

**AGENDA MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ARCADIA
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 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

Human Resource Manager Linda Lowe 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 Alice 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

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item 1 – Youth Week Proclamation

Mayor Wertz-Strickland presented Exalted Ruler Mary Lyne and Chairman Jackie Tucker of the Arcadia Elks Lodge 1524 with a proclamation regarding Youth Week. Ms. Tucker announced that they would be having an Arcadia Bike Rodeo and advised that Marshal Anderson and the Arcadia Police Department would be teaching safety. Ms. Tucker stated that they were able to obtain a grant to have the rodeo and the Health Department had donated 60 more helmets which totaled 310 helmets to be distributed free. She advised that Tara Anderson of DeSoto County Parks and Recreation was helping with the project and stated she appreciated all the help they had received. It was announced that it would be held on May 2nd from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Item 2 – City Council Minutes for April 7, 2015

Agenda Item 3 – Graduation Acknowledgement in Peace River Shopper

Agenda Item 4 – Graduation Acknowledgement in the Arcadian Newspaper

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

ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 5 – Request First Reading of Ordinance 1002 Regarding Rezoning of Parcel No. 36-37-24-0A00-0781-0000

Councilmember Fink made a motion to have the ordinance read by title only and Deputy Mayor Frierson seconded the motion. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 5/0, approved. The Clerk read Ordinance 1002 by title only. Councilmember Fink made a motion to approve the first reading and Councilmember Turner seconded the motion. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 5/0, approved.

Agenda Item 6 – Request Regarding Certificate of Appropriateness at 23 S. Manatee

The Interim City Administrator advised that the Historical Preservation Commission had approved the application. Councilmember Fink made a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness and Councilmember Turner seconded the motion. Councilmember Coker referenced the fence line (referring to a drawing provided in the packet) and asked if it was a representation of what they were actually asking for and Ms. Carsten confirmed that it was. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 5/0, approved.

COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Marshal Anderson advised that he had provided Council with a DVD regarding a video cam worn by an officer to provide a snapshot of what video you see on a camera. He stated he was there to address any questions or concerns that the City Council may have. Councilmember Fink extended his thanks to the Marshal for the way his officers had been patrolling the downtown area. He stated they had been very proactive since the four (4) way stops had been put in and had been giving people a very lenient attitude, just educational, and he further stated he appreciated it. Marshal Anderson thanked him and stated that he would pass it on to the guys.

Dave Preacher Wills of Crosscreek asked if all of Marshal Anderson's men were equipped with the cameras and Marshal Anderson stated that they were not and that they were testing them out at this point. Mr. Wills stated that he was pleased to see the body cams being used.

Janie Watson of 803 W. Imogene, Arcadia, Florida asked if Cape Coral took theirs back and if so, why. Marshal Anderson responded that the Police and Sheriff's Association and the State of Florida will have a group meeting to talk about legality aspects and the wording of same.

The City Attorney did not have anything to bring before the City Council.

The Interim City Administrator stated that City Council had a meeting on April 20, 2015, with Kurt Bressner of Senior Advisors and the top five (5) candidates were chosen regarding the City Administrator position. She stated that Mr. Grieshaber had pulled his name from the list and Mr. Bressner had advised that another name needed to be chosen and he suggested Mr. Hoffman or Mr. Redshaw, based on the voting results. Mayor Wertz-Strickland stated that she would like to withdraw her choice of Mr. Poczobut and choose Mr. Hoffman. Councilmember Fink stated he was fine with it and Deputy Mayor Frierson stated that she liked Mr. Hoffman's application. So that this process would not have to be addressed again, Councilmember Fink made a motion to place Mr. Hoffman in the top five (5) with Mr. Redshaw as an alternate and that there be a background check of him as well if need be. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 5/0, approved.

Ms. Carsten provided an update regarding Bridle Path and advised that the stormwater was almost complete and the paving was to start next week.

She also provided an update regarding McSwain Park and advised that it was going out for Bid No. Three (3). She further advised that they got it re-worked and it was much closer to the Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$500,000.00) that Mosaic had given them as a grant to do it. She advised that they have approximately two (2) weeks for it to be out for bid.

The Interim City Administrator then advised Council that there was going to be another County Community Conversation and the dates were April 27th, April 30th and May 2nd or 3rd.

PUBLIC

None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Wertz-Strickland commented on the City Administrator selection and advised that if anyone had any questions regarding the process that had been used, they could contact Ms. Carsten. She stated that she was very impressed with the Senior Advisors and stated that they had helped the City of Arcadia tremendously. Mayor Wertz-Strickland advised that Council had decided that they would ask an individual to help each Council member when they get to the one (1) on one (1) interviews and the meet and greet. She further advised that each Council member was to bring forward the name of the person they chose at tonight's meeting. Councilmember Fink stated that considering it has been less than twelve (12) hours since they were in Chambers, it had been a difficult task and he was unable to secure anyone. He further stated that he would like to put it off for a week or so and it was agreed to place it on the next agenda.

ADJOURN

Councilmember Coker made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Fink seconded the motion. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 5/0, approved. Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:32 P.M.

ADOPTED THIS 5th DAY OF May, 2015.

By:

Judy Wertz Strickland
Judy Wertz-Strickland, Mayor



Penny Delaney
Penny Delaney, City Clerk