



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

**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**
November 15, 2023

1. Call to Order

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

2. Invocation

The invocation was provided by Rev Jeff Chitwood, Anchor Christian Church in 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

7. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Jim Magnus - Commented on Agenda Item 10B and his participation on the Recovery Task Force Economic Recovery branch where he advocated for projects to benefit downtown recovery/resiliency.

Kyle Moran - Commented on Agenda Item 10B and his participation on the Recovery Task Force Economic Recovery branch where he advocated for economic resiliency/recovery projects for the downtown area.

8. Zoning and Land Use Items:

- A. (First Reading of Ordinance) A request to rezone portions of property totaling approximately 4.1 acres +/- from the Light Industrial District to the General Commercial District. (Green Sheet No. 23-11-260)**

The Clerk read the title block into the record. Mike Fiigon, Senior Planner with Community Development, introduced the item. Council Member Carr motioned to move to Second Reading; seconded by Deputy Mayor Forbes. The Clerk recorded the vote by roll call; the motion carried unanimously.

9. Consent Agenda:

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

- A. Approval of the October 18, 2023 Draft City Council Meeting Minutes
- B. Approval of the November 1, 2023 Draft City Council Meeting Minutes
- C. Approval of the November 1, 2023 Draft City Council Workshop Minutes
- D. Confirm and ratify Resolutions Extending Local State of Emergency due to Hurricane Ian. (Green Sheet No. 23-11-251)
- E. Confirm and ratify Resolutions Extending Local State of Emergency due to Hurricane Idalia. (Green Sheet No. 23-11-252)
- F. Approve the 18th Amendment to the Agreement between the City of Bonita Springs and CH2MHILL Engineers for the provision of Community Development services. (Green Sheet No. 23-11-264)
- G. Approve proposal from Musco Sports Lighting, LLC for the installation of LED lighting fixtures on 5 poles in the Bonita Springs Skate Park and Pump Track facility in the amount of \$70,000.00. (Green Sheet No. 23-11-258)
- H. Approve the proposal from EnviroStruct, LLC from the Construction Manager at Risk Continuing Services agreement in an amount not to exceed \$733,371.42 for Community Park Baseball Complex Phase 3 Renovations project. (Green Sheet No. 23-11-259)
- I. Approve contract with Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP (RK&K) for engineering design services for East Terry Street Stormwater and Multi-Use Pathway Project (Green Sheet No. 23-11-257)
- J. Authorize Lee County Interlocal Agreement for the Lee Tran Ultra Bus Service. (Green Sheet No. 23-11-256)

- K. Approve a special event application for the Tabernaculo de Alabanza – Celebrando la Navidad on Sunday, December 17, 2023 with a five minute firework finale presented by LaserNet. (Green Sheet No. 23-11-261)
- L. Approve Resolution awarding the Downtown Lawn, Landscape & Irrigation Maintenance Project RFB 23-04 to the lowest responsive bidder, P & T Lawn and Tractor Service in the Total Bid Amount of \$260,075.00, and providing Council authorization of the agreement, pending approval of all documentation. (Green Sheet No. 23-11-263)
- M. Approve Resolution for the final budget amendment for fiscal year 2022-2023. (Green Sheet No. 23-11-254)
 - Opportunity for City Council Comments on Consent Agenda

10. Mayor and Council Member Items:

A. Discussion of intention for the Goodbread Grocery Site. (Green Sheet No. 23-11-255)

Mayor Steinmeyer opened the discussion by asking for ideas for the Goodbread Grocery structure located adjacent to Riverside Park.

Deputy Mayor Forbes distributed two historic photocopies of the building and stated that if the decision is to keep it, then it must be restored in a historically accurate manner. (On file in the Clerk's office)

Council Member Carr expressed support for hiring DPZ to develop a cohesive revisioning plan for the area, which will incorporate the Goodbread structure. Council Member Bogacz agreed.

Council Member Purdon noted that the structure lost its historic designation upon being moved, and it now has no functional use. He is not in favor of spending money and time on a consultant study.

Mayor Steinmeyer suggested repurposing the building for use as another artist cottage.

Council Member Fullick expressed support for repurposing the space rather than spending money on the structure.

Council Member Corrie made a motion to engage DPZ to conduct a study and bring back ideas and plans for Council's consideration; Council Member Purdon seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Discussion regarding the Recovery and Resilience Draft Initiative Profiles for the Lee County Recovery Task Force (Green Sheet No. 23-11-253)

Council Member Corrie opened the discussion regarding the draft, which had been provided to Council Members at the prior Council meeting. After a discussion, Council members concurred with Council Member Corrie that the City's three initiatives are stormwater management, workforce housing, and Rails to Trails. Council Member Corrie and Deputy Mayor Forbes will relay the City's requests at the Task Force meeting on November 16. The final report is expected to be completed in February.

11. Public Hearing:

A. Second Reading and Public Hearing of an Ordinance adopting the 2023-2024 Five Year Capital Improvement Program Annual Update. (Green Sheet No. 23-11-262)

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

Ordinance 2023-15 Adopted

12. City Attorney's Items:

City Attorney Rooney informed Council that his annual contracted service hours will be fewer than budgeted at the end of the calendar year, so pursuant to the City's contract with Gray Robinson, the firm will be returning approximately \$86,000.

13. City Manager's Items:

A. Update regarding Hurricane Ian recovery

Lisa Roberson, Director of Administrative and Financial Services, advised property owners whose homes sustained damage caused by Hurricane Ian to report those damages to the Lee County Property Appraiser's Office, and then discuss with Property Appraiser staff how those damages may have impacted assessed value.

Ayita Longergan, Floodplain Manager, informed Council of recent review conducted by FEMA, from which the City received no negative feedback nor violation findings. She stated that the positive outcome of the review helps to protect the City's standing in the National Flood Insurance Program. She commended the Neighborhood Services department for their teamwork with public education.

14. Mayor and Council Member Reports

Council Member Bogacz reported on her attendance at the meeting regarding Coconut Road that she discussed with Council on 11/1.

Council Member Corrie expressed concern about the rise of antisemitism.

Council Member Fullick reported on the success of the Veterans Day Ceremony and thanked staff and the Veterans Advisory Board.

Deputy Mayor Forbes reported on his attendance at the Veterans Day breakfast with Senator Rick Scott.

15. Public Comment

Kyle Moran commended Council for the decision to retain DPZ for the study in the Riverside Park area. He also commented on the Recovery Task Force discussion and pointed out that the City's diversity could be beneficial in the funding process.

Ben Hershenson commented on the Veterans Day ceremony hosted by his homeowner's association, which included a special recognition of a 91-year-old veteran of the Korean War. He also thanked Council Member Corrie for his words of support for the Jewish community in Bonita Springs and everywhere.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Prepared by:

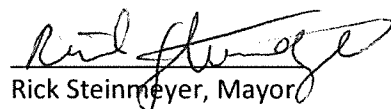


Mike Sheffield, City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL

Date: 12/6/23

AUTHENTICATED:



Rick Steinmeyer, Mayor