

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017
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 Doug Pratt, with First Presbyterian Church, furnished the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At the request of Mayor Simmons, Council Member Amy Quaremba led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. ROLL CALL

Mayor Simmons and all Council Members were in attendance, except for Council Member Steve Slachta.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

5:32:46 PM Rick Steinmeyer stated “it looks like wonder gardens is a done deal.”

5:32:49 pm John West feels part of the Wonder Gardens should remain and that something else be done with the other part of it.

5:34:17 PM John Paeno addressed Agenda Item VI. Regarding Hurricane Irma and debris being dumped in downtown.

5:36:36 PM Ed Fitzgerald also addressed Hurricane Irma.

5:38:03 PM Marth Simons also addressed concerns with downtown property being used as a debris site. She spoke with Izzy Havernick who is willing to allow the debris on his property located in industrial area. She is against the downtown site.

5:42:28 PM At the suggestion of Council Member O’Flinn, Council consensus to move Agenda Item VI. D., to Mayor and Council Member Items.

VI. PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

A. PRESENTATION BY LEE COUNTY ON LIBRARY PROJECT.

5:43:09 PM Dave Harner, Assistant County Manager, began by providing an update on the project, after which Kevin Williams provided a PowerPoint presentation (copy in Clerk's file). Sam Vincent addressed the architecture of the building.

B. PRESENTATION BY RALPH SERGIO WITH BRADY RISK ENVIRONMENTAL.

6:13:58 PM Jim Lounsbery and Ralph Sergio were in attendance to provide a PowerPoint presentation.

C. ERRATA SHEET - DISCUSS AND PROVIDE STAFF DIRECTION ON PROPOSED 2018 LEGISLATIVE FUNDING PRIORITIES. (FORBES; GREENSHEET NO. 17-10-0388)

6:38:41 pm Council Member Forbes furnished an overview as set out in the Greensheet. Council discussion followed, with direction given to Staff.

D. DISCUSS HURRICANE IRMA AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENTS FOR FUTURE EVENTS. (GREENSHEET NO. 17-10-0387)

7:34:29 PM Council discussion was held on Hurricane Irma related issues and concerns, with Staff to look into FEMA criteria. Staff also to get numbers from Lee County as it relates to damage. Discussion followed.

Council Member Gibson entered a motion to stop using the site downtown for debris; Mayor Simmons seconded; and the motion failed 4-2 (Council Members Forbes, Quaremba, DeWitt and O'Flinn 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.)

7:04:35 PM Council Member Gibson pulled item C. for a clarification, which Staff provided.

Council Member O'Flinn motioned approval of the remainder of the Consent Agenda; Council Member Greg DeWitt seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

A. ERRATA SHEET - ACCEPT THE GRANT OF EASEMENT FROM D.R. HORTON, GRANTING THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT AS A CONDITION IN THE WILDWOOD PRESERVE ZONING APPROVAL. (GREENSHEET NO. 17-10-0384)

B. APPROVE AN EXTENSION TO THE EMERGENCY RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM HURRICANE IRMA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (GREENSHEET NO. 17-10-0382) **ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 17-62**

C. RATIFY RESOLUTION 17-60, WHICH WAS APPROVED AT THE OCTOBER 4, 2017 MEETING, TO BE USED TO SUPPORT THE CITY'S APPLICATION FOR THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) FY 2017 PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION

(PDM) GRANT PROGRAM. (GREENSHEET NO. 17-10-0384) **RESOLUTION NO. 17-60 RATIFIED (APPROVED OCTOBER 4, 2017)**

VIII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS:

- A. DISCUSSION OF WONDER GARDENS RESTORATION WITH INFORMATION ON LIKELY INSURANCE PROCEEDS. (FORBES; GREENSHEET NO. 17-10-0385)

7:07:23 pm Council Member Forbes provided an overview of this item. A brief discussion was held, with Council consensus to defer until after the retreat is held.

- B. DISCUSS REQUESTING FEMA TO REFRAIN FROM APPROVING ANY TYPE OF REQUESTS FOR MAKING IMPERIAL RIVER OR SPRING CREEK FLOODWAYS NARROWER, OR CHANGES FAVORABLE TO DEVELOPMENT, UNTIL FEMA UPDATES THEIR FEMA FLOOD MAPS BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THE HURRICANE IRMA FLOODING. (FORBES; GREENSHEET NO. 17-10-0386)

7:18:45 pm Council Member Forbes furnished an overview, as reflected within the Greensheet. A brief discussion followed.

Council Member DeWitt motioned to approve; Mayor Simmons seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

ERRATA SHEET - REQUEST COUNCIL APPROVE SUBMISSION TO MPO STAFF OF TWO PROJECTS FOR SUN TRAIL FUNDING. FIRST, FUNDING OF A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR POTENTIAL BONITA-ESTERO TRAIL ALONG RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY. SECOND, FUNDING OF FEASIBILITY AND CONSTRUCTION OF MULTIUSE TRAIL ALONG ESTERO BOULEVARD ON BIG HICKORY ISLAND AND LOVERS KEY, WITHIN BONITA SPRINGS CITY LIMITS. (O'FLINN; GREENSHEET NO. 17-10-0389)

7:31:08 PM Council Member O'Flinn provided an overview, as reflected within his Greensheet. Discussion followed.

Council Member Forbes motioned to approve; Council Member Quaremba seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT:

8:56:57 pm Rick Steinmeyer addressed Angler's Paradise.

8:58:05 pm Thomas Hecker, Executive Director of the Wonder Gardens, thanked Council for their support. He reported that they are working hard to reopen.

9:00:54 pm Martha Simmons addressed Hurricane Irma, and the use of the dog track property, housing and other hurricane related issues.

9:05:52 pm John West addressed flooding. He also supports the Mayor attending the executive board meeting in West Palm Beach to address.

9:08:19 pm John Paeno recognized all those who helped with the Imperial River clean up event. He also addressed hurricane debris removal.

9:12:26 pm Trish Leonard thanked City Council on behalf of the Wonder Gardens Board of Directors. She also addressed upcoming events.

9:13:34 pm Robert Allan, a resident of Morton Grove, addressed drainage issues as a result of Hurricane Irma in his community.

X. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT: No items.

XI. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: No items.

XII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS: No items.

XIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 09/26/17


XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT:

9:25:32 pm Bill Simons spoke against placing debris on the Bamboo site.

XV. ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further items to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra Filipek, City Clerk

APPROVED:

BONITA SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL:

Date: 11/3/17

AUTHENTICATED:


Peter Simmons, Mayor