

COUNCIL MINUTES JULY 21, 2010

Pursuant to Public Notice, Mayor Ferrante convened the regular meeting of the City Council on Wednesday, July 21, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber. Those present were Mayor Joseph Ferrante, Vice-Mayor Jeffrey Fleis, Councilman Mike Chase, Councilman Scott Rhodes, Councilman William Higginson, City Manager Michael P. Crotty, City Attorney James Beadle, and City Clerk Barbara Montanaro.

Councilman Rhodes offered a moment of prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

No guests introduced themselves.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

The following individuals addressed Council:

- Dominick Montanaro, 465 Glenwood Avenue, introduced Lori Halbert, Indialantic Council Member, who is running for District 31 House of Representatives.
- Lori Halbert stated that strong local government is paramount for citizens and she supports preservation of small towns. She is running to make sure that things like TABOR and unfunded mandates are not passed.
- Victoria Simpson, 937 Golden Beach Boulevard, expressed her appreciation to Firefighter/Paramedic Rhiannon Iverson for her assistance through the Fire Department's Community Medic Program. Ms. Simpson's 90-year old grandmother lives on DeSoto Parkway and has various medical issues. Ms. Iverson's visits to monitor blood pressure, diabetes, and congestive heart failure have encouraged the grandmother to seek the professional care she needs to survive.

[NOTE: The Community Medic Program is an offshoot of the Communities for a Lifetime Initiative and is funded by a grant. Through this program, paramedics provide in-home visits to monitor health issues for residents who do not qualify for other home health services.]

- Mary Rose Loney, 121 DeSoto Parkway, spoke in favor of stronger code enforcement, especially relating to signs for yard sales, etc., in the median on DeSoto Parkway and garbage carts left on the streets for days in a row. She advised that other cities have supplemented internal code enforcement by contracting outside firms to enforce the code. She also commented on the neighboring house that has not had a roof for the past six years.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Higginson stated that the meeting with the Blue Ribbon Committee was interesting. He noted that the Committee is a good cross-section of the residents of Satellite Beach.

Councilman Chase reported on the boards where he serves as liaison: The Code Enforcement Board and the Board of Adjustment meetings were cancelled. The Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board and the Sea Level Rise Sub-Committee presented their findings associated with risk and mitigation strategies and recommendations for changes to the Housing, Capital, Future Land Use, Infrastructure, and Conservation Elements of the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilman Rhodes stated that he had attended some of the Blue Ribbon Committee meetings and

there is a lot of information to digest. He commented on e-mail from the resident at 565 Teakwood Avenue regarding storage of garbage carts and carts being left on the curb. He stated that he supports single stream recycling but that may add a third large cart. He noted that the code was changed after the new carts were introduced and asked Council and staff to observe the placement of garbage carts as they drive through neighborhoods.

When single stream is implemented, Waste Management can change the lid from green to yellow on one of the resident's existing carts if they do not want the third cart. If Council wants to amend the Code regarding placement, it would have to be reviewed by Planning and Zoning Advisory Board before Council could take action. Council may want to set some parameters.

Mayor Ferrante asked that signs and garbage carts be discussed at a future meeting.

Vice-Mayor Fleis reported attending several Blue Ribbon Committee meetings, the State of the City meeting, and Transportation Planning Organization meeting.

Mayor Ferrante stated that he gave the State of the City address on July 8. He expressed appreciation to staff for their help with the presentation. He reported meeting with General Elect Wilson to discuss parking concerns at Hightower Beach Park.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Beadle reported that Mr. Redfearn has filed his Petition for Writ of Cert with the Supreme Court of the United States. The Court determined that it was a late filing and returned it to him. Thereafter, Mr. Redfearn filed a Motion stating that the Petition was timely and he expected it to be heard.

City Manager Crotty stated this litigation for the roof referred to under Citizens Comments. The City has filed legal action to force the homeowner to install a proper roof. The cost of this litigation will probably reach six figures. This is the challenge of code enforcement.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Michael Crotty reported as follows:

Receipt of Grant: The City applied for a grant under the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant and has received a grant in the amount of \$225,000, with a City match of \$3,000 and \$23,000 in kind service for HVAC and lighting conservation improvements to the Civic Center and City Hall and energy studies of other City facilities.

Letter from Citizen: Mr. Bollinger, 400 Kale Street, submitted a letter regarding the purchase of the Peg Legs property and the sign code. Rather than try to respond by letter, the City Manager and the Mayor will sit down with Mr. Bollinger to discuss these issues.

DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON AWARD OF BID FOR DESOTO PARKWAY RESURFACING

David King, Quentin L. Hampton Associates (QLHA), presented the certified bid tabulation for the DeSoto project, which includes removal and replacement of the road base with asphalt base, repaving of the road surface, restriping, and ADA sidewalk ramps. He stated that four bids were received on June 17, 2010, with Goodson Paving of Cocoa submitting the lowest bid. The bid documents were complete and accurate. Goodson is well known to QLHA and has worked successfully on other City projects. The project cost is \$74,907.82 and is partially funded by ARRA through a \$63,334.00 LAP Agreement with FDOT.

Mayor Ferrante asked for public comments. There were no comments.

ACTION: Councilman Higginson MOVED, SECOND Councilman Chase, to accept the City Engineer's certified bid tabulation summary and award the DeSoto Parkway resurfacing to Goodson Paving in the base bid of \$74,907.82, with \$64,334.00 funding from LAP Agreement with FDOT, and the balance from City reserves. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCIL CONVENED AS THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:

STATUS REPORTS:

- **PHASE II BEACH ACCESS RENOVATIONS**

David King, QLHA, gave an overview of the plans for five beach accesses to submit for permitting, with the possibility of building two or three at this time and the others would wait for funding. The accesses considered are Sunrise, Cassia, Pet Den/Black Beard, Magellan, and Volunteer (in order of priority directed by CRA Advisory Committee). Current plans include all comments by CRA Advisory Committee at their March 25 meeting: maximize use whether pedestrian, parking, shade, more parking (impervious paving where suitable), and some A1A crosswalks/pedestrian refuse points. Once given direction, the final design can be completed in thirty days; permitting, sixty days; and then out to bid.

Community Development Director Laura Canady stated that final approval of these improvements should be delayed until after review of the CRA budget for FY 10/11. Property values in the District decreased and it may be necessary to delay and/or prioritize capital projects.

It may be possible to install Beach access signs like the ones at Grant Avenue and DeSoto Parkway at all beach accesses even before formal approval of the capital improvements. The cost of the signs is approximately \$11,000 per sign.

Mr. King stated that a permit lasts three to five years. The estimated cost of all five access points is \$400,000; it will cost approximately \$100,000 for permitting and design fees.

No action taken.

COUNCIL RECONVENED FOR THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVE BUDGET CALENDAR FOR FY 10/11 AND SET PROPOSED MILLAGE

Mayor Ferrante outlined the procedures for discussing the millage rate: City Manager will introduce the topic; City Council will discuss, but not set, the millage and information from the Blue Ribbon Financial/Budget Committee (BRFBC); public comment (three minutes per speaker with City Clerk as timekeeper); each speaker can only talk once; back to Council to entertain a motion and second for setting a millage rate; and the vote.

City Manager Crotty reported as follows:

- The FY 09/10 millage is 7.8193. The assessment base has decreased 8½%. A millage of 8.6651 would bring in the same revenue as last year and is considered a tax increase because of the 1.89% reduction in per capita income. A roll back millage rate of 8.2439 is not considered a tax increase under Florida law because it produces less revenue than 7.8193 mills produced last year. (\$267,203 less than last year)

- The Council met with the BRFC on July 20. At that meeting members of the Committee presented two reports (copy attached) to Council: (1) Recommendation on Millage and (2) Recommendations for FY 10/11 regarding changes in operations, personnel, cost cutting, new revenue sources, user fees, etc. The BRFC recommended a no tax increase millage rate of 8.2439 mills.

City Clerk Montanaro expressed appreciation to the City Council for assembling the Blue Ribbon Committee and commented as follows:

- Commended the members of the Blue Ribbon Committee for their thoroughness in reviewing all the information presented to them by City boards, citizens and staff.
- Noted how the diversity of members on the Committee represented a good cross section of Satellite Beach residents with differing views on what services are needed and how to fund services. This diversity stimulated spirited but respectful discussion; the heat of discussion was focused on what would be best for Satellite Beach.
- Presented statistics from meetings – six weeks, twelve meetings (243 cumulative hours), thirty-two substantive motions with 276 ayes and 11 nays. (Consensus over diversity through discussion)
- Two reports have been presented to Council; the one dealing with the millage is under discussion at this meeting.

Mayor Ferrante and the Councilmen made their opening comments regarding the BRFC and the recommended millage rate.

Vice-Mayor Fleis stated that the BRFC meetings that he attended were a great learning experience. It is good to question government and question the media. He noted that some individuals say that Satellite Beach has the highest millage rate; but they fail to mention that 40% of the beach and a 52 acre island in the river have been preserved. Other cities with lower millage rates have public utilities or golf courses which provide part of their revenue. Even without these other sources of revenue, the city's millage rate has increased only 1½% per year for the past nine years – less than the rate of inflation. Under the State's taxing system, the burden of taxes has been on commercial properties and non-homesteaded or newly purchased properties in the past. It is now shifting to homesteaded properties with some relief for commercial property.

Councilman Chase stated that the BRFC has taken the large budget challenges and broken them down into small details. The BRFC has asked the tough questions and reviewed each element for technical detail. They provided proof, reason, theory, and justification for the decisions made by the Committee as a unified group. It will take strong technical expertise to change what I have heard from the Committee.

Councilman Rhodes stated that he has read through the first page of the report submitted by the Committee and he has read the Charter outlining their tasks. He did not see that they were directed to come up with a millage. In his opinion, they did not satisfy the tasks in their Charter, in that they did not come up with any thing viable; they reported that there is no place to make cuts. They should look for cost cutting ways. Councilman Rhodes asked that the Council and the BRFC make an honest effort to come up with cost cutting ideas to show a good faith effort.

Councilman Higginson stated that the BRFC came up with substantial concepts to recommend a millage that minimizes the impact on residents. Satellite Beach provides outstanding services. When residents are asked what they want to cut or discontinue, they don't want to give up anything. He noted that bulk purchasing of supplies, equipment, etc., might be an area to save money. He commended the BRFC for an outstanding job and recommended that they become a permanent committee. He also stated he would like to see more revenue generating ideas to sustain the City through the next few years when State mandates and TABOR may hamstring every small community in Florida. The City's

overhead is people and people equal services. Councilman Higginson stated that he supports a realistic minimal increase in millage rate – *42 cents per \$1,000 assessed value.*

Mayor Ferrante stated that during his campaign he vowed not to raise taxes if elected and that is still his position. The value of homes has decreased. Under a roll back millage rate, the homeowner will pay more taxes than last year. He expressed concern over what this millage rate might do to the real estate market with homes for sale and in foreclosure. There is a significant difference between taxes in Satellite Beach and the unincorporated area. The BRFB did a wonderful job but they were not asked to set the millage. Council is the legislature and Council will set the millage. Mayor Ferrante recommended tapping into the reserves and using one-third to one-half of the reserves to meet the revenue shortfall. He also recommended reducing the payroll by cutting the workweek to 37½ hours for general employees and reducing Police and Fire by 5% since their number of hours cannot be reduced. Even though roll back is not considered a tax increase, some people will pay more taxes – the perception is very strong.

Vice-Mayor Fleis stated that regardless what Council does there will be misinformation passed out. He said that it is his duty to understand the Florida Department of Revenue TRIM laws and referred to a chart showing the impact of 7.8193 mills (same as 09/10) compared to 8.2439 mills (recommended by BRFB for 10/11) on twelve properties in the City. At both millage rates, taxes will increase on seven properties and decrease on five properties. Services are important. If Council adopts the 7.8193, the City will lose services and people.

Councilman Chase stated that Council must use due diligence to balance the budget and ensure that the City survives. Even at 8.2439, the City will lose revenue and there will be cuts. Council has to be careful the City does not lose all that it has gained so far. The BRFB presented charts showing the monetary impact of the millage on various properties; it is hard to believe that people would be forced out of their homes because of the increases shown on the charts. Councilman Chase referred to comments made by a board applicant earlier in the evening wherein she spoke of pride in her neighborhood. Councilman Chase recommended staying away from semantics; balancing the budget; putting the money in the coffer; and ensuring that it is spent the right way so the City can survive.

Mayor Ferrante recommended finding other money besides raising taxes. Tax and spend is not a good profile. If the tentative millage of 8.2439 is approved, it is the maximum rate that can be adopted. It can be lowered; but he did not recall a time in the past six years that the tentative rate changed. He recommended taking \$237,000 from reserves and finding other sources of revenue.

Councilman Rhodes stated that the report from the BRFB gave the impression that Police and Fire will have to be cut if the City does not raise the millage. We know it is a good City. Trim some things: park City vehicles at City Hall rather than taking them home; buy cheaper gas, cut the workweek to four and one-half days, and cut 2% from everyone's salary.

Councilman Higginson stated that there will have to be substantial trimming in 11/12 and 12/13. What the proposed millage does is get the City through the next fiscal year. Staff still has to find cuts to come up with the \$95,000 shortfall. Tapping reserves is a bad idea. How do you repay reserves? If there is an emergency in the City and we have spent the reserves, how does the City recover?

Councilman Chase stated that the BRFB report anticipates up to \$1.25 Million decrease in revenue over the next three years. Spending reserves in the first year is very risky. There is no technical data to support using reserves now.

Vice-Mayor Flies referred to auditor reports that indicate that the City does not have the recommended percentage of reserves now. It would be easy, but perhaps not wise, to vote to use the reserves.

Mayor Ferrante asked for public comments; the following individuals addressed Council:

- John Fergus, 135 Maple Street, member of BRFBC, stated that a millage rate of 7.8193 produces \$300,000 less revenue this year than last and that is five or six people. He suggested that Council determine who and what services should be cut before they cut revenue. When you talk about a 5% cut, staff can cut the entire non-personnel budget of the Fire Department, but that is only \$96,000 in a \$1.5 million budget. A 5% cut in the Fire Department is people – two people. If you cut two people in the Fire Department, the firefighters would not be able to enter a burning residence until back up firefighters arrive. (2in/2out rule) He recommended that Council spend time in the various departments to see how they operate and to see if there is any fat.
- Gabe Feindt, 470 Caribbean Drive, commended members of the BRFBC for an outstanding job. He spoke in opposition to tapping into reserves. He spoke in favor of approving the proposed millage and preserving service.
- Mary Rose Loney, 121 DeSoto Parkway, spoke of the quadruple increase in her taxes in the past four years, which came about after reassessment to include major renovations. She stated that an increase in millage will be a disincentive for people to move into the City. Give property owners every incentive to live and invest in properties.
- Marge Green, 499 Sheridan Avenue, stated that everyone from city to federal government is hearing about spending cuts. Satellite Beach is a wonderful place and people want everything. But most realize that we have to distinguish between wants and needs and accept that we cannot have it all in this economic climate.
- Sherry D'Amato, 565 Temple Street, asked how many foreclosures there are in the City and commented that there are five houses for sale on her corner. She asked who got raises this year. She asked about the millage rates in previous years. (09/10 – 7.8193 and 08/09 – 7.1207)
- Dominick Montanaro, 465 Glenwood Avenue, stated that the Satellite Beach millage rate may be higher than other cities in Brevard County; however, others have a 10% utility tax on water and electric which supplements their revenue. Satellite Beach does not; ad valorem is the main revenue source. Setting the millage is the beginning part of the budget process so that you know how much revenue you will have and how much you will have to cut. Cuts have been made over the last four years and the low-hanging fruit has been picked. A 5% cut means cutting people and they will probably have to come from public safety.
- Dave Ryan, 410 Wilson Avenue, stated that he attended all but one of the BRFBC meetings and expressed highest praise to Committee Members. He further stated that he did not mind if his taxes are raised to maintain services. However, he asked that common sense be used to prioritize any cuts Council makes.
- Pat Gibbons, 469 Coach Road, member of BRFBC, stated that he was the lone dissenting vote on the millage rate because he viewed it as a tax increase. He stated that at 7.8193 mills his commercial property taxes will decrease \$1,149; at 8.2439 mills they will decrease \$766. He stated that neither of those decreases is enough; taxes need to go even lower. Decreasing taxes is sound economics; it puts money back into the system. He recommended a hold on tax increases and distinction between wants and needs.
- Mark Johnson, 616 Poinsetta Drive, asked about the big picture, including City School Board, and Brevard County taxes. [All are in the same position of trying to determine millage rates.] Increased taxes on rental property will be passed on to the tenants and some may have to move. He noted that a cut in hours or pay for City employees is as hard on them as a tax increase is on property owners. He asked if the decision can be postponed for two weeks to let more of the public know.

There being no further comments from the public, Mayor Ferrante brought discussion back to Council.

Councilman Rhodes stated that he has seen the numbers and spread sheets. Somebody will have to pay for this. The issue is polarizing between two ways of looking at things. As a good faith gesture, Councilman Rhodes offered to return his \$50 monthly compensation to the City.

Councilman Chase reconfirmed that the millage proposed at this meeting can go down but it cannot increase. Council has to be certain they have a plan to establish a balanced budget. The BRFCB has presented a sustainable plan. Council may have good intentions to find money someplace other than taxes, but people have lost their shirts on good intentions. Council must take the emotion out of the process and use due diligence to approve a balanced budget.

Councilman Higginson stated that no one likes taxes. Based on what may be coming from Tallahassee, the City may be frozen at whatever rate is adopted this year. If property values continue to fall, the City will have to look at other revenue sources in order for the City to run as it has for the past fifty years.

Vice-Mayor Fleis commented on the 10% tax that most other cities charge on electricity and water. Those taxes would cost a homeowner more than the proposed millage and they are not deductible from income taxes. Ad valorem is the most transparent tax there is. Vice-Mayor Fleis stated that he is not motivated by saving jobs; he is looking at the auditor's report on reserves and empirical data showing that seven of twelve properties will see a tax increase at the 7.8193 mills and seven of twelve will see a tax increase at 8.2439.

Councilman Rhodes asked if the millage had to be approved at this meeting.

[The proposed millage must be in the Brevard County Property Appraiser's office by close of business on August 4. Council could schedule a special meeting between now and then.]

Councilman Chase stated that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to establish a tentative millage that will be advertised on Brevard County tax notices that will be mailed to each property owner and then discussed at the budget hearings.

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Fleis MOVED, SECOND Councilman Chase, to set the tentative millage rate for FY 10/11 at 8.2439 mills. VOTE: THREE AYES (Fleis, Chase, and Higginson); TWO NAYS (Ferrante and Rhodes). MOTION CARRIED THREE TO TWO.

Mayor Ferrante recessed the meeting from 9:10 to 9:20 p.m.

Council discussed the Budget Calendar presented by staff.

ACTION: Councilman Higginson MOVED, SECOND Councilman Chase, to approve the Budget Calendar with two changes: (1) Cancel the August 4, 2010, regular meeting, and (2) Change the Budget Workshop date from August 11 to August 16. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCIL CONVENED AS THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM:

DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON FAÇADE GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR SIGNS:

- OCEANSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH, 305 CASSIA BOULEVARD
- SEASIDE VETERINARY CLINIC, 580 ISLAND DRIVE

- **SEAWIND TOWNHOMES, 170 SEAWIND DRIVE**
- **CHABAD CENTER, 1190 HIGHWAY A1A**
- **WALGREEN'S DRUG STORE, 1098 HIGHWAY A1A**
- **LORI LAINE PLAZA, 1301 S. PATRICK DRIVE**

Building Official John Stone presented an overview of the July 8, 2010, memo outlining the following recommendations made by the CRA Advisory Committee at their June 24, 2010, meeting:

Oceanside Community Church

305 Cassia Blvd

Cost: \$ 5,000

CRA Grant Maximum Award: \$ 5,000

New Sign Type: Freestanding Sign Retrofit to Monument

Review by Building Official: Meets Current Sign Code

Architectural Review: Meets CRA Requirements

Recommendation: Approval of grant in the amount of \$ 5,000

Seaside Veterinary Clinic

580 Island Drive

Cost: \$ 7,296

CRA Grant Maximum Award: \$ 5,000

New Sign Type: Freestanding Sign Retrofit to Monument

Review by Building Official: Meets Current Sign Code

Architectural Review: Meets CRA Requirements

Recommendation: Approval of grant in the amount of \$5,000

Seawind Townhomes

170 Seawind

Cost: \$ 4,985

CRA Grant Award: \$ 4,985

New Sign Type: Freestanding Sign Retrofit to Monument

Review by Building Official: Meets Current Sign Code

Architectural Review: Meets CRA Requirements

Recommendation: Approval of grant in the amount of \$ 4,985

Chabad of the Space Coast, Inc

1190 Hwy A1A

Cost: \$ 4,995

CRA Grant Award: \$ 4,995

New Sign Type: Freestanding Sign Retrofit to Monument

Review by Building Official: Meets Current Sign Code

Architectural Review: Meets CRA Requirements

Recommendation: Approval of grant in the amount of \$ 4,995

Walgreen's Drug Store

1098 Hwy A1A

Cost: \$ 22,474.58

CRA Grant Match at 50/50: \$ 11,237.29

New Sign Type: Freestanding Monument

Review by Building Official: Meets Current Sign Code

Architectural Review: Meets CRA Requirements

Recommendation: Approval of grant in the amount of \$ 11,237.29

Lori Laine Center

1301 S. Patrick Dr

Cost: \$ 7,200

CRA Grant Maximum Award: \$5,000

New Sign Type: Freestanding Sign Retrofit to Monument

Review by Building Official: Meets Current Sign Code

Architectural Review: Meets CRA Requirements

Recommendation: Approval of grant in the amount of \$5,000 – the Pour House sign will be removed or retrofitted prior to release of funds.

Mayor Ferrante asked for public comments; there were no comments.

ACTION: Vice-Mayor Fleis MOVED, SECOND Councilman Chase, to approve the Façade Grants for sign replacements as outline in the July 8, 2010, report. VOTE: ALL AYES.
MOTION CARRIED.

AGREEMENT WITH HP COMMUNITIES, LLC, (HUNT) FOR ENHANCED TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT SR A1A AND SHEARWATER PARKWAY

Community Development Director Laura Canady reported that the City has received a proposed agreement with Hunt to provide \$75,000 for enhanced traffic signals at the A1A and Shearwater Parkway intersection. The CRA Advisory Committee has approved a prototype mast arm system for the entire A1A corridor as part of an eventual streetscape system. The total estimated cost of the A1A/Shearwater intersection traffic signal improvement is \$150,000.

No action.

AGREEMENT WITH HP COMMUNITIES, LLC, REGARDING OVERFLOW PARKING FOR HIGHTOWER BEACH PARK ON HP COMMUNITIES PROPERTY NEAR INTERSECTION OF SR A1A AND SHEARWATER PARKWAY

The Community Development Director, City Manager, and Mayor met with General Elect Wilson at High Tower Beach Park to discuss beach access parking on Hunt property on the West side of Highway A1A. The contractor and builder have developed a plan to berm and stabilize the parking area and provide landscaping.

COUNCIL RECONVENED FOR THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:

PRESENTATION OF THE MONTECITO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT BUDGET AND OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT/INPUT

The Montecito Community Development District (MCDD) presents their proposed budget to City Council to review and comment each year. While Council cannot direct any changes in the MCDD budget, Laura Canady attends their budget meetings and can take to them any comments Council may have.

Ms. Canady stated that she has reviewed the budget and it addresses issues that residents have brought to her attention.

Mayor Ferrante asked for public comments; there were no comments.

No action.

As a point of interest, the residents of Montecito pay a MCDD fee of \$1,666 per year and a Home Owners Association fee of approximately \$2,400 a year on top of the County, School, and City taxes.

DISCUSS/TAKE ACTION ON COUNCIL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

In view of the late hour, Councilman Higginson asked that this agenda item be postponed to a future meeting.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS

City Clerk Montanaro presented a report of board vacancies and applicants dated July 14, 2010. In addition to those items in the memorandum, she stated that Richard Eginton would like to move from the Beautification Board to the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board. Mr. Frank Fortino would like to postpone his interview until the next meeting.

Mayor Ferrante asked for public comments after each motion to appoint board members; there were no comments.

ACTION: Councilman Chase MOVED, SECOND Vice-Mayor Fleis, to move Chuck Meacham from an alternate position to a regular position on the Beautification Board, term ending November 1, 2011. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Councilman Chase MOVED, SECOND Councilman Rhodes, to reappoint David Vosburgh to a three-year term on the Board of Adjustment, said term ending August 1, 2013. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Councilman Higginson MOVED, SECOND Councilman Chase, to reappoint Margaret Stroup to a three-year term on the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board, said term ending August 15, 2013. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Councilman Higginson MOVED, SECOND Councilman Chase, to reappoint Jacqui Wells to a three-year term on the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board, said term ending August 15, 2013. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Councilman Higginson MOVED, SECOND Councilman Chase, to move Ken Lindeman from an alternate position to a three-year term as a regular member on the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board, said term ending August 1, 2013. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Councilman Chase MOVED, SECOND Vice-Mayor Fleis, to reappoint Michael Zangari to a two-year term on the Library Board, said term ending July 1, 2012. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Council asked the City Clerk to contact Pat Sams to see if she is still interested in serving as an alternate on the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board.

Council stated that Kimberly Durjan would be excellent on the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Board if a position is open. Otherwise, they will appoint her to the Planning and Zoning Advisory Board at the next meeting.

ACTION: Councilman Chase MOVED, SECOND Vice-Mayor Fleis, to appoint Eileen Kiesel to a three-year term on the Code Enforcement Board, said term ending August 1, 2013. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Councilman Chase MOVED, SECOND Higginson, to appoint Colleen McNatt to a two-year term as an alternate member of Recreation Board, said term ending August 1, 2012. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Councilman Chase MOVED, SECOND Councilman Higginson, to appoint Denise Paige to a two-year term as a regular member of the Samsons Island Park Committee, said term ending August 1, 2012. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION: Councilman Chase MOVED, SECOND Councilman Higginson, to appoint Marti Porter to a two-year term as an alternate member of the Beautification Board, said term ending August 1, 2012. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

City Manager stated there are very few items for the August 4, 2012, meeting at this time.

ACTION Vice-Mayor Fleis MOVED, SECOND Councilman Chase, to cancel the August 4 meeting. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

- JUNE 16, 2010, SPECIAL MEETING**
- JUNE 16, 2010, WORKSHOP MEETING**
- JUNE 16, 2010, REGULAR MEETING**
- JULY 8, 2010, STATE OF THE CITY MEETING**

ACTION: Councilman Chase MOVED, SECOND Councilman Higginson, to approve the above minutes as presented. VOTE: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Ferrante stated that former Mayors Schechter, Bolin, and Brimer always said that Councils have great discussions, do what they have to do, and then move on as friends.

He adjourned the meeting at 10:10 p.m.

Barbara Montanaro, CMC
City Clerk