

CITY OF MELBOURNE, FLORIDA
SUMMARY OF ACTION – REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2018



A. OPENING

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Proclamations and Presentations
5. Approval of Minutes
6. City Manager's Report

City Manager Mike McNees stated that this meeting's agenda package was created through the new automated agenda software. Mr. McNees thanked Rebecca Thibert, Executive Assistant to the City Manager, who superintended the new process.

Mr. McNees recognized Assistant City Clerk Kevin McKeown for recently earning the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Meehan called for a moment of silence for former City Council Member Roberta "Bobby" Bechtel who passed away on October 19, 2017. Ms. Bechtel served on the City Council from November 1978 – November 1989.

Mayor Meehan announced that January 9 is National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day and thanked the members of the Melbourne Police Department for their service.

7. Public Comments

Beverly Moser, 4831 Springwater Circle, discussed the recent tragedy that occurred in the crosswalk located on Post Road east of Sherwood Boulevard. (On December 15, a young boy was struck and killed by a vehicle.) Ms. Moser discussed a number of her concerns regarding the crosswalk, including: the location of the crosswalk outside of a school zone; whether any studies were performed to determine its location; the design of the crosswalk; the lack of delay from the point when the button is pushed to when the lights are activated; and the fact that it is not supervised by a crossing guard. She recommended that the city move the school zone sign to include the crosswalk; provide crossing guards at the crosswalk until 4:00 p.m.; and complete a traffic study for the area.

Keith Rudd, 2185 St. Dunston Lane, discussed safety concerns with traffic on Post Road and recommend that the issues mentioned by the previous speaker be addressed before another tragedy occurs.

Eric V. Ellebracht, 1948 Tyler Avenue, discussed a speed/radar training exercise conducted in Melbourne by West Melbourne police officers and asked why the officers weren't training in their own city. He also commented on visitors that are arriving from Canada through Porter Airlines.

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Karen Ivery, principal of Sherwood Elementary, thanked the Melbourne Police Department for being so supportive of the school and its students following the recent tragedy at the crosswalk. She expressed concerns regarding area traffic, excessive speeding, missing crossing guards, and homeless individuals interacting with students. Ms. Ivery asked the city to research and identify ways to make walking to and from school safer.

Council Member Tim Thomas discussed his attendance at the celebration of life for the student who lost his life. He stated that City Council needs to look at the crosswalk to ensure that this doesn't happen again. The crosswalk west of Sherwood Elementary is well lit and near a traffic light. After motorists pass through the light and school zone, they begin to speed up, which is an issue for the east crosswalk. He noted that a short-term solution may be available while a long-term solution will cost money.

Council Member Paul Alfrey stated that he grew up in the area. He agreed with the concerns mentioned about traffic.

Lisa Latulippe, 2214 Post Road, stated that she does not allow her children to ride their bikes to Sherwood Elementary School because of safety concerns. She asked the city to do whatever it takes to address the unsafe crosswalk. Ms. Latulippe discussed her observations of traffic and children using the crosswalk; litter and garbage in the area; and homeless individuals frequently wandering around the bus stop.

Amanda Bonilla, 2067 Robinhood Drive, stated that there were no issues in that area before the crosswalk was installed. She agreed with previous comments about speeding and said that a traffic light needs to be placed at that intersection. She recommended that the crosswalk be removed or reevaluated.

Matt Susin, School Board Member, District 4, offered support from the School Board to resolve any potential issues in the area. Mr. Susin stated that he met with officials from the Florida Department of Transportation who promised a 30-day turnaround on safety reviews of intersections on Eau Gallie Boulevard, including Eau Gallie and Croton Road. He expressed support for: "no texting while driving" legislation; posting photos of drivers who speed through school zones on social media; and working with the city to supplement crossing guards.

Mayor Meehan stated that a meeting should be scheduled once the police report on the incident has been completed.

B. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C. NEW BUSINESS

8. Interlocal Agreement with Brevard County for the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Local Infrastructure Surtax

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9. Hickory Street Complete Street Project, Project No. 85014
- a. Resolution No. 3698: A resolution for the approval of the Local Agency Program Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with the Florida Department of Transportation for the construction of the Hickory Street Complete Street Project and authorization for the City Manager to execute the agreement.
 - b. Resolution No. 3699: A budget resolution to appropriate Florida Department of Transportation Funding in the amount of \$2,448,221 into the project budget.
 - c. Construction contract award to Jordan Brothers Construction, LLC, of Orlando, Florida in the amount of \$7,832,146.14 for Hickory Street Complete Street Project, Project No. 85014.
 - d. Consultant contract award for construction engineering and inspection (CEI) services to Eisman & Russo, Inc. of Jacksonville, Florida in the amount of \$640,504 for Hickory Street Complete Street Project, Project No. 85014
 - e. Supplemental Amendment No.7 to the Standard Professional Services Agreement with Infrastructure Engineers, Inc. of Sebastian, Florida in an amount not to exceed \$115,316.35 for post-design services for the Hickory Street Complete Streets Project, Project No. 85014

Approved. At the request of Council Member Teresa Lopez, City Engineer Jenni Lamb will provide detail on the amount of funds being provided by the Water and Sewer Fund, Transportation Impact Fee Fund, and the Babcock CRA Fund.

10. Hoag Avenue Septic to Sewer Conversion, Project No. 32318
- a. Creation of Hoag Avenue Septic to Sewer project, approval of Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Cost-Share Funding Interlocal Agreement between Brevard County and the City of Melbourne and authorization for the City Manager to execute the Interlocal Agreement.
 - b. Resolution No. 3700: A budget resolution to appropriate Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Cost-Share Funding in the amount of \$86,031 and Stormwater Utility Funding (20099) in the amount of \$15,000 into the new project budget.

Approved. Mayor Meehan stated that a church on Hoag Avenue expressed interest in paving the road. She asked staff to send letters to property owners in order to determine the level of support for paving this unpaved roadway.

11. Cliff Creek Baffle Box, Project No. 20215

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- a. Approval of Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Cost-Share Funding Interlocal Agreement between Brevard County and the City of Melbourne for the Cliff Creek Baffle Box project and authorization for the City Manager to execute the Interlocal Agreement.
- b. Resolution No. 3701: A budget resolution to appropriate Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Cost-Share Funding in the amount of \$347,781 into the project budget.

Approved.

12. Thrush Drive Baffle Box, Project No. 20018

- a. Approval of Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Cost-Share Funding Interlocal Agreement between Brevard County and the City of Melbourne for the Thrush Drive Baffle Box project and authorization for the City Manager to execute the Interlocal Agreement.
- b. Resolution No. 3702: A budget resolution to appropriate Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Cost-Share Funding in the amount of \$322,200 into the project budget.

Approved.

13. RESOLUTION NO. 3703: A resolution for the approval of the Local Agency Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the design services for the Front Street/Melbourne Avenue Complete Streets Project and authorization for the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Approved.

14. RESOLUTION NO. 3704: A resolution for the approval of the Local Agency Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the design services for the Pineapple Avenue Complete Street Project and authorization for the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Approved.

15. RESOLUTION NO. 3705: A resolution for the approval of the Local Agency Program Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for the design services for the Country Club Road School Safety Sidewalk Gaps Project and authorization for the City Manager to execute the agreement.

Approved.

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16. ORDINANCE NO. 2018-01 (A&V NO. 378): (First Reading/Public Hearing) An ordinance vacating a portion of an existing ten-foot wide Utility Easement, located within 17 Nelson Avenue, between Lots 4 and 5, Block A of the Replat Part of Annie Laurie Gardens as recorded in Plat Book 12, Page 24.

Approved. The second reading/public hearing will be advertised for the January 23 meeting.

17. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Contract award to Public Utility Management Planning Services, Inc. of Hollywood, Florida for the Stormwater Utility Rate Study in the amount of \$47,500.
- b. Purchase of three Club Car Replacement Utility Carts with Weatherproof Canopy for the Water Reclamation Division, Jeffrey Allen, Inc.; Orlando, FL - \$35,942.
- c. Purchase of two 2018 Ford F550 Regular Cab trucks with flatbed and crane for the Water Distribution Division, Alan Jay Fleet Sales, Sebring, FL - \$135,147.60.
- d. Purchase of two 6" Trailer Mounted Pumps for the Wastewater Collection Division, Thompson Pumps, Port Orange, FL - \$84,608.
- e. Purchase of one Trailer-Mounted Valve Operator for the Water Distribution Division, E.H. Wachs, Harbard, IL - \$61,720.
- f. Purchase of VMware Horizon Advanced License Renewal for the Virtual Desktop for the Information Technology Division, Presidio Networked Solutions, Orlando, FL - \$49,499.68.
- g. Purchase of four 2018 Kubota RTVX900 All Terrain Utility Vehicles for the Water Production and Water Reclamation Divisions, Futch's Depot, Hastings, FL - \$43,440.
- h. Purchase of vehicle parts installation services for the Fleet Management Division, Lights-N-More, Sanford, FL - \$50,000.
- i. Resolution No. 3706: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the Florida Department of Transportation for the Stone Magnet Middle School Safe Routes to Schools Sidewalk Project.

Approved.

18. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

19. Lien Rescission CE-98-023: Approval of a recommended order from the Code Enforcement Board that the fine in the amount of \$1,131 be reduced to \$500 if paid within

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90 days for property located at 3048 Juanita Circle. (Owner – Hart Contractors, Inc.)
(Applicant – Lacy Hill)

Approved.

20. Lien Rescission CE-04-064: Approval of a recommended order from the Code Enforcement Board that the fine in the amount of \$30,000 be reduced to \$500 if paid within 90 days for property located at 3048 Juanita Circle. (Owner – Hart Contractors, Inc.) (Applicant – Lacy Hill)

Approved.

Council convened as the Babcock Street Community Redevelopment Agency for the following item:

21. Approval of Interlocal Agreement for the Rehabilitation and Transfer of a Portion of Babcock Street.

Approved.

Council reconvened for the remaining items.

22. FY2017/18 Grants-In-Aid Funding Recommendations

In addition to approving the funding recommendations from the Grants-In-Aid Application Review Committee (totaling \$55,000), Council approved providing an additional \$2,500 to the Melbourne Municipal Band and \$2,500 to the Master’s Workshop. As a result, the following organizations were funded:

Aging Matters in Brevard	\$10,000
National Technical Association	5,000
Boys and Girls Club	5,000
Brevard County Legal Aid	10,000
2-1-1 Brevard	5,000
Melbourne Municipal Band	5,500
Melbourne Community Orchestra	2,350
Rolling Readers Space Coast	5,400
Melbourne High School Rowing Association	4,750
Florida Wildlife Hospital	4,500
The Masters Workshop	2,500
Total	\$60,000

D. PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, AND COMMUNICATIONS

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Eric V. Ellebracht, 1948 Tyler Avenue, commented on: the widening of Post Road with federal money; the organizations requesting grants-in-aid money are all worthy organizations; and use of taxpayer dollars.

Vice Mayor Minus thanked the Council Members and staff that attended the Melbourne Police Community Relations Council Christmas party. She added that the next meeting is scheduled for January 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Carver Park.

Vice Mayor Minus announced the following events celebrating Martin Luther King Day:

- January 14, 6:00 p.m. – Community program at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church.
- January 15, 9:00 a.m. – Peace March. The march begins at the Dr. Martin Luther King Public Library and will end at the Melbourne Auditorium. A program will take place inside the auditorium beginning around 11:00 a.m.

Council Member Lopez recommended that additional police officers be assigned at the crosswalk at Sherwood Boulevard until the issues previously discussed can be reviewed. Mr. McNees noted that Police Chief David Gillespie and City Engineer Jenni Lamb are working together on review of the crosswalk. A brief discussion following regarding the crosswalk.

E. ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 9:20 p.m.