



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

**CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**  
November 1, 2023

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**1. Call to Order**

*Mayor Steinmeyer called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.*

**2. Invocation**

*Invocation provided by Rev. Ann Grandell, Gulf Shore 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**

*No changes*

**6. Mayor's Welcome**

*Mayor Steinmeyer welcomed attendees and thanked them for their participation.*

**7. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

*None*

**8. Proclamations and Presentations:**

A. Proclamation recognizing the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Bonita Springs

*Council Member Chris Corrie, sponsor of the proclamation, read the proclamation and presented it to Rotary Club President Jim Burger and President-elect Joe Murgalo.*

*Deputy Mayor Forbes asked to be recognized in order to call attention to unfitting meeting etiquette at the last meeting on the part of the Mayor, and expressed the importance in maintaining cordial and polite conduct even if there is a disagreement. Mayor Steinmeyer thanked Deputy Mayor Forbes for his comments.*

## **9. Zoning and Land Use Items:**

- A. A ZONING RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA; CONSIDERING A REQUEST TO RE-ESTABLISH THE DRIVE THRU OPERATION AT AN EXISTING BANK BUILDING ON A PROPERTY LOCATED WITHIN THE COMMERCIAL ZONE OF THE BONITA BEACH ROAD CORRIDOR OVERLAY, PURSUANT TO LDC SEC. 4-898 AND A REQUEST TO EXCEED 15% OF THE MINIMUM REQUIRED PARKING; LOCATED AT 3987 BONITA BEACH ROAD SOUTHWEST, BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34135; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Green Sheet No. 23-11-246)

*Staff Attorney Carly Sanseverino administered the oath to those intending to give testimony. Mary Zizzo, Planner with Community Development, introduced the item and provided the staff presentation, which included proposed conditions of approval.*

*Mayor Steinmeyer called for public comment; seeing none, Council Member Carr motioned to approve the request; Council Member Corrie seconded. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **10. Consent Agenda:**

*Council Member Corrie motioned to approve the consent agenda; Council Member Fullick seconded. The motion carried unanimously.*

- A. Confirm and ratify Resolutions extending the Local State of Emergency due to Hurricane Ian. (Green Sheet No. 23-11-241)
- B. Confirm and ratify Resolutions extending the Local State of Emergency due to Hurricane Idalia. (Green Sheet No. 23-11-242)
- C. Approve Extra-Duty Detail Services Agreement with Lee County Sheriff's Office for continued marine patrols on the Imperial River and Estero Bay in compliance with WCIND funding agreement. (Green Sheet No. 23-11-243)
- D. Approve a Resolution to engage nine (9) firms for the City's Miscellaneous Landscape Architect Services (CN 23-24) and authorize staff to enter into negotiations with the firms selected. (Green Sheet No. 23-11-245)

- E. Approve Interlocal Agreement with Lee County for the Use and Maintenance of Bus Shelters within the City of Bonita Springs (Green Sheet No. 23-11-247)
- F. Approve special event permit and road closure for the annual Holiday in the Park at Riverside Park on Tuesday, December 5, 2023. (Green Sheet No. 23-11-248)
- G. Approve Amendment #1 with Florida Department of Environmental Protection for beach nourishment increasing the funding amount by \$2,314,879.08 for a total grant allocation of \$4,495,500.00 (Green Sheet No. 23-11-249)
  - Opportunity for City Council Comments on Consent Agenda

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

- A. Discussion and update regarding the Lee County Recovery Task Force (Green Sheet No. 23-11-250)

*Council Member Corrie asked council members to review the draft Recovery and Resilience Initiative Profile to ensure it contains all the initiatives that were requested by Council. He requested feedback at the next Council meeting. (Copy on file in the City Clerk's office).*

**12. Public Hearings:**

- A. First Reading and Public Hearing of an Ordinance adopting the 2023-2024 Five Year Capital Improvement Program Annual Update. (Green Sheet No. 23-11-244)

*The City Clerk read the title block into the record. City Manager Hunter stated that the Capital Improvement Plan was previously approved by the Council in the 2023/2024 fiscal year budget. Adoption by ordinance is a requirement of the State.*

*Mayor Steinmeyer motioned to move to second reading; Council Member Bogacz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.*

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

*None*

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

- A. Update on Hurricane Ian recovery

*City Manager Hunter informed Council that the Lee County Manager has asked each municipal city manager to provide staff level feedback on the draft Recovery and Resilience Initiative Profile. She also reported that staff plans to present the City's After-Action Report before the end of the calendar year.*

*Additionally, City Manager Hunter reminded Council that the start time of the Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting has been changed to 5:30 pm, with a CIP workshop beginning at 4:00 pm.*

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

*Mayor Steinmeyer said the Halloween event was the best ever, and thanked staff and all involved.*

*Council Member Bogacz reported that Representative Botana requested her attendance at a meeting regarding Coconut Road, which will also include representatives from the Village of Estero. A discussion ensued.*

*Council Member Carr offered prayers to the families of those killed in the mass shooting in Maine. She also reminded everyone that there will be live patriotic music at Riverside Park on Sunday.*

*Council Member Corrie suggested that Council Member Bogacz look for common ground when she attends the Coconut Point meeting.*

*Council Member Fullick reminded everyone of the Veterans Day Ceremony which will be held on Nov 11<sup>th</sup> at Riverside Park. The ceremony will feature guest speaker Louise Goetzelt, Retired Chief Warrant Officer. He further stated that the City's Halloween event and the Downtown Business Alliance events were phenomenal, and he commended staff and all those involved.*

*Deputy Mayor Forbes stated that the City will be facing diminishing impact fee revenue going into the future. He also encouraged Council to attend the Veterans Day breakfast event, which is sponsored by Senator Rick Scott.*

*City Manager Hunter asked Council to consider appointing a representative to participate in discussions with Wonder Gardens, as was mentioned during the workshop. Council Member Carr motioned to appoint Council Member Purdon to serve; seconded by Council Member Bogacz. The motion carried unanimously.*

**16. Public Comment**

*Trish Leonard – Spoke on the success of the downtown Halloween events.*

**17. Adjournment**

*There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.*

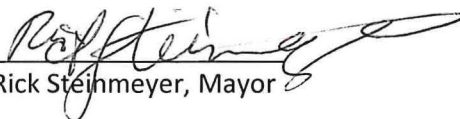
Prepared by:

  
Mike Sheffield, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Date: 11/15/23

AUTHENTICATED:

  
Rick Steinmeyer, Mayor