

CITY OF COCOA BEACH, FLORIDA
CITY COMMISSION
MINUTES
June 20, 2024

A. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Vice-Mayor Hutcherson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Invocation by Chris Biddulph from the Men's Leadership team. Added
06/20/2024
3. Roll Call

Commission Members Present:

City Commissioner Joshua Jackson
City Commissioner Karalyn Woulas
City Commissioner Skip Williams
Vice-Mayor Jeremy Hutcherson

Administrative Members Present:

City Attorney Becky Vose
City Manager Wayne Carragino
City Clerk Karin Grooms
Assistant City Clerk Michael Bryan
Information Technology Director Kevin Perez
Water Reclamation Director Brad Kalsow
Recreation Director Laird McLean
Development Services Director Randy Stevenson
Interim Police Chief Wes Mullins
Chief Financial Officer/Assistant City Manager Patrisha Draycott
Fire Chief, Ryan Duckworth
Human Resources, Cindy Depina

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(Note: Members of the public, Commission and Staff may remove items from the Consent Agendas if they wish to discuss them. Requests for removal need to be made known to the City Commission under the Approval of the Order of Business, at the beginning of the meeting.)

MOTION BY WILLIAMS/WOULAS

I MOVE TO APPROVE

VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Comments will be heard on items that do not appear on the agenda of this meeting. Citizens will limit their comments to three (3) minutes. Per Commission Procedures, the City Commission will not take any action or discuss items brought up under the "Public Comment" section of the agenda. The City Commission may schedule such items as regular agenda items and act upon them in the future.

Ms. Sarah Dewitz from Matthews Hope spoke about the outreach program and the resources provided by the organization regarding homelessness. She requested the benefits and partnership with the City.

Commissioner Williams inquired about housing people. Ms. Sarah spoke about old classrooms in Cocoa being converted into transitional housing. Commissioner Williams inquired about the First Baptist Church, another organization that does transitional housing. Ms. Sarah said she was aware of the First Baptist Church and spoke about the organization's transitional housing. She ended her time stating that her organization is "Not a hand out, it's a hand up."

Ms. Sharlene Dewitz from Matthews Hope spoke as the Community Liaison and lead advocate provided an example of their partnership with the City of Cocoa and how they work. She gave examples of the camps and how they help individuals; and how they could call her first instead of the Cocoa Police Department immediately trespassing the individuals. She explained how her and the code enforcement officers would go into the camp and speak to the individuals. Giving them time to gather their belongings and then move along peacefully instead of having an immediate trespass put on their record. Ms. Sharlene mentioned how she found the organization and how they deal strictly with homelessness.

Commissioner Woulas inquired about affiliations with other organizations such as the homeless coalition. She explained the collaboration.

Commissioner Williams inquired about the camps moving. He clarified his inquiry about being more or less after COVID. Ms. Dewitz spoke about the camps and how there is more homelessness due to individuals losing their homes because they are not able to cover rent. She also stated that the homelessness in the area is very diverse and that for most of the people, their situation "Was just a hiccup in life."

Commissioner Williams spoke about his experience of seeing homelessness in Maderia Beach, Florida.

Mr. Anderson spoke about his volunteering at the fulfillment center at Matthews Hope and how it works.

Ms. Scott requested to speak on the agenda regarding the election and the calling of the election. Ms. Janice spoke about the previous election during covid, "When nobody knew there was an election, and people got in unopposed." She hoped that the candidates would have opposition and would have to run campaigns this year. She said that it is important that whoever decides to run, that they're committed to networking within the county. She spoke about the election and asked to find more candidates to

run in the city and in the county.

D. STAFF REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Carragino, the City Manager, acknowledged that the employee appreciation award recipient of this meeting was Mr. Maxim. Mr. Carragino reviewed Mr. Maxim's accomplishments and that he has a lot of qualities that he looks for not only in people, but employees as well. Mr. Carragino congratulated him on all the projects he had taken over.

E. CITY ATTORNEY REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The City Attorney has no reports at this time.

F. CITY COMMISSION REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Williams followed up with Mr. Carragino, stating that there were correspondents from the Air Force, for the ada park, with the potential to get the property back, and suggested that they push them again, to see where they are at, to maybe send another depiction of what they're planning on doing, to keep it the fresh in their minds.

Commissioner Williams Inquired about the 400 channel permitting. Mr. Maxim confirmed the permitting process. Mr. Carragino stated that they just needed to get money to do the project. Commissioner Williams inquired about the FIND project and the river and asked who else was going to the meeting. Mr. Carragino stated that he and some staff members are going and that he would like to go out and meet staff who work with FIND to keep up with the grants.

Mr. Carragino informed the commission that he and Mr. Maxim will be doing a presentation the following Saturday and will request a \$750,000 grant. Mr. Carragino said it was suggested by Jerry before he passed away that they wait for the next cycle to go for money for the 400 Channel.

Commissioner Williams inquired about the potential to ad lib for more money for the 400 channels if they had extra money at the end of the year.

Vice-Mayor Hutcherson inquired about a Project Management Certification for Mr. Maxim with education. He also followed up with Ms. Scott and talked about the election and how he would love to have more people run, but there is, as of now, only one in each section, and he can't force people to run.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION BY WILLIAMS/JACKSON

I MOVE TO APPROVE

VOICE VOTE ON THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

1. Approve the following Meeting Minutes: May 16, 2024, and June 06, 2024
Staff Representative: City Clerk
Recommendation: Approve

2. Adopt Resolution No 2024-11 - A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Cocoa Beach, Florida, calling for the November 5, 2024, election and authorizing the City Clerk to proceed with all phases of the election process. Resolution No. 2024-11 calls for the election of:
Mayor Seat 1, Currently filled by Mayor Capizzi; this seat will have a four-year term.
Commission Seat 2, currently filled by Commissioner Josuha Jackson will have a four-year term; and
Commission Seat 3, currently filled by Commissioner Karalyn Woulas; this seat has a four-year term;
Candidate Qualifying Week is Noon, August 5, 2024 to Noon, August 9, 2024.
Representative: Karin Grooms, City Clerk
Recommendation: Approve
3. Confirm the following Commission meeting changes:
July 4th, 2024 - Cancel Regular Meeting
Staff Representative: Wayne Carragino, City Manager
Recommendation: Approve
4. Approve a piggyback contract agreement with Analytical & Diagnostic to perform improvements on the Maritime Hammock Preserve Alum Injection System. ARPA funds have been previously approved for these improvements.
Staff Representative: Morgan Zuhlke, Stormwater Utility Manager
Recommendation: Approve
5. Approve the Brevard County Save Our Indian River Lagoon (SOIRL) grants in the amount of \$62,079.
Staff Representative: Morgan Zuhlke, Stormwater Utility Manager
Recommendation: Approve
6. Adopt Resolution 2024-13; A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Cocoa Beach, Florida, establishing the auditor selection committee to assist in selecting an auditor to conduct the annual financial audit; and providing for an effective date.
Staff Representative: Patrisha Draycott, Chief Financial Officer/Assistant City Manager
Recommendation: Approve
7. Authorize staff to enter into Mutual Aid Agreement through FlaWARN (Florida Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network) A formalized mutual aid response network/consortium of utilities willing to provide critical resources to member utilities during man-made or natural disasters.
Staff Representative: Brad Kalsow, Waste Water Director.
Recommendation: Approve
8. Approve the Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) between the School

Board of Brevard County and the City of Cocoa Beach for School Resource Officer (SRO) services. This one-year MOU aligns with the MOU between the School Board of Brevard County and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office for the 2024-25 school year. For the 2024-25 school year, the School Board of Brevard County will reimburse the City \$72,000 per SRO for law enforcement services, which includes a portion of the salary, benefits, and associated costs, for up to the assigned two (2) SRO(s), and for a total not to exceed \$144,000.00. This is a budgeted item.

Representatives: Wes Mullins, Interim Police Chief; Wayne Carragino, City Manager

Recommendation: Approve

H. ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA

I. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

(Only if not accommodated in the 30-minute Public Comment period earlier)

J. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.