

Council Meeting Minutes
3/28/18 – 6:32 p.m.

Meeting was called to order; Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance followed.

In Attendance: Mayor Dudley, Vice-Mayor DeSimone, Councilmembers Troup, Roberts and Howell, Manager Campbell and Attorney Mora

Absent: None

- **Administration of Oath's of Office & Council Appointment**
Town Clerk Cindy McCarthy swore in Mayor Dudley, Councilmember Roberts and Troup. Mayor Dudley appointed Councilmember Howell as Vice-Mayor.
Motion to Approve: Councilmember DeSimone
Second: Councilmember Troup All in favor.
- **Consent Agenda for March 2018**
Motion to Approve: Councilmember Roberts
Second: Vice-Mayor Howell All in favor.
- **Public Service Officer Recognition**
Town Clerk Cindy McCarthy swore in FT Officer Keven Holton, PT Officer Luis Diaz and Reserve Officer Matt Swingholm.
- **Recognition of KC/Pinellas Park and E-16 Crew**
Fire Chief Brett Schlatterer introduced himself and staff and accepted a retirement plaque on behalf of Chief Keirn.
- **Open Forum** None.
 - Mayor Dudley presented Vice-Mayor DeSimone a certificate of appreciation for serving as Vice-Mayor for 3 years.
- **Old Business:**
Consideration of Resolution 18-05, adopting Town Mission, Vision and Core Values Statement
Attorney Mora Read Resolution 18-05 by title only.

Manager Campbell explained the mission statement, vision and core values. Mayor Dudley read mission statement in full.
- **Comment:**
Susan Oelze - 6127 46th Ave. N. - She asked where the 8 ft. sidewalks are going to start and end. Ms. Oelze stated she does not want it in front of her house. She stated her concern about the Town making a bike route for people that don't live here. Ms. Oelze stated she was told there would be a speed sign in front of her house and there still is not.

Attorney Mora stated that this is public comment, not a Q & A session.

- **New Business:**

Manager Campbell asked Council for permission to apply for potential Town-wide recognition with TBRPC Future of the Region Awards and the Florida League of Cities Municipal Achievement Awards. Council granted permission to pursue.

- **Comments:**

Vice-Mayor Howell stated he is proud of the team he works with and will give every effort to be of good assistance and represent the people of the Town.

Councilmember Troup stated he would like something done next election about political signs in front of Community Hall on election day.

Councilmember DeSimone stated she would rather have sidewalks than have someone get hit from walking on the road.

Attorney Mora stated for Council to be reminded of the Sunshine Law obligations. If there are any questions about Council's obligations to let him know. Attorney Mora addressed revising the sign code, stating current code prohibits placement of signs in the Town's right of way. When you allow people to place speech on Government property, it must be done in a content neutral way. This will also go through the Planning and Zoning Board.

Vice-Mayor Howell asked how soon will this happen? Attorney Mora stated probably July/August.

Manager Campbell stated Ernst Park is open, including the Splash Pad. We are waiting on contractors to correct a fence item, as well as a post that is needed in the splash pad. Duke Energy has replaced that light at Unit 12 park. In relation to the Greenway along 46th Avenue, the last two years have been spent working with Council. Special funding was allocated in the budget after an application to the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Program for a 50/50 match of up to a \$180,000.00, which has been awarded. This entails the widening of the sidewalk along 46th Ave., East and West throughout Town and connecting with the Lake Lori subdivision. Also, it would add a RFP crossing, benches, bike racks, etc. Manager Campbell stated there was a realignment and re-designation of the school zone at Blanton Elementary. There will be new signals on either side of the school. They will flash when school is in session, indicating a 15 mile an hour school zone.

Councilmember Roberts asked if there if the Town is still going to provide a crossing guard? Manager Campbell responded yes, but this will be discussed during the budget meetings.

Town Clerk Cindy McCarthy stated Martha Ward Pavilion polling place is permanently closed so going forward Community Hall will be only polling place.

*Motion to Adjourn: Councilmember DeSimone Second: Councilmember Troup
Meeting adjourned @ 7:18 PM*

Respectfully submitted, Cindy M. McCarthy, Town Clerk