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BUSINESS ADVISORY BOARD

AGENDA

Monday, February 22, 2021

Council Chambers
6:30 p.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR**

The Board is asked to select a Chair and Vice-Chair for the current year.

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The Board is asked to approve the minutes from October 26, 2020.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Minton Road Feasibility Study

The Board is asked to receive a report on the final recommendations from the Minton Road Feasibility Study. City Manager Morgan will be in attendance to provide information from the study.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting of the Business Advisory Board is scheduled for Monday, April 26, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

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MINUTES

October 26, 2020

Call to Order. Chair Ramses Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Roll Call. Chair Ramses Rodriguez, Vice Chair Richard Naber, and Board Members Blaine Barton, Rusty Melle, Matt Brothers, and Brian Degonzague.

Absent: Allen Jean, Arvind Maddikonda, and David Rulli.

Also in attendance: Council Member Andrea Young, City Manager Scott Morgan, and City Clerk Cynthia Hanscom.

Adoption of Minutes. The Board is asked to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2020.

Board Member Barton moved to approve the minutes from April 26, 2020. Board Member Melle seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Receive an Update from City Manager Scott Morgan. City Manager Morgan provided an update on the City's response to COVID-19 and explained that he had extended the masking requirement. He also noted that West Melbourne was the fastest growing city. The census concluded with an expected population over 25,000 compared just over 18,000 ten years ago. Although the total fiscal year was off compared to the previous fiscal year, there had been some bounce back in September.

City Manager Morgan reviewed several projects that were under construction, nearing completion, or were proposed, including Integra Apartments, Buena Vida Cottages, Grace Church on Minton Road, YourLife Memory Care, Oasis Apartments, and Makoto's manufacturing addition.

City Manager Morgan spoke on the transportation and roadway improvements and the connections made with St. Johns Heritage Parkway, as well as the feasibility study being conducted for Minton Road.

City Manager Morgan spoke on the City's financial position and presented graphs and charts. He stated revenues were not as expected for the FY 2019-2020 budget but the City was able to lower expenditures.

Board Member Barton asked about the grant for drainage improvements. City Manager Morgan indicated there was a project that could have direct benefit to Buena Vida because it would offer a benefit to the Melbourne Estates neighborhood. The project, which is fully designed and funded by grants at 86 percent, is to use the unused lined pond at the City's wastewater facility to create a large retention basin that would take some of the water from downstream so that it would increase the capacity. He hoped that they would be able to sell the clean fill created from the project to developers so that there could be a 'no cost' impact to the City.

Board Member Melle asked about the Sylvan Estates project to convert several homes from septic to sewer systems. City Manager reported the project had been delayed because of dewatering. He stated that they had started making the house connections and believed that that project may be done before the end of the year.

Board Member Melle spoke about sidewalks with the goal to get from John Rodes Boulevard to Wickham Road on Sheridan Road. Board Member Melle asked about using the space along canals for sidewalks. City Manager Morgan stated the space is used for sewer and water lines by the City because there are no conflicts. Board Member Melle stated he has seen more foot traffic and bicycles on Wickham and Minton Roads and believe it conflicts with the vehicle traffic.

Board Member Degonzague stated that school funding had been slashed as a result of the pandemic. He asked if the City was facing similar concerns. City Manager Morgan stated the State has a fiscal year that starts July 1 and there were major concerns. He suspected that the schools would be at risk. He noted that recovery was moving along and predicted that it would not be long before they were back at the 2019 levels.

Chair Rodriguez asked the total number of new apartments that were expected. City Manager Morgan stated the City has added 2,500 new units.

Public Comments. There were no comments from the public.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Ramses Rodriguez

Cynthia S. Hanscom, City Clerk