

**AGENDA MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ARCADIA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 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.

INVOCATION& PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Wertz-Strickland gave the invocation which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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 Joseph E. Fink
Councilmember S. Delshay Turner

Deputy Mayor Frierson was not present.

Arcadia City Staff

Interim City Administrator Beth Carsten
City Clerk Penny Delaney
City Attorney Thomas J. Wohl

Marshall Matt Anderson
City Planner Carl McQuay

PRESENTATIONS

Agenda Item 1 – Arcadia Main Street

John Bry, the Interim Director for the Arcadia Main Street Program, made a presentation updating and informing what the Arcadia Main Street Program was all about. The presentation pointed out that the power of downtown consisted of the following: employment, infrastructure, sales tax, property tax, cultural and historical venue, business development, support of the community, job and “calling cards of the community” . . . pointing out that “we are being judged and compared by our downtowns”. Mr. Bry referred to the eight (8) guiding principles for downtown as being: comprehensive, incremental, self help, partnerships, quality, change,

identify/capitalize on assets and implementation. He addressed the four (4) points of downtown revitalization (the Main Street approach) as being: design, organization, promotion and economic restructuring. Mr. Bry stated that the next steps including re-organizing which included: revising bylaws, non-profit status, working, committees of the four points, fundraising and work plans. When Council was asked if they had any questions, there were none and Mr. Bry thanked the Council for their time.

Agenda Item 2 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Proclamation

Mayor Wertz-Strickland presented Samuel Morgan, President of the NAACP, with a Proclamation proclaiming January 19, 2015 as Martin Luther King Day.

CONSENT AGENDA

Agenda Item 3 – Amended City Council Minutes for November 18, 2014

Agenda Item 4 – City Council Minutes for December 2, 2014

Agenda Item 5 – Special Event Permit – Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade

Agenda Item 6 – Special Event Permit – Fourth Saturday Market Place

Agenda Item 7 – Renewal of Code Enforcement Special Master Contract

Councilmember Coker moved that the Consent Agenda Items 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 be approved and Councilmember Turner seconded the motion. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 4/0, approved.

ACTION ITEMS

Agenda Item 8 – Resolution Regarding Appointment of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The City Attorney advised this is a Resolution confirming the votes that were taken at the last meeting essentially with Mrs. Wertz-Strickland serving as the Mayor and Mrs. Frierson serving as the Deputy Mayor. Councilmember Coker made a motion to accept Resolution 2014-16 and Councilmember Turner seconded the motion. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 4/0, approved.

Agenda Item 9 – Resolution Regarding Fire and Stormwater Assessments

The City Attorney stated this was a Resolution stating City Council's intent that in the event that the City Council adopts the stormwater and fire assessment next year, to collect those on the tax rolls through a special assessment. Councilmember Coker made a motion to accept Resolution 2014-17 and Councilmember Turner seconded the motion. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 4/0, approved.

Agenda Item 10 – Resolution Establishing Yard Sale Permit Fees

The City Attorney advised that at the last meeting City Council approved the second reading of the Yard Sale Ordinance. He stated that they did not increase the yard sale permit fee and this is the corresponding Resolution to assess the \$5.00 yard sale permit fee. Councilmember Coker made a motion to accept Resolution 2014-18 and Councilmember Fink seconded the motion. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 4/0, approved.

COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENTS**11. CITY MARSHAL**

Marshal Anderson advised that he had nothing to bring before the Council and asked if there were any concerns from Council or the citizens. Mayor Wertz-Strickland asked if the City's officers go to the Mexican Rodeo and Marshal Anderson replied that they had. The Mayor stated that she was not disturbed by the music. Marshal Anderson stated there is a decibel reader that is used when a complaint comes in, but they didn't have any that night. Candy Reid of 1516 N. Arcadia Avenue, Arcadia, Florida spoke from the public and asked how many children participated with the Shop with a Cop Program and Marshal Anderson replied that they had forty-two (42) children participate. He advised there were three (3) families that didn't show up and after follow-up attempts, they still didn't show up. Therefore, they are going to take the \$300.00 worth of gift cards left over from Winn-Dixie and they're going to see if they will cut them a deal and get turkeys and take to needy families from the housing authority, guardian ad litem program and churches to help feed them at Christmas.

12. CITY ATTORNEY

The City Attorney advised Air-Cadia's principal had filed suit against the City for a tractor accident that occurred. He stated that essentially the principal is alleging that while utilizing the tractor to mow, he believed there was some issue with the tractor that caused him to wreck and injure himself. Mr. Wohl advised the insurance is covering the City's defense of that. The attorneys would like to make a third party claim against Air-Cadia essentially because Air-Cadia should be indemnifying the City if the City does have any losses. He advised they wanted to know if the Council had any objections from a political standpoint if they didn't want to levy a claim against Air-Cadia. Mr. Wohl advised that he had told them that likely the City would not have an objection since Air-Cadia's owner is suing the City, but wanted to get a vote to see if Council would approve that and if so, he would correspond with them tomorrow and let them know whether the City Council is okay with a claim being filed against Air-Cadia for the indemnification of this. Councilmember Fink made a motion to approve and Councilmember Turner seconded the motion. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 4/0, approved.

13. INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

The Interim City Administrator advised that at the last meeting City Council directed staff to contact the Range Riders to see if they would be willing to come in and help with the hiring of a new City Administrator. She further stated that since that time, the City Clerk made contact with them and their new name is Senior Advisors and they have agreed to work with the City in the search. She stated they are asking for a formal letter from the City Council that states that they are looking to retain them for this purpose. Councilmember Fink made a motion to approve and Councilmember Coker seconded the motion. No discussion followed and it was unanimously, 4/0, approved.

Ms. Carsten also advised that City staff and Council would be having their open house Christmas party that Friday and she requested to close the water department at noon. It was approved by general consensus.

Ms. Carsten further advised she attended the delegation meeting for the legislature last Wednesday and she was able to make contact with Senator Galvano who expressed his desire to help the City with getting the fighter plane repaired and the canopy replaced. She expressed her hopes to get the paperwork completed and get the funding for it.

PUBLIC

Samuel Morgan, President of NAACP, of 3048 SE Brown Road, Arcadia, Florida, expressed his appreciation for the Council's support and invited anyone interested to participate in the parade. He stated there would be donations from the participants and the money will go to the Smith-Brown Foundation to help them with the refurbishing of the gym.

George Chase, of 2692 NE Highway 70, Lot 757, Arcadia, Florida, on behalf of Friends of Arcadia Airport congratulated the new council members and stated they look forward to working with them over the next few years.

Mattie Clark of 407 Singleton Avenue, Arcadia, Florida, stated she had addressed the City Council at the last meeting regarding her concern of the Oak Ridge Cemetery. She advised she had gone back to the cemetery to check on it and the City had done a marvelous job and she expressed her appreciation.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilmember Fink stated that the previous two meetings he had allowed things to get the better of him and he apologized.

Councilmember Coker expressed her appreciation to everyone who had a part in the Vietnam Wall event and also to everyone who participated in the Christmas parade.

Mayor Wertz-Strickland acknowledged Councilmember Coker for all the work she did on the float

ADJOURN

Having no further business at this time, Councilmember Coker made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Turner seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 P.M.



ADOPTED THIS 6th DAY OF January, 2015.

By:

Judy Wertz-Strickland
Judy Wertz-Strickland, Mayor

Penny Delaney
Penny Delaney, City Clerk