



THE TOWN OF KENNETH CITY, FLORIDA

Council Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2022

A. Call to Order

B. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call

Present were Councilmember Noble, Councilmember Cummings, Councilmember Roberts, Vice Mayor Zemaitis, Mayor Howell, Town Manager Cavalli, Attorney Mora and Town Clerk Ana Cabezas.

D. Police Chief Presentation of Awards

- Interim Chief Michael Vieno presented Officer Emely Cruz with a 10-years of Service pin. He said:
On behalf of the Town of Kenneth City and the Kenneth City Police Department, I want to present Officer Emely Cruz with a 10-year service pin. Emely Cruz began her career with the Kenneth City Police Department back in December of 2011. It became evident real quickly that Emely possessed a very special ability to interact and develop relationships with our community. Emely does an outstanding job building relationships in our community and supporting all of our community policing events. Officer Cruz is also one of our field training officers and does a great job training our new recruit officers and bringing them up to speed so that they can operate on their own. With that being said, I would like to present you with a 10-year pin.

Mayor Howell said a few words celebrating Officer Cruz's service. Officer Cruz shared words of gratitude and stating that coming to work feels like coming home.

E. Consent Agenda

December Meeting Minutes
12/08/2021 Council Meeting
12/15/2021 Special Workshop

Motion to approve consent agenda made by Councilmember Noble.

Second was offered by Vice Mayor Zemaitis.
All in favor
Motion to approve consent agenda passed

F. Public Comment

There was no public comment.
Mayor Howell closed public comment.

G. Action Agenda

1. Complete Streets Resolution 2022-01
Town Attorney, Mora read Resolution 2022-01 *by title only*.
Manager Cavalli provided context and logic for adopting this resolution.

Mayor Howell asked if there was public comment.
No comments were made.

Motion to approve Resolution 2022-01 made by Councilmember Noble.
Second was offered by Vice Mayor Zemaitis.

All were in favor
Motion passed.

H. Department Reports

Public Safety

Interim Chief Mike Vieno provided the Public Safety report and stats for December. Highlights included a *positive reinforcement* initiative to educate residents on the importance of safe driving measures. The Police Department gave McDonald's gift cards to residents to celebrate their proper use of safety belts and child restraints. Vieno shared that two families were selected for the *Shop with a Cop* event. From these 2 families, the PD purchased presents for 7 children with the help of donations from local community partners.

Upcoming events: Bike Rodeo, March 5th and the 4th of July. Town-wide events for families.

Public Works

- Manager Cavalli provided updates on the VFW memorial. Materials have been ordered and construction is set to begin first few weeks in February.
- Public Works department constructed a loft/2nd story within the public works building, saving the Town a considerable amount of money by completing the job in-house.

- Town signage project, Phase One is near completion. Cavalli shared that the county is going to refinish the crosswalk for the school bus stop near 49th Ave and 58th street.

Code-Enforcement

Dave Wysong, Code Enforcement Officer provided updates to the Town on what he has accomplished since he started.

- Old Time Pottery: Wysong persuaded the building management to place no parking signs behind OTP to put an end to overnight parking by long haul truckers.
- To date has given out approximately 60 code violation notices. Of this initial amount, only 33 are still open or pending resolution.
- Was able to identify four unregistered, unlicensed home businesses and provide them with education as well as Business Tax Receipt applications.

Wysong explained the hours he will work, to include evenings and Sundays from time to time. Manager Cavalli explained how he will be identifiable via uniform and vehicle magnet.

I. Officer Reports

Town Manager

Cavalli shared updates on ARPA funds that will be used to purchase IT infrastructure improvement, community accessibility via updated technology. He said he would provide more information in upcoming months.

He spoke about the Fishing with Kids event that was held January 8th, alumni night at Hollins's Highschool 2/17th, 4th of July event, Florida Water and Pollution Control Operators dinner at Community Hall on January 21st.

He spoke briefly about the Kmart property sale appearing in Tampa Bay Business Journal. He shared that the Police Department currently has the Town's recreational equipment and will be signing out this equipment via the Police Department's Administrator, Ms. Erica Powell.

Manager Cavalli shared that he is currently exploring using ARPA funds to invest in a high-quality information management system, such as Accela as well as improved data protection. He discussed increased engagement on our social media platforms.

Manager Cavalli discussed emergency management and the upcoming anticipated hurricane season. He shared that the Town is working with emergency management, building ties and updating their information and also

working on the Pinellas County Integrated Preparedness Plan- identifying any gaps, needs and accuracy. He discussed moving beyond just having a hurricane plan and having a plan for all types of disasters. He discussed upcoming training on *Damage Assessments*. Upcoming Trainings include PIO training through FEMA and Debris Management.

Attorney

Randy Mora had no report.

Town Clerk

Cabezas shared that our March 2022 Election was cancelled and that sitting councilmembers, Bonnie Noble and Vice Mayor, Megan Zemaitis will be sworn in at the March 8th Council Meeting.

J. Mayor/Council Comments

Mayor Howell commented on “how far we’ve come” as a Town, “working together, and things are starting to happen around Kenneth City and it’s going to get better and better.” He stated, “I’m very proud to be associated with these people that I have on my council with me, your Town Council.” Mayor Howell celebrated the Police Department, the Council, and the Officers of the Town.

Councilmember Bonnie Noble shared updates from the work being done county-wide, by Forward Pinellas as well as upcoming *priority projects* and available grants. She said their grant application period will open in May.

No other Councilmember had or made comments.

A member of the community made a comment about parking and asked about Chapter 54. Mayor Howell stated, “we’re making progress.” Mayor Howell summarized some of the movements happening towards addressing parking issues in the town as well as code enforcement.

K. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilmember Roberts

Second was made by Councilmember Noble

All in favor

Meeting was adjourned

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