

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – CITY HALL
1000 CITY CENTER CIRCLE
PORT ORANGE, FLORIDA
JULY 14, 2020

THE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP of the City of Port Orange was called to order by Mayor Donald O. Burnette at 5:00 p.m.

Silent Invocation

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call	Present:	Council Member Marilyn Ford Council Member Chase Tramont (arrived late) Council Member Scott Stiltner Vice Mayor Drew Bastian Mayor Donald Burnette
	Also Present:	City Manager Jake Johansson City Attorney Matthew Jones Assistant City Clerk Shelby Field

Mayor Burnette asked Council if they wanted to discuss masks first as there were members of the public present. Council decided to wait until the end in case more citizens arrive late.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Review of General Fund Budget

Scott Neils, Finance Director, provided a presentation on the General Fund Budget and answered questions from Council.

Jake Johansson, City Manager, provided supplemental information and answered questions from Council. He informed Council that the Axon Body Camera contract is currently under his approval authority but is also on the July 21, 2020 agenda to get councils input.

Tim Burman, Community Development Director, provided clarification about the licensing costs for the building permit software in their budget.

Thomas Grimaldi, Chief of Police, discussed the police budget as it relates to maintenance of speed signs.

Lynn Stevens, Public Utilities/Works Director, discussed the changes in their budget. They have lowered costs in personnel but have a slight increase in operational expenditures.

Mr. Johansson provided information on where the current millage rate is at, what the desired rollback is, and what would need to be addressed to achieve that. Council discussed their desire to see the millage rate lowered and how they can achieve that.

Mayor called a 7-minute recess at 7:03 p.m.

5. Discussion regarding face masks

Mayor Burnette discussed how the state is leaving it up to individual communities to determine facemask requirements, if any. He believes education is important as people are more likely to do something when they want to as oppose to when they are required to. He would like to issue some sort of mandate or resolution in support of mandatory masks.

Councilmember Stiltner would like to see everyone following CDC guidelines, but doesn't agree with passing down an unenforceable mandate.

Vice Mayor Bastian agrees with Councilmember Stiltner's concerns regarding enforcement and doesn't see a mask mandate truly impacting the positivity rate of COVID cases.

Councilmember Tramont spoke regarding the communication he has received on both sides the last couple weeks. He does not support a mask mandate.

Councilmember Ford is uncomfortable with the government making a rule about masks and agrees with previous concerns about enforcement.

Mayor Burnette read comments submitted by Noreen Seoane into the record.

Robert Reinhagen, citizen, believes that wearing a mask helps prevent the spread of the virus from the wearer and is in support of mandating masks.

Jim Schultz, citizen, is against mandating masks.

John Barrington, citizen, is in favor of mandating masks.

Mr. Johansson provided information about what the city can currently enforce, what staff is encouraged to do, and what precautions are being taken at city hall.

Chief Grimaldi spoke to the enforcement concerns raised, agreeing it would be difficult for the officers to enforce especially while they are already understaffed. He urged Council not to issue a mandate.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:04 p.m.



Mayor Donald O. Burnette

Attest:

Robin Fenwick, MMC, City Clerk