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5800 Melaleuca Lane
Greenacres, FL 33463

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 6, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.

1. Call To Order and Roll Call.

Mayor Ferreri called the City Council Meeting of Monday, March 6, 2017 to order at 7:00 p.m. City Clerk Joanna Cunningham called the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Council Present:

Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor
Jonathan G. Pearce, Deputy Mayor
Lisa Rivera, Councilwoman
Peter A. Noble, Councilman
Paula Bousquet, Councilwoman

Absent:

Judith Dugo, Councilwoman

Attendees from Public: 26

Press: 1

Staff Present:

Andrea McCue, City Manager
James D. Stokes, City Attorney
Joanna Cunningham, City Clerk
Michael Grimm, Director/Building
Jim McInnis, Director/Finance
Michele Thompson, Director/Leisure Services
Kara Ferris, Director/Planning & Engineering
Mark Pure, Fire Chief/Fire Rescue Department
Suzanne Skidmore, Director/Human Resources
Carlos Cedeño, Director/Public Works
Melody Larson, Assistant to the City Clerk
Sean Murray, Captain/PBSO

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Samuel J. Ferreri led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Comments From the Public for Agenda Items Only.

Mayor Ferreri called for comments from the public.

Estelle Friedman, a long-time resident of 3820 South 55th Avenue, wanted to address the "Resign to Run" discussion item. Mrs. Friedman stated that she had received a number of calls from concerned residents over Deputy Mayor Pearce being upset over the "Resign to Run" comments that had appeared recently in the Palm Beach Post. These residents stated that the Deputy Mayor was furious and had threatened to fire the City Manager.

Mrs. Friedman admitted to being unable to substantiate those comments, but reminded attendees of the unexpected firing of the City's former City Manager without cause in 2015 that cost taxpayers \$500,000; money she believed, could have been spent more wisely on other programs. She pointed out that many valuable, long-time staff members had also resigned, such as the Assistant City Manager and the long-time City Clerk. State law and the City Charter state that in order to run for Mayor, the candidate must resign from the Council with an effective date. She pointed out that newspapers print what they will and make many mistakes.

Deputy Mayor Pearce refuted Mrs. Friedman's false accusations and stated that he never threatened the City Manager. These were rumors made by someone supporting his opponent. He acknowledged meeting with the City Attorney to review the "Resign to Run" law. He emphatically disagreed with Mrs. Friedman's false allegations and stated that they were lies.

Chuck Shaw and Frank Simon, long-time residents of River Bridge, also wanted to address the "Resign to Run" discussion item. The Charter Review Committee (CRC) has been working diligently to update and bring forth a City Charter residents can be proud of. Mr. Shaw and Mr. Simon requested Council feedback and direction and suggested that any changes from Council be submitted in writing for future consideration.

Mayor Ferreri noted that in his experience, the Charter review process includes the CRC creating a final draft for presentation to Council for their feedback. He disagreed with Councilmembers attending CRC meetings. The CRC is an independent committee and should not be influenced by any Councilmember.

Councilwoman Rivera noted her appreciation for the CRC's efforts and recalled receiving an email from the City Manager asking for Council's topics of interest to which she responded. She agreed that Councilmembers should not be influencing the CRC in any way since the final document will be presented to Council for review. She urged the City Manager to email Councilmembers once again requesting topics for discussion.

Councilman Noble explained that his attendance at the CRC meetings has consisted mainly of providing historical background to the Committee as well as Mr. Shaw and Mr. Simon. The City Clerk's extensive experience with the charter review process has also been very helpful.

Mr. Shaw noted whether residents or elected officials, all have a vested interest in the outcome of these revisions. The commitment to have the Charter reflect the wishes of the City is paramount; however, to have the CRC's recommendations ignored by Council would be fruitless. This is our City and the will of the public should be followed, not ignored.

Councilwoman Bousquet agreed that the CRC is doing an excellent job. She has been listening to the meetings online and noted that everything she wanted reviewed has been addressed by the Committee.

Mayor Ferreri called for further comments; hearing none, he continued with the Agenda.

4. Agenda Approval.

A. Additions, deletions, or substitutions to the Agenda.

B. Motion to approve and adopt entire agenda as set.

Mayor Ferreri inquired if there were any additions, deletions or substitutions to the Agenda; hearing none, he called for a motion.

MOTION: Councilman Noble made a motion to approve the Agenda. Councilwoman Bousquet seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 4 - 0.

5. Special Business.

A. **Proclamation:** "Public Procurement Recognition Month" for March 2017 - Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor.

City Clerk Joanna Cunningham read the proclamation into the record.

Mayor Ferreri called for a motion.

MOTION: Councilwoman Bousquet made a motion to approve the proclamation proclaiming March as "Pubic Procurement Recognition Month". Councilwoman Rivera seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 4 - 0.

B. **Proclamation:** "Problem Gambling Awareness Month" for March 2017 - Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor.

City Clerk Joanna Cunningham read the proclamation into the record.

MOTION: Councilman Noble made a motion to approve the proclamation proclaiming March as "Problem Gambling Awareness Month". Councilwoman Rivera seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 4 - 0.

Consent Agenda.

A. Mayor Ferreri asked Council if they wished to pull any of the three (3) Consent Agenda items; hearing none, he called for a motion.

1. **Official Minutes:** City Council Meeting of February 6, 2017 –Joanna Cunningham, City Clerk.
2. **Resolution No. 2017-01:** A Resolution abandoning and vacating a portion of a 20-foot utility easement located on the plat of River Bridge Centre, as recorded in Plat Book 53, pages 186 and 187 of the Official Records of Palm Beach County, Florida, as requested by Bohler Engineering, agent for the owner, MSKP River Bridge; providing for repeal of conflicting resolutions; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo. – Kara Irwin-Ferris, Planning and Engineering Director.
3. **Resolution No. 2017-05:** a Resolution commending the Florida Association of City Clerks for its 45th Anniversary – Joanna Cunningham, City Clerk.

MOTION: Councilwoman Rivera made a motion to approve the three (3) Consent Agenda items. Councilman Noble seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 4 - 0.

7. **Regular Agenda:**

City Manager Andres McCue was pleased to announce the recent promotion of Kara Irwin-Ferris to Planning and Engineering Director effective March 2, 2017.

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING:** **Ordinance No. 2017-02:** First Reading; An Ordinance amending Chapter 16, Article VI, Sign Regulations, Division 1, Generally, Section 16-934, and Division 4, Sign Standards, Sections 16-985; to update and clarify the Zoning Code; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in code; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo and Staff Report – Kara L. Irwin-Ferris, Planning and Engineering Director.

City Clerk Joanna Cunningham read Ordinance 2017-02 into the record on first reading.

Planning and Engineering Director Kara L. Irwin-Ferris described the City-initiated zoning text amendment to change LED changeable copy signs, wall signs, and political signs.

The proposal includes allowing LED changeable copy signs for government users for public use with non-commercial messages, increased logo areas, establishing a master signage program that will allow businesses to use all colors, trademarks and branding colors. Director Ferris noted that the changes were to meet demands for public information and standards of technology. She noted that the Planning Commission recommended approval on February 15, 2017, therefore, staff recommends approval of ZTA-16-04 through the adoption of Ordinance 2017-02.

Mayor Ferreri called on Councilmembers for comments; hearing none, he opened the meeting to the public. He asked if anyone was in favor of, or opposed to, Ordinance 2017-02 to come forward. Seeing no one come forward, he closed the meeting to the public and called for comments from Council.

The Mayor and Council discussed increasing the size of political signs to match the County's political sign standards; allowing larger signs in the City would pose a visibility/safety hazard for drivers, and the County has larger tracts of land to accommodate larger signage, the City does not.

Mayor Ferreri called for a consensus:

Councilwoman Rivera was in favor of 4 x 4 (16 sq. ft.).

Councilman Noble was in favor of 4 x 4 (16 sq. ft.).

Councilwoman Bousquet didn't want bigger signs; keep them 4 x 4 (16 sq. ft.).

Deputy Mayor Pearce was in favor of 4 x 4 (16 sq. ft.).

Mayor Ferreri was concerned with creating non-conformities especially with school signs. Director Ferris noted that as property owners wish to change their existing signs that is when the new signs will have to conform with Code.

Mayor Ferreri called for a motion.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pearce made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-02 on first reading as presented. Councilwoman Bousquet seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 4 - 0.

- B. **PUBLIC HEARING:** **Ordinance No. 2017-04:** First Reading; An Ordinance amending the Capital Improvement Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan to reflect recent changes, as requested by the Planning and Engineering Department; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for transmittal to the Division of Community Development; providing for inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo and Staff Report. - Kara Irwin Ferris, Planning and Engineering Director.

City Clerk Joanna Cunningham read Ordinance 2017-04 into the record on first reading.

Director Ferris described the annual update to the Capital Improvement Element of the City's Comprehensive Plan and provided a historical summary of the comprehensive planning process and the State's intention to require municipalities to ensure that levels of service are adequate to support future development.

As part of this update, other agency plans such as the County's 5-Year Road Program, Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department's Work Supply Plan, and the School District's Capital Plan were incorporated into the update. She reviewed the three proposed changes to Tables 1A, 1B and 1C.

Director Ferris stated that the Planning Commission recommended approval on February 1, 2017; therefore, staff recommends approval of CPA-16-03 through the adoption of Ordinance 2017-04.

Mayor Ferreri called on Councilmembers for comments; hearing none, he opened the meeting to the public. He asked if anyone was in favor of, or opposed to, Ordinance 2017-04 to come forward. Seeing no one come forward, he closed the meeting to the public.

Mayor Ferreri noted that following the Community Meeting recently held at Rambo Park, staff is preparing a city-wide park amenity/activity analysis and asked if this would affect the Comprehensive Plan.

Director Ferris explained that if levels of service change or changes in park usage occur, they would be considered for improvements and would be included in the Comp Plan.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pearce made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-04 on first reading. Councilman Noble seconded the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 4 - 0.

- C. **PUBLIC HEARING:** **Resolution No. 2017-07:** A Resolution approving the application for a Special Exception to allow a convenience store with fuel sales in a Commercial Intensive (CI) Zoning District, located on the northwest corner of Lake Worth Road and Sherwood Forest Blvd at 6025 Lake Worth Road, as requested by the petitioner, Wantman Group, Inc., agent for the owner, RaceTrac Petroleum, Inc.; providing for repeal of conflicting resolutions; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo and Staff Report – Kara Irwin Ferris, Planning and Engineering Director.

City Clerk Joanna Cunningham read Ordinance No. 2017-07 into the record on first reading.

Senior Planner Osniel Leon described the request for Special Exception approval to allow a convenience store with fuel sales in Sherwood Plaza. The site was originally approved in 1999 for a pharmacy with a drive-thru, and a mini storage facility was approved in 2002. In 2016, the site was granted a variance for the separation distance

between service stations. A site plan is being processed concurrently with the proposed Special Exception request and consists of redeveloping the former pharmacy building into a 5,589 sq. ft. convenience store with a 697 sq. ft. of outdoor seating area, 8 fuel pumps with 16 fueling stations and 33 parking spaces including 2 handicapped spaces. The facility proposes to operate 7 days a week, 24 hours daily.

Senior Planner Leon stated that the proposal meets the twelve (12) Special Exception criteria. The Planning Commission recommended approval on February 1, 2017; therefore, staff recommends approval of Resolution 2017-07 (SE-16-03 RaceTrac) subject to staff's nine (9) conditions of approval.

Mayor Ferreri called on Councilmembers for comments. He asked for a comparison of the number of pumps with the Wawa currently under construction.

Senior Planner Leon reported that the proposed RaceTrac consists of 8 fuel pumps with 16 fueling stations; the Wawa was approved with 16 pumps and 32 fueling stations.

Mayor Ferreri opened the meeting to the public. He asked if anyone was in favor of, or opposed to, Resolution 2017-07 to come forward.

Benjamin Wade of 3550 South 57th Avenue, questioned the impact of the gas station on Sherwood Forest Boulevard and asked if there were plans to widen the road. He asked about the intersection and the ingress/egress points.

Senior Planner Leon explained that neither the City traffic engineer nor the County traffic engineer had proposed to widen the road.

Mayor Ferreri noted that the entrance and exit points would remain as is with right turns out onto Sherwood Forest Boulevard. He asked about the existing "peanut".

Planning and Engineering Director Kara L. Irwin-Ferris explained that access would be from Lake Worth Road with left turns from Sherwood Forest Boulevard into the subject site and right turns only to exit.

Mayor Ferreri asked if anyone was opposed to Resolution 2017-07 to come forward; seeing no one come forward, he closed the meeting to the public.

MOTION: Councilwoman Rivera made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-07 subject to staff's nine (9) conditions of approval. Deputy Mayor Pearce seconded the motion.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilwoman Bousquet asked how would the ingress/egress compare with the Cumberland Farms on Melaleuca Lane.

Director Ferris explained that Cumberland Farms only allows for right turns into the subject site; left-hand turns cannot be made.

Mayor Ferreri commented that when patrons enter from South Military Trail to use the first pump in Cumberland Farms and another car is waiting for the same pump, customers have nowhere to maneuver other than backing out onto South Military Trail. He asked how close is the first pump to the entry point?

Director Ferris explained there is a driveway threshold that must be met. Internal circulation was reviewed by the City's and County's traffic engineers. She recalled the Cumberland Farms receiving variance approval for truck deliveries and stated that staff had reviewed the cueing space and turn radius required.

Mayor Ferreri called for a vote on the motion.

VOTE ON THE MOTION: **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, Councilman Noble, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 4 - 0.

- D. Site Plan Approval (SP-16-02):** Site Plan Approval for the RaceTrac Market located on the northwest corner of Lake Worth Road and Sherwood Forest Boulevard at 6025 Lake Worth Road and Sherwood Plaza; pursuant to Staff Memo and Staff Report – Kara Irwin-Ferris, Planning and Engineering Director.

Senior Planner Leon described the request for site plan approval for a convenience store with fuel sales as previously discussed. The proposal is to redevelop the former pharmacy site by constructing a 5,589 sq. ft. convenience store with 697 sq. ft. of outdoor seating area, 8 fuel pumps with 16 fueling stations and 33 parking spaces including 2 handicapped spaces. The site has two access points from Sherwood Forest Boulevard and Lake Worth Road. The existing 15 ft. landscape buffer and 6 ft. concrete wall will remain. On February 1, 2017, the Planning Commission recommended approval; therefore, staff recommends approval of SP-16-02 with staff's twenty (20) conditions of approval.

Mayor Ferreri called on Councilmembers for comments; hearing none, he called for a motion.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pearce made a motion to approve SP-16-02 (RaceTrac Market at Sherwood Plaza) including staff's twenty (20) conditions of approval. Councilwoman Bousquet seconded the motion.

Discussion on the Motion:

Mayor Ferreri questioned the distance of the driveway to the first pump.

Director Ferris estimated the distance from the property line to the first pump to be approximately 75 feet.

He estimated two (2) vehicles could be under the canopy, one at each pump. He asked the petitioner about painting arrows on the ground for direction.

Kristen Hutton of the Wantman Group, Inc. noted that the traffic study had made a similar recommendation and a dedicated turning lane for the site would capture any anticipated overflow.

Mayor Ferreri called for a vote on the motion.

VOTE ON **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera,
THE MOTION: Councilman Noble, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 4 - 0.

- E. Site Plan Amendment (SP-84-05G):** Site Plan Amendment for Buttonwood Plaza (Dunkin Donuts) located at 3098 S. Jog Road pursuant to Staff Memo and Staff Report. – Kara L. Irwin-Ferris, Planning and Engineering Director.

Senior Planner Osniel Leon described the site plan amendment to remove Condition No. 32 that requires bringing the outside furnishings in when the store is closed. Senior Planner Leon gave the history of approvals for the plaza and noted that Condition No. 32 was raised at a 2006 Planning Commission meeting while reviewing a request for a site plan amendment SP-84-05C. That amendment proposed to add a drive-in fast-food restaurant and free standing retail building to the existing Buttonwood Plaza. Concerns were voiced relating to the adjacent skating rink and the outdoor seating being vandalized and after-hour loitering by patrons of the rink.

The applicant has noted that the seating is made of concrete and secured permanently to the floor and therefore cannot be removed nightly. For this reason, the applicant is seeking the removal of Condition No. 32 to allow the outdoor furnishings to remain. Staff reviewed this request and recommends approval subject to staff's six (6) conditions of approval

Mayor Ferreri called on Councilmembers for comments.

Councilwoman Rivera asked if the umbrellas could be removed.

Planning and Engineering Director Kara L. Irwin-Ferris explained that when the project was originally approved in 2006, the applicant was unsure of the type of seating that would be utilized. They were more concerned about using less sturdier-type furnishings that could be blown away or knocked over. When Dunkin Donuts came and the concrete furnishings were installed, the condition no longer applied. She confirmed that City staff checked with board members for any objections and there were none. Therefore, staff is in agreement with the petitioner's request.

Mayor Ferreri called for a motion.

MOTION: Councilman Noble made a motion to approve SP-84-05G
 (Dunkin Donuts in Buttonwood Plaza) including staff's six

(6) conditions of approval. Councilwoman Rivera on seconded the motion.

VOTE ON **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera,
THE MOTION: Councilman Noble, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 4 - 0.

- F. Resolution No. 2017-08:** A Resolution authorizing the execution of the FY 2016-2017 Interlocal Agreement between Palm Beach County and the City of Greenacres for the full reimbursement of Emergency Medical Services Grant Equipment in the amount of \$21,478.00; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo – Mark Pure, Fire Chief.

Mayor Ferreri read Resolution 2017-08 into record.

Fire Chief Mark Pure provided a brief background on how the State provides funding to counties to improve and expand pre-hospital EMS services. The City is a licensed provider through the County's EMS Advisory Council and Resolution 2017-08 is for full reimbursement in the amount of \$21,478 for the purchase of one (1) Lucas Cardiac Compression device and six (6) King Vision Video Laryngoscopes. The interlocal agreement will remain in effect for 5 years. Chief Pure noted that this amount is not included in the FY 2017 budget and will therefore require a budget adjustment. Staff recommends approval of the interlocal agreement through the adoption of Resolution 2017-08.

Mayor Ferreri called on Councilmembers for comments. He asked if the City currently has similar devices.

Chief Pure explained that these devices will be replacing older equipment.

Mayor called for a motion.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pearce made a motion to approve Resolution 2017-08 as presented. Councilwoman Bousquet seconded the motion.

VOTE ON **In Favor:** Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera,
THE MOTION: Councilman Noble, and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 4 - 0.

8. Comments from the Public.

Resident Estelle Friedman refuted Deputy Mayor Pearce's earlier accusations that she lies and apologized for the misconception in a recent mailing that showed her association with the Greenacres Historical Society implying that the Society was endorsing Joel Flores for Mayor. She clarified that the Society does not endorse any candidate. Mrs. Friedman stated she would not be seeking reappointment to the Planning Commission after 20

years. She did not want to find herself in the position that other long-time serving board members were in last year, when they were recognized for their service, then told the City no longer needed them.

Mrs. Friedman announced that the Greenacres Historical Museum will be hosting six (6) classes for first graders. The museum has a new addition - a Seminole Indian. The museum will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and she welcomed everyone to attend.

Michael Albert, candidate for District 5, announced that during his campaign, he noticed an overall theme that young people do not know how to get involved in local government. When looking at other cities, there are things missing in Greenacres. For example, recordings are available following Council meetings; but, there is no video available. A Facebook page could be created and a camera installed at the rear of the Chambers for streaming on Facebook. He believed it would be a great way to get people involved and a way for citizens to provide feedback.

Benjamin Wade thanked Chief Pure for opening the station to the children and providing recent CPR training on February 11, 2017.

Chuck Shaw-thanked City Clerk Joanna Cunningham and City Attorney James Stokes for their involvement in the Charter Review Committee. Regarding the Resign to Run discussion item on the agenda, he noted that it seems disingenuous that this topic should even be discussed since the law is clear. State law specifies what needs to happen and when the resignation takes place. Council can take no action and he found personal attacks on residents very disheartening. If information is inaccurate, Council should state so. Mr. Shaw believed it was premature to discuss how a Council vacancy is filled since some Councilmembers may no longer be on the Council at that time; therefore this discussion has no purpose.

9. Discussion Items:

A. Resign to Run Vacancy Discussion – James Stokes, City Attorney.

City Attorney James Stokes reported discussing the "Resign to Run" issue with the City Manager when Deputy Mayor Pearce submitted his irrevocable letter of resignation. He stated that the resignation would take effect March 20, 2017, pursuant to State law, based on the results of the election. City Attorney Stokes explained that the purpose of this discussion item was to get Council thinking about appointing a replacement within 30 days as mandated by City Charter. Attorney Stokes noted that there is no [written] process in place and although historically vacancies have been filled and similar steps can be used as a guide to fill the current vacancy, it is not binding. The vacancy can be advertised on the City's website and Council may ask residents to submit resumes; however Council wishes to proceed, as long as the vacancy is filled by April 17, 2017.

Mayor Ferreri confirmed that vacancies had been filled in the past and noted that whoever takes office, Council will announce the vacancy at the next Council meeting and welcome applications, interviews will be conducted, and an appointment made.

Deputy Mayor Pearce noted that the last time this was done was to appoint former

Councilman John Tharp for District I.

10. **Staff Comments:**

A. **City Manager's Report.**

City Website

City Manager Andrea McCue reported that City departments are working diligently on their department web pages. Social media will be included with this launch and staff is reviewing alternative pages that will allow the public to make comments without the typical back and forth social engaging. The launch will take place at a Council meeting in April.

City Logo

City Manager McCue asked Council to consider changing "A good place to live" to, "A great place to live". With the purchase of new marquee signs and a new City website, she believed a change was timely and appropriate. This item will be discussed further at the March 20, 2017 City Council Meeting.

Rambo Park Community Meeting - Update

City Manager McCue announced that at the March 20, 2017 City Council meeting, Public Works Director Carlos Cedeno will provide Council with an update to the improvements made resulting from the community meeting.

City Park Amenities Analysis

Staff is currently coordinating efforts to conduct an analysis of City park amenities.

Upcoming City Events

- "Salute to Spring" Concerts, March 10th and 11th at Community Park.
- "Coffee with a Deputy", March 17th at El Bodegon Supermarket from 10 am – 12 pm.
- Eggstravaganza on April 15th at Community Park.

City Manager McCue congratulated Kara L. Irwin-Ferris on her promotion to Planning and Engineering Director and noted that the City's management team is now complete.

B. **City Attorney's Report.** None.

11. **Mayor and City Council Reports.**

Councilwoman Rivera

Councilwoman Rivera gave accolades to Public Works Director Carlos Cedeno for the appearance of Lake Worth Road. She thanked PBSO Capt. Sean Murray for the ride-along.

She requested another email be sent out by the City Manager polling Councilmembers for their comments or revisions for the Charter Review Committee. Councilwoman Rivera asked that the City Manager, Capt. Murray and Building Director Michael Grimm look into the Office Depot shopping plaza and mobile vendor licenses.

Councilman Noble

Councilman Noble introduced Christine Hooker as a possible applicant for the District 4 Council Seat, noting that her background is in planning and the legal profession.

Councilman Noble suggested dedicating and renaming Freedom Park to "Sam Ferreri Freedom Park of Greenacres" in honor and recognition of his many years of service to the City and his direct involvement in the creation of the park. Councilwoman Bousquet agreed.

Deputy Mayor Pearce

Deputy Mayor Pearce recognized the importance of the Charter Review Committee and believed Council should keep its distance. He thanked Mayor Ferreri for his 33 years of exemplary service and wished him the best in his future endeavors.

Mayor Ferreri

Mayor Ferreri said he was very honored that Council would consider renaming a park in his honor. He will soon be sitting on the other side. He thanked staff and the citizens of Greenacres and said it has been a pleasure serving all of you. It was now time to spend more time with his wife.

12. Adjournment.

Mayor Ferreri adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL

for Joel Flores
Samuel J. Ferreri
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Cunningham, MMC
City Clerk

Date Approved: 4/3/17

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