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CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP

MINUTES

April 6, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rose called the workshop to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

Mayor Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

3. ROLL CALL

Attending in person: Mayor Hal Rose, Deputy Mayor John Dittmore, and Council Members Pat Bentley, Andrea Young, Daniel Batcheldor, and Daniel McDow.

Also present: City Manager Scott Morgan, Deputy City Manager Keith Mills, Police Chief Rick Wiley, Information Technology Director Tom Bradford, Planning Director Christy Fischer, Finance Director Margi Starkey, Public Works Director Mark Piccirillo, Parks and Recreation Director Rich Boprey, Jacobs Project Manager Brian Mascher, City Clerk Cynthia Hanscom, and members of the public.

Attending Remotely: City Attorney Morris Richardson.

4. BUDGET WORKSHOP – DEVELOPMENT OF CITY COUNCIL BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

City Manager Morgan reviewed the budget calendar and status report on the budget priorities for the current fiscal year.

City Manager Morgan also reported on the proposed stimulus funds that are expected to be received by the City of West Melbourne based on level of eligibility, which could be just over \$10 million. He stated that funds must be used by December 31, 2024, and can be used for infrastructure improvements. He was recommending that the funds be used for one-time capital projects, such as the water plant. City Manager Morgan stated there was no urgency but he wanted to make sure that they were including the expected funds in the upcoming budget.

There was some discussion in using the funds for the water plant when there was concern with obtaining the consumptive use permit. City Manager Morgan stated that they have had pre-submittal discussions with St. Johns Water Management District. They were working with the University of Florida to obtain population forecasts. Once submitted, St. Johns Water Management District has 90 days to get back to the City.

Council also discussed providing a small appreciation to employees who had continued to work through the pandemic. City Manager Morgan stated he would not be opposed to a small bonus for employees but believed additional funding for the water plant would spread the benefit to all residents and businesses by reducing the debt that would need to be paid in the future.

Council spoke about using the funds for other projects. City Manager Morgan indicated that there may be additional federal funding available for road projects.

Council appeared to agree that specific designation of the funds could wait but they could be tentatively earmarked for the water plant.

Council reviewed the strategic priorities. The first item discussed was the water plant. City Manager Morgan informed Council that there was a suggestion for a second production well as well as purchasing the 3.39 acre vacant property off of Park Hill Boulevard for the future water plant. He stated the sequence or steps toward completing the water plant infrastructure was changed largely due to the additional data and the fact that the water quality was better than had been originally predicted.

Council also discussed flood risk reduction, the sanitary sewer system, city roads, drafting a new comprehensive plan, and park improvements. It was suggested that City Council have a workshop prior to hiring a consultant for the comprehensive plan.

City Manager Morgan reviewed other priorities such as the fire study, salary increases for staff, reorganization and succession planning for the City Manager's office and a new position of Communications Coordinator. He also reviewed several financial goals in regards to a balanced budget, reducing debt, and continued funding for the Police Pension plan. City Manager Morgan also suggested that a modest sewer increase could be considered to be effective October 1, 2021.

Suggestions were made to upgrade the lighting in the Council Chambers, budget for a traffic signal at Henry Avenue/Doherty Drive intersection, and improve maintenance of the overpass area landscaping.

5. RECESS

Council recessed the workshop at 7:17 p.m. and reconvened to the Regular City Council meeting at approximately 7:27 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

MINUTES

April 6, 2021

6. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rose called the regular meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

Mayor Rose led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

8. ROLL CALL

Attending in person: Mayor Hal Rose, Deputy Mayor John Dittmore, and Council Members Pat Bentley, Andrea Young, Daniel Batchelder, and Daniel McDow.

Also present: City Manager Scott Morgan, Deputy City Manager Keith Mills, Police Chief Rick Wiley, Information Technology Director Tom Bradford, Planning Director Christy Fischer, Public Works Director Mark Piccirillo, Jacobs Project Manager Brian Mascher, City Clerk Cynthia Hanscom, and members of the public.

Attending Remotely: City Attorney Morris Richardson.

9. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Introduction of New Employees. Police Chief Wiley introduced Police Officer Stive Jean-Simon and Evidence Custodian Gina Lemon, both who started with the City on April 2, 2021.

10. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Annexation of Two Parcels Located West of Columbia Lane and North of US 192 (Turnbaugh). Planning Director Fischer presented the annexation, large scale amendment and the rezoning of two parcels located west of Columbia Lane and north of U.S. 192. She provided a background of the property and noted that she would be asking Council to make three actions. The Planning and Zoning Board met and recommended approval.

City Attorney Richardson explained that this was a quasi-judicial hearing and asked for Council's disclosures regarding communications outside of the public meeting. There were no disclosures.

Planning Director Fischer provided a background on the two parcels, both owned by William Turnbaugh. She explained there was a house located on one of the properties

and the property to the south and adjacent to U.S. 192 was vacant and undeveloped. She provided an analysis of the urban services for the annexation.

City Attorney Richardson read, in title only, Ordinance No. 2021-01,

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST MELBOURNE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ANNEXING BY VOLUNTARY PETITION PARCELS OF LAND TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 34.52 ACRES LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF U.S. 192, WEST OF INTERSTATE 95 AND EAST OF THE ST. JOHNS HERITAGE PARKWAY, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; FINDING THAT THE AREA BEING ANNEXED IS REASONABLY COMPACT AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY, THAT THE ANNEXATION OF THE PROPERTY DOES NOT CREATE AN ENCLAVE, AND THAT THE ANNEXATION OF THE PROPERTY OTHERWISE COMPLIES WITH FLORIDA LAW; AMENDING THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR FILING OF THE REVISED CITY BOUNDARIES WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Rose opened the public hearing. There being no comments, he closed the public hearing.

Council Member Bentley moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2021-01, annexing the 34.52-acre property west of Columbia Lane and north of US 192. Council Member Phrampus seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Future Land Use and Rezoning for Two Parcels Located West of Columbia Lane and North of US 192 (Turnbaugh). Planning Director Fischer presented the change to the future land use designation and the analysis on the consistency with the future land use objectives and policies. She provided the analysis on the rezoning and reminded Council of the discussion at the previous meeting on the need for a buffer to the north for the abutting residentially zoned property. The developer had agreed to a binding development plan that would restrict use of the northern 56 feet of the parcel.

City Attorney Richardson read, in title only, Ordinance No. 2021-02, and 2021-03:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST MELBOURNE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR IND (INDUSTRIAL) AND COM (COMMERCIAL) LAND USE ON 34.52 ACRES OF NEWLY ANNEXED LAND GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF U.S. 192, WEST OF INTERSTATE 95, AND EAST OF ST. JOHNS HERITAGE PARKWAY, AND AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; ESTABLISHING AN APPROPRIATE LAND USE FOR THE PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO

THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; EXTENDING THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES AND OTHER LAND USE PLANNING REQUIREMENTS TO THE PROPERTY; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST MELBOURNE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, REZONING A NEWLY ANNEXED 34.52 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF U.S. 192, WEST OF INTERSTATE 95, AND EAST OF ST. JOHNS HERITAGE PARKWAY, AND AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM BREVARD COUNTY AU (AGRICULTURAL RESIDENTIAL) TO CITY OF WEST MELBOURNE R-1A (SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL), M-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND WAREHOUSING) AND C-P (COMMERCIAL PARKWAY); PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Planning Director Fischer noted that the language for R-1A should have been deleted from the title of Ordinance No. 2021-03 and would need to be done as part of the motion for approval.

Mayor Rose opened the public hearing. There being no comments, he closed the public hearing.

Mayor Rose asked about the access from Columbia Road, which is a dirt road. Planning Director Fischer stated that Columbia Road was a County road but the City requires access via a paved road. Therefore, the developer would need to either pave the road or provide access to both parcels via U.S. 192.

Council also asked for clarification on the binding development plan and adjacent uses.

Council Member Batcheldor moved to the second reading of Ordinance No.2021-02 adopting the large scale comprehensive plan map amendment (case #LSA 2021-02) to change the future land use of the property from Residential Two (RES-2) to Industrial, (IND) and Commercial (COM). Deputy Mayor Dittmore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Council Member Young moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2021-03, rezoning 34.52 acres from AU to C-P (Commercial Parkway) and M-1(Light Industrial removing the reference to R-1A in the title of the ordinance. Deputy Mayor Dittmore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Dittmore moved to approve the binding development plan, and authorize the Mayor to execute the same. Council Member Batcheldor seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Annexation, Future Land Use Amendment and Rezoning for Property Located West of I-95 Overpass, West of Minton Road on Carriage Gate Drive (Greenleaf).

Planning Director Fischer presented the annexation of vacant property of 23.27 acres. She explained this would be a small subdivision of 55 units. The developer had met with the neighbors and there had been communication with Brevard County regarding

improvements to the intersection at Minton Road. She noted that a traffic impact study would be submitted later.

Council Member Phrampus asked about an easement for the property owners to the west who use the vacant lot for access to Carriage Gate Drive. Mr. Cole stated there would be easements in writing that would be recorded with the plat to allow those property owners to access Carriage Gate through the development.

City Attorney Richardson read, in title only, Ordinances No. 2021-04, 2021-05, and 2021-06:

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST MELBOURNE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ANNEXING BY VOLUNTARY PETITION PARCELS OF LAND TOTALING APPROXIMATELY 23.27 ACRES LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF INTERSTATE 95, WEST OF MINTON ROAD, AND SOUTH AND WEST OF CARRIAGE GATE DRIVE, AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; FINDING THAT THE AREA BEING ANNEXED IS REASONABLY COMPACT AND CONTIGUOUS TO THE CITY, THAT THE ANNEXATION OF THE PROPERTY DOES NOT CREATE AN ENCLAVE, AND THAT THE ANNEXATION OF THE PROPERTY OTHERWISE COMPLIES WITH FLORIDA LAW; AMENDING THE CORPORATE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY TO PROVIDE FOR THE INCORPORATION OF THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR FILING OF THE REVISED CITY BOUNDARIES WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST MELBOURNE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR LD-RES (LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL) LAND USE ON 23.37 ACRES OF NEWLY ANNEXED LAND GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF INTERSTATE 95, WEST OF MINTON ROAD, AND SOUTH AND WEST OF CARRIAGE GATE DRIVE, AND AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; ESTABLISHING AN APPROPRIATE LAND USE FOR THE PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION INTO THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; EXTENDING THE GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND POLICIES AND OTHER LAND USE PLANNING REQUIREMENTS TO THE PROPERTY; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST MELBOURNE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, REZONING A NEWLY ANNEXED 23.27 ACRE PARCEL OF LAND GENERALLY LOCATED SOUTHWEST OF INTERSTATE 95, WEST OF MINTON ROAD AND SOUTH AND WEST OF CARRIAGE GATE DRIVE, AND AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN, FROM BREVARD COUNTY GU

(GENERAL USE) TO CITY OF WEST MELBOURNE R-1A (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL); PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Rose opened the public hearing.

Council Member Batchelor moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2021-04, annexing the 23.27 acre property along Carriage Gate Drive and west of Minton Road. Deputy Mayor Dittmore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Deputy Mayor Dittmore moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2021-05 to change the future land use of the subject property from Brevard County Residential (RES-2) and Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to City of West Melbourne Low Density Residential (LD-RES).

Council Member Bentley moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2021-06 rezoning the property from Brevard County GU to City of West Melbourne R-1A (Single-Family Residential). Council Member Batchelor seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

11. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comments received during the public forum.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Dittmore moved to approve the following consent agenda. Council Member Young seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

- Regular City Council meeting minutes for March 16, 2021.
- Save Our Indian River Lagoon Project Cost-Sharing Funding Agreements Between Brevard County and the City of West Melbourne for the Ray Bullard Wastewater Reclamation Facility Stormwater Management Area for \$160,674 (SOIRL 21-123) and for the Ray Bullard Wastewater Reclamation Facility Nutrient Removal Project for \$4,260,000 (SOIRL 21-138).
- Resolution No. 2021-11 accepting the dedication of public water distribution system improvements from YL – West Melbourne Development, LLC (Yourlife West Melbourne) and public water distribution system and sanitary sewer system improvements from S & A Minton Corp., and authorize the City Manager to sign the Bills of Sale.

13. ACTION AGENDA

School Resource Officer for Imagine Charter School. City Manager Morgan presented a service agreement between the City and Imagine Schools for a School Resource Officer. The agreement would assign an officer at the school for the fee of \$72,000 for the first year, \$73,000 for the second year and \$75,000 for the third year.

The annual fee for the current year was \$70,000. He reminded Council that this was the last School Resource Officer assigned from the West Melbourne Police Department.

Mayor Rose asked about the actual cost and why that was not being recommended. City Manager Morgan stated he believed this was consistent with the final action of Council the previous year.

Brian Degonzague, Principal for Imagine School, 3355 Imagine Way, West Melbourne, spoke about the work of the School Resource Officer and the impacts that it had had on the students. He reminded Council that the school year was only 10 months of the year. If the annual cost of the officer was \$100,000, the prorated cost would be 73 percent or \$73,000. Being a charter school, they have students all over the County. There were 110 students in the 32904 zip code. He noted that 31 students actually walk to school. He stated the numbers were growing and they continued to serve the entire West Melbourne community. He reiterated that an assigned officer at the school would be beneficial.

Council Member Bentley read from the minutes of July 20, 2020, which indicated that the schools would be asked to pay the full cost of the officer in future years. He believed that Council had made it clear last year that no further subsidization would be provided.

Council Member Bentley moved to approve an agreement with Image Schools to for the assignment of a School Resource Officer to the school at the reimbursement cost of \$84,050. Deputy Mayor Dittmore seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor Dittmore stated he would like to see the "School Resource Officer" designation removed from the officer so that that officer could be made available for other training.

Council Member Phrampus stated he had talked with the City Manager about the actual costs and including all equipment and vehicles, the cost would be \$112,782, of which 73 percent would be \$82,330.

Council Member Bentley stated he would be willing to amend the motion to adjust the cost to \$82,330.

Mayor Rose commented that the school year is 180 days but the School Resource Officer is required to attend training during the summer, which means he/she cannot be used on regular patrol.

Mr. DeGonzague commented that the sheriff would ask for \$62,000 but he would rather go through the City of West Melbourne. He noted that the Brevard County Sheriff's Office would not be able to offer a deputy if one is being provided by the City. Therefore, he would prefer the City withdraw from the program rather than make an offer that would be cost prohibitive.

Council Member Bentley withdrew his original motion.

Based on the request made by the Principal of Imagine Schools, Deputy Mayor Dittmore moved to reject the proposal to provide a School Resource Officer for Imagine School. Council Member Bentley seconded the motion, which passed 6-1, with Council Member Batcheldor opposed.

Ascend at Hammock Landing Hold Harmless Agreement. City Attorney Richardson presented an agreement with Ascend to hold the City harmless. He explained the property owner was seeking final site plan approval. To accomplish that, the developer would need to show proof of concurrency, which would mean that they would need to enter into an impact fee agreement with the County and City. However, the cost cannot be determined until the construction plans are at 90 percent. Because it takes a while to process the plans for approval at the County level, the developer has asked that the City proceed with final conditional site plan approval. The agreement would require that they obtain a bond so that funds would be assured for the intersection improvements.

Council Member Dittmore moved to approve the Hold Harmless Agreement with a requirement to post bond between the City and DHIC – Hammock Landing, LLC. Council Member Phrampus seconded the motion.

Council Member Phrampus noted that he believed the development was not in accordance with the City's ordinance. He referenced Ordinance No. 2019-08, which requires residential communities with 200 or more dwelling units have more than one ingress and egress.

Jake Wise, engineer for the development, indicated the entire project is gated and there would be an access through an agreement with the adjacent development. Planning Director Fischer stated that there was no requirement for two access points for the existing development because it existed prior to the ordinance approval.

City Attorney Richardson stated that all requirements would need to be met for site plan approval. The approval could be made contingent on all requirements being met.

Council discussed the issue with the fair share process and how to mitigate impacts. Josh Black from Lassiter Transportation Group stated that widening of the signalization at Hield Road had to be addressed and the developer would pay for the impacts. When asked about capacity for Minton Road, Mr. Black stated that it is near capacity during peak hours. Council Member Batcheldor stated that this would dump more traffic on Minton and move away from the balance of single-family versus multi-family homes.

Council Member Phrampus stated that because of concerns with the exits, he withdrew his second to the motion. Deputy Mayor Dittmore withdrew his motion as well until the issues could be resolved.

Council Member Bentley moved to table this item until the next meeting. Deputy Mayor Dittmore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Next Potential Septic-to-Sewer Projects. City Manager Morgan reported that the septic-to-sewer project on Sylvan Drive was nearing completion. The City was now considering the next project to convert septic systems to sewer. When the scope of services was presented to the civil engineer, they were instructed to look at alternatives to help Council make a decision on which neighborhood should be approached. He provided seven areas for possible projects. He asked Council to rank the areas indicating which neighborhood should be approached first. If it appeared that there would be difficulty in getting neighborhood consensus they would approach the second choice neighborhood.

City Manager Morgan presented two tables, one showing the number of septic systems in place in each of the seven areas and the amount of nutrient loading pounds per year. The second table looked at the same seven areas with a prediction of Save Our River Indian Lagoon funding and the total conceptual costs with a funding to cost ratio.

Mayor Rose asked if there were properties that did not have City water. City Manager Morgan replied that there may be a few homes that would have to be annexed.

Council discussed the areas proposed and that it appeared to be clear that the three areas with the highest return would be the best.

Council Member Young asked why there was a difference in the nutrient amounts across neighborhoods but did not necessarily appear to be a relation to number of impacted homes. City Manager Morgan explained that the numbers were different based on the distance from the septic tank to the receiving body of water. Each neighborhood was different and the data was prepared by the engineer.

Mayor Rose asked how long it would take to determine if there is a consensus in a neighborhood. City Manager Morgan predicted it would take 30-45 days.

Council Member Phrampus moved to select Dundee Circle/Manor Place as the first neighborhood to approach, Lake Ashley Circle as the second, and Sheridan Road Sylvan Estates as the third. Council Member Young seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Reconsideration of Epoch West Melbourne's Requests for Small-Scale Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Rezoning on Property Located at 3685 Minton Road. Council Member Andrea Young asked that this be brought back before Council for reconsideration. She reminded Council this was a proposed small scale amendment and rezoning for a triangular piece of property located 3685 Minton Road. Council Member Young stated she had met with the developer and had learned more information about their proposal and can see some benefit. She was asking that Council re-advertise the first reading of both ordinances for the small scale comprehensive plan amendment and the rezoning.

Rusty Melle, ITG Realty, 1455 S. Wickham Road, West Melbourne, stated that he had been working with Promise for more than a year to find a developer for the property. He noted the triangular piece of land was only a part of the entire development.

Jeff Kiel, CEO for Promise in Brevard, asked that Council consider the benefits that the project would have to the Promise community. He stated they had several offers from developers for this parcel and this was the best project proposed for the City. He understood that there were other factors for Council to consider but believed the project would benefit the entire community.

Council Member Batcheldor stated he appreciated the detail that had been done by the developers and hoped that a solution could be found to meet both the vision for Promise but the Council as well. He believed there needed to be a balance of multi-family housing and was concerned with the direction that the City had taken. West Melbourne is a predominantly single-family oriented community, which is part of the vision statement. Although the Council is sensitive to the Promise community, he believed reconsideration of the proposal should be discouraged. He hoped there would be more solutions with lower density housing.

Deputy Mayor Dittmore commented that the City currently has a ratio of 70:30 for single family versus multiple family homes. However, with the additional 1,900 unit proposed, the City will be closer to a ratio of 55:45. He agreed that the area should remain commercial and should not be changed to allow for multi-family.

Council Member Phrampus stated he voted against this and would like to see a workshop schedule to discuss more of what the City should see for development. After seeing the numbers, this reinforces the need for a workshop to discuss this.

Council Member McDow moved to support Council Member Young's proposal and asked the ordinances be advertised for first reading at the earliest convenience. Council Member Young seconded the motion, which passed 4-3, with Deputy Mayor Dittmore and Council Members Phrampus and Batcheldor opposed.

14. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Dittmore had no report.

Council Member Bentley informed Council that he had registered to serve on a Florida League of Cities legislative committee.

Council Member Young reported she had completed Incident Command System training for emergency management and had received a license to operate a ham radio.

Council Member McDow reported he had attended the Palm Bay Chamber of Commerce event on March 26 and participated in Cops on the Coop benefitting Special Olympics. He stated he had also attended a Palm Bay City Council meeting and an open forum.

Council Member Phrampus reported on his concerns with the number of police officers in relation to the recent denial of the agreement with Imagine Schools for a School Resource Officer.

Council Member Batcheldor expressed appreciation for the data provided by Planning Director Fischer on the number of multi-family units.

Following discussion on the reassignment of the existing School Resource Officer, there was a consensus of Council that the number of police officers should be reduced to 51 after the school term because the position would no longer be funded by the charter school.

Mayor Rose reported that the Mayors Fitness Challenge awards ceremony would be Saturday. He reported he had attended a Civilian Military meeting via Zoom. He also asked about the use of the pavilions at the parks. He reported on information that he had read on social media that the extension of Doherty Drive was at a standstill and asked that the City Manager keep Council informed about the status of this project.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 p.m.