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MAYOR ROSE TO SERVE ANOTHER TERM



I want to thank the citizens of West Melbourne for allowing me to serve as your Mayor. I was re-elected without opposition for the term ahead. I am humbled

by the confidence that you, as well as my fellow Council Members, have shown in my ability to serve you.

Five candidates for City Council - Pat Bentley, Stephany Eley, Adam Gaffney, Robert Luber and Barbara A. Smith - have qualified to have their names placed on the November 8, 2016 ballot. The top three vote getters for City Council, along with me, will be sworn in during our November 22nd City Council meeting. The public is always welcome to attend.

I am proud to say that it's been another great year for our city. We have had a lot of good commercial growth. Our tax rate was held steady at a low rate of 2.4633 mils. In addition, we have all seen a nice rise in our property values.

Our Police Department continues to do an excellent job in protecting our neighborhoods. We were able to purchase six new Police vehicles this year, hire more officers, and plans are underway to expand the Police building. You are the eyes and ears of our community. If you see anything suspicious, please call the Police Department.

This year we were able to give an average 3.4% raise to our employees. We continue to work on repaving roads, drainage and park improvements, along with many other priorities. Look at our City website for details.

It is an honor and privilege to serve you. Please contact your Council or myself with any comments or suggestions. I will continue my commitment to you by being visible, accessible, and involved. Our City is in good shape. Together we can all make a difference.

Veterans Recognition Ceremony

The community is invited to join the City of West Melbourne to salute the service of America's veterans. There will be live performances of patriotic music and a flag dedication. The event will be on Veteran's Day, which is Friday, November 11, at 10:30 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial Complex, 2285 Minton Road. For additional information, call 321-837-7779.

Christmas Tree Lighting

The City of West Melbourne Recreation Department is pleased to announce our 6th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration which will be held on December 2 at Jan Lieson Crossroads Park in West Melbourne and will include free treats in the evening. We will light our Christmas tree at approximately 6:15 p.m. to remind us of the gifts we have and of our opportunities to share with others.

Salvation Army Angel Tree

The employees of the City of West Melbourne have been active with the Salvation Army Angel Tree project for several years and the Space Coast Foster & Adoptive Families Alliance for the past 8 years. We are provided with "wish lists" for both seniors in nursing homes from the Salvation Army and children in both of these programs.

In addition to participation by City employees, we will be offering the opportunity for our residents and businesses to participate. Starting in November, the "wish lists" from the Salvation Army, the Space Coast Foster & Adoptive Families Alliance and the Senior Santa through Brevard Triad will be on display at the Veterans Memorial Complex, 2285 Minton Road. You can select an individual to help and see what kinds of things they are "wishing for" for Christmas. After selecting an individual, do your shopping and return the unwrapped gifts to the Veterans Memorial Complex on or before the due date. City employees will arrange for them to be delivered or picked up by the appropriate organization.

For more information, please call 321-837-7775. We look forward to providing gifts to those who might otherwise be forgotten at Christmas.

City of West Melbourne

Heritage Day

Saturday, November 12, 2016

Heritage Day will include lots of kid's activities, pony rides and petting zoo. Nana's House will be the beneficiary of all donations from the basket drop and the dunk tank. Rockstar Entertainment will be returning as our DJ during the event. Peter Morton will be attending with his detailed historical display of West Melbourne. The Police Department will be onsite with the MRAP and other displays. Activities will get underway at 10:00 a.m. and run through 2:00 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Complex, 2285 Minton Road.

We are currently accepting vendor applications. Call the Recreation Department today at 321-837-7779.

Volunteer Board Vacancies

A list of volunteer boards and their vacancies are listed below. Please contact the City Clerk at 837-7774 for more details.

No Vacancies:

- Police Officers Retirement Board of Trustees

One (1) Vacancy

- **City Council**—One vacancy to be filled on the newly-elected City Council on November 22, 2016.
- **Board of Adjustment**—Hears and decides appeals, special exceptions and conditional uses/site plans and variances
- **Code Enforcement Board**—Enforces City code violations.
- **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**—Serves as a central point of communication for parks and recreation interest.
- **Planning and Zoning Board**—Advises Council in all matters relating to the comprehensive plan and proposed changes to permitted use, zoning or land development regulations.

Three (3) Vacancies

- **Business Advisory Board**—Provides Council with recommendations on measures to promote the needs of commercial and industrial businesses.

Ten (10) Vacancies

- **Citizens Action Committee**—Initiates and promotes events that make the City a better place for residents and visitors.

Recreation Department

Are you an instructor? Do you need a place to hold classes? We have a space for you! Contact the Recreation Department at (321) 837-7779 and ask for Sandi Wood.

Upcoming Events

November 11th

Veterans Day Celebration

November 12th

Heritage Day -
Vendors needed!

December 2nd

Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony



2017 Citizens Police Academy

The West Melbourne Police Department is seeking participants, individuals who live and/or work in the City of West Melbourne, for its spring 2017 Citizens Police Academy. Through our commitment to community and business partnerships, this seven week course will acquaint participants with the roles, tactics, and responsibilities of the men and women that serve and protect our City.

Applications may be picked up in person at the West Melbourne Police Department or email your request to emoyer@westmelbourne.org. Deadline for applications is January 9, 2017. For more information, please contact Det. Evelyn Moyer at 321-723-9673.

West Melbourne Police Athletic League

The West Melbourne Police Athletic League is a youth crime prevention program that utilizes educational, athletic and recreational activities to create trust and understanding between police officers in the community and our youth. We have both Spring and Fall Basketball, Spring and Fall Bowling as well as our Youth Director's Council (a year-round leadership program). To register for any of these programs, go to www.westmelbournepal.org.

On November 5, 2016, the West Melbourne Business Association will be hosting an "All You Can Eat" Pancake Breakfast from 8:00-11:00 a.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church, 2075 Meadowlane Avenue. All proceeds to benefit WMPAL.

Our Annual Gift Wrap fundraiser will be open December 16-24 from 11:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. at the West Melbourne Walmart on Palm Bay Road. Please come support our Youth Director's Council and bring your gifts to be wrapped for a donation to their program.

If you are interested in volunteering with the PAL program as a coach, mentor, or general volunteer, please contact Leslee Brimer at 321-837-7781.

City Council Actions

Your City Council meets twice a month to discuss important issues. Many local issues are studied and decisions are made by your elected officials to make this a better community. Here are a few decisions that your Council has made on behalf of the citizens and businesses of West Melbourne in the last few months:

- Introduced new employees Travis Berger, Combination Building Inspector, who started with the City on June 20, 2016 and Pamela Hannigan, Customer Service Representative in the Building Department, who started with the City on August 19, 2016.
- Presented certificates to the 2016 Citizens Leadership Academy graduates.
- Authorized the purchase of a replacement Tricaster video management system for the streaming and recording of City Council meetings from IM Solutions.
- Received and filed the fiscal year 2016-2017 administrative expense budget for the West Melbourne Police Officers' Retirement Plan.
- Waived an informality/irregularity and approved Parkit Construction, Inc. of West Melbourne as the contractor to construct the Doherty Drive Trail Lighting Project, and authorized the City Manager to execute an agreement in the amount of \$78,400 with Parkit Construction.
- Rejected the sole bid for the City Hall Customer Service Renovation submitted in the amount of \$272,934 and directed that the project be re-bid.
- Approved the replacement of five detective vehicles in fiscal year 2016-2017.
- Approved the process for City Council appointment to fill the upcoming vacancy on City Council, and a form of application for candidates for appointment.
- Heard a report from Mr. Ramses Rodriguez, a member of the Business Advisory Board on the August 22, 2016 Business Advisory Board meeting, including their support of a town center to be located south of the West Melbourne Community Park/Space Coast Field of Dreams.
- Accepted the Third Quarter 2015-2016 Budget Status Report.
- Entered into an Interlocal Agreement with Brevard County regarding the distribution of revenues that might be derived from a half-cent sales tax to be levied for projects and programs for the restoration of the Indian River Lagoon, if the sales tax is approved by referendum on November 8, 2016, conditioned upon an agreement regarding equitable participation in applicable pollution-reduction regulatory credits for projects funded via the proceeds of this sales tax.
- Awarded the bid for the Ray Bullard WRF Reuse Filter #3 Addition Project to L7 Construction, Inc., in the amount of \$904,700. This project will improve reuse reliability during peak demand each spring.
- Selected Summit Professional Services, Inc. to perform grant writing and grant administrative services and authorized the City Manager to enter into a professional services agreement with the firm.
- Accepted the summary results of the annual performance evaluations on City Attorney Morris Richardson and Police Chief Richard Wiley. Increased the wages of the City Attorney by 5%, the Police Chief by 4% and the City Manager by 3%.
- Approved a development agreement with Lake Geneva Group, LLC for the 4.14 acre property currently occupied by the County Line Saloon to be developed as the WoodSpring Suites and restaurant.
- Approved the transmittal of the large scale comprehensive plan map amendment, changing the future land use designation to "Urban Density Residential", to 14.5 acres owned by the company that developed the Haven Apartments.
- Authorized the City Attorney to execute an agreement for a Westlaw Advantage legal research subscription plan with a term of five (5) years and a total cost of \$25,402.92.
- Approved Ordinance No. 2016-08 adding the new future land use designation, "Parkway Interchange" to the adopted portion of the Comprehensive Plan, Volume 1, Future Land Use Element.
- Approved Ordinance No. 2016-09, assigning the newly created future land use designation, "Parkway Interchange", to Tuck Ferrell's property west of I-95.
- Approved Ordinance No. 2016-10 which creates the new "Gateway Interchange" zoning district.
- Approved Ordinance No. 2016-11 which rezones 154 acres located on the south side of New Haven Avenue, at the intersection of the St. Johns Heritage Parkway to the new district, "Gateway Interchange".
- Approved Ordinance No. 2016-12, annexing the property located at 4650 W. New Haven Avenue.
- Approved Ordinance No. 2016-13, annexing the property located at 2394 Minton Road.
- Approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-14, assigning the Commercial future land use designation, to the property containing the "County Line Saloon".
- Approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-15 which rezones 4.14 acres located on the north side of New Haven Avenue, east of I-95 to Commercial Parkway zoning.
- Approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-16, assigning the future land use designation, "Commercial", to property located at 2394 Minton Road.
- Approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 2016-17 which rezones 1.28 acres of property located at 2394 Minton Road to C-1, Low Density Commercial.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2016-14 approving the reinstatement of the position classifications of Public Works Director at pay grade 30 and Deputy City Manager/Capital Projects Manager at pay grade 32, and eliminating the current classifications of Deputy City Manager/Engineering Director and Deputy City Manager/Public Works Director.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2016-15 certifying the stormwater utility assessment as presented by Brevard County with no change in the annual stormwater utility fee rate and methodology.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2016-16 setting the fiscal year 2016-2017 millage rate of 2.4633.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2016-17 approving the fiscal year 2016-2017 budget.
- Adopted Resolution No. 2016-18 approving wage ranges for non-represented employees for fiscal year 2016-2017.

All Because of an Eagle...

By
Rosemary DeFrancisci,
A Senior at Westshore Jr-Sr High

A majestic West Melbourne resident and her home became the reason for the placement of Meadowlane Elementary School, Central Middle School, the nearby Public Library and Calvary Chapel. That resident was an American Bald Eagle, and her home and hunting grounds was the deciding factor for the location of the new school buildings once the school board selected the parcel of land for development.

In 1993, the Brevard County School Board decided to relocate Meadowlane Elementary School due to constant flooding (West Melbourne Elementary School for Science is currently located at the old Meadowlane Elementary School). Over a period of three years, the Morton Land Company, a local land developer working on behalf of the school board, searched for a suitable location for the new schools. Upon finding the ideal spot, on land owned by the Platt family, it was not existing infrastructure and roads that drove the development of the project and the orientation of the buildings. Instead, the project planners laid out the buildings to not disturb the habitat of the favorite local native, an American Bald Eagle.

To get it right, a Federal Wildlife Biologist was flown in from North Carolina, an expert in studying the patterns of fishbones around eagle's nesting sites. The biologist evaluated the main hunting ground, either East in the Indian River Lagoon, or West in the St. Johns River. Based on this information about the eagle, the School Board designed the school complex, to include the layout of the buildings, the athletic fields, and the entrance to Wingate Boulevard. Once approved by the City, the school was built and the eagle had many new young neighbors.

Around 1997, the expansion and realignment of Minton Road near U.S. 192 solved the flooding problem after developing a large water retention pond just South of the 7-Eleven store on the East side of Minton Road. This facilitated better drainage in the area and allowed the School Board to reuse the old Meadowlane Elementary School, which became the West Melbourne Elementary School for Science.



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City Calendar

November 2016

1	City Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
2	Police Officers' Pension Board	9:00 a.m.
6	Daylight Savings Time Ends	
8	General Election	7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
9	Parks & Recreation Advisory Board	6:00 p.m.
10	Planning & Zoning Board	6:30 p.m.
11	Veterans Day Recognition Ceremony	11:30 a.m.
12	Heritage Day, Veterans Memorial Complex	10:00 a.m.
17	Code Enforcement Board	5:30 p.m.
18	Board of Adjustment	7:00 p.m.
22	City Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
24	Thanksgiving Holiday - City offices closed	
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2	Christmas Tree lighting ceremony	6:15 p.m.
6	City Council Meeting	6:30 p.m.
7	Business Advisory Board	6:30 p.m.
13	Planning & Zoning Board	6:30 p.m.
15	Code Enforcement Board	5:30 p.m.
16	Board of Adjustment	7:00 p.m.
20	Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting	6:00 p.m.
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