



City Council Chambers
9101 Bonita Beach Road
Bonita Springs, Florida 34135

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 1, 2023
5:30 p.m.

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1. Call to Order.

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

2. Invocation.

Reverend Bill Gilmore with the St. Mary’s Episcopal Church

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Steinmeyer led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

Mayor Steinmeyer and all Council Members were in attendance.

5. Approval of Agenda

6. Mayor’s Welcome

7. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Kyle Moran addressed downtown development and through truck traffic.

Amy Quaremba thanked Deb for her years of service.

Trish Leonard addressed through truck traffic and thanked Deb for her service.

Ron George, a resident of Little Hickory, Congratulated Deb and addressed downtown through truck traffic.

Gary Price, former City Manager congratulated Deb on her retirement and spoke of working with her.

Don Colapietro thanked Deb for her years of service and congratulated her on her retirement.

8. Zoning and Land Use Items:

9. Proclamations and Presentations:

- A. Presentation and recognition to City Clerk Debra Filipek for over 23 years of service to the City of Bonita Springs

Mayor Steinmeyer and City Manager Hunter gave presentation.

- B. Proclamation of March 6th-10th as Flood Awareness Week

Mayor Steinmeyer read the proclamation into the record.

- C. Presentation by McMahan Associates on the truck traffic study along Old 41. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-036)

John DePalma with McMahan gave a powerpoint presentation on the truck count on Old 41.

Council Member Carr made a motion for Derek Rooney to draft a “bare bones” ordinance for truck restrictions that is not specific to a certain area for a first reading in April; Seconded by Council Member Corrie; Motion passed unanimously.

10. Consent Agenda:

Council Member Carr motioned for approval of the Consent Agenda; Council Member Forbes seconded; and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. Approval of the February 15, 2023 Draft City Council Meeting Minutes
 - B. Approval of the February 15, 2023 Draft City Council Workshop Minutes
 - C. Adopt a resolution authorizing the submittal of the West Coast Inland Navigation District (WCIND) grant application for funds to promote safe navigation and water-based activities. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-031)
 - D. Confirm and ratify Resolutions extending the Local State of Emergency due to Hurricane Ian. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-033)
 - E. Ratify the Administrative Action Approval, as conditioned, for the redevelopment of property located at 10441/481 Packinghouse Lane in the SD-DID transect of the Downtown District. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-034)
 - F. Adopt Resolution approving the Selection Committee's recommendation to engage two qualified firms to provide Procurement Services for the City. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-035)
 - G. Approve Purchase Agreement Amendment #1 for the Voluntary Home Buyout Program extending the agreement expiration date from March 21, 2023 to May 31, 2023. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-039)
 - H. Approve Amendment #1 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV) Food Insecurity Program. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-040)
- Opportunity for City Council Comments on Consent Agenda

11. Mayor and Council Member Items:

12. Public Hearing:

- A. Conduct the first public hearing of the City's draft Evaluation and Appraisal Report (E.A.R.) as required by F.S. §163.3191. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-037)

Dr. Banyan of FGCU was available by Zoom to address the draft EAR report and questions.

Council Member Corrie motioned to move to second reading; seconded by Mayor Steinmeyer; and the motion carried unanimously.

13. City Attorney's Items:

- A. Consider presentation by Hole Montes and select an appropriate route for Bonita Grande Drive extension to the City's future park facilities. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-041)

Rick Brylanski with Hole Montes presented four alternate routes for the Bonita Grande Drive extension with a recommendation of alternate 4.

Council Member Purdon motioned to approve Alternate 4; Seconded by Council Member Carr; and the motion carried unanimously.

14. City Manager's Items:

- A. Discussion regarding selection of a signage family for the City's Wayfinding Signage and Gateway Feature Master Plan and direction to staff. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-032)

Kevin Mangan with Stantec gave presentation of three signage design families for City Council's consideration.

Mayor Steinmeyer made a motion for Design #3; seconded by Council Member Forbes; and the motion failed.

Council Member Purdon made a motion for Design #1; Council Member Bogacz seconded; and the motion failed.

Council Member Forbes made a motion for Design #2; Council Member Corrie seconded; and the motion failed.

Council Member Carr made a motion for Design #3; Council Mayor Steinmeyer seconded; and the motion failed.

Council Member Fullick made a motion to narrow down the choices to Design #1 and #2; Seconded by Council Member Corrie; and the motion passed.

Motion by Council Member Corrie to table the issue, and the motion did not pass.

Council Member Purdon made a motion for Design #1; Seconded by Council Member Bogacz; and the motion failed.

Council Member Forbes made a motion to continue to the next meeting to get additional information regarding materials; Council Member Carr seconded; and the motion passed.

Council continued discussion

Council Member Fullick made a motion to re-open the item; Council Member Purdon seconded; and the motion passed.

Council Member Purdon made a motion to only have options #1 and #2; Seconded by Council Member Fullick; and the motion passed.

Council Member Bogacz made a motion for Design #1; Seconded by Council Member Purdon; and the motion passed.

- B. Approve Design/Build Proposal from Wright Construction to construct additional parking on the Banyan Tree Parcel and approve budget transfer to provide necessary funding in the amount of \$982,195.04. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-038)

Assistant City Manager Matt Feeney provided an overview of this item.

Council Member Carr made a motion to approve; Seconded by Council Member Purdon; Motion passed unanimously.

- C. Update regarding Hurricane Ian recovery

City Manager Arleen Hunter provided an update regarding the anticipated notice of funding from FEMA's expedited process for debris removal.

Additional Updates:

Assitant City Manager Matt Feeney stated there will be a public meeting held March 7th from 5:30 to 6:30 at the Bonita Grande Fire Station #4 to notify the neighborhood regarding the drainage portion of the golf course project as well as the expected time line.

15. Mayor and Council Member Reports

Mayor Steinmeyer has received letters regarding gambling. Provided a number for those who may have a gambling problem.

Council Member Corrie gave an update on the Lee County Recovery Task Force meeting; the Technology Advisory Board's desire to meeting monthly instead of quarterly; and the Council's stance regarding Rails to Trails for MPO.

Council Member Corrie made a motion for the Technology Committee to meet monthly; Council Member Fullick seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Fullick reported on an Imperial Harbor Association meeting; and an event he attended with Florida's Lt. Governor.

16. Public Comment

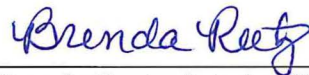
Joe Gallagher discussed using the old library as a senior center and the lack of affordable housing.

Ron George suggested installing rapid EV charging stations downtown.

17. Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Reetz, Interim City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Date: 4-5-23

AUTHENTICATED:



Mayor Rick Steinmeyer