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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Date: 3-6-17

Motion By: Ruiera Seconded By: Noble

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

**CITY OF GREENACRES
5800 Melaleuca Lane
Greenacres, FL 33463**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, February 6, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.**

1. Call To Order and Roll Call.

Mayor Ferreri called the City Council Meeting of Monday, February 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
Judith Dugo, Councilwoman
Paula Bousquet, Councilwoman

Attendees from Public: 12
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
Kara Ferris, Acting Director/Planning & Engineering
Mark Pure, Fire Chief/Fire Rescue Department
Suzanne Skidmore, Director/Human Resources
Michele Thompson, Director/Leisure Services
Carlos Cedeño, Director/Public Works
Melody Larson, Assistant to the City Clerk
Capt. Sean Murray/PBSO
Maj. Ron Mattiano/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 asked if there were comments from the public; 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: Councilwoman Rivera made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Councilwoman Dugo seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

5. Special Business.

A. Proclamation: “Hands Only CPR Day” for February 11, 2017 - Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor.

City Clerk Joanna Cunningham read the proclamation into the record.

MOTION: Councilwoman Dugo a made a motion to proclaim February 11, 2017 as “Hands Only CPR Day”. Councilwoman Bousquet seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

B. Proclamation: “Random Acts of Kindness Week” for February 12-18, 2017 – Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor.

City Clerk Joanna Cunningham read the proclamation into the record.

MOTION: Councilwoman Bousquet a made a motion to proclaim the week of February 12-18, 2017 as “Random Acts of Kindness Week”. Councilwoman Dugo seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

- C. **Proclamation:** “Pink Shirt Day” for February 22, 2017 – Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor.

City Clerk Joanna Cunningham read the proclamation into the record.

MOTION: Councilwoman Rivera made a motion to proclaim February 22, 2017 as “Pink Shirt Day”. Councilman Noble seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

6. **Consent Agenda.**

- A. Mayor Ferreri asked Council if they wished to pull any of the six (6) Consent Agenda items; hearing none, he called for a motion.

1. **Official Minutes:** City Council Meeting of January 23, 2017 –Joanna Cunningham, City Clerk.
2. **Resolution No. 2017-09** - A Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Greenacres, Florida, authorizing the Traffic Control Jurisdiction Agreement, Exhibit “A”, between the City of Greenacres – Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office (PBSO) District 16, and the Harvest Pines Homeowners Association, located on the south side of Melaleuca Lane approximately 1,350 feet east of Sherwood Forest Boulevard; and authorizing the appropriate City officials to execute the Traffic Control Jurisdiction Agreement; pursuant to Staff Memo – Kara Irwin-Ferris, Acting Planning and Engineering Director.
3. **Las Ramblas Plat Approval (SP-15-03)** –Plat approval for the Las Ramblas development located approximately 630 feet west of South Jog Road adjacent to Ramblewood Court; pursuant to Staff Memo. Kara Irwin-Ferris, Acting Planning and Engineering Director.
4. **Santa Catalina Plat Approval (SP-15-04)** –Plat approval for the Santa Catalina development located on the northwest corner of South Jog Road and Jog Park Drive at 3145, 3197, and 3229 South Jog Road; pursuant to Staff Memo - Kara Irwin-Ferris, Acting Planning and Engineering Director.
5. **Board Appointments-** Charter Review Committee Appointments by Councilwoman Paula Bousquet and Mayor Samuel Ferreri. pursuant to Staff Memo – Andrea McCue, City Manager.

6. **Request for Use - "Harmony in the Streets"** – Granting PBSO the use of the Leisure Services Bus for "Harmony in the Streets"; pursuant to Staff Memo – Michelle Thompson, Leisure Services Director.

MOTION: Councilwoman Bousquet made a motion to approve the six (6) Consent Agenda items. Councilwoman Dugo seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

7. **Regular Agenda:**

- A. **PUBLIC HEARING** **Ordinance No.2017-01:** Second Reading; Amending Chapter 14, Traffic and Vehicles, Article I entitled "In General" and Article II entitled "Stopping, Standing, Parking" and repeal of Article III of the City of Greenacres Code of Ordinances providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in Code; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo – Michael Grimm, Building Director.

City Clerk Joanna Cunningham read Ordinance No. 2017-01 into the record on second reading.

Building Director Michael Grimm reported that this code amendment regulates the parking and storage of vehicles and vessels for the purpose of preserving the aesthetics and character of the City. This amendment was required due to the recent PBSO merger and the implementation of a new citation system. This Ordinance passed on first reading on January 23, 2017 with no recommended changes; therefore, staff recommended approval of Ordinance No. 2017-01.

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 No. 2017-01 to come forward. Seeing no one come forward, he closed the meeting to the public and called for a motion.

MOTION: Councilman Noble made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2017-01 on second reading. Councilwoman Rivera seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

- B. **Ordinance No. 2017-06: First Reading:** Amending Article II, Sec. 2-26 and Sec. 2-27, of the Greenacres Code of Ordinances, increasing the compensation of the Mayor and members of the City Council; providing for a cost of living; providing for certain benefits; providing for a repealer; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo – James D. Stokes. City Attorney.

City Clerk Joanna Cunningham read Ordinance No. 2017-06 into the record on first reading.

On January 23, 2017, based on Council direction, City Attorney James Stokes presented a salary comparison for Mayor and Council salaries of surrounding municipalities in Palm Beach County that showed Greenacres as one of the lowest paid. Ordinance No. 2017-06 combines salaries and expenses. Section 2-27 provides health insurance benefits and a health insurance opt out provision. City Attorney Stokes noted that a budget adjustment to the 2017 budget would be required.

Mayor Ferreri questioned the cost of the budget adjustment and noted that the Charter states Council cannot receive a salary increase until the next election cycle.

City Attorney Stokes estimated that an initial increase of \$32,000 would be added to the 2017 budget for the remaining 6 months of FY 2017. He disagreed with the Mayor's interpretation of the Charter; no individual member can enact any changes. His personal interpretation is that the increase cannot take effect during the term of the members passing the increase. He stated it would be inequitable to provide half of Council \$20,000 and the other half \$6,000. He explained that Ordinance No. 2017-06 provides the increase for Mayor and Council after the next municipal election and is in line with how the increase was budgeted.

Councilmembers discussed compensating elected officials; being civil servants; prior elections; attracting quality elected officials by offering competitive salaries; the responsibilities of elected officials; historically Councilmembers having to wait until their next election to receive salary increases; serving the community; elected officials doing this job to make a difference for the City and their respective districts; the time spent is tremendous; volunteerism, and those elected officials who do not feel a need for an increase do not have to receive one.

Mayor Ferreri called for a motion.

MOTION: Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to approve Ordinance 2017-06 on first reading as presented by staff. Councilman Noble seconded the motion.

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

Motion failed: 3- 2.

C. Presentation on Building Height and Sign Code Changes – Kara Irwin Ferris, Acting Planning and Engineering Director

Acting Planning and Engineering Director Kara Ferris noted that the proposed zoning text amendments resulted from Council direction during the October 24, 2016 City Council Workshop.

Sign Code Amendment (ZTA-16-04)

Acting Planning and Engineering Director Ferris noted that this amendment would be addressing LED changeable copy signs and wall signs. LED changeable copy signs are being proposed for government use only, for public purposes only and allowing only non-commercial messages. Exceptions include time/temperature signs, gas station price signs and ground signs for government use in Government Use (GU) zoning districts. Increased logo areas, multiple colors and trademark designs are also being proposed.

Identification sign height limitations and permitted zoning districts:

- Time and temperature signs: Not to exceed 2 feet in height, permitted at banks and financial institutions with drive-thru's. and are permitted in Commercial General (CG) and Commercial Intensive (CI) districts.
- Gas station signs: Not to exceed 12 feet in height in CG and CI districts.

New language is being added to Sec. 16-985 Identification Signs to include multiple colors, fonts and logos as part of a theme while maintaining architectural consistency.

Proposed language increasing the logo area from 25% to 50% for building wall signs is being added with logos not to exceed the total height of the sign and shall meet distance requirements from the premise area.

These proposed changes are to meet the current standards of technology and provide branding and public messaging.

This code amendment is scheduled for review by the Planning Commission on February 15, 2017.

Mayor Ferreri called on Councilmembers for comments.

Councilwoman Dugo questioned signs for churches and Councilwoman Rivera asked about the status of the electronic marquis.

City Manager Andrea McCue reported that a bid for the electronic marquis will be prepared following adoption of these proposed zoning text amendments.

Mayor Ferreri suggested adding language prohibiting sponsorship language on LED electronic copy signs to prevent free advertising.

Increased Building Height Regulations (ZTA-16-05)

Acting Planning and Engineering Director Ferris noted the current maximum building height of 35 feet in all zoning districts. This amendment resulted from several lost opportunities for development due to current Code restrictions. Increased building heights impact fire rescue demands, adjacent residential structures, Floor Area Ratio in the City's Comprehensive Plan and new development next to existing neighborhoods. Staff looked at placing increased height requirements in the Lake Worth Road Corridor in CG and CI zoning districts and along South Jog Road in the Mixed-Use-Office (MXD-O) zoning district.

Past discussions included increasing the maximum building height to six (6) stories together with design considerations, creating categories, terracing or step back techniques, scale, creating a new zoning category, overlay zoning category or modifying existing zoning districts.

Staff proposes creating an overlay district specifically for Residential High (RH), Commercial Intensive (CI) and Mixed Use Development-Office (MXD-O) zoning districts with a maximum 6-story height restriction for specific uses with setbacks, terracing and increased landscape buffers.

This zoning text amendment is scheduled for review by the Planning Commission in March 2017.

Mayor Ferreri called on Councilmembers for comments.

The Mayor and Councilmembers discussed elevators; open parking garages, fire lanes, establishing a maximum height (not just number of stories), use test sites checking setbacks, shade/shadow, place 6-story building along Lake Worth Road and South Military Trail and the 5-story buildings along South Jog Road to maintain character; the intent is to increase economic development while protecting residential properties; the City landscaping codes being uninviting to certain developers; balancing higher development with adjacent residential properties; a City department attracting new business; look at purchasing a large tract of land next to Freedom Park for national volleyball courts.

8. **Comments from the Public.** None.

9. **Discussion Items:**

A. Rambo Park Community Meeting Update – Carlos Cedeño, Public Works Director.

Public Works Director Carlos Cedeño reported 22 residents in attendance at the Community Meeting held on January 25, 2017 at Rambo Park. Topics ranged from additional lighting in the park, court usage, trimming back trees, fencing, criminal activities and expanding the parking lot. He reported meeting with a lighting consultant to improve safety and a purchase order has been prepared to raise the electrical box in the northeast corner of the fence to prevent liability.

Rambo Park is a heavily used park. Many residents agreed that the parking lot expansion is needed. One option is to install slanted parking. Public Works Director Cedeño noted that with Council approval, staff could proceed with hiring an engineering consultant to reconfigure/expand the parking lots at Rambo Park and the former City Hall building. Overall, residents liked attending and wanted to see more community meetings held quarterly or bi-annually.

Councilmembers commented on basketball pick-up games played on Monday nights; the tennis courts being used as a soccer field; inviting Benjamin Wade to a future Council meeting to discuss proposed improvements, non-residents using City courts, consider repairing the tennis courts or convert the tennis courts into a soccer field, PBSO must remedy criminal activity prior to making any improvements visit neighboring communities next to other City parks to get resident feedback, liability, all City parks should be reviewed for restructuring not just parks in one district, lighting timers past 10:00 p.m., Pine Ridge South III residents seeing kids jump the wall to the park; municipalities eliminating tennis courts at smaller parks and building tennis centers, deciding on improvements at Rambo Park and holding a Council workshop to look at other City parks; have staff do further research on other City park assets, basketball being a big parking generator; move basketball playing to other parks with supervision; the two biggest basketball playing parks are Burrowing Owl and Rambo Park; converting shuffleboard courts to basketball courts.

Public Works Director Cedeño explained that it is an ongoing battle to maintain the tennis poles. Community interest has changed from tennis to soccer. In order to convert the tennis courts to a soccer field, a rubber surface and additional fencing would be needed. It would be a capital improvement undertaking and would require further research. As for reports of criminal activities, residents are encouraged to call if they see something.

Ola Sierra, resident of 38th Street, commented that the tennis courts were not being used and that soccer was played more frequently. She disagreed with Deputy Mayor Pearce's earlier comments about tennis and pointed out that basketball and soccer are more prevalent.

Deputy Mayor Pearce noted that the residents who live along 57th Avenue were concerned over the frequent break-ins as recorded by home security systems. Now with soccer and basketball being played at Rambo Park, it increased their level of concern.

Ms. Sierra [inaudible].

Deputy Mayor Pearce pointed out that two years earlier, the issue wasn't insufficient parking, it was loitering after the park was closed and drug activities.

Councilwoman Bousquet asked PBSO Capt. Sean Murray if Rambo Park suffers a disproportionate level of crime than other parks.

Capt. Murray reported that drug activity levels were even throughout the City. Activity at Rambo Park consists mainly of juvenile activities. He urged residents that see something, to say something.

Mayor Ferreri emphasized the need to look at other basketball facilities in the City and direct the players to those locations. This would eliminate the need to add more parking at Rambo Park. He urged staff to check the surveillance cameras.

Discussion among the Mayor, Councilmembers and staff followed on the various City parks that provide basketball courts and soccer fields; confirm if the tennis courts at Rambo Park were built with FRDAP grant funds and if so, notify the state of the City's proposed intent to convert it to a soccer field; calculate the size of soccer fields and consider indoor soccer; determine the exact use of Rambo Park.

Mayor Ferreri directed staff to survey other City parks with basketball courts that provide sufficient parking and review their utilization. If space is available, move basketball traffic to those parks. Look at availability on Monday nights at those parks.

City Manager Andrea McCue noted that staff would assess park usage and provide a recommendation to Council.

B. Board Appointment- Board of Trustees Member – Andrea McCue, City Manager.

City Manager McCue reminded Mayor and Council that a memorandum would be forthcoming announcing an open nomination period to fill a PSO/FF Board of Trustees vacancy. She emphasized that a City employee who is a resident could be appointed to the board. The next meeting is scheduled for March 6th.

C. Interlocal Agreement for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services between the City of Greenacres and the City of Atlantis – Andrea McCue, City Manager.

City Manager McCue reported that Deputy Mayor Pearce had requested a review of the Greenacres/Atlantis Interlocal agreement for fire protection and EMS services to determine Atlantis' responsibilities. She noted on Page 3, Section 4B, Greenacres will provide training, equipment, and personnel and on Page 5 are the terms and associated costs; however, other than the items listed, the agreement does not state that Atlantis will provide anything additional.

Deputy Mayor Pearce was concerned that there was no provision to cover the cost of a ladder truck and asked if any of the monies received from Atlantis were being set aside for future purchases. He wanted to ensure that upon renewing the Interlocal agreement with Atlantis in 2020, the cost of equipment would be added.

Mayor Ferreri noted that due to Atlantis' tax base, they chose to contract with the City since their only other option was to contract with the County. He cautioned against increasing the cost of the contract considerably otherwise Greenacres residents would end up paying the difference. He estimated that the cost to run Station 2 is approximately the same, with or without the Interlocal agreement.

10. Staff Comments:

A. City Manager's Report

CPR Training

City Manager McCue announced that in conjunction with the countywide CPR day, CPR training will be provided at Station 94 on South Jog Road, Saturday, February 11th between 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. and is open to the public.

Automated External Defibrillator (A.E.D.)

AED devices are being installed through City Hall and City buildings and employee training will be provided.

B. City Attorney's Report. None.

11. Mayor and City Council Reports.

Councilwoman Rivera

She asked Mr. Cedeño about the rubberized surface area for the playground that was discussed during the Community Meeting at Rambo Park. He explained that it is scheduled in future years and is part of the City's maintenance program at all City parks.


Councilwoman Dugo

She asked staff to provide an account of frequency and income for court rentals.

12. Adjournment.


Councilwoman Bousquet moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilwoman Dugo. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL



Samuel J. Ferreri
Mayor

Respectfully submitted,



Joanna Cunningham, MMC
City Clerk

Date Approved: 3-6-2017

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