



Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday October 14, 2020

- Call to Order
- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Pastor Remington Anksorus of Crossroads Church opening in 2021 (formerly Victory Church)
- Roll Call Councilmember Noble, Councilmember Zemaitis, Mayor Dudley, Vice-Mayor Howell, Councilmember Hautt, Manager Campbell and Attorney Mora
- Consent Agenda for October
 - Minutes- Council Meeting/ Workshops (August & September)
 - Revenue/Expenditure Report
 - Building Department Report
 - Police Department Report
 - Fire Department Report
 - Board Appointment
 - i. Planning & Zoning Board
 - Reappoint Andrea Kryston (2-year term)

Motion: Vice- Mayor Howell

Second: Councilmember Noble

Motion passed: all in favor

- Update from Commissioner Joseph Barkley, III, City of Belleair Bluffs- PSTA Chairman of the Board

Commissioner Barkley represents 6 municipalities on the PSTA Board of Directors- Belleair, Belleair Bluffs, Seminole, Gulfport, South Pasadena, and Kenneth City.

He spoke about the new hybrid electric busses and new trolleys. He also spoke about the addition of the SunRunner, a new Bus Rapid Transit Line with 16 stops between St. Pete and St, Pete Beach.

Regarding COVID 19, the PSTA is doing everything possible to keep riders safe.

Commissioner Barkley's term on the Board of Directors is up and he would like to recommend Gulfport Vice-Mayor Michael Fridovich to replace him.

Commissioner Barkley was seeking Council approval.

Mayor Dudley stated that she has worked with Vice-Mayor Fridovich and he would do a good job in that position.

- Proclamation – October Domestic Violence Awareness Month, read by Mayor Dudley

A presentation by RCS Pinellas, VP/Executive Director of Abuse Services, Tracy Wiecking followed near the end of the Council Meeting.

Every minute in the U.S. 20 people, experience domestic violence of some sort. Hope Villages of America (formerly RCS Pinellas) offers confidential and always free consultations and a safe place to go if you need to talk about it and find out what to do. The Emergency Safe House has 36 beds and serves about 350 women and children per year. Annually the Outreach Center provides services to another 5,000 people.

Two areas of opportunity that Mr. Wiecking spoke about were to increase the outreach to the Hispanic and Elderly Communities. Mr. Wiecking thanked their Community and Law Enforcement Partners.

- Open Forum

Paul Ashe, 6412th 44 Ave, was concerned about speeders in his neighborhood. He suggested more speed signs.

Cindy Hite, 6514 43rd Ave N was also concerned about speeding in this neighborhood.

- New Business:

Renewal of the FY 20-21 Agreement for Law Enforcement Support Services with the Sheriff's Office.

This is an annual item that is in the Town's budget. The change to the agreement this year was a 12% increase in the cost of services.

Motion: Vice-Mayor Howell

Second: Councilmember Zemaitis

All in favor: motion passed

- Mayor/Council/Attorney/Manager/Clerk Comments

Councilmember Noble questioned the infrastructure of the public lakes, the water quality of the lakes and potential relation to those with environmental asthma.

Manager Campbell stated the Town has a Master stormwater infrastructure system that contains 9 major lakes that are interconnected with a system of stormwater pipes. The overall goal is to treat water as it flows down to Joe's Creek. The Town contracts with an Aquatic Consultant who treats all the lakes in the Town.

The Town does not test the water quality within each of the individual lakes, but the County does test the water quality in Joe's Creek.

The lakes are spot treated on occasion, when needed, i.e. algae bloom.

The overall goal of the lakes is for stormwater treatment purposes and an overall enjoyment by residents. The Town is in the process of acquiring Lake Dixie, which is not part of the master storm water system.

As far as liability is concerned, the Town has trip and fall hazard insurance.

Attorney Mora responded to the issue of Pulmonary exposure to the lake. There would need to be proof that it was the Lake and not any other environments, that the person lived or work in that was the cause. The Town is not held liability for the existence of nature.

Councilmember Noble questioned the decision to turn a part-time position into a full- time position, instead of going with more automation at Town Hall. In addition, she suggested staggering the Town Hall hours to include nights and Saturdays.

She also questioned the overages for the Street Light and Health Insurance line items. She would like to lower health care costs and look into other opportunities to bring the budget figures down. She would like to see the Town's records retention policy and the Town Clerk's job duties.

Councilmember Noble and Zemaitis, were both concerned about the Town Clerk not getting her certification in a timely manner and not being experienced.

The Clerk stated she is trying to obtain her certificate ASAP; however, the Pandemic has slowed the process down. The classes need to be taken in between the Job duties, which takes time.

Councilmember Zemaitis, thanked Mayor Dudley and Manager Campbell for the Town wide yard sale for the first week in December 4,5 and 6.

She also requested an update on the Kmart and Twisty Treat properties.

Manager Campbell stated he is in ongoing communication with the owner's; however, everything is moving slower with the pandemic. There are permits are being pulled for the work being done, but we don't have a time frame, as to when they would open. They want to sell coffee and organic prepared foods.

Mayor Dudley, stated that ethics training will also be offered in beginning of December for those who did not attend the recent session.

Manager Campbell stated that Dreamland Amusements will be having another Carnival on November 11, 12 and 13th in the Kmart parking lot.

Councilmember Zemaitis believes our special permit price is too low. Manager Campbell stated we can research the cost that other municipalities charge.

Vice-Mayor Howell wanted to confirm that the Kenneth City Carnival, was not sponsored by Kenneth City.

Councilmember Hauft suggested since this is private property, perhaps a refundable cleanup deposit should be charged.

Manager Campbell confirmed it was not. It does however, bring a lot more people to Kenneth City. There is an offsite parking agreement with Plaza 66 that is required in addition to an off- duty detail. It is not on Kenneth City land, so we have limited authority.

If it is the Council's desire to look at permit fees and the branding spot (Kenneth City) we can look into this. The Town can also look into working with our waste disposal provider.

Manager Campbell stated a resident had traffic concerns regarding 58th St. A meeting was held with the County and a memo outlining the results of that meeting with County will be provided to Council.

Attorney Mora spoke about the need for ethics training, and education regarding the sunshine law, public records, and other opportunities to learn about how to be an effective Councilmember.

- Adjournment

Motion: Councilmember Zemaitis
All in favor

Second: Councilmember Noble

Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy M. Matson, Town Clerk