JOINT SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP MINUTES
PORT ORANGE CITY COUNCIL AND
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
OCTOBER 25, 2016

THE JOINT SPECIAL MEETING/WORKSHOP of the City of Port Orange and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board was called to order by Mayor Allen Green at 6:30 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Silent Invocation

Parks Roll Call:	Present:	Jack Wiles, Chairman John Cameron, Vice Chairman Mark Bowling Maria Mills-Benat Dianne Gardner Patricia Barraco Bobby Ball
	Absent:	Robert Maxwell Julie Day Sean Maroney
Council Roll Call:	Present:	Councilman Bob Ford Councilman Donald Burnette Councilman Scott Stiltner Vice Mayor Drew Bastian Mayor Allen Green
	Also Present:	Jake Johansson, City Manager Margaret T. Roberts, City Attorney Robin Fenwick, City Clerk

JOINT SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

4. Semi Pro Football Team Request

Susan Lovallo, Parks & Recreation Director, introduced Lilly Wiggins, who discussed the semi pro football team request, Port Orange Stallions. She explained the partnership with USDA, who will provide a $1,000 scholarship to the host high school. They provide volunteer opportunities throughout the community. They are working with different retired NFL players to help the team get up and running and provide opportunities for the community.

Mayor Green is concerned with the utilization of the fields. Councilman Stiltner concurred. He is also concerned with waiving fees for non-residents. The costs to maintain the fields will affect the turnaround time for youth sports. He would like Council and the Parks Board members to consider what will be required in the future for new organizations.

Councilman Burnette believes the dates of the league would work because it doesn't overlap with Pop Warner but there is not enough parking for multiple events held at the same time. He asked what the team is asking for specifically. Ms. Wiggins said they are looking at practicing at Silver Sands Middle School. She discussed the volunteer services they have provided throughout Volusia County. She asked Council and the Board what they want of the group. They are available to be of service.

Joshua Wiggins spoke regarding the community service provided by the group including events within the City of Daytona Beach. He wants to bring those services and events to Port Orange, which is where he lives. He suggested a Pop Warner Band. They have teachers involved in the group and want to provide tutoring to youth.

Councilman Ford doesn't know what to do with this opportunity because he doesn't know what master plan there is for Parks and Recreation. He wants to decide what the long term goals are for Parks & Recreation and how this team fits in with the master plan.

Vice Mayor Bastian still have concerns regarding the damage to the fields and maintenance costs to ensure they are usable fields. He would like to see the partnership work.

Mayor Green would like to see the team obtain a corporate sponsor.

Jack Wiles, Chairman, thanked the team for appearing and providing information to the Board.

Bobby Ball asked several questions regarding the team's requests and expectations. The waiver request is for $2,200. The players cannot get paid for their play because they are getting qualified for college and/or the NFL. Ms. Wiggins believes they will be able to provide assistance regarding the fields.

Mark Bowling asked where the players are from. Derrick Clark advised that the players are from all over the area. Mr. Bowling asked if this is a one-year fee waiver request or on-going. Ms. Wiggins said they are working on sponsorships for future fees. Mr. Bowling asked how often fights occur. Ms. Wiggins said they are zero tolerance with violence.

John Cameron asked how they will receive revenue. Ms. Wiggins explained the role of USDA. They are also working on sponsorships. Mr. Cameron is concerned with the Business Plan to continue the endeavor.

Dianne Gardner asked about research regarding the impact from this type of activity. She is concerned with security issues as well. Mr. Wiggins explained the requirements regarding security and safety issues.

Maria Mills-Benat asked how the game of football fits into their mission. Ms. Wiggins advised that the group helps men find their place in the community through football and community service. Member Mills-Benat is very concerned with field space. She suggested the group help with parking at Coraci fields.

Pat Barraco believes it sounds wonderful but she would like to see the questions answered first, specifically the maintenance issues and field needs. She agreed with Councilman Ford about a master plan.

Chairman Wiles asked about liability to the City. He believes it feels like a partnership even though it is a fee waiver and he has some concerns specifically the fields.

Motion to recommend approval of the fee waiver as to use of the fields was made by Member Bowling, and Seconded by Member Mills-Benat. Motion carried 6-1 by roll call vote, with Chairman Wiles voting no.

Margaret Roberts, City Attorney, recommended Council consider their motion subject to protections for the City, including liability issues.

Councilman Stiltner has more questions regarding the impact of other sports already going on. He is very concerned with the maintenance of the fields. He wants to partner with organizations that will give back in the capital needs of the department.

Mayor Green believes there should be a fee to invest in the fields. He wants the group to be successful.

Jake Johansson, City Manager, advised that Staff can fit this group into the fields but it could be at the expense of another club/sport. He believes a year or two commitment could show whether or not it would work.

Ms. Roberts advised that she cannot provide a contract within a few weeks so they can start practicing in November.

Motion to approve the fee waiver subject to the City Attorney approving the contract to include all protections to the City was made by Vice Mayor Bastian, and Seconded by Councilman Ford. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

JOINT WORKSHOP AGENDA

5. Foundation Update and Direction

Ms. Roberts will prepare an ordinance regarding the Foundation and will be requesting that Council approve outsourcing some of the other items she needs expertise on. She will stay on track for completion of the paperwork by the end of the year.

6. Sports Complex vs. Community Center Discussion

Mr. Wiles said the Board would like a sports complex and a community center. The Board would like at least one, if not both to move forward. A grant and bonding was discussed. Revenue could be achieved by renting the fields out. He asked Council how to get one or the other moving forward.

Mayor Green would like to see a community center with the fields around it but there is no property to accommodate it.

Member Barraco believes a community center is needed for those who don't play sports.

Member Cameron doesn't believe the large community center and sports complex is feasible because of land issues. He'd like to see it done another way because there is definitely a need.

Discussion was held regarding smaller community centers (i.e.: in shopping centers), as well as the City's land on Tomoka Farms Road. The complex can be built slowly around that property. Councilman Stiltner would like to know what the community center will need to keep the youth entertained so they can determine the size of the building needed.

The Board will discuss this topic further based on this discussion.

7. Spruce Creek Kayak Launch

Mr. Wiles asked if this item should stay on their agenda to complete the project or is it complete. Mr. Johansson advised that the site is being opened up to allow some access but still protect the City and the property. He advised that there is a property on Williamson Blvd. near the elementary school that Staff is working to acquire with a launch but the launch is a private dock at this time. Staff will continue looking into the property to see if it is worth it and if grants can be obtained for the property. It will provide access to the Russell Property.

8. Park Naming Policy

Mr. Wiles believes the Board provided a good recommendation to Council and looks forward to moving forward.

Ms. Roberts will provide the current draft of the policy for the Board's review. The policy is scheduled to be considered by Council on November 1, 2016.

9. Council and Board Comments

Mr. Wiles advised that the River to Sea TPO is working on feasibility study to identify any design issues and the estimated construction costs for the sidewalk gap project.

Member Cameron is frustrated that the Foundation has not moved forward as it could have funded the request for a fee waiver tonight.

The Board thanked Council for meeting with them. They asked for further direction. Council would like to meet with the Board more often.

10. City Attorney Comments

Ms. Roberts asked Council to review the draft Resolution No. 16-74 regarding water charges incurred because of Hurricane Matthew damages. She asked for Council's consensus to authorize the City Manager to hold any collections of the penalties until Council can act on the Resolution. Council agreed.

11. City Manager Comments

Mr. Johansson discussed his deliverables from tonight's meeting. He advised of the rule change to be proposed in January in the City Council's Local Rules to have requests vetted through the appropriate advisory board and/or staff prior to coming before Council. Council and the Board Members agreed to have their next joint workshop in April.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:52 p.m.

Mayor Allen Green

Attest:

Robin Fenwick, CMC
City Clerk