



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

Bonita Springs City Council

Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2023

5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rick Steinmeyer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Invocation

Invocation provided by Rev. Riley Grandell, Gulf Shore Life Center Church

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Steinmeyer led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

The City Clerk called the roll:

*Present: 7 Mayor Steinmeyer, Council Member Bogacz, Council Member Purdon,
Council Member Carr, Council Member Corrie, Council Member Fullick,
Deputy Mayor Forbes*

Absent: 0

5. Approval of Agenda

Mayor Steinmeyer motioned to move Agenda Item 9, Proclamations and Presentations, ahead of Item 8, Zoning and Land Use. Council Member Carr seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

6. Mayor's Welcome

Mayor Steinmeyer welcomed attendees and thanked them for their participation.

7. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Jim Magnus - spoke in favor of the proposed Resolution under Agenda Item 13B, Designating Portions of Old 41 Road in Downtown as a No-thru Truck Zone. He also spoke in support of the appointment of Alyona Ushe to the Art in Public Places Board.

Don Thomson of Henderson, Franklin, Starnes & Holt, P.A. representing Bonita Springs Utilities, spoke in support of the proposed Ordinance under Agenda Item 12A.

8. Proclamations and Presentations:

- A. Appearances by State Senator Jonathan Martin and State Representative Adam Botana and a legislative update from the City’s lobbyists, Greenberg Traurig. (Green Sheet No. 23-06-119)

State Representative Adam Botana and State Senator Jonathan Martin each in turn provided a brief recap of the 2023 legislative session, which included their successful effort to secure over \$300 million for Hurricane Ian recovery (\$5.4 million for Bonita Springs). Hayden Dempsey and Tim Stanfield of the City’s lobbyist firm Greenberg Traurig recapped the highlights of the legislative session.

9. Zoning and Land Use Items:

- A. (SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING) A ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA; CONSIDERING A REQUEST FOR AN AMENDMENT TO A RESIDENTIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (RPD) TO INCLUDE 24 MULTI-FAMILY UNITS AS THE PRINCIPAL USE OF THE PROPERTY, AND TO ADD ONE DEVIATION; LOCATED AT 04-48-25-B1-00002.000A, BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34135; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Green Sheet No. 23-06-121)

The Clerk read the Ordinance title into the record. City Attorney Rooney administered the oath to those who intended to give testimony. Michael Fiigon provided the staff presentation. Wayne Arnold of Q Grady Minor spoke on behalf of the applicant. Mayor Steinmeyer motioned to approve; seconded by Council Member Carr. Mayor Steinmeyer called for public comments and, seeing none, asked the Clerk to call the roll; the motion carried unanimously. Ordinance 2023 – 05 adopted.

- B. A ZONING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA; CONSIDERING A REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION REQUEST TO ALLOW A CAR WASH FACILITY ON PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL ZONE OF THE BONITA BEACH ROAD CORRIDOR OVERLAY, PURSUANT TO LDC 4-898; LOCATED AT 11230 BONITA BEACH ROAD SOUTHEAST, BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34135; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Green Sheet No. 23-06-123)

Wayne Arnold of Q Grady Minor led the presentation for the applicant and responded to questions asked by Council Members. Michael Fiigon provided the staff presentation and responded to questions from Council Members.

Mayor Steinmeyer called for public comments:

- *David Fox - Spoke in opposition to approval of the special exception request.*
- *Brian Bruland - Spoke in opposition to approval of the special exception request.*
- *Elizabeth Murray - Spoke in opposition to approval of the special exception request.*

Seeing no additional public speakers, Council Member Carr motioned to approve; seconded by Council Member Fullick. The Clerk called the roll; the motion carried by a vote of 4-3, as follows:

Carr	Steinmeyer	Corrie	Fullick	Forbes	Bogacz	Purdon
Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

10. Consent Agenda:

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

- A. Approval of the May 17th Draft City Council Meeting Minutes
 - B. Approval of the May 17th Draft City Council Special Meeting Minutes
 - C. Confirm and ratify Resolutions Extending Local State of Emergency (Green Sheet No. 23-06-116)
 - D. Notice of updated hearing dates for the backyard hen ordinance. (Green Sheet No. 23-06-124)
- Opportunity for City Council Comments on Consent Agenda

7:15 p.m. – Mayor Steinmeyer recessed the meeting for a 15-minute break.

7:30 p.m. – Mayor Steinmeyer reconvened the meeting.

11. Mayor and Council Member Items:

- A. Discussion regarding potentially partnering with Bonita Springs High School students for future organized clean-up events. (Green Sheet No. 23-06-118)

Mayor Steinmeyer discussed the idea of potentially partnering with Bonita High School to hold more organized clean-up projects, in addition to those that are regularly held. City Manager Hunter said she will reach-out to the school principal.

- B. Consider adopting a resolution appointing Alyona Ushe to the Art in Public Places Board. (Green Sheet No. 23-06-120)

Council Member Fullick introduced applicant Alyona Ushe, who is the new Executive Director of the Bonita Springs Centers for the Arts. Ms. Ushe thanked Council Members for the warm welcome. Council Member Carr motioned to approve the appointment; Council Member Corrie seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Public Hearing:

- A. An Ordinance of the City of Bonita Springs approving the Petition of Bonita Springs Utilities, Inc., to Approve Special Service Charges for Sun Village Estates and the Lakes of San Souci; and providing for an effective date. (Green Sheet No. 23-06-126)

The Clerk read the Ordinance title into the record. Mayor Steinmeyer made a motion to approve; seconded by Council Member Corrie. Mayor Steinmeyer called for public comments and, seeing none, asked the Clerk to call the roll; the motion carried by a vote of 6-1, with Council Member Purdon opposed.

Ordinance 2023-06 adopted.

13. City Attorney's Items:

- A. (First Reading) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS FLORIDA, REPEALING AND REPLACING THE BONITA SPRINGS LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE CHAPTER 7 ARTICLE II – SEA TURTLES; 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. 23-06-122)

The Clerk read the Ordinance title into the record. Seeing no public speakers, Mayor Steinmeyer motioned to move to Second Reading, seconded by Council Member Corrie. The Clerk called the roll; the motion carried unanimously.

- B. Consider adopting a Resolution designating portions of Old 41 Rd in downtown Bonita as a no-thru truck zone and authorizing the placement of appropriate signage.(Green Sheet No. 23-06-125)

Council Member Corrie motioned to approve; seconded by Council Member Carr. The motion carried unanimously.

14. City Manager's Items:

- A. Consistent with the direction in the letter from Commissioner Brian Hamman, Chair of the Tourist Development Council (TDC), nominate an elected City of Bonita Springs official to occupy a voting seat on the TDC for a two-year term. (Green Sheet No. 23-06-117)

Mayor Steinmeyer motioned to nominate Council Member Fullick; seconded by Council Member Carr. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Update regarding Hurricane Ian recovery

Community Development Director John Dulmer presented an update that included trends with permit activity and customer service (report on file in the City Clerk's Office). Floodplain Manager Ayita Williams replied to questions asked by Council Members.

Finance Director Lisa Griggs-Roberson presented an update on the FEMA reimbursement process. She also reviewed the proposed Budget calendar, which includes tentative budget hearing dates.

City Manager Hunter brought forward a discussion item at Mayor Steinmeyer's request, regarding giving staff the flexibility to move ceremonial items, such as proclamations, ahead of Zoning and Land Use items when appropriate. Council Member Carr explained the reason that Council had previously decided to place Zoning and Land Use Items earlier in the agenda. Council Member Corrie motioned to give staff additional flexibility to re-arrange the agenda when appropriate; seconded by Mayor Steinmeyer. The motion carried by a vote of 6-1, with Council Member Carr opposed.

15. Mayor and Council Member Reports

Council Member Carr - Congratulated Deputy Mayor Forbes for receiving recognition from the League of Cities for his advocacy of Home Rule. In addition, she acknowledged the recent passing of esteemed resident and business owner Darlene "Dolly" Scott.

Council Member Corrie - Reminded Council Members that the groundbreaking ceremony for the Big Carlos Pass Bridge construction project is 10 am, Thu., June 15.

Council Member Forbes - Reported on his attendance at several Recovery Task Force branch meetings.

Mayor Steinmeyer – Recognized all involved with planning the Memorial Day Ceremony.

16. Public Comment

Teri LaMaine - Executive Director of the Bonita Springs Assistance Office, provided an update on the beneficiaries of the Food Program that receives CDBG grant funding through the City.

17. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

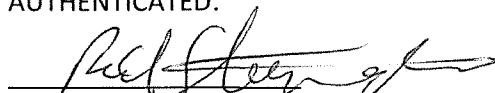
Prepared by:


Mike Sheffield, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Date: 6/21/23

AUTHENTICATED:


Rick Steinmeyer, Mayor