 A.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 9:00 A.M.

II. INVOCATION:

Pastor Doug Pratt, with the First 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:

9:05:47 am Darin Haynes, representing the Southwest Florida Jaguar Club, was in attendance to ask that Council approve their requested Special Event Permit to hold an event on November 25, 2015.

9:06:07 am Bonnie Whittemore, with the Bonita Springs Historical Society, was in attendance to ask for City Council's support of their requested Special Event Permit to hold a "Pirates Ball" on Friday, October 30, 2015 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

9:06:35 AM John Paeno invited everyone to attend the Pirates Ball. He reminded everyone that Riverside Park is open.

9:07:07 AM Kate Hahn, the owner of Momentum Brewhouse, was in attendance to ask that Council approve their Special Event Permit to hold their one year anniversary party in November.

9:07:24 AM Rick Steinmeyer referred to Consent Agenda Item VII A., regarding the TDC Funding Agreement, and asked which park this was for.

VI. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. PRESENTATION OF 5 YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD TO CITY EMPLOYEE SCOTT CAVILL.

B. PRESENTATION OF 5 YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD TO CITY EMPLOYEE JEANNE DEFAZIO.

9:08:26 am Mayor Nelson next presented City Employee Jeanne Defazio with a 5 years of service award. Ms. Defazio was in attendance to accept her award and to thank Mayor Nelson and City Council.

C. PRESENTATION OF 10 YEARS OF SERVICE AWARD TO CITY EMPLOYEE CHRIS CAMPBELL.

9:09:24 AM Mayor Nelson next presented City employee Chris Campbell with a 10 Years of Service Award. Mr. Campbell was in attendance to accept his award and to thank Mayor Nelson and City Council.

D. PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHY MCGRATH ON RECEIVING THE CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD.

Mayor Nelson next presented Kathy McGrath with a Certificate of Congratulations on receiving the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award. Ms. McGrath was in attendance to accept her award and thank Mayor Nelson and City Council.

E. RECOGNITION OF FINANCE STAFF ON BEING AWARDED THE CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-10-0320)

9:13:27 AM Anne Wright, Finance Director, addressed this Agenda Item, informing Council that the Finance Department received notification by the Government Finance Officers Association that their September 30, 2014 Comprehensive Annual Finance Report qualified for recognition, and that the City's Finance Department was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. She next introduced members of the Finance Department, including Kristina Baller, Clara Fette, Tony Gambino, Melissa Stout, and Brenda Reetz.

F. PRESENTATION BY CITY OF SANIBEL MAYOR KEVIN RUANE, REQUESTING THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS PARTICIPATION IN THE CITY OF SANIBEL'S WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-10-0328)

9:14:55 am Mayor Kevin Ruane addressed this item, by providing an overview. He has appeared before Council for cooperation and collaboration on water quality issues, of which today he is here for that same reason. This item entails a request for funding participation to support regional water resource consulting services with Mr. Dan Delisi to represent the interests of the City of Sanibel and other Lee County municipalities during the upcoming legislative session (see letter to Mayor Nelson dated October 13, 2015 attached to Greensheet). Mr. Delisi's total fee is \$50,000. The Lee County Board of Commissioners will commit to a little more than \$30,000 and the City of Sanibel \$20,000. He is here to request \$2,500 from the City. He has visited other municipalities, four of which are in support of this initiative. The request is work with their City Manager and the City Manager of the City of Bonita Springs.

9:20:28 AM Mayor Nelson stated this is a really good initiative to support, especially as it relates to the Caloosahatchee River and the reservoir. Council Member Peter Simmons commended the efforts of Mayor Ruane and expressed his support for the initiative as well.

9:22:43 AM Council Member Simmons motioned to participate with funding in the amount of \$2,500; Council Member Bill Lonkart seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

G. PRESENTATION BY HANS WILSON OF HANS WILSON AND ASSOCIATES REGARDING A WATER ACCESS FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR INCREASED RECREATIONAL ACCESS TO ESTERO BAY, GULF OF MEXICO AND SPRING CREEK. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-10-0327)

[9:23:36 AM](#) Nicole Perino, Director of Parks and Recreation, furnished the background. She explained that direction from the last Strategic Planning Session was given to Staff to look at additional water access in the City. The City hired Hans Wilson and Associates to update a study that was previously done, and directed him to look at other areas and to rank those areas in terms of use. Staff is here seeking direction on how to proceed with this information.

[9:25:06 AM](#) Hans Wilson, with Hans Wilson & Associates, was in attendance to furnish a PowerPoint presentation (copy in clerk's file) on water access opportunities within the City of Bonita Springs.

[9:45:09 AM](#) Mayor Nelson stated he feels that Sites E and F have potential. He also feels need for a master plan. He does not like the Kings Kew site, as he doesn't feel people would like that site. He also feels that the Spring Creek is a great place to paddle and kayak, however, there's currently no access. It's the one he feels they should pursue. He also feels the Dog Beach site would be great also.

[9:48:54 am](#) Council Member Janet Martin agreed with Mayor Nelson on pursuing Spring Creek and Dog Beach.

[9:49:38 am](#) Council Member McIntosh agreed that Spring Creek is a valuable asset. There is a need to figure out where to park people – whether they need to transport them, find a place in town to drop trailers off and transport them back to the drop points, etc. It's an issue that has not been addressed. Mayor Nelson feels the City has the ability to negotiate with the property owner. Mr. Wilson explained that even if the City doesn't have the resources to create the infrastructure for the access, now is time to work with the property owner on some sort of entitlement for access and lock in the rights so it runs with the land, until such time the City has the resource to put into improving it for the access.

[9:51:40 am](#) Council Member Simmons stated he fully supports improved water quality, water access, and taking care and addressing the concerns of existing residents - how will this impact people who are currently living near the water and how will it affect their access to the water and/or their quality of life. If they are going to increase access to the water for people outside of Bonita Springs, it needs to be done in harmony with the people that live in the City that this will affect. He feels there is a need for further discussions. If they keep this in mind while achieving the goal, without adversely affecting people, he supports continuing the conversation.

[9:55:48 am](#) Mayor Nelson suggested removing Kings Kew from the list. He also feels that the Melody site and sites E and F are self-limiting. The two sites he sees that have potential include Dog Beach and Spring Creek. He also feels the next step would be for Council to decide which site they feel comfortable in pursuing in concept and narrowing down. Council Member McIntosh agreed that would be the next step. The Spring Creek site and Dog Beach are on top of his list as well.

[9:58:02 am](#) Council Bill Lonkart stated he hasn't heard enough from the people who live on the beach. He feels that every location needs to be thoroughly investigated and more input taken from the public.

[9:58:33 am](#) Mayor Nelson stated that he felt that Spring Creek and Dog Beach should be pursued. He asked if Council would be willing to move forward in investigating the Spring Creek and Dog Beach sites. For the other sites, he would suggest a policy of not allowing anything to happen to those accesses – make sure they don't get used for something else, so that in the future they can still look at them.

Council Member Slachta motioned as stated above by the Mayor – to investigate the Spring Creek and Dog Beach sites, and to not allow anything to happen to the other accesses so they can look at them in the future; Council Member McIntosh seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

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.)

10:05:38 AM Council Member Lonkart request item D be pulled.

Council Member Martin motioned to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda; Council Member Simmons seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. APPROVE AGREEMENT FOR TOURIST DEVELOPMENT TAX FUNDING FOR BAY PARK NORTH BEACH PARK, CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-10-0313))
- B. REQUEST APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AND ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY IN THE PARK AT RIVERSIDE PARK ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2015. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-10-0316)
- C. REQUEST APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR VETERANS DAY SERVICE AT RIVERSIDE PARK ON NOVEMBER 11, 2015. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-10-0317)
- D. REQUEST APPROVAL OF SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR MOMENTUM BREWHOUSE ANNIVERSARY PARTY TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015 FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. AT 28456 VEROE LANE, BONITA SPRINGS. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-10-0325)

10:07:10 am Council Member Lonkart pulled item D. for Staff to address security, parking, traffic and safety. Lora Taylor, Communications Director, along with Ms. Hahn, the owner of Momentum Brewhouse, responded to Council Member Lonkart's questions.

- E. APPROVE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT AND CO-SPONSORSHIP FOR THE BONITA SPRINGS HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S "PIRATES BALL" ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2015 FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. AT THE LILES HOTEL AND PLAZA (GREENSHEET NO. 15-10-0324)
- F. REQUEST APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR THE JAGUAR CLUB OF SWF, INC. JAGS ON THE PROMENADE EVENT TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2015 FROM 11:00 A.M. TAO 3:00 P.M. AT 26795 SOUTH BAY DRIVE, BONITA SPRINGS. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-10-0326)
- G. AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A MASTER SPECIAL EVENTS AGREEMENT CONSISTENT WITH PARAGRAPH 8(B) OF THE FUNDING PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT TO ASSIST BWG IN ACQUIRING THE EVERGLADES WONDER GARDENS. THIS AGREEMENT IS FOR TWO YEARS. (GREENSHEET NO. 13-06-0318)
- H. APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL TASK AUTHORIZATION WITH STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES, INC., FOR THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY POOL PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,850. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-10-0321)

- I. APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL TASK AUTHORIZATION WITH STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICERS, INC., FOR THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS RECREATION CENTER FITNESS ROOM EXPANSION PROJECT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,100. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-10-0322)
- J. APPROVE THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TOOLE DESIGN GROUP, LLC FOR THE BONITA BEACH ROAD VISIONING STUDY. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-10-0312)

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

10:10:44 am Attorney Matthew Roepstorff, with the Pavese Law Firm, was in attendance to comment on the Ordinance relating to uses in the Old 41 Redevelopment area, and his client Wawa.

10:11:12 am Peter O'Flinn requested an update on the U.S. 41 landscaping project.

10:11:31 am Fred Forbes informed Council of a seminar he attended the previous week on "future" development.

10:13:21 AM Rick Steinmeyer stated that Dog Beach is a great place for extra parking.

10:14:08 AM Kathy McGrath reminded everyone of Riverfest, addressing scheduled events, which include a fish fry, a duck race, a corn hole contest, and live music.

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

- A. AN AMENDMENT TO THE BONITA SPRINGS LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE CHAPTER 4 (ZONING); AMENDING SECTIONS 4-868, 4-869, AND 4-872 TO ALLOW ADMINISTRATIVE RELIEF FOR INNOVATIVE PROJECTS; MODIFYING SOME USES IN THE OLD US 41 REDEVELOPMENT URBAN CORE AND IN THE HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL (AREA 3B); REVISING THE DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR THE RESIDENTIAL SUB-AREAS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, INCLUSION IN CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-10-0309)

10:16:59 AM City Attorney Audrey Vance read the title block of the Ordinance into the record.

10:17:46 AM Jay Sweet, Community Development, furnished Council with an update since their last meeting and revisions made to the Ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

10:19:06 AM Attorney Matthew Roepstorff, representing Wawa, stated that Wawa wants to be part of the new unique design and want to partnership with Southwest Florida.

10:23:54 AM Rick Steinmeyer stated that he feels that if Wawa got rid of the gas pumps it would be okay.

10:24:16 AM Fred Forbes stated don't just accept people with offers to come in. Think about the end result. Feels can do better with gateways.

10:24:56 AM Steve Bracci, present on behalf of Core Development, addressed development plans for his client involving 26 acres located near I-75 and Bonita Beach Road.

10:27:55 AM Council Member Slachta motioned adoption of the Ordinance; Council Member McIntosh seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. **ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 15-21**

- B. AN AMENDMENT TO THE BONITA SPRINGS LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE CHAPTER 4 (ZONING); AMENDING §4-1315 RELATED TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING BONUS DENSITY PROVISIONS IN THE ZONING CHAPTER; REQUIRING GREEN CONSTRUCTION FOR RESIDENTIAL UNITS ELIGIBLE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING BENEFITS; OTHER MINOR CHANGES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-10-0310)

10:29:55 AM City Attorney Vance read the title block.

10:30:22 AM John Dulmer, Community Development, addressed an alternative proposed by Mr. Forbes at the last hearing relating to a ratio dealing with a certain percentage of houses being built to green standards, and allowing for increased density for those units. He is here to let Council know that if this is a policy alternative they are interested in, Staff will discuss it and pursue it. Otherwise, the item today is directly related to the application for the Certified Local Government Florida Green Building program.

10:31:14 AM Jennifer Hagen, Community Development, explained that, if in the future City decides to pursue affordable housing through the Affordable Density Bonus program, it would receive extra credits.

10:31:40 AM Council Member McIntosh stated that the City is not out trying to find ways to get points. It is part of the long term plan of what we need. He added that Habitat for Humanity is supporting this, as they already building to these standards, and they are asking that the City not increase to the point where it makes it more difficult and impossible for them to provide housing.

No public comments were made.

Council Member McIntosh motioned adoption of the Ordinance; Council Members Simmons seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. **ADOPTED ORDINANCE NO. 15-22**

- C. AN AMENDMENT TO THE BONITA SPRINGS LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE CHAPTER 6 (SIGNS); AMENDING SECTION 6-112 TO AMEND THE REGULATIONS REGARDING PERMANENT ON-SITE SIGNS FOR SCHOOLS, CHURCHES, DAY CARE CENTERS, PARKS, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, LIBRARIES AND OTHER SIMILAR USES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, INCLUSION IN CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-10-0315)

10:32:58 am Assistant City Attorney Alex Boswell-Ebersole, read the title block of the Ordinance into the record. He has reviewed the Affidavit of Publication and found it to be legally sufficient. Staff's recommendation is to continue the second reading of the Ordinance to Wednesday, November 18, 2015.

10:33:38 am Mr. Dulmer explained that per Council direction, addressed Staff's work on the Ordinance, explaining that Staff is requesting an additional two weeks to see if they can come up with an alternative per Council's instructions, or to figure out if they have to go back to the drawing board.

10:34:12 am Council Member Gibson motioned to continue the Ordinance to November 18, 2015; Council Member McIntosh seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

X. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT:

A. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO, RATIFYING, AND AUTHORIZING LEE COUNTY TO LEVY THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN CITY BOUNDARIES UNDER ITS SOLID WASTE PROGRAM. IF COUNCIL AUTHORIZES TO GO FORWARD, THE ORDINANCE WILL BE SCHEDULED ON NOVEMBER 4, 2015 FOR A FIRST READING WITH NO PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOVEMBER 18, 2015 FOR THE FINAL COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-10-0311)

10:34:55 am City Attorney Vance furnished a brief overview, explaining that this involves an Ordinance consenting to, ratifying, and authorizing Lee County to levy the special assessments within City boundaries under its solid waste program.

10:35:19 am Council Member McIntosh motioned to move forward with a first reading of the Ordinance on Wednesday, November 4, 2015; Council Member Lonkart seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

B. PERMISSION TO ADVERTISE AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S WATER CONSERVATION ORDINANCE, TO ADOPT APPENDIX C, GRAY WATER RECYCLING SYSTEMS, OF THE PLUMBING PORTION OF THE FLORIDA BUILDING CODE; TO REQUIRE NEW CAR WASHES TO IMPLEMENT BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES; TO ESTABLISH ORNAMENTAL WATER FOUNTAIN AND WATER FEATURE STANDARDS; AND TO ENCOURAGE ALTERNATIVE WATER REUSE TECHNOLOGIES. IF COUNCIL AUTHORIZES TO GO FORWARD, THE ORDINANCE WILL BE SCHEDULED ON NOVEMBER 4, 2015 FOR A FIRST READING WITH NO PUBLIC COMMENT AND NOVEMBER 18, 2015 FOR THE FINAL COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARINGS. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-10-0304)

10:35:46 am City Attorney Vance explained that the Greensheet reflects the following four new components:

1. Encourage graywater building design by adopting Appendix C, Gray Water Recycling Systems, of the plumbing portion of the Florida Building Code
2. Require new car washes (self-serve and automatic) to implement best management practices (BMPs) to minimize run-off from, or run-on to, the site per the state rule.
3. Require permitting and design review for ornamental water fountains and water features to ensure the water feature recirculates water and serves a beneficial use.
4. Encourage alternative onsite wastewater and water reuse technologies. These could include the use of graywater harvesting through the use of rain barrels, water cisterns and air conditioning condensate for irrigation.

10:35:58 am Jennifer Hagen, Community Development, explained that this entails City-wide conservation efforts, including wastewater reuse, and would allow the City to look at adopting the plumbing code that relates to graywater. She further explained.

10:37:50 am Mayor Nelson stated that this encourages alternative water reuse technologies and the grey water portion recycling systems. He asked if this was something that Bonita Springs Utilities may

be interested in. Ms. Hagen responded that BSU has reviewed what is being proposed and have no problem with it.

10:37:58 am Council Member Simmons motioned to move forward with a first reading of the Ordinance on November 4, 2015; Council Member Martin seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. MAKE TWO APPOINTMENTS TO THE VACANCIES ON THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD, REAPPOINT ONE MEMBER AND APPOINT A CHAIRMAN TO SERVE ON THAT BOARD ALSO. (GREENSHEET NO. 15-10-0314)

10:38:33 am Assistant City Manager John Gucciardo addressed this agenda item, which is for two appointments to the Historic Preservation Board, and for the appointment of a Chairman.

10:39:00 am Council Member Martin motioned the appointment of Patricia Welles and Elly McKuen to the Historic Preservation Board; Council Member McIntosh seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Nelson next motioned the appointment of Dallas Revord as Chairman; Council Member Martin seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 15-57**

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

10:39:53 am City Manager Carl Schwing next furnished an update on the U.S. 41 landscape project in response to a question that arose earlier from the public. He explained that the landscapers had some challenges, however, the project is moving forward with the groundcover being put in right now. They anticipate completion within the next 60 days.

XII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS AND REPORTS:

10:40:32 am Council Member Lonkart invited everyone to attend the Lion's Club Golf Tournament at Worthington Country Club scheduled for October 24, 2015. Lunch will also be served.

10:41:07 am Council Member Gibson addressed the downtown redevelopment project, and stated that the detour has increased, with no work taking place, and blocking more businesses. Also, the sign that was supposed to be there to inform people of how to get to the businesses isn't arriving until tomorrow. He doesn't understand why they increased the detour since they are not doing any work. Assistant City Manager Gucciardo responded that the issue with the signage is going to be corrected, as the new sign should be there tomorrow. Also, the holdup on the construction had to do with what was found underground, which they are actively pursuing a resolution to now. They hope to see some active construction shortly. Council Member Gibson asked why they didn't leave the road closure the way it was if there isn't any construction going on. Mr. Gucciardo explained that they didn't anticipate running into that kind of problem, as they were anticipating being able to do some work. Based on conversations with BSU with the water line project, there should be construction being done shortly. Council Member Gibson stated that if construction isn't going to occur shortly, he asked if they could re-track the additional two blocks. Mr. Gucciardo stated that would depend on when they think construction is going to kick back in. Mayor Nelson stated that there's no reason to have the road blocked off if they don't project starting in the beginning of the week. He feels it's a reasonable request. Mr. Gucciardo stated he would contact the contractor.

[10:43:05 am](#) Council Member Simmons complimented Mayor Ruane on his efforts relating to water quality, and stated that he also is ready to continue to work on water issues. He also invited everyone to participate in the upcoming Veterans Day events. Lastly, he also is looking forward to the updates relating to the high school.

[10:44:38 am](#) Council Member McIntosh informed Council that New Horizons has added value to the City, as they take at risk children and help them with academics and leadership values. He also congratulated them on a grant of \$40,000 they received to expand their services. He also addressed Government Day, informing Council they are going to include New Horizons in one of the Government Day events. He next congratulated the Wonder Gardens and John Paeno who had the first lecture series a week ago. Lastly, he reported this is the third for the Star High School Leadership Academy. He thanked the Lee County Sheriff's Department, the Bonita Springs Fire District, and Frank Cassidy. He also reported that this coming Friday they will be hosting the environmental session, which includes a trip to the BSU wastewater treatment plant, the Bonita Nature Place, and then to the FGCU Science Center. He thanked everyone for their support in creating future leaders.

[10:46:55 am](#) Council Member Martin reported that she visited the Bonita Nature Place yesterday and it looks great! She saw 4 gopher tortoises. She invited all to visit. She also thanked the City's Technology Advisory Board who will be making recommendations to the Bonita Springs Wonder Gardens. She also invited everyone to Riverfest this coming weekend! She also reported that the Bonita Springs Assistance Office needs help with their food pantry, and welcome all donations. Lastly, she reported that their next lunch and lecture event is next Wednesday, with the guest speaker Jennifer Hagen who will speak to the City's backyard hen program.

[10:49:42 am](#) Council Member Slachta reported that on October 5, 2015 the Rotary Club had a golf outing and dinner at Cirella's Restaurant. Tonight Cirella's will be presenting him with a check donating funds to the American Legion. Also, on Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 2:00 P.M., there will be a fundraiser at American Legion Post #303 for the young boy Damian who has lost one of his eye's to cancer. He invited everyone to attend. The funds will be used towards helping with his medical expenses.

[10:51:32 am](#) Mayor Nelson informed Council that the City Manager will be talking to each of them on the high school, to which he hopes everyone will be supportive. He will also discuss the library with Council Members, which he addressed, noting that there were only a few details that need to be worked out. He feels there is a need to meet more often, than every 4 to 6 months to get it all worked out. He also reported on the MPO meeting and the continual action of the "shuffling of priorities," which he finds to be a bit frustrating. Next he addressed the issue of fracking, stating that it's a land use item, and if it smells, looks bad, and loud, it's something that is not wanted in the City. He next reported that he spoke at the legislative delegation meeting in Fort Myers and presented the legislative priorities. He will continue to work with them on the issues in hopes they can accommodate the legislation. Lastly, he reported on an email received from the Florida League of Cities relating to term limits for elected officials for municipalities.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 10/07/15

[10:59:58 AM](#) Council Member Slachta motioned approval of the Minutes; Council Member Simmons seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL ITEM:

[11:00:25 am](#) Council Member Lonkart expressed his excitement on the library.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

11:02:03 am Rick Steinmeyer expressed his agreement with the Mayor in that they don't want drilling in the City. He questioned how one finds out who owns mineral rights and if they are for sale.

11:03:02 am Peter O'Flinn asked if the City Manager could also update the public on the high school.

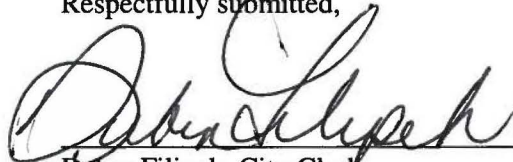
11:03:33 am Fred Forbes addressed the landscaping in the median south of Bonita Beach Road on U.S. 41, which he feels is somewhat sparse as far as palm trees. He feels they could have doubled the amount of trees in that median. He also reported that a number of residents attended the Lee County School Board meeting the previous night to let them know that there are 4,000 residents who were anywhere from okay to enthusiastic about putting the high school at Bonita Beach Road and Bonita Grande. He told them that there 4,000 residents who were put into a situation where they're going to put their resources into doing what they can to get this changed. You don't put a high school against a community such as Hunter's Ridge, close to Worthington and Quail West. He further explained, stating that the City should use their resources to make it work, but to put it somewhere that it will not impact the people with all the noise.

11:06:24 AM Kathy McGrath stated they have received 33 entries for the film festival this year. Also, the Gala for the film festival is November 5th at the Prada. It will be a red carpet event.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items to discuss the meeting adjourned at 11:08 P.M.

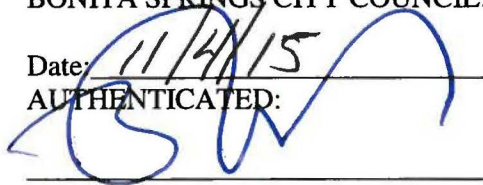
Respectfully submitted,



Debra Filipek, City Clerk

APPROVED:
BONITA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:

Date: 11/4/15
AUTHENTICATED:



Ben L. Nelson, Jr., Mayor