



OFFICIAL MINUTES

CITY OF GREENACRES
5800 Melaleuca Lane
Greenacres, FL 33463

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 17, 2015– 7:00 PM

1. Call To Order and Roll Call.

Mayor Ferreri called the City Council Meeting of Monday, August 17, 2015 to order at 7:00 p.m. Denise McGrew, City Clerk/Administrative Services Director, called the roll.

ROLL CALL:

Council Present:

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

Staff Present:

Wadie Atallah, City Manager
James D. Stokes, City Attorney
Thomas Lanahan, Asst. City Manager/P&E Director
Denise McGrew, City Clerk/Admin. Services Director
Michael Grimm, Director/Building
Thomas Hughes, Director/Finance
Mike Porath, Director/Public Safety
Michele Thompson, Director/Leisure Services
Carlos Cedeño, Director/Public Works
Melody Larson, Assistant to the City Clerk

Attendees from Public: 23
Press: 2

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.

Councilwoman Rivera requested that civility be included in this Agenda as Item 9.B.

Mayor Ferreri called for a vote on the Agenda as amended.

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

Motion carried: 4 - 0.

5. **Special Business.** None.

6. **Consent Agenda.**

A. Mayor Ferreri asked Council if they wished to pull the six (6) Consent Agenda item. Councilwoman Rivera requested pulling Item A.2. Mayor Ferreri requested pulling Items 5 and 6 for presentation. He then called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.

1. **Resolution No. 2015-30:** Authorizing the execution of an Interlocal Agreement for Information Technology Network Services and relocation of the Palm Beach County fiber optic lines from the Leisure Services building to Community Center by and between Palm Beach County and the City of Greenacres, replacing the existing Interlocal Palm Beach County Agreement R2014-1509 dated 10/7/2014 as authorized by Resolution 2014-23 and authorizing the appropriate City Officials to execute the agreement; pursuant to Staff Memo – Thomas Hughes, Finance Director.
3. **Resolution No. 2015-29:** Abandoning and vacating a portion of a drainage easement located within Parcel B on the Plat of Buttonwood Plaza, as recorded in Plat Book 52, Pages 29 and 30 of the official records of Palm Beach County, Florida, as requested by Jay Geiserman, agent for the owner, Buttonwood Plaza, Ltd.; providing for repeal of conflicting resolutions; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo and Exhibit "A" - Thomas J. Lanahan, Assistant City Manager/Planning & Engineering Director.
4. **Replat of Buttonwood Plaza (SP-84-05C):** Authorizing the replat of Buttonwood Plaza to create two outparcels in the plaza located on the southeast corner of Tenth Avenue North and South Jog Road; pursuant to Staff Memo and Plat - Thomas J. Lanahan, Assistant City Manager/Planning & Engineering Director.

MOTION: Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 3 and 4, pulling Items 2, 5 and 6 as requested. 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.

2. **Resolution No. 2015-31:** Satisfying certain liens imposed against residential property, pursuant to Section 15-32, City of Greenacres Code; pursuant to Staff Memo – Thomas Hughes, Finance Director.

Councilwoman Rivera asked if the fines in this Resolution are original fines or ones that had been modified.

Finance Director Tom Hughes stated they are original liens, noting that modification is seldom done. He further explained they are the original lien amount in addition to penalties and/or late fees.

Mayor Ferreri called for a motion.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pearce made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item A.2. 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.

5. **Proclamation:** “Hunger Action Month” for September 2015 – Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor.

Mayor Ferreri thanked Feeding South Florida, for inviting him to participate with Rep. Lori Berman of District 90, at a recent event held by the Children Services Council (CSC) in Boynton Beach. Many churches were contacted to pick up food for their parishioners. He noted that it was a very rewarding and humbling experience to help those in need.

Mayor Ferreri called for a motion.

MOTION: Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to approve the proclamation for “Hunger Action Month”. 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.

6. **Proclamation:** “Firefighter Appreciation Month” for September 2015 – Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor.

Mayor Ferreri called for a motion to approve the proclamation for “Firefighter Appreciation Month” for September 2015.

MOTION: Councilwoman Bousquet made a motion to approve the proclamation for “Firefighter Appreciation Month”. 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.

Firefighter and Union Rep Phil Konz accepted the proclamation on behalf of Greenacres Fire Rescue and the Local IAFF 2928. A representative of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and the Muscular Dystrophy Association Coordinator for the Local IAFF 2928, was appreciative of the City’s efforts as well as of those firefighters nationwide that boost awareness and help families like the Kirby’s battle this debilitating disease. Nadine Kirby thanked the City and Greenacres Fire Rescue for their continued support in helping her family.

Mayor Ferreri reminded everyone that due to the passing of panhandling laws, firefighters will be collecting donations at Publix stores county-wide.

7. **Regular Agenda:**

- A. **Ordinance No. 2015-15:** First Reading; Changing the date of the March 2016 General Election to coincide with the statewide Presidential Preference Primary; providing for a qualifying and filing period; providing for the City Clerk to provide a copy of this Ordinance to the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo – Denise McGrew, City Clerk/Administrative Services Director.

Denise McGrew, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 2015-15 into the record on first reading. She reminded Councilmembers that in March of 2015 they were informed of upcoming changes in the 2016 Municipal Election process. Following the signing of the bill by Governor Rick Scott designating March 15, 2016 as the Presidential Preference Primary (PPP), the PBC Supervisor of Election Susan Bucher requested that all municipalities change their qualifying periods and their election date to March 15, 2016 to coincide with

the PPP. Mrs. McGrew pointed out that the change would save the City in election costs and that Chapter 101.75, F.S. allows for such a change; therefore, staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 2015-15.

Mayor Ferreri called on Councilmembers for comments.

Deputy Mayor Pearce asked why Council was just now learning about this issue at the 11th hour. He wanted the Supervisor of Elections (SOE) to personally explain the changes to Councilmembers.

Mrs. McGrew reminded Councilmembers it had not only been in the local news, but that they were also notified in March 2015 and were provided a copy of a memorandum from the attorney for the PBC League of Cities explaining the changes.

Deputy Mayor Pearce asked if the City had any other options. He asked if it would be possible to hold the City Election in April 2016.

Mrs. McGrew explained the only other option would be to hold the City election on March 8, 2016, cover the customary elections costs of pollworker salaries and training, but also pay for the use of voting equipment not provided by the SOE. She emphasized that was the reason why the SOE had requested that all 38 cities change their election dates.

Discussion followed on holding a stand-alone election, the Town of Palm Beach elections, tacking onto the state and county elections, redistricting, moving qualifying to October, Districts 2, 3 and 4 up for elections, expecting a higher voter turnout due to the Primary, requirements to accommodate absentee ballots, early voting locations, and schools being closed on election day.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pearce made a motion to table Ordinance No. 2015-15. Councilwoman Rivera seconded the motion.

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

Motion failed: 2 - 3.

Councilwoman Rivera wanted to hear other options.

Mayor Ferreri stated that at the Florida League of Cities, the majority of municipalities were in favor of the proposed change due to the cost and creating less confusion, with the exception of the Town of Palm Beach that traditionally hold theirs elections in February.

MOTION: Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2015-15 on first reading. Councilwoman Bousquet seconded the motion.

Discussion on the Motion:

Deputy Mayor Pearce asked the City Clerk to contact the Supervisor of Elections to attend the next City Council Meeting.

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

Motion passed: 5 - 0.

- B. **Ordinance No. 2015-22:** First Reading; Amending Chapter 7, Sections 7-1 and 7-3 of the City of Greenacres Code, as it pertains to emergency medical service transport rates; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in code; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo – Thomas Hughes, Finance Director.

Denise McGrew, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 2015-22 into the record on first reading.

Thomas Hughes, Finance Director, reported that at the July 6, 2015 City Council Meeting and Budget Workshop, Council instructed staff to increase EMS transport rates to match those of Palm Beach County Fire Rescue. On August 10, 2015, staff was directed to implement Ordinance No. 2015-22 amending Chapter 7 of the City Code. This Ordinance will ensure transport rates mirror County rates effective October 20, 2015, with subsequent rate increases through January 1, 2018. The estimated annual increase in revenue is \$95,000. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 2015-22 on first reading.

Mayor Ferreri called on Councilmembers for comments.

Councilwoman Dugo asked if there were additional providers available other than Medicare, Medicaid and Champus.

Mr. Hughes replied, "Yes".

Councilwoman Rivera asked what happens after FY 2018?

Mr. Hughes explained that similar to County methodology, another ordinance would be required for the next 5-year timeframe.

Mayor Ferreri asked if the anticipated \$95,000 in additional revenue is based solely on the difference of the increase.

Mr. Hughes confirmed that it was; however, there were many variables and unknowns to consider such as the amounts collected, the ceilings, and new insurance companies. The estimated revenues are based on a 12-month history. During the analysis, it was learned that Medicaid pays first, and Medicare is secondary.

Mayor Ferreri advised Council that Greenacres has had a very high collection rate. He advised Council that when rates go above the amount insurers are willing to pay, this will affect collection efforts. The City wants to provide a service, not make residents afraid to call 9-1-1.

MOTION: Councilwoman Rivera made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2015-22 on first reading. Councilwoman Dugo seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried: 3 - 1.

- C. **Ordinance No. 2015-09:** First Reading; Amending the future land use map of the future land use element of the City's Comprehensive Plan, to change the future land use designation of two parcels of land totaling approximately 1.443 acres, located approximately 350 feet east of the E-3 canal along the north side of Lake Worth Road, from Residential-Low Density (RS-LD) to Commercial (CM), as requested by the petitioner, Urban Design Kilday Studios, agent for the owner, Vistalmar Investments, LLC; 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 – Thomas J. Lanahan, Assistant City Manager/Planning & Engineering Director.

Denise McGrew, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 2015-09 into the record on first reading.

Thomas J. Lanahan, Assistant City Manager/Planning & Engineering Director, described the small-scale land use amendment of two (2) parcels of land located behind commercial properties on Lake Worth Road. There are additional petitions in conjunction with this item scheduled for September 3, 2015, which cover different pieces of the assembled site. Mr. Lanahan noted that this request is to change the future land use designation from Residential-Low Density (RS-LD) to Commercial (CM). He stated the proposal meets concurrency, Palm Beach County traffic standards have been met, it is consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan, and is compatible with the surrounding properties. The Planning Commission recommended approval on August 5, 2015; therefore, staff recommends approval of CPA-15-04 through the adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-09.

Mayor Ferreri called on Councilmembers for comments. He asked Mr. Lanahan to provide the newer Councilmembers with a brief history on the Lake Worth Road Urban Corridor and its purpose.

Mr. Lanahan described the public hearing process to increase the commercial depth on the north and south sides of Lake Worth Road and the intent of the district to encourage and promote commercial development.

Mayor Ferreri noted that many business owners along the east side of Swain Boulevard are struggling and complain about having insufficient parking and want to use City drainage easements for parking with no landscaping. By rezoning the area, the City created commercial potential.

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pearce made a motion to approve Ordinance NO. 2015-09 on first reading. 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.

- D. **Ordinance No. 2015-10:** First Reading; Approving the application for a zoning change for five parcels of land totaling approximately 2.799 acres, located approximately 350 feet east of the E-3 canal along the north side of Lake Worth Road, from Residential Low-3 (RL) to Commercial Intensive (CI), and for one parcel of land totaling approximately 1.741 acres, located at 5385 Lake Worth Road, from Commercial General (CG) to Commercial Intensive (CI), as requested by the petitioner, Urban Design Kilday Studios, agent for the owners, Vistalmar Investments, LLC and Professional Golf Car Corporation of Florida; providing for changes to the official zoning map; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo and Staff Report – Thomas J. Lanahan, Assistant City Manager/Planning & Engineering Director.

Denise McGrew, City Clerk, read Ordinance No. 2015-10 into the record on first reading.

Thomas J. Lanahan, Assistant City Manager/Planning & Engineering Director, described the companion rezoning item to the small-scale future land use amendment just approved. This proposal consists of rezoning 5 parcels of land to be consistent throughout the site. Mr. Lanahan noted that Parcel 4 is currently zoned Commercial Intensive (CI) following a rental soccer owner receiving previous approval. The proposed zoning designation is consistent with the surrounding properties and the proposal meets the ten (10) zoning change criteria. The concept plan shows two (2) access points from Lake Worth Road with the main building in the center of the site. The existing buildings would be demolished to allow for the construction of a 46,764 sq. ft. car dealership. Mr. Lanahan reported that the proposal also complies with the Overlay District requirements and places commercial activity and access along Lake Worth

Road. The Planning Commission recommended approval on August 5, 2015; therefore, staff recommends approval of ZC-15-04 through the adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-10.

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

MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pearce made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2015-10 on first 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.

- E. **Award of Bid No. 15-002:** Award of Bid No. 15-002 to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Sisca Construction Services, LLC, for the base bid mount of \$2,499,900.00, Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$222,250.00 and Alternate No. 2 in the amount of \$13,825.00, with a contract completion time of 275 calendar days; pursuant to Staff Memo and Bid Tabulation – Thomas J. Lanahan, Assistant City Manager/Planning & Engineering Director.

Thomas J. Lanahan, Assistant City Manager/Planning & Engineering Director, reported that a Capital Improvement Plan project was established in FY 2014 for the design of the Community Center Expansion and construction was included in the FY 2015 Budget. The program schematic design was presented to Council at the September and November 2014 Council meetings, and February and June 2015 Council meetings. The bid was advertised on June 28, 2015, and the bid opening was held on July 29, 2015. Seven (7) bids were received with the lowest bidder being Sisca. The Base Bid and Alternate 1 included repainting the exterior of the existing building and the 16-year old metal roof. Alternate 2 provides rehabilitation of the 16-year old restrooms. The total bid and Alternates 1 and 2 is \$2,735,975 to be completed in 275 days. On July 6, 2015, Council directed the transfer of the Budget Stabilization Reserve to the project enabling \$3,478,176 to be made available for this project. Additional items covered are furniture, security cameras, and other items. Staff recommends approval of the award of Bid 15-002 to Sisca Construction Services, LLC in the amount of \$2,499,900.00, Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$222,250.00 and Alternate No. 2 in the amount of \$13,825.00.

Mayor Ferreri called on Councilmembers for comments.

Deputy Mayor Pearce stated there was an estimated savings of \$500,000, since the project was estimated at \$3,250,000.

Mr. Lanahan clarified that the project was estimated at \$3 million, or \$2.7 million. The \$250,000 covers furniture and ancillary items.

Deputy Mayor Pearce suggested that Council discuss this project further at the August 18, 2015 Budget Workshop since they now had a better idea of the costs involved.

Mr. Lanahan pointed out that the bid is valid for 30 or 60 days. He cautioned Council that they ensure all the items are covered and ensure that contingency is appropriated.

Discussion followed about a 20% contingency amount be set aside; postponing this item until the FY 2016 Budget is established since fire rescue needs, staffing, and PBSO were still in question; provide a list of all ancillary costs; changes in the Building Code and permit deadlines, and caution of expending funds that could be in jeopardy.

Mayor Ferreri recommended moving forward with the bid award and discussing the funding details at the August 18, 2015 Budget Workshop to avoid jeopardizing the contract. He cautioned that delays could affect the use of the building for next summer.

1st
MOTION: Councilman Noble made a motion to award Bid 15-002 to Sisca Construction Services, LLC in the amount of \$2,499,900.00, including Alternate No. 1 in the amount of \$222,250.00 and Alternate No. 2 in the amount of \$13,825.00. Councilwoman Bousquet seconded the motion.

Discussion on motion:

Concerns over the ability to move funds, having sufficient funding in FY 2015, the 303 Fund, fund balance access, and holding another budget workshop on August 24, 2015.

VOTE ON In Favor: Councilman Noble and Councilwoman
THE 1st MOTION: Bousquet.
Opposed: Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman Rivera, and Councilwoman Dugo.

Motion failed: 2 - 3.

2nd
MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pearce made a motion to postpone this item to the September 3, 2015 City Council Meeting and FY 2016 Budget Hearing. Councilwoman Rivera seconded the motion.

VOTE ON In Favor: Deputy Mayor Pearce, Councilwoman
THE 2nd MOTION: Rivera, and Councilwoman Dugo.
Opposed: Councilman Noble and Councilwoman Bousquet.

Motion carried: 3 - 2.

F.

Council Policy No. 19: City Attorney Responsibilities; pursuant to Staff Memo – Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor.

1st MOTION: Councilwoman Rivera made a motion to postpone this item to the September 16, 2015 City Council Meeting and to also add Council Policy No. 7 to the Agenda. (No one seconded the motion).

Motion died.

Deputy Mayor Pearce suggested voting on abolishing Council Policy No. 19, since the intent is to delete the two (2) sentences dealing with the City Manager directing the City Attorney on matters.

Mayor Ferreri disagreed stating that the policy states that the City Manager will direct workflow to the City Attorney, and after consulting with the City Attorney, he confirmed that is how it is customarily done. He believed it was simple semantics.

Councilman Noble did not understand the need to make changes to policies that have been in place for decades. He wants to see the delete and strike-through revisions to all policies before considering abolishing any policies.

MOTION: Councilwoman Rivera made a motion to table this item to the September 16, 2015 City Council Meeting and to also add Council Policy No. 7. 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.

Mayor Ferreri suggested adding items for revisions as Discussion Items.

Councilwoman Dugo suggested providing the existing policy with the proposed changes.

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

9. **Discussion Item:**

A. Jog Road Median Landscaping

Mr. Lanahan reported that the efforts to rejuvenate medians along South Jog Road from Summit Boulevard to the L-14 Canal have resulted in choosing a test median. Since then, two things have changed: 1) the City was informed by the County that they will now consider the use of artificial turf in medians; 2) Staff will provide a 4th alternative.

		Cost for Test Median	Total Cost for 26 Medians on S. Jog Road
1	Replace shrubs & groundcover. In lieu of sod, using a stamped concrete border.	\$25,340	\$666,103
2	Replace shrubs, groundcover & sod and installing automatic irrigation system with 5-6 well locations.	\$35,279	\$587,723
3	Removal of some or all existing sod and shrubs and installing trees and artificial turf.	\$30,608	\$738,100
4	Replace shrubs, groundcover & sod without irrigation. This option would require the City to be more proactive with additional personnel.	\$12,279	\$322,723

Mr. Lanahan suggested conducting a test median to gauge the results with Options 1 or 3. Options 2 or 3, could be done in phases. He requested Council direction to add the cost in the CIP for FY 2016.

Councilman Noble voiced his concern over spending \$700,000 on City medians. He asked if Option 4 consisted of hiring a contractor or would it be done by City personnel. He asked if the City could install the test material to save money.

Mr. Lanahan confirmed the costs provided were by hired contractors, since the plant/irrigation installation would be beyond staff capabilities. As for the test median, City staff could install the plantings, but not the artificial turf or the concrete border.

Councilman Noble believed this expenditure was too high for the City to undertake and should be cut down into something City staff could manage.

Mayor Ferreri clarified that his original intention was not to complete this project in one year, but rather budget \$125,000/year and complete the project over a several year period. He asked what would be done with the water in Option 1 since South Jog Road already holds water and with artificial turf and concrete borders all the other ones are pervious, forcing water into the traffic lanes. The drainage needed to be researched.

Councilwoman Rivera agreed with Councilman Noble that this project was very costly and that there are other priorities.

Councilwoman Dugo suggested landscaping one (1) test median with landscaping materials only, with no irrigation, and that City personnel could install them. Following approval of the FY 2016 Budget, she believed additional staff would be available. She noted that the artificial turf vendor was present and was

offering to install turf at a test median at no charge. She was in favor of a slow plan to improve all City medians.

Mr. Lanahan pointed out that the vendor was offering to create a 15 ft. x 15 ft. section of artificial turn on a median at Dodd Road.

Deputy Mayor Pearce agreed testing one median using a contractor for installation. He asked if any of this work would prompt County approval.

Mr. Lanahan clarified that the landscape architect does not perform the actual installation, only the design. He pointed out that certain permit implications could occur. The shrubs and groundcover for the four (4) options is work the City can perform; there are no trees included. The existing materials met the permit requirements at the time; however, the County has since changed their tree spacing standards. The installation of trees would in essence trigger the removal of a lot of trees. He pointed out that signalized intersections will play a part.

Councilwoman Bousquet asked if Option 4 needed irrigation due to native species being installed.

Mr. Lanahan concurred and noted that the plant palette does not change much between the options.

Councilman Noble reported that during a recent visit to Boca Raton on Boynton Beach Boulevard and South Jog Road, he noticed the grassy medians with simple trees, no shrubbery, very clean and neat and suggested that Councilmembers visit the area.

Mayor Ferreri pointed out that private contractors mow the grass in those medians every week and they are irrigated twice daily. He recommended Option 4 and wanted to have artificial turf installed at a test median in FY 2015, with \$125,000 budgeted for FY 2016 and beyond for other median landscaping. He suggested establishing a maintenance schedule similar to vehicle maintenance.

Councilwoman Dugo agreed with a 3-5 year maintenance plan installing a test median with artificial turf for monitoring and existing trees.

Mayor Ferreri deferred to the City Attorney regarding the free test section by the artificial turf vendor.

City Attorney James Stokes agreed it should be reviewed.

Mayor Ferreri called for a consensus on Councilwoman Dugo's suggestion using Option 2 and provide Council with a cost estimate with a 4-5 year spread. He instructed Mr. Lanahan to work with the vendor and the City Attorney.

B. Council Civility (New agenda item as requested by Councilwoman Rivera)

Councilwoman Rivera recalled that on the day of her being elected, the Mayor commented on how pleased he was to see young people getting involved in their

community. Unfortunately, with Council's diverse opinions, it has given way to good healthy debate and she asked Councilmembers to respect their differences.

Councilman Noble considered the topic somewhat coincidental after a Palm Beach Post article by Kevin Thompson quoted Deputy Mayor Pearce making negative comments about the Mayor. This subject was never raised at a Council meeting.

Mayor Ferreri urged newer Councilmembers to trust staff and their years of experience and historical knowledge regarding City issues. He agreed with Councilwoman Rivera that the issue extends not only to Council but to staff as well. He had attended a recent FLC session where the speaker talked about treating people the way you want to be treated and noted that at the state and federal levels they cannot even communicate.

Deputy Mayor Pearce agreed, you may not always agree, but be civil.

Councilwoman Bousquet pointed out that at the FLC conference, she had heard some very negative things about the City. She suggested starting fresh.

10. Staff Comments:

A. City Manager's Report:

City Manager Wadie Atallah reminded Councilmembers of the August 18th and 24th FY 2016 Budget Workshops and was looking forward to their direction in order to meet statutory requirements. He asked Councilwoman Rivera for clarification on the exact date the Principal of L.C. Swain Middle School would be attending a City Council Meeting. Councilwoman Rivera stated she was awaiting confirmation from the principal for Sept. 16th.

B. City Attorney's Report. City Attorney James Stokes requested to be excused from attending the August 18th Budget Workshop. Council consensus granted approval.

11. Mayor and City Council Reports.

Councilwoman Rivera

Councilwoman Rivera requested the attendance of L.C. Swain Middle School Principal James Thomas be added to a future agenda under Special Business.

Councilwoman Dugo

Councilwoman Dugo asked the City Manager and City Attorney about the status of the PBSO contract and wanted to discuss the retirement issue.

Mayor Ferreri noted the contract was in his possession for review and City Attorney James Stokes stated that the City's options must first be clarified in order to address each retirement issue separately.

Deputy Mayor Pearce

Deputy Mayor Pearce thanked Leisure Services Director Michele Thompson for a successful Back to School Block Party held on August 8th.

Deputy Mayor Pearce requested a breakdown of the Fund Balance and the 303 Fund showing a total dollar amount, to be provided at the August 18th Budget Workshop.

Deputy Mayor Pearce reported that at the recently held 89th Florida League of Cities Annual Conference in Orlando, FL, the Communications Service Sales Tax and the Business Tax Receipts would be the focus of next year's Legislative Session.

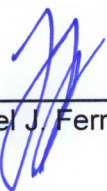
Discussion between Deputy Mayor Pearce and Mr. Atallah followed on posting the City Council Agenda by noon on Wednesday preceding a Council meeting. It was suggested that a draft without attachments be posted by Wednesday prior to a Council meeting that would be subject to change. Mayor Ferreri was in favor of consistency and was not in favor of posting draft agendas based on previous resident input he had received.

Deputy Mayor Pearce asked about streamlining Council meetings online. Mr. Atallah reported that two things are needed: audio/video equipment would need to be installed in the Chambers and a streaming service would take the recordings online. He offered to present more information at the September 3, 2015 City Council Meeting and FY 2016 Budget Hearing.

12. Adjournment.

Mayor Ferreri inquired if there were any additional comments; hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL



Samuel J. Ferreri
Mayor

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Respectfully submitted,



Denise McGrew,
City Clerk/Administrative Services Director

Date Approved: 9-16-15