



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

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2023
9:00 a.m.

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1. Call to Order

Mayor Steinmeyer called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

2. Invocation

Mayor Steinmeyer gave the Invocation.

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

Joe Gallagher commented on consent Item #10E, 17th Amendment to CH2M Hill Agreement.

Kyle Moran commented on Item #10G. In favor of the Agreement extension with the Center for the Arts.

Ben Hershenson is in favor of cell tower improvements.

Tim Deaton is in favor of cell tower improvements.

Jim Kauffman, Chair of the Technology Advisory Board is in favor of cell tower improvements.

Ron George in favor of cell tower improvements.

8. Zoning and Land Use Items:

- A. (FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING) A ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA; CONSIDERING A REQUEST TO AMEND ZONING ORDINANCE 16-07 FOR THE OAKLAND COMMERCIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT, WITH THE ADDITION OF A MASTER CONCEPT PLAN, AMENDED CONDITIONS AND AN AMENDED SCHEDULE OF USES; LOCATED AT 27971 OAKLAND DRIVE, BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34135; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-048)

Council Member Corrie made a motion to move to second reading; seconded by Council Member Carr; Motion passed unanimously.

9. Proclamations and Presentations:

- A. Presentation of proclamation proclaiming March 20-24, 2023 as Florida Government Financial Professional Week. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-042)

Mayor Steinmeyer read into the record and presented the proclamation to the Finance Department.

- B. Presentation and update by Neighborhood Services (Green Sheet No. 23-03-049)

Tony Backhurst, Director of Neighborhood Services, gave presentation and answered questions.

- C. Presentation and update by Community Development (Green Sheet No. 23-03-055)

John Dulmer, Director of Community Development, gave presentation and answered questions.

10. Consent Agenda:

Council Member Carr made a motion to approve consent agenda; Seconded by Council Member Forbes; Motion passed unanimously.

- A. Approve Resolution for Budget Amendment to carryover prior year unspent capital budget amounts into fiscal year 2022-2023. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-043)
 - B. Approve the Caretaker's Agreement for the Bonita Nature Place (Green Sheet No. 23-03-044)
 - C. Approve bid tabulation for RFP #22-08 for CDBG-MIT Grant Management Services and authorize staff to begin negotiation with the top ranked firm (Green Sheet No. 23-03-045)
 - D. Approve Amendment #1 for the Community Development Block Grant COVID (CDBG-CV) Food Insecurity Program with Salvation Army and Feed Thy Neighbor Organizations. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-046)
 - E. Approve the 17th Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Bonita Springs and CH2MHILL Engineers for the provision of Community Development services. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-047)
 - F. Adopt a Resolution accepting the resignation of Michael Nigbor and Ronald Winsett from the City of Bonita Springs Veterans Advisory Board (Green Sheet No. 23-03-052)
 - G. Approve license agreement to allow Center for the Arts to host three art festivals per year at Riverside Park for a term of five years. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-051)
 - H. Accept the proposed buffer easement at 27251 Morgan Road to establish a buffer easement adjacent to the eastern property line (Green Sheet No. 23-03-058)
- Opportunity for City Council Comments on Consent Agenda

Council Member Carr had questions regarding Item D; Is there monitoring of funds. Council Member Forbes had questions regarding extra funds. Elly McKuen with Public Works responded.

Council Member Carr was concerned with extra parking downtown for events related to Item G.

Council Member Purdon had concerns regarding Item G and future development.

10:24 A.M. Break

11. Mayor and Council Member Items:

- A. Discussion regarding potentially amending the Land Development Code as it relates to cell towers for the purpose of improving services and connectivity in the City. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-056)

Council Member Corrie started discussion, raising cell tower height will increase service.

Mayor Steinmeyer made a motion to move forward with first reading and bring back by May 1; Seconded by Council Member Forbes; Motion passed unanimously.

12. Public Hearing:

- A. Conduct the second public hearing of the City's draft Evaluation and Appraisal Report (E.A.R.) as required by F.S. §163.3191. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-050)

Dr. Banyan gave summary of report and answered questions.

Joe Gallagher suggested making the old library a senior center.

Dawn Koncikowski spoke regarding accessory dwelling units on barrier and coastal Islands; Conservation Coastal Management; Coastal Planning areas and recreation open space.

Mayor Steinmeyer made a motion to approve EAR (send letter and make corrections suggested by Dr. Banyan); Seconded by Council Member Corrie; Motion passed unanimously.

13. City Attorney's Items:

14. City Manager's Items:

- A. Presentation and review of the January Financial Report. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-054)

Lisa Roberson, Director of Financial & Administrative Services, made

presentation and answered questions.

- B. City Council consent to hire a City Clerk and authorize City Manager to appoint an Interim City Clerk to serve until the official date of employment, if necessary. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-053)

Mayor Steinmeyer made a motion to approve; Seconded by Council Member Corrie; Motion passed unanimously (Council Member Purdon absent).

- C. Consider a request from Lee County for a letter from the City supporting the County's House Appropriations Request of \$2,000,000 for the Larry Kiker Preserve Water Management Project. (Green Sheet No. 23-03-057)

Arleen Hunter, City Manager presented.

Council Member Corrie made a motion to approve endorsement; Seconded by Mayor Steinmeyer; Motion passed unanimously. (Council Member Purdon absent)

- D. Update regarding Hurricane Ian recovery

Arleen Hunter, City Manager discussed receiving advanced funding, continuing to look at additional grant opportunities and possibly moving the 1st meeting in April to a day meeting in recognition of Passover.

15. Mayor and Council Member Reports

Council Member Forbes stated on March 21 ~1:30-2pm, will be honoring Volunteers at Hunter's Ridge Club House. Representative Byron Donalds will be presenting.

Council Member Fullick stated there were two seats available on the Veteran's Advisory Board due to resignations; He also complimented John Dulmer and Community Development staff.

Council Member Bogacz was at the Fire Department Board meeting where they handed out Phoenix Awards and 5 and 20 year pins and provided an update on Fire Station #7 progress.

Council Member Corrie stated the Technology Advisory Board is looking into EV chargers and will bring forward with recommendations to the Council; Additionally he mentioned the HUD press conference on Ft. Myers Beach. \$1.2

billion ear marked for Lee County for housing assistance through the Resiliency Task Force.

Council Member Carr questioned whether the Technology Advisory Board was also looking into what to do with battery life span and disposal.

16. Public Comment

Jennifer Kirchner with Forest Creek Villas, discussed clearing out Leitner Creek from Ian debris with the help of SFWMD.

Kyle Moran spoke on making downtown pedestrian friendly.

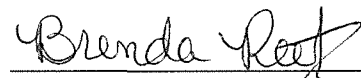
John Poldoian with the Technology Advisory Board, making downtown EV friendly.

Tim Deaton spoke on EV charging stations.

17. Adjournment

There being no further items to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 P.M.

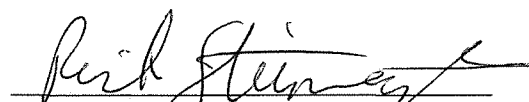
Respectfully submitted,


Brenda Reetz, Interim City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Date: 5/3/23

AUTHENTICATED:


Mayor Rick Steinmeyer