# Council Meeting Minutes August 12, 2020



## Call to Order

Invocation and Pledge given by Manager Campbell

Roll Call Councilmember Noble

Councilmember Zemaitis

Mayor Dudley

Councilmember Hauft Vice Mayor Howell Manager Campbell Attorney Mora

<u>Consent Agenda for August</u> Motion: Councilmember Zemaitis

Second Councilmember Hauft

Motion passes unanimously

## Open Forum

Ellen Dalbo, 4726 58<sup>th</sup> St. N questioned the cable and internet services available, in Kenneth City, she would like to see more options. In addition, she was concerned about Waste Connections picking up recycling in the regular trash trucks and the items not being recycled.

Carlos Hite, 6514 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave N was concerned about the condition of the playground on 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

Paul Ashe, 6412 44<sup>th</sup> Ave N was concerned about the bushes at the corner of 66 St and 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave N, blocking the visibility when turning on to 66<sup>th</sup> St N and the election signs that were also blocking visibility in that area.

### **New Business**

Approval of the Joint Project Agreement (JPA) with Pinellas County for 46<sup>th</sup> Ave Improvements.

Manager Campbell explained the Joint Project Agreement (JPA), which will effectively enable the Town to work directly with Pinellas County on the combined improvements planned for the 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue Corridor. These improvements include the 1) milling and resurfacing of 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue, from 55<sup>th</sup> Street on the east to 62<sup>nd</sup> Street on the west, 2) the 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue linear trail improvements, and 3) curb, gutter, and ADA intersection/ramp improvements associated with the linear trail.

The 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue Trail will enable future Joe's Creek Trail users access to nearby Kenneth City facilities within Ernst Park. The Joe's Creek Trail project is one of the first infrastructure projects earmarked for funding and implementation under the County's Penny 4 initiative. The Town has tentatively earmarked funding in future outyears of its 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to connect with the Joe's Creek Trail from the Lake Lori neighborhood. The Joe's Creek Trail, will be entirely constructed by the County between 2023 and 2025.

Pinellas County is donating approximately \$582K to the Town for completion of 2 out of the 3 projects outlined within the JPA. The JPA will enable the Town to effectively combine the three major improvements into one succinct project, with a single contractor. Benefits of the JPA include 1) a more expedient and efficient project timeline, 2) the ability to attract a larger, more talented contractor, and 3) reduced traffic impacts to the Kenneth City community by undertaking all three projects at once, or under the direction of a single contractor, versus multiple contractors utilizing differing time schedules.

The goal is to prepared the bid package and advertise it in September. It will be ultimately brought back to Council to accept the final bid.

Consensus by Council to move forward with this bid process.

#### **Public Comment**

Carlos Hite, 6514 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave N was concerned about how the drainage work on 46<sup>th</sup> Ave N would affect the drainage on 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave N.

Ellen Dalbo, 4726 58<sup>th</sup> St. N was concerned about whether it would be a complete resurfacing vs a patching job, the roundabout and drainage.

## Comments

Councilmember Noble asked if there was a project plan for these improvements.

Manager Campbell stated there will be a plan once the bid package was completed, the project is bid and the contractor provides that information. We work directly with our Town Engineer, who is a PE and with the County.

Attorney Mora stated that Management is seeking a consensus from this body to move forward, putting it out to bid. The details will be forthcoming, and are not solidified at this stage of the project.

Councilmember Zemaitis wanted to discussed holding off on fees for any code violations that are non-life-threatening and non-hazarded until January 1<sup>st</sup> to help the residents.

Attorney Mora stated the need to specify the contours of what is being discussed.

Vice-Mayor Howell asked when Chapter 54 was passed.

Attorney Mora stated it became effective on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, with a limited amendment. It was adopted and effected, as of that meeting. As a matter of procedure and administrative process the PD and the Administration are working on an education campaign. The educational period has not been definitely decided.

Manager Campbell stated we currently have some code issued that are more gregarious than others that we have been tracking. If we might lose some traction on those issues, if we limited to it to more salient items.

Vice-Mayor Howell stated if we are not enforcing all codes, it will open a can of worms, however the new code enforcement violations could continue to be just educational.

Councilmember Noble guestioned what the educational process was.

Attorney Mora stated the public education, usually happens after the adoption process.

Mayor Dudley was confirming the request was for the educational window on Chapter 54 to continue through the end of the year.

Attorney Mora stated what was being discussed was what was happening currently. It is not a necessary function of this body to put a hard on fast date on it.

Chief Riley stated the PD never cites anyone on the first time.

There were 150 violation, so far this year and 23 citations were issued.

The PD will come up with an educational flyer and distribute it to the residents for the new Code Violations in Chapter 54.

Attorney Mora stated his office continues to track the Corona Virus, in as much if effects how business is conducted.

**Adjournment** 

Motion: Councilmember Zemaitis
Second Councilmember Noble
Motion passes unanimously
Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Cindy M. Matson, Town Clerk