

**CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**



**WORK SESSION
SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017
W.T. BLAND LIBRARY
COMMUNITY ROOM**

Having been duly advertised as required by law, Mayor Nick Girone called the Saturday Work Session of City Council meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m.

Mayor Girone called for a moment of silence and Councilmember Crail led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Members Present

Nick Girone, Mayor
Laurie Tillett, Vice Mayor
Mark Slaby, At-Large Odd
Cathy Hoechst, At-Large Even
Cal Rolfson, District 2
John Tucker, District 3
Marc Crail, District 4

Also Present

Robin R. Hayes, City Manager
Gwen Johns, MMC, City Clerk

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Interlocal Services Boundary Agreement with Eustis

Robin R. Hayes, City Manager, stated Mount Dora is one of three jurisdictions that has advertised a conflict resolution ISBA meeting as required under Florida Statutes. On Monday, March 27, 2017, a meeting will be held at Eustis City Hall to include representatives from the City of Mount Dora, City of Eustis and Lake County. Each jurisdiction will be accompanied by legal representation and this meeting will determine future required actions for resolution of the ISBA issue.

2. Parking – Effect of Added Surface Parking Lots / Parking Garage

Ms. Hayes stated staff has been working and is prepared to discuss downtown parking. Vince Sandersfeld, Interim Planning & Development Director, displayed a map of downtown indicating areas that may be considered for additional parking. Some of the areas may be ideal for visitors and residents to park and access downtown activities and shopping. Some existing parking lots were mentioned along with ideas on how to attract visitors to use those areas.

3. Community Building Sound System

Ms. Hayes discussed the need for a new sound system at the Community Building. The City Council talked about the value of the community building and encouraged staff to look at several options for upgrading the system.

Brian Young, Visit Mount Dora, and Josh Hemmingway, an active Mount Dora resident, each spoke about the need for an upgraded sound system in the community building.

An agenda item will be presented to City Council on April 4, 2017, which if approved would allow staff to move forward with the Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

A full cost and benefit analysis needs to be prepared by staff to show revenues and expenditures. This will allow for a decision to be made on cost-sharing for use of the venue.

4. Volunteer Appreciation Event Planning

City Clerk Gwen Johns and Parks & Recreation Director Roy Hughes gave an update to City Council with regard to planning an appreciation event for volunteers.

5. Active Shooter (Civilian Version) Deputy Police Chief Robert Bell

Deputy Police Chief Robert Bell gave an active shooter presentation to City Council. Safety techniques and measures being taken by the City from a security perspective were discussed.

Ms. Hayes asked Deputy Chief Bell for an update on City Hall Security. It is anticipated the vendors will begin installation within the next two weeks.

6. Simpson Farmhouse

The question has been raised about recognizing a citizen for his participation in the relocation and refurbishing of The Simpson Farmhouse. Since there is no policy in place for recognition of this type, the consensus of City Council was for staff to prepare a policy to be approved by City Council.

7. Recreation Facility / Public Works Facility

Ms. Hayes said staff is working with Bentley Engineering on this project and drawings will be presented to City Council in the near future. Various options are being considered and staff will make sure the design for new facility will be appropriate for future growth.

The recreational facility will be addressed during the CIP (Capital Improvement Projects) process. Some options will be presented to City Council as to what this type of facility would look like from an engineering perspective.

8. Broker and Appraisers / Land Purchase

Ms. Hayes noted there are several consultants the City staff would like to contact to get price quotes and appraisals on potential properties for parking lots, recreational facilities, etc.

The City Council gave consensus for Ms. Hayes to move forward.

9. Discuss Work Session Dates – March 30, 2017 and May 11, 2017

Ms. Hayes wishes to keep March 30th on the calendar as a work session if needed. Ms. Hoechst is not available on March 30th.

10. Current Status of Outstanding Items

Robin R. Hayes, City Manager, said the outstanding report from Ms. Dottie Green has been distributed to City Council. Understanding there has not been adequate time for Councilmembers to review the document, she suggested the report be discussed at a future City Council meeting.

Ms. Hayes said at this point, Mayor Girone is the spokesperson for the City and he would address any issues and questions the City Council may have with legal counsel. The City Manager is not involved with any part of that process; however is involved with the employee part of the process but not with the legal part of the process.

Mayor Girone indicated a memo from the City Manager along with his report will request a meeting to allow him to speak with Mr. Colbert on this issue and present him with City Council questions. Following his discussion with Mr. Colbert, the City Council will discuss the issue. Mr. Girone said this is within the realm of his responsibility and he is happy to do it.

Mr. Rolfson cautioned that everyone would need to be careful of the sunshine issues. Ms. Hayes said Councilmembers would submit individual questions to her and she would compile the questions for Mr. Girone to use during his meeting with Mr. Colbert. Mayor Girone requested City Councilmembers to get their questions to Ms. Hayes prior to the April 4, 2017 City Council meeting, and he will call the City Attorney's office to schedule a meeting. Councilmember Hoechst said she has not had a chance to read the report and needs to have adequate time to review in order to prepare questions.

The consensus of City Council was to move forward as discussed above.

ADJOURNMENT

The City Council meeting adjourned at approximately 12:30 p.m.

NICK GIRONE
MAYOR, City of Mount Dora, Florida

Gwen Keough-Johns, MMC
City Clerk

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