



City of Deltona

2345 Providence Blvd.
Deltona, FL 32725

Minutes

City Commission Workshop

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

5:30 PM

2nd Floor Conference Room

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor Masiarczyk.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

The City Commission and staff said the pledge to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: – Citizen comments limited to items not on the agenda and comments on items listed on the agenda will take place after discussion of each item.

Mayor Masiarczyk opened the meeting for public comment.

Doug MacDonald, 1494 Surrey Run Court, Deltona, asked the Commission if it was the appropriate time to address any issues.

Mayor Masiarczyk replied any issue that is not on the Agenda.

Mr. MacDonald stated he wanted to comment on the chicken ordinance.

Mayor Masiarczyk replied he would allow him to speak about it but that the chicken ordinance was not on the Agenda for tonight.

Mr. MacDonald stated he would speak at the next Regular Commission Meeting on March 7th, 2016.

Mayor Masiarczyk closed the meeting for public comment.

2. ROLL CALL – CITY CLERK:

Administrative Assistant Karissa Cook asked the Mayor to call the roll.

Mayor Masiarczyk replied that Vice Mayor Nabicht was out sick.

City Manager Shang replied that Commissioner Herzberg was running late, but would be attending the meeting.

Present: 6 - Commissioner Herzberg
Commissioner Honaker
Commissioner Schleicher
Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Soukup
Mayor Masiarczyk

Excused: 1 - Vice Mayor Nabicht

4. BUSINESS:

A. Presentation on the New Senior Community Center - Chris Bowley, Planning and Development Services, (386) 878-8602.

Strategic Goal: Fiscal Issues, New Senior Community Center.

Planning and Development Services Director Chris Bowley introduced the topic and he explained what amenities the Commission wanted in the facility and introduced Principal Tim McNicholas and Senior Planner/Designer Rene Alvarez with C.T. Hsu and Associates.

Mr. Alvarez compared surrounding community center establishments to Deltona's proposed community center, different schemes and options for the community center, the seating capacity of each room, the number of restrooms in the facility and parking.

The Commission, staff and associates from C.T. Hsu discussed the seating space in the banquet facility being larger, the gym being near the banquet facility, comparable facilities, solar panels on the roof, making the community center Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified, incorporating green building design into the facility, moving the athletic facility to the Casey property, the gym floor being wood and parking.

Mayor Masiarczyk opened the meeting for public comment.

Doug MacDonald, 1494 Surrey Run Court, Deltona, stated he had been in the Lake Mary facility many times and that it was nowhere near the size of what the Commission is planning on building in Deltona.

Mr. Alvarez stated that he understood the point that Mr. MacDonald was stating, but that the Lake Mary center is a size that actually functions on a daily basis for rentals and that if the building is made to accommodate a prom that it will be empty most of the year because most functions are not prom size.

Mr. MacDonald asked as the City grows if it would be possible to make a second floor on the proposed community center in the future.

Mr. Alvarez replied that if the second floor was a part of the concept the structure would

have to be planned ahead of time to accommodate the second floor, but that it was a possibility to enlarge the facility vertically in the future.

Pat Northey, 2310 Carson Lane, Deltona, stated based on the name of the facility she would have no clue what the Commission was trying to do with the center and that she was unsure if it was supposed to be "senior center, gymnasium or events center". She explained to the Commission that she has been to the Sanborn Activity and Event Center which is beautiful and has multiple uses, but that the seniors have taken over the Sanborn Center which causes competition for the availability of rooms.

Mayor Masiarczyk replied that he believes the daily users of the community center will need a separate area or room, but that the Commission will have to discuss that.

Fire Chief Robert Rodgers stated he toured the Sanborn Center and the employee's first comment was that it should have been built twice the size.

The Commission discussed an event they attended at the Sanborn Center, the size of the proposed community center, Deltona schools' auditoriums and partnering with the schools in Deltona to allow public use of their auditoriums.

Mayor Masiarczyk closed the meeting for public comment.

B. Discussion on the Potential Acquisition of the Casey Property for Strategic Planning Purposes, Jane K. Shang, City Manager, (386) 878-8858.

Strategic Goal: Economic Development, Focus on Howland Blvd. as the Gateway for Commercial Growth.

City Manager Shang gave a brief history of the topic and she asked the Commission for direction on what the next step is with regards to the Casey Property.

The Commission discussed utilizing the land at Howland Crossings, paying for the Casey property, projects at Thornby Park and the Deltona Community Center, economic development, the traffic count on Howland Blvd. and paying for the City Center.

Commissioner Honaker spoke about his vision for the City Center and he presented a rendering of a city center and parking garage located in a different State to the Commission.

The Commission and staff discussed Commissioner Honaker's renderings, purchasing the Casey property, selling unused City property, the request for proposal to figure out the City's niche and where the funds for the City Center and Casey property are coming from.

After discussion the Commission concurred to move forward with negotiations for the Casey Property.

5. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

City Manager Shang stated she was asked by the Volusia Manager's Association if Deltona was going to change its opinion on the following three topics: eliminating the Volusia Growth Management Commission (VGMC), building a homelessness facility and the proposed one (1) cent sales tax on point of sale.

The Commission discussed the one (1) cent sales tax on point of sale and sales tax revenue.

After discussion, the Commission concurred that they have not changed their opinion on eliminating the VGMC, building a homelessness facility and the proposed one (1) cent sales tax on point of sale.

Commissioner Herzberg gave an update of the Volusia League of City's Executive Board meeting where it was approved to move forward with a water resources compact.

Mayor Masiarczyk asked the Commission if there was any objection to the street between Deltona High School and the RaceTrac being named after Master Sergeant Tara Jacobs Brown who was killed in action.

The Commission had no objection to the street located between Deltona High School and the RaceTrac being named after Master Sergeant Tara Jacobs Brown.

Mayor Masiarczyk asked City Manager Shang if water meters could be discussed at a future Workshop because some residents are confused as to how water meters work.

The Commission discussed water meters and creating a public service announcement to explain how water meters work.

The Commission concurred to discuss water meters at a future Workshop and to create a public service announcement to explain how water meters work.

The Commission discussed sidewalks.

Administrative Assistant Karissa Cook asked the Commission for clarification on their consensus on the new community center and the Casey property.

The Commission and staff replied that the consensus is to remove the gym from the new community center plans, enlarge the banquet facility, to provide appropriate parking and to move forward with negotiations for the Casey property.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

