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## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

### MINUTES

November 1, 2022

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Rose called the regular meeting to order at 7:22 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: Mayor Hal Rose, Deputy Mayor Andrea Young, and Council Members Diana Adams, Pat Bentley, John Dittmore, Stephen Phrampus and Daniel McDow.

Also present: City Manager Tim Rhode, Interim City Attorney Cliff Repperger (attending remotely), Assistant City Manager Tom Bradford, Acting Police Chief Rich Cordeau, Human Resources Director Jennifer Curran, Public Works Director Mark Piccirillo, Planning Director Christy Fischer, Building Official Tom Forbes, Parks and Recreation Director Rich Boprey, Jacobs Project Manager Brian Mascher, Assistant Finance Director Candice Blake, Senior Systems Administrator Chris Timmons, Assistant City Clerk Eric Popham, and members of the public.

*Council Member Dittmore motioned to add item to the agenda to discuss information from a meeting with City Manager Rhode and the Fire Study consultants. No second to the motion was made; therefore, the motion failed.*

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/INTRODUCTIONS

**New Employee Introduction.** Parks & Recreation Director Boprey introduced Special Populations Coordinator Ivelisse Gonzalez, who started with the City on August 22. Building Official Forbes introduced Fire Code Inspector Carla Moore, who started with the City on October 14. Acting Police Chief Cordeau introduced Police Officers Nicholas Volk and Travis Cofresi, both of whom started on October 21.

## 5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

**Comprehensive Plan Map Amendment and Rezoning for Property Located at 1340 South Wickham Road.** Planning Director Fischer provided background information on the second reading of Ordinance No. 2022-22 for the small-scale comprehensive plan map amendment for the 0.83-acre property located at 1340 S. Wickham Road to change from Brevard County Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to Commercial (COM) future land use. Information was also provided for the second reading of Ordinance No. 2022-23 to rezone the property from Brevard County Restricted Neighborhood Retail Commercial (BU-1-A) to Commercial Wickham (C-W).

Interim City Attorney Repperger read Ordinance No. 2022-22 and Ordinance 2022-23 in title only:

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-22**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST MELBOURNE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE THE FUTURE LAND USE FOR A PARCEL OF LAND 0.83 ACRES LOCATED AT 1340 S. WICKHAM ROAD AND AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED HEREIN FROM BREVARD COUNTY NC (NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL) TO CITY OF WEST MELBOURNE COM (COMMERCIAL); PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-23**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEST MELBOURNE, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, REZONING A PARCEL OF LAND 0.83 ACRES LOCATED AT 1340 S WICKHAM ROAD FROM BREVARD COUNTY BU-1A (NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL COMMERCIAL) TO CITY OF WEST MELBOURNE C-W (COMMERCIAL WICKHAM); PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

*Council Member Dittmore motioned to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2022-22 for the small-scale comprehensive plan map amendment and for the 0.83-acre property located at 1340 S. Wickham Road to change from Brevard County Neighborhood Commercial (NC) to Commercial (COM) future land use. Council Member Bentley seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

*Council Member Dittmore motioned to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 2022-23 rezoning a 0.83-acre property at 1340 S. Wickham Road from Brevard County Restricted Neighborhood Retail Commercial (BU-1-A) to the City of West Melbourne Commercial Wickham (C-W) with the condition that the comprehensive plan map amendment is approved. Council Member Bentley seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.*

## 6. PUBLIC FORUM

Ted McKercher, 2470 Windchaser Court, and Dave Westrich, 2460 Windchaser Court, expressed their opposition to the proposed Doherty Drive Extension citing traffic and environmental concerns.

Joe Kiefer (Carol Joseph Kiefer, Jr.), 291 Woodland Dr, expressed desire to volunteer for some type of advisory board within the City. Mayor Rose stated that the City Clerk would contact Mr. Kiefer about various opportunities.

## 7. CONSENT AGENDA

*Council Member Dittmore made motion to approve the above consent agenda as presented. Deputy Mayor Young seconded and Council voted to pass unanimously.*

- Approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes for Tuesday, October 18, 2022.
- Reappoint Jennifer Curran to serve as the fifth member of the Police Officers' Retirement Board of Trustees for the four-year term ending November 19, 2026.
- Authorize the City Manager to approve the third amendment to the interlocal agreement with Brevard County for Stormwater Education.

## 8. ACTION AGENDA

**Amendment to Initial Site Plan for Eden at Heritage Lakes.** Planning Director Fischer asked Council to delay any further discussion on the amended site plan for Eden at Heritage Lakes until November 22, 2022.

*Council Member Dittmore motioned to delay further discussion on the amended site plan for Eden at Heritage Lakes until November 22, 2022 so that the development team can continue to address concerns raised by Council of the revised architecture. Council Member Adams second the motion, which passed unanimously.*

**Selection of Banking Services Provider.** Assistant Finance Director Blake provided background information and answered general questions regarding the process used for the ranking of qualified banks by the Banking Services Review Committee and asked that Council authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract with Bank of America with an initial term of five (5) years, with up to five (5) additional one-year renewals.

Mayor Rose inquired about Earned Rates of Credit (ERC) from the institutions that had been considered. Assistant Finance Director Blake stated that, while the Review Committee did receive that information from the institutions, the rates will change with the market and, therefore, were not included with information provided to Council.

Council Member Dittmore stated he would not support the selection of Bank of America based on recent experiences of changing policies and poor support from that institution; especially with regard to our employees.

Council Member Bentley inquired about the reason for requesting a change from our current bank. Assistant Finance Director Blake responded it is good practice to periodically look at available options.

Council Member Phrampus asked if there were any new costs associated with switching banks. Assistant Finance Director Blake stated that there are no costs related to changing to Bank of America.

Council Member Adams asked whether it would be possible to use a shorter contract versus five years. City Manager Rhode stated that the institutions would need to be consulted because the original request for proposal (RFP) included specifications for a five-year contract.

Mayor Rose stated he would prefer to see more information to compare the banking institutions. Assistant Finance Director Blake replied that it was difficult to make an “apples-to-apples” comparison due to the variety of services among institutions.

Council Member Dittmore asked if the committee had contacted any of the other institutions to compare what was being offered from Bank of America. Assistant Finance Director Blake stated that due to the rules of the RFP process, we were not allowed to make that type of contact.

*Council Member Bentley made a motion to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract with Bank of America with an initial term of five (5) years, with up to five (5) additional one-year renewals. Council Member McDow seconded the motion. Council voted 4-3 to pass the motion with Council Members Dittmore, Phrampus, and Adams opposed.*

**Agriculture Tractor with Boom Mower, John Deere Model 6110M.** Public Works Director Piccirillo presented information for the purchase of a new John Deere Model 6110 M with a Tiger Bengal 24/60 Rotary Mower in the amount of \$170,645.88.

Council Member Phrampus inquired about the lack of a back-up safety alarm for this equipment. Public Works Director Piccirillo stated a back-up safety alarm would be installed after purchase.

Council Member Adams asked how the expected life on this type of equipment. Public Works Director Piccirillo stated it was expected to last approximately 15 years when properly maintained.

*Council Member Bentley made a motion to authorize a contract for Tiger Bengal to purchase a John Deere Model 6110 M with a Tiger Bengal 24/60 Rotary Mower in the amount of \$170,645.88. Council Member Phrampus seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.*

## **9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

Council Member Bentley reported he attended a meeting of the Police Pension Board and intended to make a summary report at the next meeting.

Deputy Mayor Young had nothing to report.

Council Member McDow stated he had attended various meetings and events throughout the county.

Council Member Adams reported she has received some resident comments regarding walking and bicycle safety within the City and, in response, attended a webinar regarding pedestrian safety strategies. She planned to meet with the City Manager to discuss concepts from the webinar along with the concerns from residents. Council Member Adams reported the Stomp Out Bullying walk to Central Middle School was well attended.

Council Member Phrampus had nothing to report.

Council Member Dittmore had nothing to report.

Mayor Rose spoke about various events for Veteran's Day but especially highlighted the City's event on November 11. Mayor Rose reported attending several local meetings along with the Stomp Out Bullying walk to Central Middle School.

City Manager Rhode reported meeting with Keep Brevard Beautiful (KBB) about strategies to increase membership in their composting program. KBB will be offering the first 100 West Melbourne composting subscribers free service. This program has been active in the City for approximately six months. City Manager also reported on meeting with Brevard County Fire Service representatives to continue to gather the most detailed information related to the fire study for presentation to the Council on Tuesday December 13, 2022. Prior to the study being presented, Council will have an opportunity to review the study and have the opportunity for one-on-one interviews with the consultants who have worked on the study.

Council Member Adams stated that with the hiring of the new fire inspector, could we project a date to clear the backlog. City Manager Rhode stated that he would need to research that information and report back.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.