

REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 3, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Arcadia City Council was held on January 3, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. in Room D of the Way Building at 23 N. Polk Avenue. Councilmembers attending were: Heine, Johnson, Goodman, Whitlock, and Fazzone. Absent: Administrator Strube was out of town. Also in attendance were: Attorney Holloman, Marshal Lee, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Waters, Special Projects Coordinator Hewett, Ms. Way and Recorder Baumann.

Mayor Heine called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Council Member Goodman.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The minutes of the following meetings were presented:

Regular Meeting of October 4, 2005

Special Meeting: Closed Attorney Client Session of October 18, 2005

Regular Meeting of October 18, 2005

Work Session of November 1, 2005

Regular Meeting and Public Hearing of November 1, 2005

Work Session of November 15, 2005

Regular Meeting of November 15, 2005

Special Meeting: Closed Attorney Client Session of November 21, 2005

Work Session of December 6, 2005

Regular Meeting of December 6, 2005

Goodman moved to approve the minutes as presented above; seconded by Fazzone and carried.

Johnson moved to adopt Resolution No. 2006-01; seconded by Goodman and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2006- 1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, URGING MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING ISSUES DURING THE 2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION.

WHEREAS, as Florida's population continues to increase, cities are challenged to meet the service demands and infrastructure needs to account for new growth; and

WHEREAS, a majority of Florida's municipalities have experienced negative impacts to the infrastructure, housing stock and employment base from a series of natural disasters in the past two years; and

WHEREAS, the state has imposed greater accountability in comprehensive planning and fiscal feasibility standards on municipalities; and

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WHEREAS, Florida's municipalities are dependent on other government entities for financial stability and presently the state, counties, and school districts, control every funding source that has been authorized for implementing growth management capital improvements and complying with concurrency requirements; and

WHEREAS, municipal self-determination and local self-government are constantly under attack from a variety of public and private interests; and

WHEREAS, the role and function of municipal government is constantly evolving from new demands from its citizens and business.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Arcadia, Florida:

Section 1. That the City of Arcadia urges Governor Jeb Bush and members of the Florida Legislature to support legislation as part of a comprehensive legislative reform package that:

- Preserves municipal autonomy and protects the fundamental right of voluntary self-government.
- Provides municipalities alternative funding options for the purpose of responding to impacts of declared disasters.
- Preserves municipal tools for community redevelopment and urban revitalization.
- Provides a dedicated and recurring revenue source for municipal transportation projects.
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- Preserves dedicated funding for local affordable housing programs.
- Provides for an equitable distribution of fines and fees from criminal violations such as driving under the influence of alcohol or other chemical substances.
- Provides a comprehensive and uniform workers' compensation system.

Section 2. That a copy of this Resolution shall be provided to Governor Jeb Bush, Senate President Tom Lee, House Speaker Allan Bense and members of the Florida Legislature.

APPROVED AND DULY ADOPTED by the City of Arcadia, City Council, Arcadia, this 3rd day of January 2006.

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/s/ ROBERT W. HEINE
ROBERT W. HEINE
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/s/ RACHELLE M. BAUMANN
RACHELLE M. BAUMANN, CMC
CITY RECORDER

Pastor Lorenzo Dixon and Coach Richard Bowers addressed Council to request approval and support for improvements at the Smith Brown Tutorial Center. Pastor Dixon estimates it will cost about \$4,000.00 for the renovations which would include lowering the ceilings, new paint, and a new heat/AC unit. Pastor Dixon reported that local CPA William Hackney has \$1,500.00 in grant funds he can pledge to the project. Pastor Dixon will personally give \$500.00 and asked that the City contribute at least \$2,000.00. Goodman moved to approve renovations as proposed to the Smith Brown Tutorial Center and that the City will contribute \$2,000.00 with the stipulation that a licensed contractor must be used and that the Fire Department review the planned renovations and make a final inspection; seconded by Whitlock and carried.

C. Carol Robinson, Parade Chairperson, by letter requests Council permission to have a Martin Luther King Parade on Monday, January 16, 2006 at 10:00 A.M. Marshal Lee is aware of the proposed parade route and has no objections. Johnson moved to grant permission for a parade to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, on Monday, January 16, 2006; seconded by Whitlock and carried.

A report of Police Fines and Forfeitures for the month of November 2005 indicates fines \$1,856.00.

The Police Activity Report for the month of December 2005 was presented.

The Planning and Zoning Board, sitting as the Local Planning Agency (LPA) at their regular meeting of December 13, 2005 moved to recommend to the City Council that the Evaluation Appraisal Review Report (EAR) of the City's Comprehensive Plan be accepted with changes as recommended by staff. Special Projects Coordinator Hewett addressed Council stating that once the EAR report is approved the City can move forward with re-zoning requests and annexations. Whitlock moved to approve the EAR report with changes as recommended by staff; seconded by Fazzone and carried.

(See Resolution No. 2006-9 dated retroactive to January 3, 2006, in minutes May 16, 2006 this Resolution was to be sent with the EAR report, however it was sent in May)

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Fazzone requests that the City consider terminating their agreement with the Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC) and seek a new agency to complete the City's Comprehensive Plan. No action was taken.

The Flowage report of Air-Cadia, Inc. for the month of October 2005 for the Municipal Airport was presented.

Special Projects Coordinator Hewett reported that the contract for repairs at the airport has been signed and he anticipates about 150 days for completion.

The Public Works report for the month of November 2005 was presented.

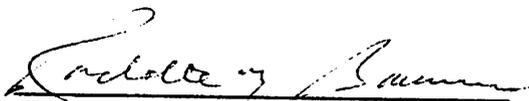
The December 2005 report of Arcadia Golf Course receipts and number of play was presented.

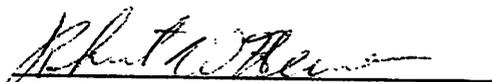
Special Projects Coordinator Hewett addressed Council to review a proposed lease agreement between the City and the DeSoto County Chamber of Commerce. Council Member Fazzone and Special Projects Coordinator Hewett were the City's representatives on the lease committee. Attorney Holloman reported that the City received a "draft" copy of the lease today and that he and Mr. Hewett have made several changes. Attorney Holloman noted that the Chamber is requesting a lease for at least 30-35 years; the original request was for 50 years. Linda Williams representing the Chamber addressed Council and stated that the Chamber is seeking a bank loan in order to do renovations to the building. They had wanted to finance the improvements over 50 years, however if the term is reduced the bank would in turn reduce the estimated loan from \$125,000.00 to \$80,000.00. Johnson moved to approve the lease agreement between the City of Arcadia and the Chamber of Commerce for a term of thirty-five (35) years as presented; seconded by Fazzone and carried.

Special Projects Coordinator Hewett stated for the record that the City has contributed more than \$1.00. The City contributes \$7,500.00 in cash plus free use of the building.

Goodman noted that the City and County are again discussing a possible merger of the City and County Fire Departments and she expressed her appreciation to County Administrator Coffee for meeting with each Council Member to discuss the merger.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.


CITY RECORDER


PRESIDENT