



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

**BONITA SPRINGS  
CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

April 5, 2023  
9:00 a.m.

**1. Call to Order**

*Mayor Rick Steinmeyer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.*

**2. Invocation**

*Invocation provided by Rev. Ann Grandell from Gulf Shore Church.*

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Mayor Steinmeyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.*

**4. Roll Call**

*Mayor Steinmeyer motioned to allow Council Member Fred Forbes to participate by phone; Council Member Corrie seconded; and the motion carried unanimously. Clerk Sheffield called the roll. All Council Members were in attendance.*

**5. Approval of Agenda**

*No objections or change requests were noted.*

**6. Mayor's Welcome**

*Mayor Steinmeyer welcomed attendees and thanked them for their participation.*

**7. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

*Kyle Moran - Expressed support for the adoption of the proposed ordinance under Agenda Item 13- Limitations on Thru Truck Traffic.*

*Ron George - Expressed his support for the proposed ordinance under Agenda Item 13- Limitations on Thru Truck Traffic.*

**8. Zoning and Land Use Items:**

*None*

**9. Proclamations and Presentations:**

A. Proclamation designating the month of April 2023 as Fair Housing Month in the City (Green Sheet No. 23-04-070)

*Mayor Steinmeyer read the proclamation into the record.*

B. Presentation of Ten Years of Service Award to City Employee Clara Fette

*Mayor Steinmeyer, together with City Manager Hunter and Director of Financial and Administrative Services Lisa Griggs Roberson, presented the service award.*

**10. Consent Agenda:**

*Council Member Corrie motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; Council Member Carr seconded; the motion carried unanimously.*

- A. Approval of the March 1, 2023 City Council Meeting Minutes
  - B. Approval of the March 1, 2023 City Council Transportation Workshop Minutes
  - C. Approve the change order from CFS Roofing Services, Inc for the Liles Hotel Roof Replacement Project and the resolution for budget transfer in the amount of \$69,640. (Green Sheet No. 23-04-059)
  - D. Approve the proposal from EnviroStruct, LLC from the Construction Manager at Risk Continuing Services agreement and the resolution for budget transfer in the amount of \$56,650 for Bonita Springs Skate Park Perimeter Wall Repair and renovation. (Green Sheet No. 23-04-060)
  - E. Approve a six (6) month extension to the artist cottage tenants with a valid agreement during the 6-month vacancy caused by Hurricane Ian and authorize staff to advertise for Artists and other similar vendors for use of Artist Cottages at Riverside Park (Green Sheet No. 23-04-061)
  - F. Approve grant agreement with Florida Department of Environmental Protection for Beach Renourishment to replace sand removed by Hurricane Ian in the amount of \$2,180,620.92 (Green Sheet No. 23-04-062)
  - G. Confirm and ratify Resolutions extending the Local State of Emergency due to Hurricane Ian. (Green Sheet No. 23-04-063)
  - H. Approve annual update to employee salary ranges. (Green Sheet No. 23-04-064)
  - I. Approve two purchase agreements to acquire parcels located in the Quinn/Downs/Dean Neighborhood for the Voluntary Home Buyout Program (Green Sheet No. 23-04-065)
  - J. Approve the special event permit for the Celebrate Bonita Festival 2023 and the closure of Old US 41 Road from Wilson street to Ragsdale Street on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023. (Green Sheet No. 23-04-066)
  - K. Approve tenant relocation assistance for structures acquired through the CDBG- DR Voluntary Home Buyout Program. (Green Sheet No. 23-04-068)
- Opportunity for City Council Comments on Consent Agenda

**11. Mayor and Council Member Items:**

*None*

**12. Public Hearing:**

- A. Second Reading and Public Hearing of the following Ordinance: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN LEITNER NEIGHBORHOOD PARK TO CAFÉ OF LIFE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Green Sheet No. 23-04-067)

*Clerk Sheffield read the Ordinance into the record by title only. Council Member Carr motioned to approve; Council Member Purdon seconded. Clerk Sheffield called the roll; the motion carried unanimously. **Ordinance 2023-01 Adopted***

**13. City Attorney's Items:**

- A. First reading of AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE BONITA SPRINGS CITY CODE, CHAPTER 40 – TRAFFIC AND MOTOR VEHICLES, AND CREATING A NEW ARTICLE IV – LIMITATIONS ON THRU TRUCK TRAFFIC; PROVIDING CONFLICTS OF LAW, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, AND MODIFICATIONS THAT MAY ARISE FROM CONSIDERATION AT PUBLIC HEARING, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Green Sheet No. 23-04-069)

*Clerk Sheffield read the Ordinance into the record by title only. Council Member Corrie motioned to move to second reading; Council Member Carr seconded.*

*City Attorney Rooney requested that the second reading of the Ordinance be scheduled for May 3 rather than April 19, to allow time to receive requested responses from the Sheriff's Department pertaining to language and enforceability. The motion maker (Council Member Corrie) and the motion second (Council Member Carr) agreed to amend the motion accordingly to stipulate second reading on May 3. Clerk Sheffield called the roll; the motion carried unanimously.*

**14. City Manager's Items:**

- A. Authorize staff to submit a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Application for congressionally designated funds and provide the required match funding for the application. (Green Sheet No. 23-04-071)

*City Manager Hunter informed Council that the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant requires a local match. As such, if Council would like staff to move forward with the grant application, Council's commitment to providing match funding is a necessary component of the application.*

*Mayor Steinmeyer motioned to approve; Council Member Carr seconded; the motion carried unanimously.*

B. Update regarding Hurricane Ian recovery

*Community Development Director John Dulmer presented a statistical report that included phone calls, emails, restoration and repair permits, permit counter customers, and application submittals. (Report on file in the City Clerk's Office)*

**15. Mayor and Council Member Reports**

*Mayor Steinmeyer – Thanked everyone involved in the effort to clean debris from the mangroves between Hickory Blvd Beach Access 3 and Access 5.*

*Council Member Bogacz – Informed Council that she is unable to attend or participate remotely in the City Council meeting on April 19 due to a work conference.*

*Council Member Corrie – Provided a report on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting that he attended as the alternate. The MPO unanimously approved the proposal drafted by Council Member Forbes, to move to the next step in the Rails to Trails project. Also, regarding the Recovery Task Force, all organizations represented, including the City of Bonita Springs, must name an alternate member to serve in the absence of the primary member.*

*Council Member Forbes – Provided a report on meetings with state legislators in Tallahassee, stating the trip was successful and expressing optimism that the City might receive funding next year.*

*Council Member Fullick – Provided an update on the Tourist Development Council (TDC), stating there has been a decrease in bed tax revenue. Also, a comprehensive report conducted with the Bonita Springs Downtown Business Alliance (BSDBA) will be available for viewing on the BSDBA website.*

*Council Member Carr – Stated that she attended the Ace Hardware Green EGGfest at Riverside Park, which was a successful event with proceeds going to local charities.*

*Council Member Purdon – Reported that the meetings with the legislators in Tallahassee were very helpful and feels that something positive will come from the trip. Also, welcomed the new city clerk, Mike Sheffield.*

**Other Council Action**

- **Request for Letter of Support - Larry Kiker Berm Project**

*City Manager Hunter informed Council of a request from Lee County staff for City Council to submit a letter of support for the Larry Kiker berm project to our federal delegation, similar to the support letter recently submitted by Council to our state delegation.*

*Council Member Fullick motioned to approve the support letter; Mayor Steinmeyer seconded; the motion carried unanimously.*

- **Nominations for Alternate Member of the Recovery Task Force**

*Mayor Steinmeyer asked for nominations for alternate member of the Recovery Task Force.*

*Council Member Carr offered to serve in the position and nominated herself.*

*Council Member Purdon nominated Council Member Forbes; Council Member Bogacz seconded the nomination of Council Member Forbes.*

*Hearing no further nominations or seconds, Mayor Steinmeyer asked the Clerk to call the roll; the nomination of Council Member Forbes carried 6-1 (Council Member Carr opposed).*

**16. Public Comment**

*Emily Porter – Provided an update on the Friends of Bonita Estero Rail Trail and expressed appreciation for the Council's support and enthusiasm for the project.*

**17. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

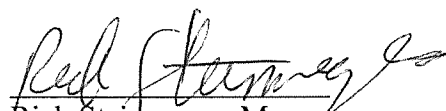
Prepared by:

  
Mike Sheffield, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Date: 4/19/23

AUTHENTICATED:

  
Rick Steinmeyer, Mayor