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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

January 21, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rose called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

Mayor Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Hal Rose, Deputy Mayor John Dittmore, Council Members Pat Bentley, Barbara Smith, Andrea Young, Adam Gaffney, and Daniel Batcheldor (arrived at 7:09 p.m.).

Also present: City Manager Scott Morgan, City Attorney Morris Richardson, Deputy City Manager Keith Mills, Information Technology Director Tom Bradford, Human Resources Director Kimberly Gale, Police Chief Rick Wiley, Planning Director Christy Fischer, Public Works Director Mark Piccirillo, Jacobs Maintenance Supervisor Mike DeBerry, City Clerk Cynthia Hanscom, and other members of the public.

4. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Introduction of New Employees.

Public Works Director Mark Piccirillo introduced Lead Mechanic Robert Simcox, who started with the City on December 16, 2019.

Finance Director Margi Starkey introduced Customer Service Representative Kayla Penders, who started with the City on January 6, 2020.

Chief Rick Wiley introduced Police Officer Rafael Benitez, who started with the City on January 21, 2020.

Parks and Recreation Director Rich Boprey introduced Maintenance Workers Raymond Parker and Timothy Laskovich, both who started with the City on January 13, 2020. He also indicated that Recreation Worker David Campbell started with the City on December 20, 2019, but worked the past three-day weekend and was unable to attend the Council meeting.

Certificates of Recognition to the 2019-2020 Citizens Leadership Academy Graduates. Mayor Hal Rose and City Manager Scott Morgan presented certificates to the graduates of the 2019-2020 West Melbourne Citizens Leadership Academy.

Presentation from Anya Johnson on Composting. Ms. Johnson, a senior at West Shore Senior High School, made a presentation on the importance of composting and ways that the City could create programs city-wide. She asked Council to encourage composting and educating the public on the benefits. She also encouraged Council to consider policy changes that could be made for composting.

Mayor's 2019 Year in Review. Mayor Rose presented the City's 2019 Year in Review, showing the infrastructure and public safety improvements, organizational, operational and financial health; planning and economic indicators; and a look ahead to 2020. The City had a great and successful year and was envied by many communities. This could be attributed to a knowledgeable staff and police department. The elected officials will continue to work hard to get things accomplished with the vision for 2020 looking bright.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

Extraterritorial Transportation Facility Impact Ordinance. City Attorney Richardson presented the second reading of Ordinance No. 2019-24, to establish regulations, procedures and criteria for extrajurisdictional developments to require infrastructure improvements within West Melbourne due to significant adverse impacts. Growth and development from abutting municipalities impact the City, specifically in regards to traffic. He reminded Council that they had adopted a moratorium and asked that an ordinance be brought back for consideration. He explained the points of the ordinance and stated that changes as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Board and the City Council at first reading have been incorporated.

City Attorney Richardson read, in title only, Ordinance No. 2019-24:

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-24

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST MELBOURNE, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGULATIONS, PROCEDURES, AND CRITERIA FOR THE REVIEW, DENIAL, APPROVAL, OR APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS OF EXTRAJURISDICTIONAL DEVELOPMENTS THAT REQUIRE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF WEST MELBOURNE DUE TO SIGNIFICANT AND ADVERSE IMPACTS ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND EXISTING COMMUNITIES OR NEIGHBORHOODS WITHIN THE

CITY OF WEST MELBOURNE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Rose opened the public hearing. There being no speakers, he closed the public hearing.

Council Member Bentley moved to approve Ordinance No. 2019-24, providing for the establishment of regulations, procedures, and criteria for the review, denial, approval, or approval with conditions of extrajurisdictional developments that require infrastructure improvements within West Melbourne due to significant and adverse impacts on infrastructure and existing communities within West Melbourne. Council Member Gaffney seconded the motion.

Council Member Bentley asked if the changes proposed at the previous meeting to allow de minimis approval by the City Manager had been included. City Attorney Richardson indicated that they had. Council Member Bentley asked if the approval would still come before Council with the traffic study waived. City Attorney Richardson clarified that the approval would not come before Council if it was considered de minimis.

Council then voted on the motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-24, which passed unanimously.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comments from the public during the public forum.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Young moved to approve the following consent agenda. Deputy Mayor Dittmore seconded the motion, which passed with a 7-0 vote.

- Approve the City Council meeting minutes for Tuesday, December 17, 2019.
- Approve the purchase of the Imagine Way school zone warning signs from Temple, Inc.
- Approve the extension of time on the cash bond for the Heritage Pointe commercial parcel improvements.
- Authorize staff to proceed with vacation of an unnecessary easement on Tract G-5 of the Coastal Commerce Center.

Council Member Bentley asked why the City was paying for the school zone signs. City Manager Morgan explained that it was signage for City-owned streets. City Attorney

Richardson stated that Florida Statutes requires that municipalities be responsible for providing signage for city streets for school zones.

Mayor Rose asked if it could be paid by other fees. City Manager Morgan stated that as a maintenance item it would be paid by the general fund rather than development impact fees, which are restricted for capacity improvements.

8. ACTION AGENDA

Lift Station Rehabilitation Project. Public Works Director Piccirillo presented the contract for rehabilitation of four sewer lift stations. He noted that there was \$520,000 budgeted to rehab four lift stations. Two bids were received with the low bidder being Danus Utilities for \$438,260. He noted that the City had worked with this contractor in the past and the remaining budgeted project funds would be used to purchase the needed materials for the rehab of each lift station.

Council Member Smith moved to award the contract to Danus Utilities, Inc. in the amount of \$438,260.00 for rehabilitation of four sewer lift stations and purchase the needed materials. Council Member Bentley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

9. MANAGEMENT REPORTS

Chief of Police. Police Chief Wiley presented the 2019 Annual Police Department Report.

Council Member Bentley complimented 2018 Officer of the Year Sandra Jenkins, noting that he had participated in a ride-a-long with her and she had a positive, strong connection with the community.

Council Member Bentley asked about DUI enforcement and why this was conducted only once a year. Chief Wiley stated it was done more often, usually during the problematic time, which is at 2:00 a.m. when the bars close. He stated the staffing levels usually dictate when this can be done.

Council Member Bentley also asked about the crash involving a police officer with an outside agency investigation. Chief Wiley stated that Florida Highway Patrol had conducted the investigation and reconstruction. A ticket was issued as the crash could have been prevented and the officer is awaiting disciplinary action.

Mayor Rose stated that crime and accidents rates had increased in West Melbourne. He asked how the Police Department would be addressing those increases. Chief Wiley stated the department continued to partner with other jurisdictions to make arrests. However, traffic is an ongoing issue and they were attempting to address through enforcement and providing a presence in the problem areas.

Deputy Mayor Dittmore asked several questions about the crime statistics and the level of crimes being perpetrated.

Council Member Young asked about the speed indicator sign. Chief Wiley stated the machine had been repaired but had not yet been placed in targeted areas. Council Member Young also asked about vehicle burglaries. Chief Wiley stated that crime trends fluctuate and this is one area that the department continues to be proactive and work to educate the public about locking their vehicles.

10. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member Gaffney wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the Chief for responding so quickly to a concern from a citizen.

Deputy Mayor Dittmore reported on the Melbourne Airport Board meeting and stated that there would be a new airline that could double the number of visitors to the Melbourne airport. He stated this would start in 2022. Deputy Mayor Dittmore also recognized visitors from Northern Ireland that were in attendance at the meeting.

Council Member Bentley reported he had attended the Space Coast League of Cities meeting and the West Melbourne Business Association luncheon, where a very good report had been received from City Manager Morgan.

Council Member Young reported she had attended the Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting (MPO) and reported that concerns were expressed with the increase in electric cars, which means less gas tax for maintaining roadways. She also reported on House Bill 1011 on vacation rentals and that the Space Coast League of Cities was urging that vacation rentals be regulated by local municipalities.

Council Member Smith wished everyone a Happy New Year and congratulated the members of the graduating Citizens Leadership Academy. She also thanked the Police Department for their annual report; she believed the department was the most professional group she had ever seen.

Council Member Batcheldor reported he was late to the meeting because he had attended the Tallahassee fly-in with the joint chambers of commerce to meet with legislators. The group had met with legislators whom seemed in favor of the \$50 million appropriation for improving the environmental state of the Indian River Lagoon. He reviewed other issues discussed such as improving the port to allow for heavier vehicles and support for training facilities for high-tech industry.

Mayor Rose wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked Council Member Batcheldor for attending the Tallahassee fly-in on behalf of the City. He reported he had attended the West Melbourne Business Association luncheon, the Melbourne Chamber breakfast, the Economic Development Commission meeting on the economy, the Community Awards banquet held by Sherriff Wayne Ivey, and the Space Coast League

of Cities dinner. He reported he had taken a tour last week at the Eastern Florida State College in the health sciences building and was impressed with the equipment available for students that allowed for hands-on training. He was happy to report that the West Melbourne's Lucky's Market would remain open. He reminded the public that the Mayors' Fitness Challenge would begin on February 1 with West Melbourne's walk on February 15 at 9:00 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.