

**COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 29, 2010**

Pursuant to Public Notice, Vice-Mayor Fleis convened a special meeting of the City Council on Monday, March 29, 2010, at 4:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber. Those present were Vice-Mayor Jeffrey Fleis, Councilman Mike Chase, Councilman Scott Rhodes, Councilman William Higginson, City Manager Michael P. Crotty, and City Clerk Barbara Montanaro.

APPROVE GRANT AUTHORIZATION FOR HIGHWAY SAFETY APPLICATION FOR IN CAR MOBILE DATA TERMINALS

Grant Writer John Fergus presented the request for grant authorization under the Highway Safety Grant Program/FDOT to purchase Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) for each patrol vehicle. MDTs will automate many tasks performed by patrol officers and dispatchers, including running vehicle tags and drivers licenses, filling out traffic citations, and completing accident reports. This may reduce time spent on paperwork by as much as 60%.

In response to questions from Council, Deputy Chief Pearson stated that the laptops in the vehicles can handle this program and maintenance costs on the new system will be similar to the annual maintenance fee currently paid. There is no City match required; all purchase costs will be paid by grant funds.

Vice-Mayor Fleis asked for public comments; there were no comments.

ACTION: Councilman Higginson MOVED, SECOND Councilman Chase, to authorize Plain English to submit, on behalf of the City, a Highway Safety Grant application in the amount of \$300,000 to purchase and install a mobile data terminal system, with a total project cost of \$300,000 and no City match. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON EXPENDITURES FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND FOR X-26 TASER EQUIPMENT

City Manager Michael Crotty presented a request from the Police Department to trade in five M-26 Tasers for five X-26 Tasers, for a total cost of \$3,324.75 (\$664.95 per Taser). The new Tasers will have new holsters and two Taser cartridges per Taser. Police Chief Lionel Cote has certified that this is an eligible expense from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 932.7055(5)(a).

Chief Cote explained that the Law Enforcement Trust Fund money comes from forfeitures and confiscation of property in drug arrests. Florida Statutes are specific as to how these funds can be spent. This expenditure qualifies. This is an opportunity to upgrade five Tasers at a reasonable cost.

Vice-Mayor Fleis asked for public comments; there were no comments.

ACTION: Councilman Chase MOVED, SECOND Councilman Higginson, to authorize an expenditure from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund in the amount of \$3,324.75 to trade in five M-26 Tasers for five X-26 Tasers. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON SUPPORT TO THE MISSING CHILDREN INFORMATION CLEARINGHOUSE FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250.00

City Manager Crotty presented a request for an expenditure from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund in the amount of \$250.00 to support the Missing Children Information Clearinghouse. Police Chief Cote has certified that this is an eligible expense from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund in accordance with Florida Statutes, Section 932.7055(5)(a).

Vice-Mayor Fleis asked for public comments; there were no comments.

ACTION: Councilman Chase MOVED, SECOND Councilman Higginson, to authorize an expenditure from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to support the Missing Children Information Clearinghouse in the amount of \$250.00. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Vice-Mayor Fleis adjourned the meeting at 4:46 p.m.

Barbara Montanaro, CMC
City Clerk