

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ARCADIA
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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.

Former Mayor and Dr. Sharon Goodman gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Arcadia City Council

Mayor Alice Frierson

Deputy Mayor Joseph E. Fink

Councilman Robert R. Allen

Councilman Keith Keene – Absent

Councilman Robert Heine

Arcadia City Staff

City Clerk Gia Lancaster

City Attorney Thomas J. Wohl

Marshal Matt Anderson

HR Manager Sandy Vitella

PRESENTATION: Valic Defined Contribution Presentation

Ms. Amy Sorrells explained the availability of the Valic Defined Contribution plan offered to City employees.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. September 3, 2013 City Council Minutes
2. September 17, 2013 City Council Meeting Minutes
3. Check Warrant Reports: 09-27-13, 09-30-13, 10-01-13, 10-07-13, 10-08-13
4. Request for Special Event Permit and Street Closure, Christmas Parade, Chamber of Commerce
5. Request for Special Event Permit at McSwain Park, Democratic Party (11-8-13)
6. Request for Special Event Permit at McSwain Park, Family Fun Fair (11-02-13)
7. Amendment to Specific Authorization 26, General Consulting Services, Hazen and Sawyer
8. Amendment to Specific Authorization 16, General Consulting Services, Hazen and Sawyer

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Fink and seconded by Councilman Heine to remove the following items from the agenda: Airport Loan with Seacoast National Bank and the Perpetual Easement, FDOT. The motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Fink and seconded by Councilman Heine to approve Consent Agenda items 1 through 7 as presented. The motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

9. Actuarial Reports for both Pensions (Administrator)

There were no questions regarding Mrs. Jankosky's memorandum regarding the actuarial reports for both pensions.

10. Perpetual Easement, Donation Letter, Hazardous Waste Affidavit and Closing Statement, FDOT Project No. 193902, SR 70 Parcel No. 805 (Administrator)

This item was withdrawn from the agenda for further review by the City Attorney.

11. Florida League of Cities' Resolutions (Deputy Mayor Fink)

Deputy Mayor Fink suggested that the Resolution concerning Congress preserving the current tax-exempt status of municipal bonds be adopted by the City Council. Attorney Wohl stated that a Resolution could be brought to the next Council for adoption.

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Fink and seconded by Councilman Heine to direct staff to draft a Resolution urging the Obama Administration and Congress to preserve the current tax-exempt status of Municipal Bonds and reject any proposal that would reduce or eliminate the federal tax exemption status of interest earned from tax-exempt municipal bonds. The motion carried 5-0.

12. REDI Municipalities Law Enforcement Services Special Assessment (Administrator)

Attorney Wohl explained the REDI Municipalities Law Enforcement Services Special Assessment which was initiated from cities in Broward County to approach their legislative delegates about a special act of legislation that would help provide economically disadvantaged cities with the ability to implement a Law Enforcement Services Special Assessment. Mrs. Jankosky and Councilman Keene attended the DeSoto County Legislative Delegation and planted the seed with Senator Bill Galvano and Representative Ben Albritton. Marshal Anderson stated that he attended as well and stated that once he had explained the City's difficulties they appeared to be

receptive. Deputy Mayor Fink added this is the first step in a long standing process. The Council concurred to move forward on this item.

13. Changes to Insurance Limits (Lew Ambler/DeSoto Insurance)

Mr. Lew Ambler, DeSoto Insurance, reviewed the potential changes and savings the City could implement to reduce insurance premiums. Attorney Wohl explained the City's sovereign immunity.

14. Range Riders (Administrator)

COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

15. City Marshal

16. Attorney

- a. Code Enforcement Ordinance – Registration of Real Property in Foreclosure
- b. Code Enforcement Ordinance – Housing Code / Property Maintenance Standards
- c. Code Enforcement Ordinance – Sleeping in Public Places

17. City Administrator

PUBLIC (PLEASE LIMIT PRESENTATIONS TO FIVE MINUTES)

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MATTERS

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at ___ p.m.

APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF March, 2014, ~~2013.~~

By:

Alice Frierson
Alice Frierson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Penny Delaney
Gia S. Lancaster, CMC
City Clerk *Penny Delaney*