

**MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ARCADIA  
TUESDAY, JULY 16, 2013  
6:00 PM**

*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.*

**CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Councilman Allen gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Arcadia City Council**

Mayor Keith Keene (Absent)  
Deputy Mayor Robert Heine  
Councilman Robert R. Allen

Councilwoman Alice Frierson  
Councilman Joseph E. Fink (Absent)

**Arcadia City Staff**

City Administrator Judi Jankosky  
City Attorney Thomas J. Wohl

City Clerk Gia Lancaster  
Marshal Matt Anderson

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. July 2, 2013 City Council Minutes
2. Check Warrant Reports: 07/10/13, 07/11/13, 07/12/13
3. Lake Katherine Park Improvements
4. Request for Certificate of Appropriateness, 222 East Oak Street, Mosaic Fertilizer, LLC
5. Appointing a member to the Historical Preservation Commission, Cynthia McLeod Ely

**A motion was made by Councilwoman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Allen to approve consent agenda items 1 through 5 as presented. The motion carried 3-0.**

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6. Fire Assessments MSBU/MSTU (Administrator)

Mrs. Jankosky asked for discussion on the memo distributed regarding the County's request to increase fire MSBU/MSTU assessments. Councilwoman Frierson stated that

she felt a full Council should be present before any discussion on this topic. She continued that she has researched this item and the decision required a long hard review. She recommended that the City Administrator provide Council a chart on 1) Keeping the contract and what amount it would reduce every year and 2) Voiding the contract and that cost every year. She stated she has already completed those numbers and she felt the Council would be quite interested in seeing those numbers.

Mr. Guy Maxcy, County Administrator, stated that the County is on a timeline and will need to know if the City will join hands to implement the assessments. He asked to receive discussion on the item. Mrs. Linda Nipper, Administrative Services Director, affirmed that they are on a timeline and should the City give their blessing the County would move towards the public hearing. If the County Commission agrees to impose the assessment the rate may decrease but not increase. The City's fire budget would be zero, because it would be paid by the taxpayers.

Councilwoman Frierson stated that the County did not ask the City for any input on the assessment or the amount of the increase. She felt that the City Council needed a voice in the matter. Mrs. Nipper explained that normally staff does not go to the Commissioners. They receive the fire rescue budget and have to fund; from that they arrive at the numbers and percentages. The numbers originate from the amount of calls from different areas which they collect from the Fire Chief. Deputy Mayor Heine agreed that all the Council should be present for any discussion and asked when the public hearing was scheduled. Mrs. Nipper replied that the public hearing is scheduled for August 27, 2013 to allow for the 20 day notice period. There was discussion about the City's next regularly scheduled meeting. Councilwoman Frierson noted that Council has not yet seen the budget or audit. In addition the Council has adopted two water rate increases along with a millage increase. Mrs. Nipper responded to Mr. Gary Frierson that the County would not proceed with the City MSBU without consent from the City.

Deputy Mayor Heine asked if the assessment was implemented would this void the contract. Mrs. Nipper responded yes. Attorney Wohl explained that the current contract decreases \$50,000 per year; \$570,000 this year and \$520,000 next year until 2020. Councilwoman Frierson asked what will it actually cost the City in the long run. Mrs. Jankosky explained that the current MSTU (\$126,000) applies against our millage. She replied to Councilwoman Frierson that the City could choose to implement the MSBU and still maintain the contract. Mrs. Jankosky added that Council may have to consider a special meeting prior to this coming Friday.

## **RESOLUTION**

- 7. RESOLUTION NO. 2013-16; A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, GRANTING APPLICANTS JUDY KILPATRICK, AND ROY KILPATRICK, DESOTO LAND SURVEYING, A VACATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR TWO**

PLATTED BUT UNDEVELOPED ALLEYWAYS AS PROVIDED FOR WITHIN SECTION 86, ARCADIA CODE OF ORDINANCES, ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 39, TOWN OF ARCADIA PLAT, PER PLAT BOOK 1, PAGE 67, DESOTO COUNTY PUBLIC RECORDS, ARCADIA, FLORIDA. (City Planner)

Resolution No. 2013-16 was read by title only. A motion was made by Councilwoman Frierson and seconded by Councilman Allen to adopt Resolution No. 2013-16 as presented. The motion carried 3-0.

**COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENTS**

8. City Marshal – No report
9. Attorney – No report
10. City Administrator – Budget Workshop scheduled for August 3, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**PUBLIC** (PLEASE LIMIT PRESENTATIONS TO FIVE MINUTES)

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councilwoman Frierson asked about the status of the audit. Mrs. Jankosky replied that she has financial statements in order to give comments and could possibly receive the audit in the next two weeks.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

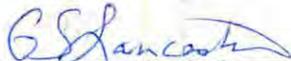
APPROVED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF Aug, 2013.

By:



Keith Keene, Mayor

ATTEST:



Gia S. Lancaster, City Clerk