

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Council Meeting was held on October 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

President Knight called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present were members Alan Knight, Kenneth Burgess, Jodi Wilkeson, Charles Proctor, Lance Smith and Mayor Whitfield. City Manager William Poe and City Attorney Matthew Maggard were also present.

Staff present: Police Chief Derek Brewer, Public Works Director Shane LeBlanc, Building Official Bill Burgess, Director of Planning Todd Vande Berg, IT Director Mike Panak, Airport Manager Nathan Coleman, and City Clerk Lori Hillman.

Alan Knight announced the passing of former Mayor Roy Burnside and Kim Debyah, a family friend. He asked those in attendance to keep the families of Roy Burnside and Kim Debyah in their prayers. He gave the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

1. CONSENT ITEMS

1.1 September 27, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

1.2 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Pasco County – Opioid Task Force

1.3 Resolution 785-21 Participation in 11-04-2021 MAP Meeting

RESOLUTION NO. 785-21 – “A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ZEPHYRHILLS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ZEPHYRHILLS TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF PASCO TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Charles Proctor moved to approve the Consent Items. Seconded by Jodi Wilkeson. Motion passed unanimously.

BUSINESS ITEMS

2. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

2.1 Approval of FY 21-22 Street Resurfacing Piggyback Agreement with Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. – Lee County, Bid No. B170265/ANB

City Manager William Poe requested Council’s approval of an agreement with Asphalt Paving Systems, Inc. piggyback with Lee County in the amount of \$598,572.07 for FY 21-22 street resurfacing.

Lance Smith moved to approve Business Item 2.1. Seconded by Kenneth Burgess. Motion passed unanimously.

2.2 Approval of Hercules Park Construction Documents Scope of Services – Kimley-Horn and Associates

City Manager William Poe presented Kimley-Horn and Associates Scope of Services to include the creation of construction documents, permitting, surveying, architectural design, and construction phase services in the amount of \$292,985.00. He also presented a Preliminary Opinion of Probable Cost for the Hercules Park Conceptual Plan. He said restrooms (men and women) will be included, a splash pad was added as an alternative, the mountain bike BMX area will be designed as a multi-purpose trail for walking, running or biking, and additional parking will be created on land donated by the Pasco County School Board as part of the Hercules Park transfer of ownership to the City of Zephyrhills. Kimley-Horn will coordinate with City Council, CRA and the public to host Hercules Park meetings. Staff recommended Council’s approval of the Scope of Services for Hercules Park.

A conversation took place surrounding the \$250,000 line item for the restrooms which was determined to be consistent with current construction costs and will be built to be indestructible. A suggestion was made to include an infrastructure for future security cameras and there was concern for the compatibility of the mountain bike/BMX area adjoining a picnic area.

Lance Smith moved to approve Business Item 2.2. Seconded by Charles Proctor. Motion passed unanimously.

2.3 Approval to Move the November 22nd Council Meeting to November 29th

City Manager William Poe recommended Council’s approval to reschedule the November 22nd Council and CRA Meetings to November 29th.

Lance Smith moved to approve Item 2.3. Seconded by Kenneth Burgess. Motion passed unanimously.

2.4 Theatre Discussion

City Manager William Poe said Senator Burgess encouraged staff to submit a state appropriations request for the purchase and renovation of the Home Theatre. He believes the renovation of the Home Theatre will draw activity downtown and spur growth and development; although, it will provide additional work for staff. He said an appraisal takes four-to-six weeks and renovation cost estimates cannot be acquired prior to the November 17th submittal deadline.

A conversation took place surrounding Council's desire to support Senator Burgess' initiatives and Council's ability to provide a professional request supporting his goals and objectives given the time frame. Removing a large business from the tax rolls was discussed along with extensive renovation costs, limited parking and the possibility of the Home Theatre bumping other appropriations funding that is desperately needed. The City does not currently have a plan in place to care for historically significant structures and there would need to be a plan of action with an agreement for operators prior to acquiring an additional building.

Lance Smith moved to not move forward with an appraisal of the Home Theatre. Seconded by Charles Proctor. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Spoke from the floor: Randy Stovall – 38314 Centennial Road – Dade City, FL 33525

Dr. Stovall presented a brief synopsis of the 5th Economic Summit held at City Hall in Council Chambers on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 9:00 am. – 12:00 p.m. He said the agenda and speakers sequence went amazingly well to cover development, real estate, the 2020-2021 BizWalk and the opening of Kirkland Ranch Technical High School in 2022.

MAYOR ANNOUNCEMENTS – N/A

CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS – City Manager William Poe reminded everyone of the Zephyrhills High School Homecoming Parade Thursday, October 28th at 4:30 p.m. on downtown Main Street. There is a Municipal Association of Pasco (MAP) Meeting and an event in Trilby on Thursday, November 4th.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENTS – N/A

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS – Council Vice President Wilkeson encouraged everyone to attend the Halloween Howl event on Saturday, October 30th. The Haunted House will be located in the tenant space adjacent to Your Turn Board Game Café on 5th Avenue.

Councilman Proctor – N/A

Councilman Smith said a lady he knows began the process of splitting a lot through Pasco County in January 2021 to give her son a piece of property which will end up taking 14 months and cost \$6,000 to \$10,000. He commended City staff for not operating in the same fashion as Pasco County.

Councilman Burgess said the Zephyrhills High School football team is doing well. He said a former Zephyrhills High School Student, DiDi Castro-Johnson, will be the principal at the Kirkland Ranch Technical High School.

Council President Knight asked everyone to support the Zephyrhills High School football team.

3. NOTED ITEMS:

3.1 Kemple Estates Parcel No. 01-26-21-0050-00000-00A0

3.2 Kemple Estates Parcel No. 01-26-21-0050-00000-00B0

3.3 Kemple Estates Parcel No. 01-26-21-0050-00000-00B2

Meeting adjourned: 6:44 p.m.
Submitted by Lori L. Hillman