

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING

October 18, 2021

4:30 pm

This Commission Meeting was conducted utilizing Communications Media Technology. Some Staff members were present in the Commission Chambers while others were present via the Zoom application to respect the social distancing guidelines.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT IN CHAMBERS:

Shirley Groover Bryant, Mayor
Brian Williams, Vice Mayor, Commissioner, Ward 3 (Entered the meeting at 4:35 p.m.)
Sheldon Jones, Commissioner-at-Large 1
Harold Smith, Commissioner, Ward 1
Tambra Varnadore, Commissioner, Ward 2 (Not Present)
Tamara Cornwell, Commissioner-at-Large 2

STAFF PRESENT IN CHAMBERS:

Mark Barnebey, City Attorney
Mohammed Rayan, Public Works Director
Scott Tyler, Chief of Police
Jim Freeman, City Clerk
Cheryl Miller, Finance Director
Jeff Burton, CRA Director
Xaiver Colon, Assistant CRA Director (Not Present)
Penny Johnston, Executive Assistant
Vanessa Cochran, Assistant City Clerk

STAFF PRESENT ELECTRONICALLY:

Todd Williams, Information Technology (IT) Consultant

Mayor Bryant opened the meeting at 4:30 p.m., and changed the order of the items to discuss. The 7th Street Extension Interlocal Agreement with Manatee was presented first, and the Recognition of the Employee of the 3rd Quarter followed.

1. 7TH STREET EXTENSION INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH MANATEE COUNTY (M. Barnebey)
Attorney Barnebey made a presentation to the Commission regarding the 7th Street Extension Interlocal Agreement with Manatee County, and the presentation is a part of the minutes. Attorney Barnebey discussed the County's grandfathered Southwest Florida Water Management (SWFWMD) permit and stated that the County is still concerned and wants provisions included in the agreement on what is required from the City. The agreement provides for the right away coming to the City, the retention areas, a temporary Construction Easement on the parking lot, and a connector point between the east and west portions of the City. Also, the agreement limit liability for the City to pay a maximum of \$75,000, but only if the road is not developed by June 30, 2025. Attorney Barnebey expressed that after speaking with the Public Works Director, CRA Director, and the developer, they believe that the road will be done before June 30, 2025. The Board was pleased with the presentation and had no questions.

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Mr. Freeman, City Clerk, spoke about conversing with the State concerning extensions for the project and gave an update on the Request For Proposal (RFP) for the project. Also, the City received an Economic Redevelopment Grant of 1.5 million dollars, and it will be used to help with the 7th Street Extension project.

Mayor Bryant acknowledged the November 1st Commission Meeting that is scheduled near the November 2nd election and stated that since it is not a general election, the meeting will not be cancelled. In regards to cancelling December 20th Commission Meeting, the Board will have further discussion at the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

Attorney Barnebey informed the Board that the developer for the Bradenton Area Convention Hotel is seeking an extension for the project, and it will be presented to the Board. Mr. Freeman pointed out that it will be an item for the CRA Board and an item for the City Commission.

2. RECOGNITION: Mayor Bryant recognized the following employees for their recent nomination as Employee of the 3rd Quarter.

John Ward
Kera Hill

Harold Baez
Kevin Chastain

John Ward was selected as Employee of the 3rd Quarter.

Mr. Rayan, Public Works Director, made reference to the 7th Street Extension project and mentioned the traffic signal activation on US 301 and 7th Street West.

Mayor Bryant commented on the 7th Street Extension project and the many people involved keeping the project moving in spite of Covid. In reporting on the project, Mr. Freeman stated that the start date target is around January or February 2022.

Commissioner Smith inquired about the Masonic Hall Lodge, which is located on 3rd Avenue West, foreclosure matter. Attorney Barnebey stated that information regarding the foreclosure will be provided.

Mayor Bryant adjourned the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED: DECEMBER 6, 2021

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