

MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF ARCADIA  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2011  
6:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. The following members and staff were present:

**Arcadia City Council**

Deputy Mayor Keith Keene  
Councilmember Elect Alice Frierson

Mayor Heine  
Councilmember Elect Joseph E. Fink

**Arcadia City Staff**

City Administrator Lawrence Miller  
City Attorney William Galvano

City Recorder Virginia S. Haas  
Captain Matt Anderson

Dr. Roosevelt Johnson gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Mayor Keene welcomed and introduced County Commissioner Judy Schaefer, Interim County Administrator C. Guy Maxcy, and County Court Judge Don Hall.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

1. Councilmember Elect Alice Frierson
2. Councilmember Elect Joseph E. Fink

Judge Don Hall administered the Oath of Office to Councilwoman Alice Frierson and Councilman Joseph E. Fink.

**COUNCIL REORGANIZATION**

3. Nominations for Mayor and Deputy Mayor

A motion was made by Councilman Fink and seconded by Mayor Heine to appoint Deputy Mayor Keene as Mayor for FY 2011/2012. The motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Fink and seconded by Councilman Heine to appoint Councilwoman Frierson Deputy Mayor for the FY 2011/2012. The motion carried 4-0.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 2011-18: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR AND PRESIDING OFFICERS; SETTING TERM OF OFFICE.

**A motion was made by Councilman Fink and seconded by Deputy Mayor Frierson to adopt Resolution No. 2011-18. The motion carried 4-0.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

5. Minutes of the September 20, 2011 Workshop and Regular Meetings
6. Check warrants from September 23, 2011 and September 27, 2011
7. Veteran's Day Parade and Ceremony, Friday, November 11, 2011
8. Arcadia Mobile Home Park revised report for August 2011

**A motion was made by Councilman Heine and seconded by Councilman Fink to approve consent agenda items 5-8. The motion carried 4-0.**

### **PRESENTATIONS**

9. Employee of the Month for September 2011

**Mayor Keene read and presented Employee of the Month Plaque for September 2011 to Mr. Arthur Brady, Sanitation Department, for his outstanding service to the City.**

10. DeSoto County Commissioner Judy Schaefer- Roberts Avenue Project  
(Repair of Road next to DeSoto Memorial Hospital)

County Commissioner Judy Schaefer reminded Council that previously a video was presented regarding an ambulance ride on Nursing Home Drive. She stated that the County has been working towards paving this road from the East to Mills Road. She continued that the County Engineer provided a cost estimate and Mr. Fred Lewis indicated that the underlying utilities were up to standard. Commissioner Schaefer stated that the County was willing to assist with costs and encouraged the City and County to work collectively in this effort. She stated that according to the estimate submitted, the City and County would divide \$40,000 and the County would handle the bid process. She continued that the cost should not exceed \$40,000 but may be less. Mayor Keene voiced that he was ecstatic the County brought this item to the City Council. Councilman Fink agreed and commended Commissioner Schaefer for bringing this project forward. Dr. Miller responded to Councilman Heine that there are funds available in the budget for this project. Councilman Heine indicated that there may be interested parties in the community who would like to contribute to this project.

**A motion was made by Councilman Fink and seconded by Deputy Mayor Frierson to dedicate up to \$20,000 for the Nursing Home Drive Project. The motion carried 4-0.**

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

11. Appointing a Council Member to fill Dr. Goodman's unexpired term

**A motion was made by Councilman Fink and seconded by Councilman Heine to appoint Mr. Robert R. Allen to fill the seat vacated by Dr. Sharon Goodman for a two year term. Councilman Heine agreed that Mr. Allen has much experience. Mayor Keene stated that although he had another candidate in mind he hoped that Mr. Allen would serve the City well.**

The motion carried 3-1 with voting as follows: Councilman Heine, Yes; Deputy Mayor Frierson, Yes; Mayor Keene, No; Councilman Fink, Yes.

Attorney William Galvano swore in Mr. Robert R. Allen. Mr. Allen thanked the Council and was seated at the dais.

#### COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENT

##### 12. City Marshal

Captain Matt Anderson asked if there were any questions from the Council regarding the submitted report. He stated that the School Board negotiations resulted in subsidizing the four school crossing guards of whom would begin working sometime this week.

##### 13. Attorney

Attorney Galvano requested that the new Council Members sign their Oaths of Office prior to leaving and requested a closed meeting prior to a Regular Council Meeting to review litigation matters. The City Council agreed to hold an Attorney-Client closed meeting at 5:30 p.m. on October 18, 2011.

##### 14. Administrator

###### a. Habitat for Humanity request for donation of City Property

Dr. Miller reported that Habitat for Humanity is requesting a charitable donation of City Property. The properties are located at Cypress and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Maple Avenue. Ms. Jane Breylinger, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity, explained that the homes built are for low to very low income families and current utilities are available at each site. Ms. Breylinger responded to Deputy Mayor Frierson that the piece located at Cypress was one lot and the Maple site could contain 4 to 5 homes. Ms. Breylinger responded to Councilman Allen that streets and sidewalks are available at these locations. Mayor Keene stated that the City has donated property in the past to the Habitat for Humanity and asked the Council to keep in mind "Green Space" as the location at 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Maple Avenue formerly was a ball park. Councilman Fink inputted his concern regarding the depressed housing market and suggested keeping the Maple Avenue property on the back burner. Ms. Breylinger responded that there are parks available in the area and habitat houses are sold with zero percent interest and constructed by volunteers. Dr. Miller questioned whether the Council was concerned with both locations.

A motion was made by Councilman Fink and seconded by Deputy Mayor Frierson to donate City property located at Cypress and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the Habitat for Humanity. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Councilman Fink and seconded by Councilman Heine to table any further action regarding the City Property located at 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Maple Avenue. The motion carried 5-0.

b. Promotion of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Arcadia

Dr. Miller reported that this year is the City's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and would like to work towards promoting the event locally. **The City Council agreed for the City Administrator to move forward promoting the City's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

c. DeSoto County Homeless Coalition Request for Letter of Recommendation

Dr. Miller reported that DeSoto County Homeless Coalition was requesting a letter of recommendation from the City in support of turning over land to the Arcadia Housing Authority and demolition of buildings located between Jordan and Baldwin Avenues.

**A motion was made by Councilman Allen and seconded by Councilman Heine to approve a letter of support on behalf of the DeSoto County Homeless Coalition to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development regarding the acquisition of Arcadia Housing Authority property between Jordan and Baldwin Avenues. The motion carried 5-0.**

d. Brownfield Area Designation - Economic Rehabilitation Incentives

Dr. Miller explained the Brownfield Area Designation and gave examples of other Counties that implement Brownfield Areas such as Sarasoto, Manatee and Hillsborough Counties and specifically spoke regarding the West Shore Plaza located in Tampa. A Brownfield Area Designation would allow the City to inform interested businesses that they are eligible for tax credits and various initiatives. Dr. Miller reported a representative from Department of Environmental Protection would be available at the October 18, 2011 meeting to speak regarding this initiative.

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

There were no public comments.

**MAYOR AND COUNCIL MATTERS**

Councilman Fink asked City Council if they would consider holding a Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Workshop regarding the downtown area including Alabama, Orange and US 17. Mayor Keene stated they had former workshops on CRA's and were cautioned regarding their implementation. Deputy Mayor Frierson agreed and stated we should be extremely cautious. Dr. Miller stated he could have someone from the Central Florida Planning Council speak regarding the CRA. Mayor Keene inputted we should involve the Team Arcadia and MainStreet.

Councilman Robert R. Allen thanked the Council for allowing him to serve.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF October, 2011.

By:

Keith Keene

Keith Keene, Mayor

ATTEST:

Virginia S. Haas

Virginia S. Haas, City Recorder