

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
SEPTEMBER 15, 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
	Also Present:	Jake Johansson, City Manager Margaret T. Roberts, City Attorney Robin Fenwick, City Clerk

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Yorktowne Extension Update

Wayne Clark, Community Development Director, provided an update on the Yorktowne Extension project. There are plans and funds to build the central section that the City owns. The north segment is owned by a developer and has some litigation issues. They are looking to sell the property, which would require the builder to build the northern segment. He asked for direction regarding a traffic circle on the road. The purpose of the extension is to relieve congestion at I-95 and Williamson Blvd.

Councilman Burnette had concerns regarding the traffic circle but is in favor of the project.

Councilman Ford is in favor of the project as well but in the future when the developer has a development in line.

5. Further discussion of RFP 15-27, Commercial Lines of Insurance for Property, General Liability and Workers Compensation.

Mayor Green advised that the "cone of silence" was breached by Brown and Brown and the bid protest was not followed.

Councilman Ford understands splitting the bid may be difficult.

Councilman Burnette believes splitting the policies could save taxpayers money.

Vice Mayor Bastian believes Council has the option to split the policies. He believes the protection is better with Brown and Brown in the event of a loss.

Councilman Stiltner agreed with Vice Mayor Bastian. He likes the idea of having a broker work for the City.

David Lodwick, Director of Trust Services, Florida League of Cities, advised Council that FMIT's proposal was the lowest and best responsive proposal. He discussed items within the RFP. FMIT provides support and training for City Staff. He anticipates rates going down next year and would not recommend a two-year rate lock.

Alan Florez, Brown and Brown, believes there is an option to the City to split the coverage. They are not protesting the bid or the process of the proposals.

Councilman Burnette asked the City Attorney for her opinion on splitting the coverage. Margaret Roberts, City Attorney, advised that the procedures for an RFP are to negotiate with the #1 ranked firm. The appearance to her is they are negotiating with the #2 ranked firm. Councilman Burnette doesn't believe a bid protest can be made until Council makes a decision on the award.

Councilman Ford asked the City Attorney to provide a legal opinion as to splitting the coverage.

The item will come back to the Council for a decision on September 22, 2015.

6. Budget Discussion

Councilman Stiltner is concerned with a position for a Civil Engineer in Community Development. He would like to see this position on the table next year if not this year.

Vice Mayor Bastian discussed his concerns including compression for all employees, keeping the youth sports in tack with increased Parks and Recreation Staff, and ice machine maintenance expenses.

Councilman Burnette agreed with Councilman Stiltner's concern regarding the Civil Engineer position in Community Development. He'd like to discuss the possibility of adding the position mid-year next year. He wants the second Assistant City Attorney to be fully utilized. He asked Ms. Roberts to consider an expert in property issues to help with her work load. Councilman Burnette also had concerns regarding Parks and Recreation growth. He doesn't want to raise fees in the department this year.

Councilman Ford does not support more studies. He wants to invest in the employees. He wants City positions to be competitive. He recommended reducing one supervisory

position in Parks and Recreation so that those funds can be used to hire a labor negotiation firm. Councilman Ford believes an employee is needed to monitor the garbage contract. He believes more labor employees are needed for drainage and other issues in the City. He would like a workshop to discuss the need for a contract manager. He does not want to fund a study for a drainage fee study until the drainage system and condition is determined. He agreed with Councilman Burnette regarding the second Assistant City Attorney. He wants to negotiate with the City Attorney to know what exactly she is looking to hire.

Mayor Green suggested outsourcing the Solid Waste Management position. He wants the Emergency Manager to be effective in obtaining outside funds.

Councilman Burnette suggested revising the budgeted amount for new positions since they will not be hired as of October 1, 2015.

Council is in favor of swapping the Parks and Recreation position for the Civil Engineer in Community Development.

Ted Nofall, citizen, discussed his concerns with the budget. He believes the tax rate can be lowered. He did not support partial funding of positions that are needed.

Mayor Green asked Mr. Harden to discuss over payment of pension funding. Mr. Harden said the budget includes a calculation based on the percentage as recommended by the actuary for police and fire. The general plan has a minimum contribution amount listed as well as a recommended amount. Staff has budgeted the recommended amount listed.

Mr. Nofall asked why there is net pension obligation calculation. He doesn't agree with the amount being paid. He believes there is an overage of payment.

Councilman Ford asked that the calculations provided by Mr. Nofall be looked at for accuracy. Mr. Johansson said yes, and will accept any numbers from other citizens to be reviewed.

Mayor Green would rather not go above roll back.

Councilman Ford would also like to go to roll back. He believes there are more cuts that can take place.

Council agreed to delay the drainage fee study.

Vice Mayor Bastian supports the millage rate at 4.392 so that no other cuts are needed. He supports Staff's needs.

Councilman Stiltner supported the delay in the drainage fee study and would suggest consider delaying the Civil Engineer until at least April 2016.

Staff will look into outsourcing the Solid Waste Contract Manager.

7. Develop Goals for City Manager

Mr. Johansson discussed his plan for meeting the Council goals as defined with Marilyn Crotty earlier in the year. He will provide Council with an evaluation form with the metrics listed so they can evaluate him throughout the year.

Mayor Green would like commercial development to help with taxes.

Councilman Ford would like to meet to evaluate the City Manager one on one as well as a full Council. He'd like to see more specific goals.

Mr. Johansson asked that Council agree to the format he has provided. Department Heads will drill down to the specific metrics to be accomplished.

Council supported the process proposed.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:07 p.m.



Mayor Allen Green

Attest:



Robin Fenwick, City Clerk

