

Council Workshop Minutes
12/12/18

Meeting was called to order at 7:19 p.m.

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

Absent: Vice-Mayor DeSimone

○ **Discussion of Waste Services Contract:**

We have a provision that specifies the Town shall negotiate contracts with a Waste Services carrier and then all residents and business owners obtain services from that Company.

We are at the end of the first three- year period and it's time to renew. The rate residents were paying was quarterly for a very long period of time, and then it went back to monthly.

The rate that residents are paying currently \$13 a month. Waste Services is proposing a standardized increase of 5% total, which would be \$13.60.

We have two options, we could go out to bid for this over the next two or three months. The other option is to renew our contract for two-three years. We have asked Waste Services Pinellas for an extension and it has been granted.

Vice-Mayor Howell and Mayor Dudley agreed to stay with Waste Services. We have consensus.

Resident Larry Hauft stated that the service that Waste Services provides is excellent.

○ **Park Renaming Discussion:**

There is a park that in the Town in councilmember Roberts neighborhood, that has no name. There is a particular Florida Statutes that allows a community or municipality to potentially rename or name and actual park, if the actual name is offensive or something that by way of its name or not easy to find.

There is a policy regarding how the Town would go about renaming or naming a park. Manager Campbell stated if we decided as a Council to do this, it would involve primarily the residences of that neighborhood.

Mayor Dudley, Vice-Mayor Howell, and Councilmember Troup agree with the idea.

Councilmember Robert stated there are a lot of renters in that area, who might not care. It would be the homeowner's decision.

Manager Campbell stated we'll keep you apprised down the road.

- **Schleck Park Redevelopment Options**

This is just another particular item that we have put within the capital Improvement plan in the Town budget, to do much needed improvements within this park. We all know that there's really no connection for that particular Park to Town Hall by way of a sidewalk.

Manager Campbell wanted to start the Council thinking about what they might like to see within that park, i.e. Senior Center, Library, deck, sidewalks.

Manager Campbell stated we could either just put in some basic connectivity of sidewalks that would connect Town Hall with the park, or work with a landscape architect, to put together a visionary plan of what potentially could happen with that particular Park and some cost estimates.

Mayor Dudley stated people say the Gazebo is pretty, however there are no restrooms, no place for the reception. Mayor Dudley stated, we need to do something to make it more usable.

Vice-Mayor Howell asked that it not be called a senior center, but a community center.

Councilmember Troup and Roberts think it's a good idea.

Manager Campbell stated we will come up with some ideas and brainstorm. In the meantime, there are several other municipalities, that have done this with their facilities. We could set up one-on-one appointments or film it and show you a video link of what they've done.

Vice-Mayor wanted to know how much these facilities are being used?

Madeira Beach build a Community Center and have had a lot of people use this space for their special events. In this part of the county, there's very little availability of facility space that in a community overlooks a lake or the water.

Resident Fran Howell commented that a Community Center with the walking paths would be good.

- **Charity Donations**

The town puts aside a certain portion of its budget for other Human Services.

We want to donate to organizations from which we receive ask letters.

- In the past, we have donated to Neighborly Care Network, SPCA, Station 16 Toys for Tots, Pinellas Park Fire Explores.
- Keep Pinellas Beautiful is a new organization, which we have partnered with for numerous events.
- Homeless Empowerment Project (HEP), which is a premier homeless entity that has a full transitory transitioning program
- Clothes to Kids.

Manager Campbell would like the Council's opinion on the donations.

Manager Campbell state each year it could vary. We have roughly four thousand dollars. There's about two thousand dollars that's been earmarked for neighborly Care Network, but then another 2,400.

The only prerequisite is they need to be a 501 C 3 organization. The chosen entities are typically ones that provide a service to the Kenneth City Community or resource to the community.

No official actions are being taken here as this is a workshop. It's just an opportunity for the start of discussions.

- **Adjournment**

Motion to Approve:

Councilmember Troup

Second:

Councilmember Roberts

Motion passed unanimously.

The Workshop was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy McCarthy Matson, Town Clerk