

**AGENDA MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ARCADIA
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2015
6:00 P.M.**

The following minutes reflect action items of the City Council of the City of Arcadia. For a verbatim copy of the minutes, you may contact City Administration to obtain a copy of the recorded meeting.

INVOCATION, PLEDGE, CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Robert Womack gave the invocation which was followed by the pledge of allegiance. The Mayor called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. and the following members and staff were present:

Arcadia City Council

Mayor Judy Wertz-Strickland
Deputy Mayor Frierson
Councilmember Joseph E. Fink

Councilmember Susan Coker
Councilmember S. Delshay Turner

Arcadia City Staff

Interim City Administrator Beth Carsten
City Attorney TJ Wohl
City Clerk Penny Delaney

Marshal Matt Anderson
City Planner Carl McQuay

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item 1 – Presentation to Franklin T. Boone – Retirement after 30 + years of service

This agenda item was pulled due to Mr. Boone being out of state.

Agenda Item 2 – Presentation to Lieutenant Gary Evans – 20 years of service

Mayor Wertz-Strickland presented Lieutenant Gary Evans of the Arcadia Police Department with a certificate for his twenty (20) years of commendable service with the City of Arcadia. Marshal Anderson also spoke and thanked Lieutenant Evans for his dedicated service.

Agenda Item 3 – Certificate of Appreciation to Robert Womack of Womack Sanitation, Inc.

Mayor Wertz-Strickland presented Robert Womack of Womack Sanitation, Inc. with a Certificate of Appreciation for their collaboration and reductions of fees in the demolition of the Arcadia Livestock Market.

Agenda Item 4 – Certificate of Appreciation to Brad Avery of WCA Waste Corporation

Mr. Avery was not in attendance. Therefore, Mayor Wertz-Strickland presented Manager Jason Harris and District Manager Mike Gabbert of WCA Waste Corporation with a Certificate of Appreciation for their collaboration and waiver of fees in the demolition of the Arcadia Livestock Market.

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Wertz-Strickland called former City Recorder Margaret Way to come forward. Ms. Way had just celebrated her birthday and Mayor Wertz-Strickland presented her with a birthday card signed by the City Council, the Interim City Administrator, the City Attorney and the City Clerk.

Agenda Item 5 – Grant Writing Option – John Bry

Councilmember Coker stated that she had asked John Bry to speak tonight. She said there were a lot of grants out there and the City doesn't have someone to research grants, tell Council what's available and how to get them, so she asked two different gentlemen to come and speak. She advised Mr. Bry was there to give a presentation to look at the possibility of having him become a grant writer for the City. Mr. Bry made his presentation and at the end of his presentation, he asked if Council had any questions and there were none.

Agenda Item 6 – Airport Master Plan

Mike Moon and Timeka Carter of Hanson Professional Services, Inc. presented the Master Plan Update for the Arcadia Municipal Airport. Mr. Moon stated that the action they were looking for from City Council was for them to adopt the Master Plan with any changes they may direct and with the approval and adoption with those changes, Hanson will forward it to FAA for their final review. After the presentation, various questions were asked regarding the buyout of homes in regards to the expansion, usage projections sent out to the public, and the relocation of Airport Road to which Mr. Moon and Ms. Carter answered same. Councilmember Fink made a motion to accept as presented and Deputy Mayor Frierson seconded the motion. No new discussion followed and it was unanimously, 5/0, approved. Mr. Moon thanked the City for the opportunity to work with them on the airport and stated they looked forward to a long and lasting relationship with the City of Arcadia.

CONSENT AGENDA**Agenda Item 7 – City Council Minutes for January 13, 2015****Agenda Item 8 – City Council Minutes for March 3, 2015****Agenda Item 9 – Special Event Permit – Six Gun Country Music Showcase**

Deputy Mayor Frierson made a motion to accept the consent agenda and Councilmember Coker seconded the motion. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 5/0, approved.

ACTION ITEMS**Agenda Item 10 – Cyndy’s Place Regarding Discount of Water/Sewer**

Andrew Crites of 132 S. Hernando Avenue, Arcadia, Florida, a representation of Cyndy’s Place, addressed City Council and referenced the letter provided in Council’s packet in which they were requesting a waiver of City of Arcadia water and sewer connection fees. Councilmember Fink asked if Cyndy’s Place was a 501C3 and Mr. Crites advised that it was. Councilmember Fink then asked if the rentals would be taxable and Mr. Crites advised they would just pay the non-ad valorem taxes. The City Attorney stated that would be a determination that the Property Appraiser would make, but stated that being familiar with other projects similar to this; he advised he believed they would be tax exempt. Deputy Mayor Frierson pointed out that they were saturated with low income housing and at some point the community would have to say “no more low income housing”. Councilmember Fink stated that he agreed with Deputy Mayor Frierson and the City’s housing stock is not in need of any additional low income housing. He further stated that the City couldn’t afford to give incentives by allowing them to do the work rather than going through the proper channels and tying onto the system using what the City has as a nominal impact fee for this particular endeavor. Deputy Mayor Frierson stated that the City needs medium income housing. Deputy Mayor Frierson made a motion to reject the request and Councilmember Fink seconded the motion. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 5/0, approved.

Agenda Item 11 – Approval of Application Regarding Planning & Zoning Board

This agenda item was pulled.

Agenda Item 12 – Request for Rezoning of Parcel No. 36-37-24-0A00-0781-0000

This agenda item was pulled.

Agenda Item 13 – Alarm/Surveillance Systems at City Garage

This agenda item was pulled.

Agenda Item 14 – Airport Painting

Councilmember Fink stated that he was bringing this before Council because he didn’t want the City to be encumbered regarding the airport when it’s turned back over to them. He stated he was concerned with the paint hangar and its usage. He advised he had spoken with someone in the DeSoto County Planning Department and was advised there was not a usable permit on the property to revenue tax and an application of a business since 2013. He stated their last knowledge of a business license was to have a boutique shop at the terminal and that is not a painting operation. Councilmember Fink stated that the Interim City Administrator had determined that they had disposed of the paint residue that is left over from scraped planes in what appears to be a professional manner, but again, this is without the permitting organization

of DeSoto County allowing it. He suggested the Administrator provide Council with a copy of the report regarding disposal of the paint chips. Councilmember Fink stated the disposal of the paint would have been a toxic waste and has to be disposed of by the EPA underneath EPA guidance rather than anything else. He pointed out that because the City didn't know, it could have been left with a serious mess. Councilmember Fink stated that this didn't just pop up, but that it had been reported to Ms. Jankosky. He stated he had asked the Fire Marshal for a copy of it.

Councilmember Fink suggested Mike Moon of Hanson Professional Services, Inc. take administration out to see what's what and so they would know where to look. Mr. Moon stated sometimes a visual check isn't as deep as you need to go and there may need to be some soil testing, and possibly check for fuel leakage, etc. before it's returned. He further stated that it was out of their scope, but Hanson would do what they could do to assist the City. Deputy Mayor Frierson stated that if one hangar is to be checked, they should all be checked. The City Attorney stated that he understood the concern, but the ultimate relief will be against a corporation that will likely be dissolved. Mr. Moon stated the ultimate responsibility, if you can't go after the tenant, will lie with the City and the City Attorney agreed. Mr. Moon recommended that any leases involving mechanical work, fuel, painting, etc., should have an environmental liability policy.

COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Marshal Anderson stated they had had a busy weekend with the rodeo; Friday's was almost sold out while Saturday's and Sunday's were sold out. He advised the department had received several compliments from the public regarding the parade, rodeo and traffic. He also stated that Mosaic donated \$3 million to the rodeo association to help build their arena. Marshal Anderson also advised that there had been a pretty big car show at Louis C. Anderson Park which was heavily attended from various counties. He further advised of a wedding that had taken place at the Tree of Knowledge and the positive comments the department had received from the public. Marshal Anderson also gave credit to City staff regarding their assistance with barricades and the clean up between the parade and the wedding. He asked if City Council or the general public had any questions and there were none.

The City Attorney referenced the sidewalk parking issue that had been brought to Council's attention by Robert Blank. He advised he had ridden with Marshal Anderson to look at the sidewalks and areas in question and there were issues that were not cut and dry. He stated that he and the Marshal are trying to find a way to resolve the issues. Marshal Anderson spoke up and stated that Becky Mercer with the Housing Authority had sent out newsletters regarding the parking of vehicles. He advised that the police department is driving through the area and between that and Ms. Mercer's newsletter; he's hoping the issue is being resolved as he has not found a violation with his drive-throughs of the area. He stated that he understood Mr. Blank's complaint and issues and they are trying their best to try to do what they can fairly to the residents who live on that street.

The Finance Director provided the financial report to City Council and advised that regarding revenues, the general fund is at 47.9% and enterprise fund is at 41.7%. She advised that regarding expenditures, the general fund is at 43.3% and the enterprise fund is at 37.7%.

The Interim City Administrator stated that she had been in Arcadia for 25 years and this year was the best year she had experienced with parking and felt the City Police Department did a wonderful job with funneling traffic and wanted to express her appreciation.

She stated that regarding the LAP project, the landscaping started going in today and the intersections will begin their paving in about two (2) weeks and won't start until after the last antique fair, but their work will be done at night. She stated there will be \$21,000.00 worth of overages. She advised that some came from the beginning with issues of when the plans were originally done and things weren't put in right and there are other overages just because. She advised that Manatee and Oak won't be getting the stamped concrete that the rest of the intersections are getting. She further advised that it was always their intent that when the crosswalks went in to make them ADA compliant. She stated that due to the way the box-culvert is, they have come up with a way to mill down some of the area and repair the bump and it will be no more than \$7,000.00. She stated all four (4) of the sections that come out to the crosswalk will be fixed to be ADA compliant. Mayor Wertz-Strickland asked if the \$21,000.00 overage included the \$7,000.00 and Ms. Carsten advised that it did. Deputy Mayor Frierson asked what fund it would come out of and Ms. Carsten advised it would come out of capital improvement. Deputy Mayor Frierson asked what was left in that fund and Ms. Carsten advised that they had \$372,000.00 and they had used \$15,000.00, but that's always where they had earmarked the \$30,000.00 to come out of for this project. Deputy Mayor Frierson asked if that was also earmarked for Bridle Path and Ms. Carsten advised that they would have to take some of it. Councilmember Coker made a motion to approve \$7,000.00 for Oak and Manatee and Councilmember Turner seconded the motion. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 5/0, approved.

Regarding the airport, Ms. Carsten stated that Council had tasked her with meeting with all the parties involved with what they were looking to do with the airport. She advised that she was still finishing up getting the research and information together and stated that Council had wanted to do a workshop and asked if March 26, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. would work for everyone. It was the general consensus to meet at the suggested time. Ms. Carsten also stated that the airport was completely out of fuel and asked for direction. After much discussion, it was opened up for public comment. Greg Smith of 5750 SW Hull, Arcadia, Florida, suggested taking control of the fuel tanks and to use this period of time before a new FBO comes in to change the filters and set up the card reader. After further discussion, it was Council's general consensus to wait until after the workshop to decide which direction they would go.

Ms. Carsten advised that the pastor from Heritage Baptist Church and requested use of the Tree of Knowledge for an Easter Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday from 6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. She advised she wasn't able to get it on the agenda, but felt it would be a time that wouldn't be too much of a bother as long as they understood it was a public park. Councilmember Fink made a motion to allow Heritage Baptist to do their usual Easter Sunrise Service at the Tree of

Knowledge and Councilmember Coker seconded the motion. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 5/0, approved.

PUBLIC

DeSoto County Commissioner Bob Miller of 7595 NE Cubitis Avenue, Arcadia, Florida, commended the Finance Director on the budget. He stated it was very easy to understand, but yet comprehensive in its content. He also stated he was happy to see how seriously the airport is being addressed and the opportunities out there. He stated that DeSoto County is on the way up. He advised that World Wide Windows and Doors had purchased the old Central Maloney facility and they would be bringing jobs to DeSoto County. He further advised there were other businesses, but he couldn't divulge much about them because he doesn't know what the statuses are, and he referenced the G. Pierce Wood facility being sold and going back on the ad valorem, etc. He stated that he just wanted to share how happy he was with the Council and the direction it is going.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember Fink stated that he was very pleased with item number five (5) and suggested a workshop or an agenda item as an action item to deal with this particular issue. He stated that he felt they needed to have more than one dip at the grant writing area and determine how they want to address it as a Council.

Councilmember Coker thanked Marshal Anderson regarding the control of the rodeo traffic. She also stated she had been asked to pass on a comment for those who own and maintain our streets to please trim the curbs and make it look pretty. She also stated that the Friends of Arcadia Airport Fly-In was nice. She advised she had visited the 1924 fire truck and would like to do something about it in the future. She felt it was a beautiful relic that needed to be maintained as a piece of Arcadia history. She also stated that she had heard a few comments about people wondering why there were no signs to keep trucks out of downtown especially with the new curbs. Councilmember Fink advised there is a sign on the west end and should be one put up on the east end.

ADJOURN

Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:17

ADOPTED THIS 7th DAY OF April, 2015.

By:

Judy Wertz Strickland
Judy Wertz-Strickland, Mayor

Penny Delaney
Penny Delaney, City Clerk