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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Date: 12-21-15

Motion By: Bausquet Seconded By: Rivera

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OFFICIAL MINUTES

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

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, December 7, 2015 - 7:00 PM**

1. Call To Order and Roll Call.

Mayor Ferreri called the City Council Meeting of Monday, December 7, 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 Rivera, Councilwoman
Peter A. Noble, Councilman
Judith Dugo, Councilwoman
Paula Bousquet, Councilwoman

Attendees from Public: 30
Press: 2

Staff Present:

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Samuel J. Ferreri called for a moment of silence to honor those who had lost their lives on December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor. He then 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 Dugo made a motion to approve the Agenda.
Deputy Mayor Pearce 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. **Presentation of Proclamation:** "Recognition of Randall B. Hall" – Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor.

City Clerk Denise McGrew read the proclamation in its entirety.

Mayor Ferreri presented Mrs. Mary Lou Hall and her family with the proclamation. Valerie Hall Smith, sister to Randall Hall, thanked the City for bestowing this proclamation in recognition of her brother's dedication to the City and believed this occasion was befitting to Randy's interest in learning about their family genealogy. She spoke of her brother's team player attitude and leadership qualities and how he valued everyone's opinion, rarely making a decision without consulting his three sisters. His family was proud of Randy because he recognized the value of each individual.

MOTION: Councilwoman Bousquet made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Item No. 5. Deputy Mayor Pearce 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. **PBSO Merger Update:** Michael L. Porath, Public Safety Director and Captain Sean Murray, PBSO.

Public Safety Director Michael Porath reported that 18 officers had started high liability in-service training, with a second 18-man group scheduled to receive training this week and finishing next week. He reported that in January 2016, officers will begin field training and will be ready for the transition on February 1, 2016.

Capt. Sean Murry reported having no new updates.

Councilwoman Rivera asked for information on the Sheriff's Police Athletic League (PAL) Program.

Capt. Sean Murry reported that during the City's recent "Lunch with Santa" event, a PAL demonstration was given. He explained that the PAL Program provides funding for uniforms and sports equipment and together with the City's beautiful sports facilities, this program could be pursued aggressively after February 1st. Another program he is looking to implement is the Citizens on Patrol (COP) Program where citizens are provided County-marked vehicles to patrol their neighborhoods.

6. Consent Agenda.

A. Mayor Ferreri asked Council if they wished to pull any of the five (5) Consent Agenda items. He asked to pull Item No. 5.

1. **Official Minutes:** City Council Meeting of November 2, 2015 – Denise McGrew, City Clerk.
2. **Official Minutes:** City Council Meeting of November 16, 2015 – Denise McGrew, City Clerk.
3. **Official Minutes:** Special City Council Meeting of November 30, 2015 – Denise McGrew, City Clerk.
4. **American Legion Post 258:** Sale of Property to the Greenacres American Legion Post 258 located at 364 Swain Boulevard; pursuant to Staff Memo – James D. Stokes, City Attorney.

Mayor Ferreri called for a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items No. 1 - 4.

MOTION: Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1-4, pulling Item No. 5. 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:** "Welcoming the 2015 Haitian Heroes Youth Conference" on December 17, 2015 – Samuel J. Ferreri, Mayor.

City Clerk Denise McGrew read the proclamation in its entirety.

Mayor Ferreri welcomed Samuel Pierre of Haitian Heroes with the proclamation and noted that he would be attending their 2015 Haitian Youth Conference to be held on December 17th at the American Polish Club.

Samuel Pierre thanked City officials for their interest in his organization and described their efforts to keep Haitian youth out of jail and in school where they belong. Mr. Pierre noted that the Haitian community is approximately 100,000 strong in Palm Beach County. He thanked the City for their support and extended his invitation to Councilmembers to attend their conference.

Mayor Ferreri acknowledged that the Haitian community is the fastest growing population in Greenacres. It was his belief that the City and Haitian Heroes share mutual interests in wanting to keep children active with the goal of becoming successful and active participants in their community.

7. Regular Agenda:

- A. **Resolution No. 2015-47:** Setting forth the City's intent to use the uniform method of collecting a non-ad valorem special assessment levied within the entire incorporated area of the City; stating a need for such levy to fund the City's Fire Services; providing for transmittal to the Florida Department of Revenue, the Palm Beach County Tax Collector, and the Palm Beach County Property Appraiser; providing for repeal of conflicting resolutions; and providing for an effective date; pursuant to Staff Memo – Thomas J. Lanahan, Acting City Manager.

Acting City Manager Thomas J. Lanahan reported that on July 6, 2015, Council requested to proceed with the intent to collect a non-ad valorem special assessment in FY 2016 for providing fire services. He explained that the Uniform Method constitutes placing the special assessment on the annual tax bill as a non-ad valorem (fixed rate), based on the number of dwelling units or commercial square footage, not on the value of the property. This Resolution identifies the City's intent to undertake this assessment, but does not commit the City to do so at this time. Mr. Lanahan reported that it would come before Council in August 2016. He stated that the annual estimated revenue is \$500,000 based on a \$.03/sq. ft. rate for commercial properties and \$25 per residential dwelling. Mr. Lanahan noted that a rate study is required to establish the actual rates. He reported that the City is currently working on the proposal process for the rate study and this item would appear on a future Council agenda. He stated that staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 2015-47 if Council wishes to move forward with imposing a fire assessment for FY 2017, noting that the deadline is January 1, 2016.

Mayor Ferreri called on Councilmembers for comments.

Councilwoman Dugo pointed out that the costs associated with the rate study are already included in the FY 2016 Budget.

MOTION: Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-47 as presented. Councilwoman Rivera seconded the motion.

Discussion on the Motion:

Councilman Noble commented that the final vote will be made in August. He gave his reason for supporting this Resolution stating that it will provide City revenue outside of property taxes. With the current discussions on deficits and surpluses, this is an additional revenue source and a way of maintaining the City's sustainability.

Councilwoman Dugo noted that if Council moves forward, every property will be assessed, ensuring additional funding to help pay for fire services as well as help balance the budget. She asked how often will the rate study be conducted.

Mr. Lanahan explained that the Notice of Intent is only done once; however, the rates should be reviewed annually to include any updates to the City's boundaries due to annexations. He explained that this Resolution does not impose the assessment; it simply sets forth the City's intent to do so.

Mayor Ferreri called for a vote on the motion.

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

Motion carried: 5 - 0.

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

9. **Discussion Item:**

A. **Gladiator Park Renovation** – Thomas J. Lanahan, Acting City Manager.

Mr. Lanahan reported that on November 16, 2016, Council discussed converting the tennis court at Gladiator Park to a 2nd basketball court. In that discussion, staff was asked to research if any grant monies were used to construct the park. Staff found that the City did not receive any grant funding for the installation of the park amenities. He reported that the nets were removed years ago due to their lack of use. The court is now a fenced, paved area. Mr. Lanahan reported that the estimated cost of conversion is \$2,500 and includes the restriping for basketball. He stated staff recommends approval to convert the tennis court to a 2nd basketball court at Gladiator Park.

Mayor Ferreri called on Councilmembers for comments.

Councilwoman Rivera emphasized that she had originally requested the conversion but was now reconsidering based on learning about PBSO's PAL Program. She stated that she would therefore like to hold off from converting the court until February.

Councilwoman Dugo pointed out that tennis requires instructors whereas basketball does not. She wondered if there was more of a need for basketball courts. She asked Mr. Lanahan how many tennis courts are in the City.

Mr. Lanahan noted that there are two (2) tennis courts at Community Park that are used frequently.

Deputy Mayor Pearce pointed out that the same situation exists at Rambo Park and suggested postponing the conversion.

Mayor Ferreri explained that the PAL's Program uses volunteers for their leagues, noting that PBSO is simply the organizer. He believed that basketball was a more active sport and the existing basketball court is readily used. Based on grant applications, cities have to demonstrate the types of parks available. For more organized leagues, the larger parks like Community Park offer better lighting, whereas the smaller parks do not.

Mr. Lanahan commented that it would be acceptable if Council chooses to wait until February to decide the best use of the court; however, he suggested not replacing the net until a determination is made. He was unsure if the net posts were still in place.

Councilwoman Rivera said she would be contacting Mr. Lanahan regarding the cost of a net since she knew of two (2) neighborhood girls that were interested in playing, however, she wanted to delay the conversion until February.

Councilwoman Dugo suggested tabling this item to the next regularly scheduled Council meeting of December 21, 2015 allowing Council time to speak with Capt. Murry and obtain more information.

1st
MOTION: Councilwoman Dugo made a motion to table this item to the December 21, 2015 City Council meeting. No one seconded the motion.

Motion died.

2nd
MOTION: Deputy Mayor Pearce made a motion to table this item to the regular City Council meeting of February 1, 2016. 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.

10. Staff Comments:

A. City Manager's Report:

Future City Council Meeting Dates

Mr. Lanahan requested Council's feedback on meeting dates for the months of January and February 2016 due to national holidays. He explained that historically the City holds only one meeting in January and one in February; however, there were times where the 2nd meeting of the month would be held on the Tuesday, following the holiday. Mr. Lanahan noted that with Council meetings being recently held more frequently, he proposed meetings for the following dates:

January 4th (Monday)
January 19 (Tuesday)
February 1st (Monday)
February 16th (Tuesday) or February 22nd (Monday)

Mayor Ferreri recommended scheduling meetings on January 4th and January 19th. He noted that with February 2016 being a Leap Year, there is an extra Monday to hold a meeting. He suggested February 1st and February 22nd. With the hiring of a new City Manager and the PBSO merger, any issues with the merger could be ironed out and any procedural matters could be addressed.

Councilwoman Dugo agreed, noting that she would like to keep February 15th open as an option in case issues come up before February 22nd.

Councilwoman Bousquet stated those dates worked well for her.

The consensus of the Mayor and Council were for the following dates:

January 4th (Monday)
January 19 (Tuesday)
February 1st (Monday)
February 22nd (Monday)

City Manager Interviews

Mr. Lanahan asked for Council's feedback on his attendance during the City Manager interviews being held on Saturday, December 12th. He was concerned with how his attendance could be misconceived by the applicants.

Mayor Ferreri believed he would be valuable in welcoming the applicants and in providing them information on the City if they had any questions.

Councilman Noble and Councilwoman Dugo agreed.

B. City Attorney's Report. None.

11. Mayor and City Council Reports.

Lunch with Santa

Deputy Mayor Pearce reported attending the event where over 800 lunches were served and toys were handed out to the children. He thanked the Kiwanis Club participants and Leisure Services Director Michele Thompson for hosting a wonderful event.

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)

Mayor Ferreri reported attending a recent MPO meeting where members learned that the State has allocated \$25 million state-wide to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for paths and trails and will allocate an additional \$25 million. There is currently a county-wide committee involving the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) and the Lake Worth Drainage District (LWDD). He reported that in the past, the City has looked at installing passive trails connecting schools to neighborhoods and has also considered a trail from Biscayne Drive running east-west through the heart of the City.

There is also a county-wide trail map with enhancements that include 10-ft. wide paths being projected in the City. On the map are paths connecting from Pinehurst Drive west to Okeeheelee Park and a proposed path on the South Side of Southern Boulevard along the C-51 Canal running from Lake Okeechobee to the ocean. The thought is to walk, ride bikes, etc. Mayor Ferreri noted that monies are also available for sidewalks but the points are low. He believed this could be an opportunity to have a north-south path built from Forest Hill Boulevard up to Dillman Road, connecting to Southern Boulevard. There is an existing County path from Cholee Lake Elementary that runs along Dillman Road, north on Cleary Road and out to Pioneer Drive. If the City could connect its proposed paths with the County's it would cross very few streets.

Mayor Ferreri explained that the purpose of these grants is to get people out and exercising. Statistically, 60% of people that live less than a mile from a school drive their children to school. The City needs to promote safe ways for children to travel to school.

12. Adjournment.

Mayor Ferreri inquired if there were any additional comments; hearing none, he adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL



Samuel J. Ferreri
Mayor

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Respectfully submitted,



Denise McGrew,
City Clerk/Administrative Services Director

Date Approved: 12-21-15