



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

**Bonita Springs City Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
October 18, 2023

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**1. Call to Order**

*Mayor Steinmeyer called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.*

**2. Invocation**

*The invocation was provided by Rev Bill Fisackerly, First United Methodist Church of Bonita Springs.*

**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**

*No changes*

**6. Mayor's Welcome**

*Mayor Steinmeyer thanked attendees for engaging in government and contributing to the progress of the city.*

**7. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

*Kyle Moran commented on Item 10A in furtherance of revitalizing downtown.  
David Alpert commented on Item 10A in furtherance of revitalizing downtown.  
Chris Magnus commented on Item 10A in furtherance of revitalizing downtown.  
Trish Leonard commented on Item 10A in furtherance of revitalizing downtown.  
Mike Gibson commented on Items 10A and 10B in furtherance of revitalizing downtown.  
Jim Magnus commented on Item 10A in furtherance of revitalizing downtown.  
Arian Antonucci commented on Item 10A in furtherance of revitalizing downtown.  
Peggy Baker commented on Item 10A in furtherance of revitalizing downtown*

**8. Proclamations and Presentations:**

**A. Presentation of 15 Years of Service Award to City Employee Jesse Felger**

*City Manager Hunter and Nicole Perino, Director of Parks and Recreation, presented the award to employee Jesse Felger, who currently serves as Pool Manager at Community Park.*

**B. Proclamation Recognizing October 16th-22nd as Florida City Government Week**

*Deputy Mayor Forbes introduced the Proclamation, which was read into the record by the City Clerk.*

**9. Consent Agenda:**

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

- A. Approval of the October 4, 2023 Draft City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approve a Resolution to engage a firm for the City's Design Services – East Terry Street Stormwater & Multi-Use Pathway Project (RFQ 23-20) and authorize staff to enter into negotiations with the number one ranked firm, Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP (RK&K, LLP). (Green Sheet No. 23-10-230)
- C. Confirm and ratify Resolutions extending the Local State of Emergency due to Hurricane Ian. (Green Sheet No. 23-10-231)
- D. Confirm and ratify Resolutions extending the Local State of Emergency due to Hurricane Idalia. (Green Sheet No. 23-10-232)
- E. Approve Agreement between Lee County and the City of Bonita Springs for West Coast Inland Navigation District grant funding to be used for marine law enforcement (Green Sheet No. 23-10-233)
- F. Approve FDOT's request for use of the Bonita Springs Recreation Center Gymnasium for a public meeting regarding the PD&E study conducted for the intersection of US 41 and Bonita Beach Rd. (Green Sheet No. 23-10-236)
- G. Approve agreement with Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Spring Creek Stormwater Management Project to acquire stormwater ponds. (Green Sheet No. 23-10-237)
- Opportunity for City Council Comments on Consent Agenda

**10. Mayor & Council Member Items:**

**A. Discussion regarding alternative site designs provided by DPZ CoDesign for the former Community Hall site downtown. (Green Sheet No. 23-10-235)**

*Mayor Steinmeyer stated that he doesn't think that a fence installed around the park is necessary, as shown in the design for Option 1; however, he thinks that law enforcement presence would help keep children safe if a splash pad is installed. He expressed support for Option 2.*

*Council Member Carr motioned to approve Option 1; Council Member Corrie seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.*

*Council Member Purdon pointed out that the public's opinion was largely in favor of Option 1.*

*Council Member Fullick agreed with Council Member Purdon's comments regarding the public's opinion, and he also noted that Option 1 is the most fiscally conservative design.*

*Council Member Carr motioned to call the question; Deputy Mayor Forbes seconded. The Clerk called the roll. The motion to call the question carried 6-1 (Mayor Steinmeyer opposed)*

*Returning to the original motion to approve Option 1, the Clerk called the roll; the motion carried unanimously.*

**B. Discussion regarding upcoming Joint Meeting between the City Council and the Bonita Wonder Gardens Board of Directors. (Green Sheet No. 23-10-238)**

*Councilmembers discussed objectives for the workshop, which is scheduled to be held at 4:00 pm, Wednesday, November 1. City Manager Hunter stated that the current operating agreement will be included in the workshop agenda backup material and posted on the City's website. She further reminded Council that there will be no votes or official action taken at the workshop; however, the agenda will include a period for Public Comment.*

**11. Public Hearing:**

**A. Second reading of AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS; AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A PORTION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 27601 KENT ROAD; AND, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Green Sheet No. 23-10-239)**

*The Clerk read the Ordinance title into the record. Council Member Carr motioned to approve; seconded by Deputy Mayor Forbes. Mayor Steinmeyer called for public comment and, seeing none, asked the Clerk to record the vote by roll call. The motion carried unanimously.*

**Ordinance 2023 – 14 adopted.**

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

*No items*

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

**A. Discussion of the City's 2024 Legislative Priorities and direction to staff. (Green Sheet No. 23-10-234)**

*City Manager Hunter introduced the item. Hayden Dempsey of Greenberg Traurig, appearing remotely via Zoom, discussed the proposed legislative priorities and the upcoming delegation meeting, as well as the 2024 Legislative Session.*

*Council Member Purdon asked Mr. Dempsey to alert the City in the event he should hear any discussion in Tallahassee on the topic of extending Route 951.*

*Council Member Bogacz discussed the need for more information on the recently filed bill pertaining to a potential merger affecting Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District and Fort Myers Beach Fire Rescue. Discussion ensued.*

*Council Member Corrie motioned to approve the draft legislative priorities and appropriations; Council Member Carr seconded. The motion carried unanimously.*

**B. Discussion regarding potential request for additional time to solicit homeowners for the Legislative Post Disaster Mitigation Grant Allocation and direction to staff. (Green Sheet No. 23-10-240)**

*Assistant City Manager Matt Feeney and Senior Project Manager Elly McKuen provided a summary of the item. By unanimous consensus, Council authorized staff to move forward.*

**C. Update on Hurricane Ian recovery**

*City Manager Hunter stated that the City is working on the Hurricane Ian After Action Report, which requires participation with outside agencies including Lee County Sheriff's Office, Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District and Lee County Emergency Management. She will provide progress updates to Council.*

**Additional City Manager Items**

*City Manager Hunter asked Council to consider changing the start time of the Nov 15<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, from 9 am to 5:30 pm, which will allow for a preceding workshop to be held at 4:00 p.m. The subject of the workshop will be Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Transportation & Community Aesthetics. There was no objection to changing the start time.*

#### 14. Mayor and Council Member Reports

*Council Member Bogacz discussed a letter that she received from San Carlos Estates Water Control District regarding flooding concerns and requesting a letter of support from the City (copy of letter on file in the Clerk's office). Council Member Corrie motioned to approve sending a letter of support; Council Member Purdon seconded. The motion carried unanimously.*

*Council Member Carr expressed prayers and support for the people of Israel.*

*Council Member Fullick stated that, following suit with other TDC members, he will regularly provide updates on City events during TDC meetings.*

*Council Member Corrie expressed caution about the rise of antisemitism, and stressed the importance of confronting it wherever it appears. He also discussed an upcoming Supreme Court case that challenges Land Development Codes of local governments and suggested that councilmembers and staff keep an eye on the case.*

*Mayor Steinmeyer stated he has been in contact with County Commissioner Sandelli's office regarding a broken sidewalk and overgrown grass on Hickory Blvd.*

#### 15. Public Comment

*None*

#### 16. Adjournment

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.*

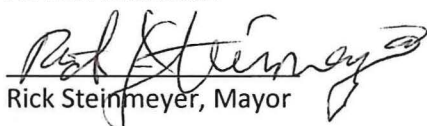
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Mike Sheffield, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Date: 11/15/23

AUTHENTICATED:

  
Rick Steinmeyer, Mayor