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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

AGENDA

October 17, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bentley called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

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

3. ROLL CALL

Attending: Mayor Pat Bentley, Deputy Mayor Stephen Phrampus, and Council Members Diana Adams, Daniel McDow, and Andrea Young.

Attending Remotely: Council Member John Dittmore

Also present: City Manager Tim Rhode, City Attorney John Cary, Police Chief Gregory Vesta, Planning Director Christy Fischer, Systems Administrator Christian Arsenault, City Clerk Cynthia Hanscom, and members of the public.

Council Member Adams moved to approve the remote attendance by Council Member Dittmore. Deputy Mayor Phrampus seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

4. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

Beautification Award. Mayor Bentley and Council Member Young presented a Beautification Award to The Yard Pro-Landscape and Garden Supply, located at 1340 South Wickham Road.

Introduction of New Employee. Planning Director Christy Fischer introduced Administrative Assistant Nikki Gold, who started with the City on September 5, 2023.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

Code Amendment to Define Shield of Ancillary Features. Planning Director Fischer indicated that the Planning & Zoning Board had recommended denial of the proposed ordinance at their last meeting. Council was being asked to postpone the hearing until January 16, 2024, to permit staff time to research the concerns and questions that were brought up by the Planning and Zoning Board.

Council Member Adams moved to postpone the public hearing for the zoning text amendment until January 16, 2024. Deputy Mayor Phrampus seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

6. PUBLIC FORUM

Chris Jaudon, 2624 Bradford Drive, spoke about stormwater funds and support of the Westbrooke subdivision. He asked that Council consider allocating funds to resolve issues. He presented photos and plans for his property showing the flooding that occurs to the rear of his property where there is a stormwater inlet. He believed there may be other inlets but they may have grown over. Council discussed whether the issues were the responsibility of the homeowner association and a grant to assist with flood reduction in relation to the flow to the canals.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Young moved to approve the following consent agenda. Deputy Mayor Phrampus seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

- Regular City Council minutes for Tuesday, October 3, 2023.
- Resolution No. 2023-16 authorizing signatures to sign and countersign documents.

8. ACTION AGENDA

Process for Selection of Council Member to Fill Unexpired Term. City Manager Rhode presented the process for the selection of the vacant Council Member. The updated forms had been included with the agenda. He proposed to set up interviews with applications at the November 14 meeting.

Council discussed transparency in the process and the term for the vacancy, which would end in November 2024.

Council Member Young moved to adopt the process for filling the unexpired term for the vacant Council seat. Deputy Mayor Phrampus seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Member McDow congratulated Mayor Bentley on his appointment as Mayor.

Council Member Adams also congratulated Mayor Bentley. She reported on the Planning & Zoning Board meeting, the 2023 Citizens Police Academy kick-off, and the recent opening of the Soup Shop at 145 Palm Bay Road in West Melbourne. She noted that there would be a furniture flip event for Habitat for Humanity on Thursday and they were looking for volunteers.

Deputy Mayor Phrampus stated, for the record, even though he did not support the motion to appoint Mayor Bentley, he accepted Council's decision and would support that decision going forward. He asked that staff research adding term limits to the next election cycle as a referendum to the City's Charter. Council agreed that they would be willing to discuss the possibility of a referendum item.

Council Member Dittmore reported he spoke at the Temple Beth Sholem in Melbourne on the issues that were occurring in Israel. He thanked Council for allowing him to attend remotely.

Mayor Bentley reported he attended the opening of the Soup Shop in West Melbourne and that they would be a good addition to the business community.

Council Member Young reported she had attended the reopening of the Design of the Times florist and the Hollywood Estates bazaar. The first session of the Citizens Policy Academy was held where an informative tour of the facility was provided.

City Manager Rhode reminded everyone that the following day would be the Heritage Day event at the West Melbourne Community Park. Also, the volunteer event with Home Depot to construct the bleachers for the tennis courts would be Friday.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.