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MINUTES

City Commission Regular Meeting

November 9, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

Present. Mayor Brett Peterson; Commissioner Harry Banks; Commissioner Marcus Hardy; Commissioner Judy West; Patrick Kennedy, City Manager and Jay Asbury, City Attorney.

Absent. Commissioner Barbara Scholl

The regular meeting of the City Commission was held November 9, 2017 at City Hall. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Brett Peterson.

Students of the Month. November Students of the Month from Miller Middle School were Yvette Barlow and Colt Justice Garrett. Moncerap Bueno-Arredondom was selected from Middleton Burney Elementary School. Maria Avila, Alyssa Quintana, Emmanuel Verde and Walter Weaver were selected from Crescent City High School.

Approval of Minutes. Motion by Commissioner Banks, second by Commissioner West, to approve the Minutes of the City Commission Meeting of October 12, 2017. Motion passed - all ayes.

Consent Agenda. Motion by Commissioner West, second by Commissioner West, to approve the Consent Agenda items A through E: Update Affirmative Action/EEO Policy, Update CDBG Procurement Policy, Update CDBG Complaint and Grievance Procedures, Update Citizen's Participation Plan and Adopt Policy Prohibiting Excessive Force. Roll call vote - all ayes.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading of Ordinance 17- 11 Amending the Future Land Use Map for Parcel No: 30-12-28-1750-0030-0020 from Public Facilities to Residential, Low. Patrick Kennedy explained that the applicant seeks this change to remove the First Presbyterian Church of Crescent City's former manse for the pastor and sell it as residential property. The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval.

Motion by Commissioner Banks, second by Commissioner West, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 17-11. Motion passed - all ayes.

First Reading of Ordinance 17- 12 Rezoning Parcel No: 30-12-28-1750-0030-0020 from PF-1 to SR-1. Patrick Kennedy explained that this is a companion case to Ordinance 17-11 addressing the zoning. The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval.

Motion by Commissioner Banks, second by Commissioner West, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 17-12. Motion passed - all ayes.

First Reading of Ordinance 17- 13 Amending the Future Land Use Map for Parcel No: 19-12-28-3350-0160-0000 and Parcel No: 19-12-28-3350-0170-0030 from Conservation and Residential Medium to Recreational and Commercial. Patrick Kennedy explained that the applicant seeks this change to establish a water-based recreational facility on the waterfront side (south side) of Huntington Road and to re-establish commercial opportunities on the north side of Huntington Road.

Lloyd Reeves, the applicant, spoke of his experience with water-based commercial activities since the 1990's. He currently has three locations on the west coast but would like to open a facility here, where he lives. A floating dock will be used.

The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval.

Motion by Commissioner Banks, second by Commissioner West, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 17-13.
Motion passed - all ayes.

First Reading of Ordinance 17- 14 Rezoning Parcel No: 19-12-28-3350-0160-0000 and Parcel No: 19-12-28-3350-0170-0030 from Conservation and MR-1 to Recreational and GC-1 to allow for a water based aquatic center providing glass bottom boat tours, pedal boat, paddle board and kayak rentals. Patrick Kennedy explained that this is a companion case to Ordinance 17-13 addressing the zoning. The Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended approval.

Motion by Commissioner Banks, second by Commissioner Hardy, to approve the first reading of Ordinance 17-13.
Motion passed - all ayes.

Benefits of a Community Fiber Network – Garry Lucas, Director of Business Development Thayer Power & Communication. A power point presentation highlighted their advantage of being in business since 1964 and providing all encompassing service from engineering to network placement and future maintenance. A municipal network can provide unlimited bandwidth for connected facilities, decrease operational expenses and attract new business to the community. Funding is usually accomplished through grants and revenue generation through leased fiber. The first phase would include municipal offices, emergency services, first responders, schools and libraries and could become available for residential services in the future. The first step will be to identify routes and research grant funding.

After discussion, Patrick Kennedy was directed to explore preliminary costs and continue conversation on feasibility.

Proclamation 17- 04 National Hospice Palliative Care Month – November 2017. Mayor Peterson read the proclamation aloud and encouraged citizens to increase their understanding and awareness of care at the end of life.

Crystal Knighten, Professional Liaison, Palatka, thanked the Commission and community for their continuing support. Ms. Knighten announced that Haven has expanded and now offers no cost Advanced Care Planning.

Police Chief's Law Enforcement Report. Chief Damiano reported in the last month there were 280 calls for service, 23 investigations with 19 closed, 5 arrests with 4 being felonies and 154 traffic stops resulting in 48 citations and 89 written warnings.

There was a burglary with obstruction of justice, vandalism, stolen property and drugs; domestic battery with serious injuries; stolen Halloween decorations; burglary of a firearm and a traffic stop with consent to search producing 2.7 grams of marijuana.

Walter Melton, former Chief of Police in Welaka, has been hired as an officer in Crescent City.

Officers Tim Frauenhofer and Walter Melton received an Outstanding Performance Commendation for their arrest of a suspect with an outstanding warrant in St. John's County. The suspect was additionally charged with resisting arrest with violence and assault on an officer.

24/7 coverage has resumed in November.

Chief Damiano and staff attended Mental Health First Aid training. This focused on providing initial help to persons showing signs of depression, anxiety disorders, psychosis and substance use disorders.

The local churches and faith based organizations have been advised that the CCPD will evaluate any safety and security concerns they may have.

Police Community Outreach Report. Chief Damiano reported there were approximately 200 guests at the Pasta in the Park. Chief's Club also participated in the Woman's Club 5K run/walk, the MAGI Scarecrow Festival and Fur & Fire combined fundraiser for the Volunteer Fire Department and SPAN.

November 11th will be Hotcakes for Heroes at the Crescent City Fire House.

Barbara Fisher, 229 S. Prospect, on behalf of SPAN, asked about what procedure should be followed when a person moves and leaves a dog behind tied in the yard without food or water. Putnam County Animal Control is no longer accepting stray animals. Neighbors were willing to foster the dog but were concerned about trespassing and removing the animal.

Patrick Kennedy offered to contact Animal Control to ask for assistance in these types of extreme situations.

Chief Damiano suggested they call CCPD who will assess the situation and will do the best to assist the animal.

Code Enforcement Report. Pamela Taylor reported that of the 80 year-to-date cases, 58 have been closed while 22 remain open. At the November Code Board meeting 2 cases were continued, 4 new cases were presented and there was one release of lien.

Diane Sykes, 304 Chestnut Street asked if leash law infractions should be reported to Code Enforcement. Patrick Kennedy responded that this should be reported to CCPD.

City Commission Comments and Questions. Commissioner Banks asked when the County is scheduled to remove the remaining storm debris. Patrick Kennedy said he was informed the pick-up would be this week.

Mayor Peterson asked about the roof on the Eva Lyon kiosk and Patrick Kennedy explained that part of the roof was damaged in the storm and is scheduled to be repaired. Mayor inquired if there was an idea in the works for a sign at Eva Lyon on the Summit Street side. Patrick Kennedy responded that once the Grant Project was completed, a new sign would be considered and brought to the Commission. Mayor Peterson asked about the kiosk at the boat ramp on Central Avenue. Patrick Kennedy said that previous designs were not approved and he was working on a new design with historic content and photos. Mayor Peterson brought up the condition of the median strip on Highway 17. Patrick Kennedy and Commissioner Hardy responded that the plant material used has proven difficult to maintain and might need to be replaced. Patrick Kennedy suggested that a Summer Work Program for High School Students might be a solution to keep up with the quick growing weeds in the summer.

Commissioner Hardy reported that he is continuing to explore a City app to keep the citizens connected with City Hall and events.

Visitor and Citizen Communications.

Lisa DeVitto, 108 S. Main Street reported that animal cruelty is an investigatable offense according to Florida Statute.

Michael Frank, 83 Lake Shore Drive reported that a stop sign has been blown down at Chestnut and Lemon.


Katie Berg, 402 N. Summit Street asked about the lights on Central. Patrick Kennedy answered that the electrician has completed the repairs and an inspection is on the calendar.

Michelle Myers, 304 S. Prospect inquired about on-line bill pay for utilities. Patrick Kennedy explained that there have been many glitches and our software provider has been slow to respond. We are hopeful to have all issues resolved and have the on-line program available soon.

There being no further business and no other visitor or citizen communication, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

APPROVED this 14th day of December, 2017.


Brett W. Peterson, Mayor


Patrick Kennedy, City Manager