



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

**BONITA SPRINGS
CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

April 19, 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. Larry Fannon, Springs of Bonita Church.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Steinmeyer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call

The City Clerk called the roll:

Present 6 - Mayor Steinmeyer, Council Member Purdon, Council Member Carr, Council Member Corrie, Council Member Fullick, Council Member Forbes

Excused 1 - Council Member Bogacz

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 alignment design alternative #4 under agenda item 9A.

8. Zoning and Land Use Items:

None

9. Proclamations and Presentations:

A. Proclamation of April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day in the City of Bonita Springs

Proclamation presented by Mayor Steinmeyer and read aloud by Jack Brown, Chairman, Tree Advisory Board.

B. Receive presentation for the US 41 & Bonita Beach Road Quadrant Plan Northwest Phase I Project from RK&K engineering firm and provide direction on which design alternative to pursue. (Green Sheet No. 23-04-079)

Joseph Baan of RK&K presented an overview of the project followed by a summary of each of the four alignment alternatives for Council's consideration (presentation on file in the Clerk's office). Council Member Purdon motioned for approval of alternative #4, and to move forward with plans for a Continuous Flow Intersection at Bonita Beach Road and Windsor Road; Mayor Steinmeyer seconded; the motion carried with six in favor, one absent.

10. Consent Agenda:

Council Member Corrie motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; Council Member Purdon seconded; the motion carried with six in favor, one absent.

- A. Approve the April 5, 2023 Draft City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve the award of the Bridge Maintenance & Repair Project RFB 23-05 to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Zep Construction, Incorporated in the bid amount of \$439,510.00, upon approval of all documentation. (Green Sheet No. 23-04-072)
- C. Adopt Resolution accepting the resignation of Lester James from the City of Bonita Springs Outreach Advisory Committee. (Green Sheet No. 23-04-073)
- D. Approve contract agreement with Pegasus Engineering, LLC for Grant Management Services (RFP #22-08) for the CDBG-MIT East Terry Street Stormwater and Multi-Use Pathway Project (Green Sheet No. 23-04-074)
- E. Approve two sales contracts to acquire property located at 27721 and 27701 Donegal Drive and approve the issuance of earnest money to bind the contract with the seller (Green Sheet No. 23-04-075)
- F. Approve a sub-recipient agreement between Lee County and the City of Bonita Springs for FY2020-2021 (unallocated balance), FY2021-2022 and FY2022-2023 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Funds (Green Sheet No. 23-04-078)
- G. Confirm and ratify Resolutions extending the Local State of Emergency due to Hurricane Ian. (Green Sheet No. 23-04-083)
- H. Approve updated design of benches for the pocket park to be constructed in front of City Hall. (Green Sheet No. 23-04-084)
 - Opportunity for City Council Comments on Consent Agenda
No comments

11. Mayor and Council Member Items:

None

12. Public Hearing:

- A. FIRST READING AND PUBLIC HEARING OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BONITA SPRINGS LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE CHAPTER 4 – ZONING, TO AMEND SEC. 4-555 – USE REGULATIONS TABLE AND 4-556 – PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TABLE WITHIN THE MOBILE HOME RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, SEC. 4-866 – GENERAL PROVISIONS AND SEC. 4-872 – STOREFRONTS AND SIGNAGE FOR THE DOWNTOWN FORM-BASED CODE, AND SEC. 4-898 – PERMITTED USES AND SEC. 4-899 – SITE DESIGN STANDARDS WITHIN THE THE BONITA BEACH ROAD CORRIDOR OVERLAY DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR 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. 23-04-080)**

City Clerk Sheffield read the Ordinance title into the record. No members of the public came forth to provide comment. Council Member Carr motioned to move to second reading; Mayor Steinmeyer seconded; the motion carried with six in favor, one absent.

13. City Attorney’s Items:

None

14. City Manager’s Items:

- A. Approve a change order to the Weston and Sampson Facility Assessment Study to account for the Hurricane Ian Event for a total not to exceed amount of \$71,400.00. (Green Sheet No. 23-04-077)**

Council Member Carr motioned to approve; Mayor Steinmeyer seconded; the motion carried with six in favor, one absent.

- B. Discussion regarding potential land development code (LDC) amendments to the LDC Chapter 7, Article XII-Dock and Shoreline Structures. (Green Sheet No. 23-04-082)**

Council Member Carr motioned to approve; Council Member Purdon seconded; the motion carried with six in favor, one absent.

- C. Discussion regarding potential land development code (LDC) amendments to the LDC Chapter 7, Article II-Sea Turtles and direction to staff. (Green Sheet No. 23-04-081)**

Council Member Carr motioned to approve; Council Member Purdon seconded; the motion carried with six in favor, one absent.

D. Presentation of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to City of Bonita Springs and review of the February Financial Report (Green Sheet No. 23-04-076)

Director Lisa Griggs Roberson presented the February Financial Report (copy on file in the Clerk's office). Council Members congratulated the Finance team for being awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

E. Update regarding Hurricane Ian recovery

i. Update regarding CDBG-DR funding for Lee County

City Manager Hunter provided a verbal update.

ii. Discussion regarding curfew on Little Hickory Island

City Manager Hunter informed Council that she has had discussions with the president of the Bonita Beach Association and the Lee County Sheriff's Office regarding a time-frame to bring the curfew on Little Hickory Island to an end. She asked Council to provide direction regarding rescinding the curfew by May 1. Council Member Carr motioned to rescind the curfew on Little Hickory Island by May 1; Council Member Purdon seconded; the motion carried with six in favor, one absent.

15. Mayor and Council Member Reports

Council Member Corrie - Reported on the Recovery Task Force, informing Council of the opportunity to nominate people to serve on branch subcommittees. Council Member Corrie nominated Emily Porter for participation on the environmental or economic subcommittee, citing her skills and experience.

Council Member Forbes - Expressed his interest in serving on a subcommittee of the Recovery Task Force, and further nominated the following individuals: Jim Magnus, Kyle Moran, Ron George, Sharon Ralston, and Malaina Mote. Also, he discussed proposed legislation that may have an impact - House Bill 439 (pertaining to land use and development regulations) and Senate Bill 714 (pertaining to short term rentals).

Council Member Purdon - Reported on his recent meeting with Lee County Sheriff's Captain Blake Lee and suggested that other Council Members also speak to Captain Lee before the second reading of the Ordinance on May 3rd. Also, he commended the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District, and the neighboring districts that provided mutual aid, for their outstanding efforts battling the recent brushfire.

Council Member Carr - Expressed gratitude for our firefighters, deputies, and state troopers, as well as for the residents who voluntarily pick-up trash on the beach.

Council Member Fullick - Reported on the Tourist Development Council and expressed concern for the lack of solemnity that he has witnessed during past Memorial Day services held at Riverside Park (cars revving engines, honking horns). He advised Council that he would like to bring back a request for a temporary road closure for only the duration of the ceremony.

Other Council Action

- *Mayor Steinmeyer motioned to nominate Emily Porter for participation on a Recovery Task Force Subcommittee, seconded by Council Member Corrie - **NO VOTE WAS TAKEN** - the motion maker and the second withdrew their motions following the recommendation of City Attorney Rooney that all nominees be approved in one motion, rather than individually.*
- *Mayor Steinmeyer motioned to nominate the following seven individuals for participation on Recovery Task Force subcommittees: Council Member Forbes, Emily Porter, Jim Magnus, Kyle Moran, Ron George, Sharon Ralston, and Malaina Mote; Council Member Purdon seconded; the motion carried with six in favor, one absent.*
- *City Manager Hunter asked Council Members if they would like staff to remove from future agendas those agenda titles that do not have items under them. Council members agreed without discussion.*

16. Public Comment

Joe Gallagher - Spoke about the need for low-income rental housing and further stated that the library would be a good location for a senior center.

Fred Weinman - Spoke on behalf of the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs, to thank the City for supporting the Center's art festivals over the last 20 years.

Kyle Moran - Expressed appreciation for law enforcement and concerns about traffic issues downtown.

Ben Hershenson - Spoke about traffic issues in the area of Shangri La Rd/Cockleshell Dr/Paradise Rd.

17. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.


Prepared by:


Mike Sheffield, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Date: 5/3/23

AUTHENTICATED:


Rick Steinmeyer, Mayor