



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

**Bonita Springs City Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
September 20, 2023

**1. Call to Order**

*Mayor Steinmeyer called the meeting to order at 5:40 pm.*

**2. Invocation**

*Pastor Brad Rogers from First Presbyterian Church furnished the invocation.*

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

*Mayor Steinmeyer led in 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**

*No objections or changes.*

**6. Mayor's Welcome**

*Mayor Steinmeyer welcomed attendees and thanked them for their interest in city government.*

**7. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

*None*

**8. Consent Agenda:**

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

A. Approval of the September 6, 2023 Draft City Council Meeting Minutes

B. Confirm and ratify Resolutions extending the Local State of Emergency due to Hurricane Ian. (Green Sheet No. 23-09-204)

- C. Confirm and ratify Resolutions extending the Local State of Emergency due to Hurricane Idalia. (Green Sheet No. 23-09-206)
  - D. Approve resolution accepting the recommendation from the Art in Public Places Board for tenancy of Artist Cottage #4 and authorize City Manager to execute a lease for the use of Artist Cottage #4 for a term of one year (Green Sheet No. 23-09-202)
  - E. Approve resolution accepting the recommendation from the Art in Public Places Board for tenancy of Artist Cottage #1 and authorize City Manager to execute a lease for the use of Artist Cottage #1 for a term of one year (Green Sheet No. 23-09-203)
  - F. Approve an agreement for the Lion's Club to host a Farmers Market at the Lemon Tree Lot on Wednesdays from 8:00am-1:00pm from October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024, with the option of four additional one-year periods upon mutual agreement. (Green Sheet No. 23-09-205)
  - G. Approve a request from Local Roots LLC to host a weekly Local Roots LLC Flea Market to be held at the Promenade each Saturday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. October 7, 2023-May 25, 2024. (Green Sheet No. 23-09-209)
- Opportunity for City Council Comments on Consent Agenda

## 9. Mayor & Council Member Items:

- A. Discussion regarding potential opportunities for efficiency with regard to City boards and committees. (Green Sheet No. 23-09-207)

*Council Member Carr introduced her item and recommended that Council direct staff to draft suggestions for Council consideration, on ways to streamline board responsibilities associated with zoning, planning, and development responsibilities, and to increase efficiencies across all city boards and committees. She pointed out that, in many jurisdictions, the Zoning Board and the Local Planning Agency are combined.*

*Deputy Mayor Forbes stated that he supports combining the Zoning Board and the Local Planning Agency, but the number of members on a combined board should stay at seven.*

*Council Member Fullick suggested an attendance requirement whereby a board member could potentially be removed if absent more than twice in a year.*

*Mayor Steinmeyer stated that he does not receive complaints from board members about the current process, and he feels that the ultimate decision is City Council's responsibility.*

*Council Member Purdon stated he agreed with Council Member Carr and is supportive of a more streamlined and structured delegation of board and committee responsibilities.*

*Council Member Corrie motioned to direct staff to draft recommendations for Council's consideration on ways to improve efficiencies across all City boards and committees and streamline board responsibilities associated with the zoning, planning and development process; seconded by Council Member Bogacz. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **10. City Attorney's Items:**

*No items.*

## **11. City Manager's Items:**

- A. Approve a resolution adopting an administrative code for the City's policy on traffic fatality memorials in public rights of way in Bonita Springs. (Green Sheet No. 23-09-208)

*City Manager Hunter introduced the item and stated that documentation of roadside memorials will begin after the adoption of the policy. Tony Backhurst, Director of Neighborhood Services, provided an overview of the key points of the policy.*

*Council Member Corrie motioned to approve; seconded by Council Member Carr. The motion carried 7-0.*

- B. Update on Hurricane Ian recovery

*Staff presented a video in commemoration of the first anniversary of Hurricane Ian. The video will also be played on Bonita TV and on social media.*

### **Additional Updates from the City Manager**

*The Lee County Legislative Delegation meeting is scheduled for October 30; staff will be asking Council to approve the City's legislative priorities prior to the delegation meeting.*

*Staff is coordinating to hold a Comprehensive Plan Public Workshop with Dr. Margaret Banyon, tentatively scheduled for December 7.*

## **12. Mayor and Council Member Reports**

*Council Member Fullick commented on the potential for a splash pad in downtown Bonita Springs.*

*Council Member Bogacz commended the planners of the 9/11 ceremony. She further reported that the Fire District is maintaining the same millage rate as last year.*

*Deputy Mayor Forbes discussed a potential legislative priority of the Florida League of Cities regarding leachable chemicals in plastics.*

*Council Member Corrie reported that the Resilience Task Force did not meet last week; the next meeting is scheduled for Sep. 29. It appears that the final plan may be delayed by 30 days or so.*

*Council Member Carr commented on several upcoming family-friendly City events.*

*Council Member Purdon commented on the upcoming Fiesta Bonita event, scheduled to be held on Saturday, Sep. 23.*


**13. Public Comment**

None

**14. Adjournment**

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.*

Prepared by:

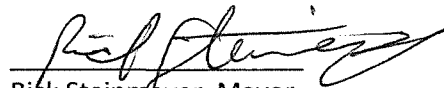


Mike Sheffield, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Date: 10/17/23

AUTHENTICATED:

  
Rick Steinmeyer, Mayor