

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
LAKESIDE COMMUNITY CENTER
1999 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
MAY 26, 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. Reuse Plans for Former Police Department Building

Wayne Clark, Community Development Director, discussed the customer service option and other alternatives for usage of the old Police Department building. Staff does not recommend the customer service option because it divides the Community Development and Finance Departments and makes internal controls more difficult to track.

Councilman Stiltner asked what the impact would be by moving all of Community Development. Mr. Clark said there wouldn't be a huge impact. Councilman Stiltner supports better signage on the City Hall building.

Councilman Burnette wants to know that we will get enough out of the building and moving departments around to spend the money on repairs and maintenance. He wants to look at it long term and retain the span of control.

Councilman Ford wants more room for Staff at City Hall. He believes the cost of refurbishing the building as opposed to building an addition on City Hall is worth the money. Discussion was held regarding the jail cells. It is cost prohibitive to remove the jail cell.

Mayor Green prefers to have the building gutted and rebuilt in the inside with Community Development moving to the building.

Vice Mayor Bastian agreed with everything said. He would like the records center to utilize the area proposed with Community Development moving.

Council agreed to move Community Development after gutting the building. The roof work is currently budgeted and needs to be done as soon as possible. Council asked for information and costs for signs on City Hall.

5. Regulation of sign spinners/holders

Tim Burman, Planner, provided details of the current sign regulations, as well as common approaches to regulating commercial signs held by a person.

Vice Mayor Bastian doesn't support a total prohibition but supports regulation. He believes regulating the size is necessary.

Councilman Ford doesn't believe it is a serious problem and he doesn't want to make regulations when not necessary. He would agree with the size of the signs and placement because of safety concerns.

Councilman Burnette is also concerned with the size of the signs because of safety concerns. He believes they can be distracting.

Councilman Stiltner does not support a total prohibition either. He wanted to have some regulation. He has received complaints about sizes obstructing views at intersections. He supports restricting them from sidewalks and right-of-ways.

Vice Mayor Bastian asked if there has been an accident blamed on the size of a sign. There was no information to answer the question.

Chris McKenna, Owner of McKenna's Restaurant, asked Council to regulate but not prohibit. He believes landscaping hinders the view of the businesses. He volunteered to help develop the regulations.

Rich McCarthy, Tomoka Brewing Company, agreed with Mr. McKenna but would support a size limit. He believes the sign spinners work. He also volunteered to help develop regulations as to size.

Ted Nofall, citizen, suggested appointing a Board to recommend possible regulations.

Phil Madson, Anytime Gym, doesn't currently use sign spinners but supports the use of them. The sign spinners in his business complex have reported issues they've seen that would not have been seen as quickly otherwise.

Rudy Hoffman, Port Orange/South Daytona Chamber of Commerce Representative, volunteered their help, if needed.

Mayor Green supported limitation. Councilman Ford asked that the Chamber of Commerce gather businesses to provide a recommendation on regulations within a month. Tim Burman will also be included.

6. Dunlawton Avenue Median Landscaping Plans

Paul Momberger, Zev Cohen and Associates, provided details of the Dunlawton Avenue median improvement plans. The plans are with FDOT for their review.

Mayor Green is concerned with longevity of the plants.

Councilman Stiltner is concerned with maintenance of the plantings. He provided pictures from around the county that were not maintained. He does not support jasmine being used on Dunlawton because of the grow-in phase.

Councilman Burnette is concerned with the maintenance plan. He would have liked to be able to light Dunlawton.

Councilman Ford would like a supervisor with knowledge in horticulture.

Vice Mayor Bastian asked about the proposed cost for irrigation. Mr. Momberger said it will probably be much less because there is irrigation there already but repairs may be needed. It is just an estimate. He wants to be sure Staff holds the landscaping contractor accountable for properly maintaining the area.

Newton White, citizen, would prefer to see native plantings used. He doesn't like to use Crape Myrtles because they look bad in the winter.

Mr. Nofall asked if money was spent previously on landscaping Dunlawton Avenue that was approved a few years ago. Mr. Harden said no. Mr. Nofall would like to know the increased cost of maintenance. Mayor Green said he'd like to know that number as well. Mr. Nofall asked where the money is coming from to pay for these improvements. Mr. Harden said the City budgeted for this phase and grants will hopefully pay for the next two phases. Mr. Nofall suggested waiting a year on the improvements to let the grants pay for all of it.

Council supported the plan but wants to ensure the maintenance is completed long term. Mayor Green wants to see the cost of maintenance.

7. Policy Relating to Donations from Co-Sponsored Organizations

Susan Lovallo, Parks and Recreation Director, discussed the history of co-sponsored donations and agreements, as well as the current proposals from PAL and Pop Warner.

Direction is needed regarding framework for accepting donations. Staff suggested a 2-to-1 valuation on donations so that the City collects funds to use for maintenance, repair and replacement but allowing the group to receive some credit towards fees.

Vice Mayor Bastian is concerned with discouraging groups from donating if they are only credited on a 2-to-1 basis. All Council Members agreed.

Council doesn't agree with committing to not raising fees to other Councils. A short agreement to not raise fees on a group would be considered, up to five years.

Ms. Lovallo asked for direction regarding the time limit on the agreements (i.e.: maximum term of 30 years).

Bobby Ball, Pop Warner Representative, believes 30 years is fair although the Board would like more. The Board understands the City needs to protect the tax payers.

Council agreed to thirty years max.

Ms. Lovallo asked Council for direction regarding the waiver of direct Staff costs and electrical usage for lights. Waiving those fees will have a direct impact on the Parks' budget.

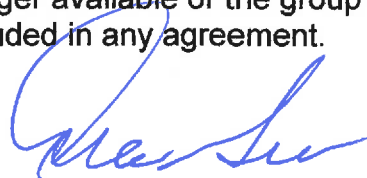
Mayor Green believes there should be some participation but the donations and improvements are a direct benefit to the community.

Council agreed to consider waiving direct costs. Mayor Green asked for a projected cost.

Ms. Lovallo asked Council if they would like to raise the authority limit for the City Manager to accept donations. Currently it is at \$5,000. Mr. Harden suggested anything over one (1) year. Councilman Burnette suggested a \$10,000 limit. Council agreed.

Mr. White asked what happens if the field is no longer available or the group is no longer together. He asked that those items be included in any agreement.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:31 p.m.



Mayor Allen Green

Attest



Robin Fenwick, City Clerk

