

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
LAKESIDE COMMUNITY CENTER
1999 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
MARCH 31, 2015

THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Mayor Allen Green at 6:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Silent Invocation

Roll Call:	Present:	Councilman Bob Ford Councilman Donald Burnette Councilman Scott Stiltner Vice Mayor Drew Bastian Mayor Allen Green
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Also Present:	David Harden, Interim City Manager Margaret T. Roberts, City Attorney Robin Fenwick, City Clerk
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Joint Workshop with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

Roll call – council all present; parks – see roster

Mayor Green advised that the goal of the meeting with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is to provide direction to the Board based on their proposals and goals.

Jack Wiles, Chairman, provided details of the items the Board would like to discuss with Council and their 1, 3, and 5 year recommendations. Mr. Wiles discussed sidewalk connections which will be handled by the TPO through Community Development. Mayor Green asked the Board to consider trails and connections between linear parks with the TPO.

Mr. Wiles discussed park expansion. He will provide a map of the parks. Councilman Ford asked the Board to look at the park behind Sumter Hardware that is owned by the City. He'd like to know if it would work for new fields.

Riverwalk was another item discussed by the Board but that is being handled by Staff. Mr. Wiles discussed the property at the end of Spruce Creek Road to be used as a kayak/canoe launch. He asked that someone contact the County to discuss the possibility of it being used by the City for a launch. Councilman Ford believes access

should be provided but there will be kickback from the residents. Council agreed and asked the City Manager to contact the County.

Mr. Wiles discussed the idea of a sports complex and the need because of the growth in the sports programs. The Board would like to see it built at Coraci. Mayor Green would like to network back to the sports medicine programs at the local colleges to help build the sports complex. David Harden, Interim City Manager, advised of his conversation with Mr. Coraci regarding the availability of expanding. The Board would need 60+ acres to build a sports complex. Mayor Green suggested revisiting what is owned by the City that can be used to swap and/or sell to purchase additional property at Coraci. Councilman Stiltner would like to provide the Board with direction on a long term goal for a sports complex.

Mr. Wiles asked Council to discuss a plan for competitive teams. The Board's first priority is the City's recreation programs. Mr. Wiles asked that the City Attorney provide an agreement to the Port Orange Soccer Club for them to build a field if the City provides the acreage for the field. Councilman Ford is not opposed to the idea but would want a reverter clause. Councilman Burnette believes this deal would increase the participation in the rec programs. He doesn't agree that the Port Orange facilities are sufficient to accommodate the City's families. Mayor Green disagreed and feels Port Orange provides what it can afford while meeting the needs.

Mr. Wiles discussed the need of a community center to handle the basketball players currently in the rec program. He suggested moving the Parks & Recreation Department and using the building for a community center.

Mr. Wiles advised that the Foundation is still being discussed by the Board but it is lower on the priority list at this time.

Amiee Bishcoff, member, advised that basketball courts can be used as volleyball courts as well.

Patricia Barraco, member, wants the community center to be a youth center. She believes it is a top priority.

Dianne Gardner, member, wants maintenance costs to be low for the projects.

Councilman Stiltner supports the kayak launch at Spruce Creek Road. He would like movement on that project. He agreed that there is a large need for a community center. Councilman Ford would like to see the community center on the east side of the City as those kids are in need. Councilman Stiltner agreed but believes it might be difficult to find enough acreage. He is concerned that the soccer club has not provided financial records to him that he requested. He'd like to see a business plan from the club.

Councilman Burnette believes a good partnership with competitive teams can benefit both organizations. He doesn't want money to prevent growth.

Mr. Wiles advised that the one-year plan was the Spruce Creek Road canoe/kayak launch, convert the gym to a community center, and put money in the budget for the community center that would be built with more basketball courts, etc. Their 3 year plan proposal includes breaking ground on the sports complex; and their 5-year plan is to break ground on the new community center.

Mr. Wiles asked Council to discuss how they react co-sponsored teams that appear before the Board and/or Council. He asked that they educate the teams on the plan that is agreed upon.

Councilman Ford's first priority is to bring the employees up based on the comp and class study. He wants to focus on the launch. He would like to discuss the youth center at the gym. He would not want to commit to buying Coraci within three years. He wants to be sure to retain employees to run the programs.

Mayor Green asked that the Foundation be developed. Mr. Wiles said there are questions relating to the structure of the Board for the Foundation. Mr. Wiles will provide the map to discuss the sale of parks to be invested elsewhere.

Councilman Stiltner asked Staff to provide numbers as to when Staff will have to turn players away because there are no fields/courts. Councilman Ford asked for some shovel ready projects.

Mayor Green asked for public comments; there were none.

Joint meeting with parks adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

5. Cypress Head Golf Course Country Club

Alan Rosen, Interim Assistant City Manager, discussed restaurant operations and club house renovations at Cypress Head Golf Course. Options were provided in possible management structure changes, as well as renovation plans. Staff needs direction on the club house. Mr. Harden advised that the renovation is to fix the outside of the building so it functions well within the existing floor plan.

Councilman Burnette asked if Council wants to make changes to the food/beverage function. He isn't inclined to do anything with the club house until the contract is up with Kemper Sports. He believes people will come out to see the course whether or not they renovate the club house. He'd like to wait until 2017.

Councilman Stiltner supports testing the market for an outside restaurateur. He would like to discuss the option with Kemper Sports now to change the contract and allow them to delete the restaurant portion of the contract. If Kemper is not inclined to delete that portion, Council can make changes in 2017 when the contract expires. He supports addressing the flooding in the banquet room.

Councilman Ford agreed to take the renovations slowly. He supports fixing the roof from flooding the banquet room.

Vice Mayor Bastian doesn't believe the City should be in the restaurant business. He supports an outside restaurateur.

Mayor Green asked Council if they agree with fixing the windows and resolving the flooding. He believes the gutters are a temporary resolution. Council agreed.

Mike Collins, General Manager of Cypress Head, explained how the restaurant and the golf course mesh together. The restaurant side gets shut down when the banquets are held. The banquets have doubled. There are limitations to what they can do because of the facility.

Newton White, citizen, doesn't see why \$60,000 needs to be spent on the roof repairs. He believes there are other, less expensive options to control the water from going inside the banquet room.

Ted Nofall, citizen, asked if the City wants to be in the banquet business.

Mayor Green said it needs to be balanced with the community. Those homes bought based on prices with a golf course.

Council agreed with fixing the windows and doing a roof over to fix the flooding. Mr. Harden said Staff will bring back a proposal from the architect.

Council asked the City Manager to talk to Kemper Sports about renegotiating.

6. Lights in Trees at City Center

Susan Lovallo, Parks and Recreation Director, provided details on the tree lights for the month of December. Options were discussed.

Vice Mayor Bastian would like to see the lights lit during other events as well.

Councilman Ford believes it is worth the cost.

Councilman Stiltner supports having the lights available and used for events. He would like to first use another department's lift truck before renting one. He's not opposed to a small fee to recover some of the costs.

Councilman Burnette agreed and would support a small fee.

Mayor Green would like Staff to work on the sound system along with the lights.

7. Discussion regarding City Purchasing Procedures

Joseph Gomez, Purchasing Manager, provided details regarding the City's purchasing procedures and the need for changes. Recent accomplishments were discussed. Mr. Gomez discussed changes to Section 2-2.62 – Purchase and sales procedures, as well as changes to Section 2-2.65 – Waiver of Irregularities, Section 2-2.67 – Waiver of bidding requirements, and Section 2-2.71 – Emergency purchases. He benchmarked from neighboring communities.

Councilman Burnette supports the changes proposed. He thanked Mr. Gomez for the proactive changes.

Councilman Stiltner applauded Mr. Gomez for bringing these changes forward. He is a big supporter of local preference. He asked that the scoring criteria be included in the request for proposals.

Councilman Ford is concerned with the bidding process. He wants it to be open. He also supports local preference.

Vice Mayor Bastian supported the changes as well.

Mayor Green suggested having an open class for training the vendors.

Mr. Nofall believes the changes are needed but believes it gives the City Manager more power and he doesn't support that. He cautioned Council with supporting the changes. He also believes \$25,000 is too much authority for the City Manager.

Mr. Harden advised that questions arise relating to the \$25,000 limit for the City Manager. He explained that the interpretation of the Code is that any vendor that breaks the threshold of \$25,000 must come to Council even if the purchases do not relate to the same project. He advised that the best practice around the State is that only those purchases that are from one vendor, over \$25,000 for the same project would need to go to Council. He provided examples of items that have been brought to Council that wouldn't in other communities.

Councilman Ford would like to continue as has been done in the past that everything comes to Council if it is over \$25,000.

Vice Mayor Bastian agreed.

Councilman Stiltner disagreed. He wants the City Manager to manage the City. He believes this slows down getting things done.

Councilman Burnette supports changing the interpretation of the \$25,000.

Councilman Ford doesn't believe there are good financial records. He feels there is not enough information provided to Council. He believes Council is becoming less and less relevant. He believes if there was good communication flow, they would be able to track things better themselves.

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Council confirmed status quo for the time being but does agree to consider a possible change in the future.

ADJOURNMENT: 9:06 p.m.



Mayor Allen Green

Attest:



Robin Fenwick, City Clerk

