

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
OCTOBER 27, 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

Port Orange City Council Rules of Procedure as approved by City Council on December 2, 2014, page 3, letter e. and #9 (a-e) were read by Robin Fenwick, City Clerk.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. City Center Landscaping

Mayor Green received compliments regarding landscaping throughout the City but has also received complaints on City Center landscaping.

Branford Adumuah, Public Works Director, believes the landscaping in City Center Complex is a draw. He asked Council for their expectations as to level of service, tree protection, etc. He believes irrigation is needed in areas and grass is needed in other areas. Additional funding was requested in the budget for FY16 and was approved. Steve Edgar is the City's forester and suggested protection for the trees, shade coverings, among other options for beautifying the complex. Mr. Adumuah asked Council for direction as to their expectations. He will provide a design based on the resources available.

Jake Johansson, City Manager, has received input from builders of subdivisions. He believes it can be downsized to make the complex look better for less money. He asked Council to provide an outcome of what they would like it to look like and he will ask the experts to provide design options.

Councilman Stiltner wants to meet all codes as is expected from our builders and citizens. He is looking for a quality City complex that makes a statement for the business owners and homeowners. Less is more. He's not looking for quantity. He believes the leaves in the parking lot should be sucked out rather than blown around. He doesn't believe the established trees need individual water sources. Mr. Johansson agrees with getting the City's facilities and properties in order so that we lead by example. Staff is working on those items.

Vice Mayor Bastian agreed; he'd like to see Disney-like landscaping but knows the budget limitation. He wants minimal maintenance and more tidiness. Simple, weed-free, tidy landscaping is his goal.

Councilman Burnette doesn't like the peanut grass. There is no curb appeal in the complex. He doesn't think a lot of plantings are needed. He doesn't want to spend a lot of money but wants to maintain it.

Councilman Ford agreed with the need for a plan. He'd like to see seasonal plantings off of Dunlawton and Clyde Morris. The Oak trees will support Formosa azaleas. They are low maintenance and grow great under Oak trees. He'd like to start small and move up as necessary. Oak leaves are good mulch.

Council agreed to begin with the entry areas. Staff will bring some options for Council to discuss.

Mr. Adumuah advised that funds have been approved for a landscape architect.

5. Fluoride Treatment Discussion

Andrew Neff, Public Utilities Director, assured the public that there is nothing wrong with the City's water system. The addition of fluoride in the water is a choice Council made several years ago. He introduced Dr. Steve Duranceau, who is an expert in water treatment. He is a neutral party in this discussion.

Dr. Duranceau said there is natural fluoride in all drinking water in the Central Florida area. Ten states mandate fluoridation while others do not allow it. It is strictly a community decision.

Councilman Ford wants to hear the opposition to fluoride additives. Dr. Duranceau discussed some of the anti-fluoride positions. Scientific evidence has changed over the years and 0.7 is the standard. The debates will continue. The community needs to make the decision.

Councilman Burnette has heard a lot of experts who are in favor of adding fluoride to the water. He asked for 2-3 cons from Dr. Duranceau. Dr. Duranceau said it is always about the money. Citizens don't like using taxpayer monies to add fluoride. He also said a con from the public is the belief that fluoride is a medication when in reality it is a

mineral. The third con is the fear of the unknown by the public. Councilman Burnette said this chemical is only one of several put in the water to meet the quality levels. He believes it can help with the less fortunate for tooth decay. He suggested letting the citizens decide through a referendum.

Vice Mayor Bastian asked Dr. Duranceau to discuss fluoride in mouthwashes and toothpaste. Dr. Duranceau said the need for fluoride is there for those who can't go to a dentist. The smallest systems throughout Florida do not fluoridate because of the costs.

Councilman Stiltner thanked Dr. Duranceau for discussing this with Council and the public. He asked if fluoride has any effect on different medications that citizens may be taking. Dr. Duranceau said studies have been shown to have effects on animals but studies have not been done on humans.

Mike Gardner, citizen, doesn't believe he should have to filter out additives that the City is putting into the water.

Jill Jenkins, citizen, is concerned that the City is deciding what to add to the water she drinks. She wants to make her own decisions for her family.

Ted Nofall, citizen, is concerned that no experts have been presented against the issue. He asked Dr. Duranceau questions regarding fluoride in toothpaste and mouth wash.

Mr. Johansson asked for help finding experts against adding fluoride to the water.

Council thanked Dr. Duranceau for his time.

6. 2016 Legislative Priority List

Mr. Johansson provided details of the priority list given to Senator Hukill. The projects included drainage, parks services west of I-95, land preservation, and transportation infrastructure. He asked for direction on the drainage projects listed.

Mayor Green asked if there are any "shovel ready" projects. Alan Rosen, Assistant City Manager, said there were three projects approved in the budget but the State moved their timelines up.

Councilman Ford asked to add funds for protection of the lagoons/rivers that may help with flooding as well. Mayor Green said it has been discussed at the Roundtable meetings. There are more meetings coming up.

Council agreed with the list. They want focus on drainage issues and stressed the importance of "shovel-ready" projects. Mr. Johansson will come back to Council if funding is needed to get these projects "shovel-ready". Council asked the City Manager

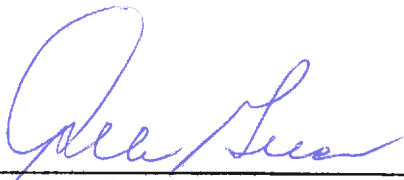
to bring back a strategy to accomplish a sports complex with the colleges to include a sports medicine program/center.

7. Legislative update and discussion of proposed action regarding transportation right of way expenses and the relocation of utilities in the right of way

Matt Jones, Assistant City Attorney, discussed the update in the legislature regarding transportation right of way expenses and the relocation of utilities in the right of way. There was a change away from the expenses being borne by the City. The League of Cities and Staff are watching the action closely and will act quickly when needed.

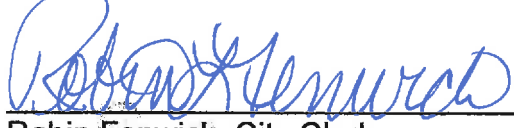
Council agreed.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:34 p.m.



Mayor Allen Green

Attest:



Robin Fenwick, City Clerk

