



City of Deltona

2345 Providence Blvd.
Deltona, FL 32725

Minutes

City Commission

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

6:30 PM

Deltona Commission Chambers

SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Masiarczyk.

2. ROLL CALL – CITY CLERK:

Present: 8 - Commissioner Herzberg
Commissioner Schleicher
Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Soukup
Vice Mayor Nabicht
Mayor Masiarczyk
City Manager Shang
City Attorney Vose

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Honaker

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Masiarczyk led everyone in the pledge to the flag.

4. PUBLIC FORUM: - 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.

None.

5. BUSINESS:

A. Special Commission meeting to discuss and take any necessary action to modify the trash rules that went into effect on June 1, 2016. Jane K. Shang, City Manager (386) 878-8850

City Manager Shang clarified the consolidated questions and the responses for each question posed by the public from the Public Forum on Trash held on June 30, 2016 and that the Commission had dialog after each question.

Mayor Masiarczyk opened the public hearing.

a) Josie Taylor, 562 Richmond Avenue, Deltona, stated that she has had some issues with Waste Pro not picking up the pieces of trash that fall on the curb when the trash bin is being emptied and that Waste Pro damaged her garbage bin which they replaced, and she thanked the City for the planting and maintenance on the thoroughfares.

b) Jean Armstrong, 1428 Summit Hill, Deltona, stated that as a realtor the City is looking better, that there is still the occasional sofa left out, that any time there is change there will be unintended consequences and issues, and that the City is doing the right thing by trying to resolve the issues.

c) Brandy White, 2926 Chalmer St, Deltona, spoke against the new rules, she read from Chapter 50 Housing of the Code of Ordinances, she questioned whether every change fit the purpose and intent, she went over the changes made to Chapters 50-3 and 50-28, residents not being aware they could not use two (2) bins like before, that the size of the bin does not solve the issue of too much trash, that it does not make sense to not allow residents to use their own trash bins other than so Waste Pro does not use manual trucks and where did those trucks go, the problem being that residents have to now hoard their trash, that per the ordinance residents can have up to three (3) bins, that parts of Chapter 50-3 override Chapter 50-28, and residents not being able to afford an additional bin.

d) Tanya Boggs, 360 Monaco Avenue, Deltona, spoke in support of the beautification efforts and support the discussions to resolve issues that have arisen, and that there are six (6) points, to improve the look of the City, increase home values, attracting businesses, job creation, new homeowners, improving the City's reputation and fosters more pride. She stated the City should continue its efforts and nail down the specifics of the ordinance.

e) Emerson Cross, 1232 Section Line Trail, Deltona, stated to spread the cost of waste removal among all residents via a tax and some residents with lower incomes or lower property values maybe not having to pay as much and he suggested putting the issue on the ballot for a vote by the residents.

f) George Voll, 2922 Howland Blvd, Deltona, stated he applauds the beautification efforts, it is important to take pride in the City and clean up the City, he is happy with the unified bins, there has been some issues like with the elderly not being able to handle the new bin and he suggested that everyone do their part to assist those having difficulties with the new rules, he applauded the City for all the positive results that have taken place, subsidizing, and to keep the program as complete as possible, stay focused on it and to continue in a direction so that questions can be answered.

g) Mary Helmrick-McDade, 2001 Montfort Lane, Deltona, spoke about the City being on the right track and making progress and she provided several options from Denver Colorado where she used to live to include bulk pick-ups every 4 weeks, to provide a calendar of pick-up dates to each resident and having large recycling bins. She stated the Denver trash company communicated all the time via fliers and since she has moved here she has heard nothing from the City.

h) Larry Kent, 235 River Village Drive, Debarry, read several clauses from the Waste Pro contract and he asked how well have we monitored the contract over the last five (5) years, that Exhibit B of contract shows 15 routes a day, the City should be able to spot check the routes, he read from the Redman contract whose cost is \$6,200 a month to randomly monitor Waste Pro on things the City should have been doing all along, he asked how many seminars has Waste Pro done for the City per the contract, and that he does not know where the challenge are with regards to commercial pick-ups.

i) Mike Williams, 2889 Cottageville St, Deltona, stated he is in favor of the program, that nobody could answer the questions regarding the fees and the tonnage, that the City has an open door policy, he suggested someone contact Brandy White to assist her with any issues she is having, most of the residents being in favor of the new rules, the improvements being visible and he encouraged residents to contact the City who will assist with their issues.

j) Courtney Hernandez, 2102 Nedra Avenue, Deltona, stated she just moved here, she is in favor of cleaning up the City, she asked what to do with mops and things that do not fit in trash bin, and she stated that she believes Commissioner Soukup means well, but his comments were unprofessional with regards to if a resident does not like something they should sell their home. She stated she does not support a second pick-up day and that she liked the once a month bulk pick-up.

Mayor Masiarczyk closed the public hearing.

The Commission discussed the Redman contract monitoring the Waste Pro contract, the Solid Waste Coordinator and Compliance Officer position, illegal dumping, wanting to hear solutions from the residents, needing to continue beautifying the City, needing to be less lenient, the time that trash is to be put out and the time changes, is there a schedule of fines in place and if not there needing to be one, appearance being everything, the majority of the residents in favor of the new rules, and holding Waste Pro accountable.

Commissioner Soukup left the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS:

a) Commissioner Herzberg thanked everyone for coming out and spoke, a lot of the issues are direction and communication, and the City being on the right track. She stated there is an issue with illegal dumping, people are dumping in commercial dumpsters and it has nothing to do with these regulations, but instead just that the person did not want to pay a fee to dump their trash. She stated she sees a difference in the look of the City, the property appraiser lowered home values by 62%, the City needing to have eye appeal, losing potential employees and businesses because of the

lack of eye/curb appeal, helping those that need help, and she suggested trying the new rules for six (6) months, but there being nothing that the City cannot change if it is not working.

b) Commissioner Schleicher stated businesses look at green spaces, neatly kept neighborhoods, and she suggested when the time changes in the Fall to change the time to put out trash to 4:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m.

c) Commissioner Smith thanked everyone for coming out and she would like to hear Ms. White's solutions to the trash issues.

d) Vice Mayor Nabicht stated he believes the program needs a lot of tweaking, "you get what you pay for", not being able to make everyone happy, and it being the Commission's responsibility to set the tone which is to clean up Deltona, but he does not agree with the method chosen to do it. He stated Deltona pays a fairly low rate compared to other cities in Florida, the City is not generating a different amount of trash every month, he likes the idea of one (1) day a month for bulk pick-up and he would like staff to look into that option. He stated he would like to take a look at the recycling program and not wait two (2) years to do it, and the program needing a lot more work to improve it the way the Commission envisioned.

e) Mayor Masiarczyk stated staff did a lot of work on the program, tonight was to let residents hear the Commission working through the program, the program is working and a majority of the people understand it is working. He suggested to proceed with the program as planned, but he does not want to use a hammer August 1st. He stated he thinks the City tried to manage the program and customer complaints, instead of managing the contract. He stated when it comes time to make changes Waste Pro is willing to work with the City, but the City needs to be following the contract. He asked the City Manager to look at a flat fee for special pick-ups and a once a month bulk pick-up and he suggested everyone help seniors or those unable to handle getting their trash out, maybe recruit a volunteer group.

Commissioner Smith asked if the City would have the flat fee worked out by August 1st and City Manager Shang replied that on August 1st the City will be abiding by the new trash rules, a soft opening has been in place since June 1st, and those who have not been compliant with the new trash rules Waste Pro has been making two (2) trips and are coming back out the following day to pick-up the trash. Mayor Masiarczyk stated as of August 1st that stops.

Motion by Commissioner Schleicher, seconded by Commissioner Herzberg, to implement full program as of August 1st with two (2) stipulations, to look at a flat fee for pick-up and additional bulk waste

pick-ups monthly.

Commissioner Herzberg asked for clarification, that the City will be eliminating the soft opening, and if trash is not in the bin and it is in violation then it is the residents' responsibility to call Waste Pro for a special pick-up or put it in the bin for the next time. City Manager Shang replied if this is not done then Code Enforcement will provide a notice, it will either go to the Special Magistrate or an abatement.

Commissioner Smith questioned the expense to Waste Pro to come back the following day to pick-up the additional trash that does not fit in the bin. City Manager Shang replied that knowing that it takes time for change, making sure that everyone is aware of the new rules, there was a soft opening and Waste Pro agreed that if there was trash not in the bin they would leave a door hanger explaining the violation and as a courtesy they have been coming back out the following day to pick it up so the trash does not sit out all week, but not for bulk waste. She stated as of August 1st the additional trash will not be picked up the following day because the rules will be enforced.

Commissioner Herzberg asked if a resident has a bulk pick-up they need to call Waste Pro to schedule a pick-up and City Manager Shang replied that did not change.

Vice Mayor Nabicht called the question.

The motion passed by the following vote:

For: 4 - Commissioner Herzberg, Commissioner Schleicher, Commissioner Smith, and Mayor Masiarczyk

Against: 1 - Vice Mayor Nabicht

6. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

John C. Masiarczyk, Sr., MAYOR

ATTEST:

Joyce Raftery, CMC, MMC, CITY CLERK