

**AGENDA MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ARCADIA
SPECIAL ONE ITEM AGENDA MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2014
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.

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. with the following members and staff present:

Arcadia City Council

Mayor Judy Wertz-Strickland
Councilmember Susan Coker
Councilmember S. Delshay Turner

Deputy Mayor Alice Frierson
Councilmember Joseph E. Fink

Arcadia City Staff

Interim City Administrator Beth Carsten
City Clerk Penny Delaney

City Planner Carl McQuay

ACTION ITEM

Special Event Permit – Mexican Rodeo Festival

City Planner Carl McQuay stated the one agenda item pertained to a special event that did not meet the cut-off date to be placed on the City Council agenda. The permit was originally denied and Mr. Wood and Mr. Gallegos spoke with the Interim City Administrator who made the decision to bring the matter before Council. He stated that they had met his requirements regarding hiring police and the insurance requirements. Mr. McQuay advised they had also provided a copy of their agreement with the Rodeo Association. He advised that a County Official had asked that he make Council aware of the noise issue and said official had suggested the event be cut back from 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Said official also asked that reference be made of the death of a young lady caused by a drunk driver who supposedly left one of these events.

Councilmember Fink suggested to Council that they as a money strapped body should be dealing with an item that is costing them the time of three (3) staffers and Council's own personal time to have an event that is an annual event and that they know when everything should be in. He stated that he was not suggesting that they not authorize it this year, but that they should be told that in the future, they will be required to pay staff time for such an event,

use of the building and other things that had to be posted and put into play just to ensure their event because they didn't file it in a timely fashion and it didn't come before Council when it should have. Councilmember Coker suggested backing it up to 9:00 p.m. since it was a work night for a lot of people. Deputy Mayor Frierson stated that she wanted to stress that the Spanish community contributes considerably to the economy of the County and she suggested that the City be good neighbors with them and also with the Rodeo Association. She reminded Council that the permit is what they are issuing, not the noise level or anything else. Mr. McQuay stated that he had spoke with the Marshal regarding the complaint of the noise and Marshal Anderson stated they would have the officers who would be there take a decimal reading of the noise and if it got to a certain point, they would have them turn it down.

The Interim City Administrator asked if they were aware of the City's time schedule and Mr. McQuay advised that they were aware of it as they have held these events before. Mr. McQuay further advised that when they turned in the paperwork, they acknowledged that they knew it was late. Mayor Wertz-Strickland suggested Mr. McQuay check into the way Lee County, Sarasota County and Manatee County regarding how they handle events. She felt that when they leave the bigger counties to come to smaller counties to do these, the smaller counties have no set rules to do this and she felt in order to protect the City, she would like research done to see how the bigger counties handle such events. Deputy Mayor Frierson stated that she didn't care what other counties do, but she cared what they do for this county. She reminded Council again of the economic influx into the County by the Spanish community.

Charles Conklin of 301 Bridle Path, Arcadia, Florida, spoke from the public and stated he didn't have a problem with it, but when it can be heard on Bridle Path, he felt it was an issue. Deputy Mayor Frierson made a motion to approve the special event permit and Councilmember Coker seconded the motion. Councilmember Fink stated that unless it includes something that deals with the fact that they need to get their permits on time or they will be charged extra for the staff time involved, he didn't feel he could support the motion. He stated that he wasn't suggesting that he wouldn't support it because he thought it was a good thing to have in town, but if things aren't done on time, there are penalties for those actions. Deputy Mayor Frierson stated that she wasn't going to include that in her motion and that she would withdraw her motion. Councilmember Fink made a motion to issue the special events permit and make the applicant know that if it's late again, staff time will be counted into any cost of their permit. No one seconded the motion so the motion died on the floor. Mayor Wertz-Strickland stated that motion was denied.

Councilmember Coker asked if this was the first time they had been late and Mr. McQuay advised that it was. She made a motion to approve the permit and if they have a reoccurrence in the future, that they readdress putting late charges on for extra staff at that time. Councilmember Fink felt it was the same motion as his and Councilmember Coker stated that if it happens again, not put anything into effect this time except giving them their permit, but if it comes about in the future again to address it at that time and Councilmember Turner seconded the motion. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 5/0, approved.

PUBLIC

None

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MATTERS

None

ADJOURN

Having no further business at this time, Mayor Wertz-Strickland called for the meeting to be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 P.M.



ADOPTED THIS 16th DAY OF January, 2014⁵.

By: Judy Wertz-Strickland
Judy Wertz-Strickland, Mayor

Penny Delaney
Penny Delaney, City Clerk