

**CITY OF DELTONA, FLORIDA
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2014**

A Workshop Meeting of the Deltona City Commission was held on Monday, October 13, 2014 in the City Hall, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 2345 Providence Blvd. Deltona, Florida.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mayor John Masiarczyk, Sr.

2. ROLL CALL:

Mayor	John Masiarczyk	Present
Vice Mayor	Heidi Herzberg	Present
Commissioner	Webster Barnaby	Present
Commissioner	Zenaida Denizac	Present
Commissioner	Anthony Bellizio	Excused
Commissioner	Chris Nabicht	Present
Commissioner	Nancy Schleicher	Present
Acting City Manager	Dale Baker	Present
City Attorney	Becky Vose	Present

Also Present: Acting Deputy City Manager Gerald Chancellor.

3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Masiarczyk led everyone in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Masiarczyk opened the meeting for public comment.

Harry Wilkins, 2177 Gretna Drive, Deltona stated that he wanted to discuss the Trap, Neuter, Release Program. Becky Vose, City Attorney, replied that she created an Ordinance regarding a Trap, Neuter, Release Program that she was going to bring up at the end of the meeting. Mr. Wilkins stated he would wait until then.

Mayor Masiarczyk closed the meeting for public comment.

4. BUSINESS:

A. Review and discussion re: Executive Search Firm Selection.

Staff tallied the totals from the consultant evaluation sheets and the results were 595 for Colin Baenziger and Associates and 487 for Waters and Company.

After discussion, the Commission concurred to have staff contact Colin Baenziger and

Associates and have them set up a timeline.

B. Presentation and update on alternative water projects, water quality issues and future potential water supplies. Discussion of the Volusia County Resolution.

Gerald Chancellor, Acting Deputy City Manager, gave a presentation which included an overview of upcoming and previous water quality projects and a review of the Volusia County Water Quality Resolution.

The Commission and staff discussed potable water, bottled water, the Water Management District's regulations, the amount of water being pumped, the Day Road well, drilling wells, funding for the Volusia County Resolution, partnering with other agencies on water projects, impaired surface water, the Blue Springs Watershed, the cost of switching homes from septic to sewer, the language of the Volusia County Resolution, the City creating a resolution on water quality, and Amendment #1.

After discussion, the Commission concurred for the City of Deltona to create a resolution on water quality.

C. Discussion re: Ordinance No. 11-2014, regarding the City's Rental Regulatory License.

Mayor Masiarczyk opened the meeting for public comment.

Eric Leech, 3491 Whitner Way, Sanford, stated he is confused as to why Deltona property owners are being charged more when most property owners and managers have very high standards for renters, renting property to tenants brings money and business to the City, that he considers what fees he will be charged when looking at buying a property and that Ordinance No. 11-2014 has an overall negative effect on the City.

Sebastian Qualantone, 1723 Fruitland Drive, stated that the City should send the notices from code enforcement to the renters instead of the property owners or managers, that he does not like the cost of the fee, that the program is not currently working and he suggested registering the property managers instead of the property.

Patricia Jennings, 1761 E. Normandy Boulevard, stated that a 250% increase from \$20 dollars to \$50 dollars is exuberant, that she does not see where the money will go, and that she has had to lower rent because she has faced an increase in taxes, rental insurances doubling and struggling tenants.

Don Hutchins, 1390 Freeport Drive, stated that he is concerned with the ordinance specifically Section 36-11 and Section 36-14, that the words probable cause in Section 36-11 could create major issues, that Section 36-14 will cause delays in turning on water and he suggested registering the property managers.

Smiley Thurston, 608 Saxon Boulevard, stated that the water department was very gracious in working with him in getting the water turned on without a deed, that turning on water could be a

potential problem but that he believes it is the only way to protect what the City is trying to do with blighted houses, and that he does have an issue with the City sending notices to the address of the property instead of the owner of the property.

Greg Bond, 656 San Pablo Avenue, Casselberry, stated that he does not understand the amount of the increase or why someone could not register one property manager for all the properties, that it seems like there would be a more efficient way to accomplish the City's goals, that the cost of the fee would be passed on to the tenants, that he has never had an issue and that if an issue should arise it should be addressed with the property manager or owner, and that the property owners and managers are getting penalized for doing what should be done.

Steve Goldberg, 7769 Snowberry Circle, Orlando, stated that the property managers and owners came to be a part of the community and are creating jobs, that property owners are already paying a higher tax rate, and that through recession the property owners have been bringing in jobs and cleaning up eye sores.

The Commission and staff discussed the practices of other cities, forming a committee or group to come up with a solution to the blight problem, having a fee that is based on complaints, how water to a rental house would be turned on, looking at how the notices are sent out, repealing the ordinance, and sending refunds to those who have already paid the rental tax.

After discussion, the Commission concurred to create a board and repeal Ordinance 11-2014.

Dale Baker, Acting City Manager, stated that Halifax Human Society received a grant to spay and neuter 600 cats in Deltona and that the issue is that the grant is tied to a Trap, Neuter, Release Program. Mr. Baker proposed come up with a pilot Trap, Neuter, Release Program. Ms. Vose drafted Ordinance 31-2014.

The Commission and staff discussed not knowing about the subject prior to the meeting, bringing it before the Commission at the October 20, 2014 regular Commission meeting, and establishing cat colonies.

Harry Wilkins, 2177 Gretna Drive, read an article on the benefits of a Trap, Neuter, Release Program from Alley Cat Allies and he stated that the community needs to take care of its four (4) legged furry friends.

April Rocklin, 27 Warren Drive, stated that she has been performing trap, neuter, and release on her own, that she has had 35 cats fixed and she wants to be able to feed the cats at the end of her street.

After discussion, the Commission concurred to have Ordinance 31-2014 on the October 20, 2014 Commission meeting.

Mr. Baker asked the Commission to come 10 minutes early to take an official current City Commission picture.

5. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

6. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7: 46 p.m.

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