

## REGULAR MEETING

MAY 20, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Arcadia City Council was held on May 20, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Margaret Way Building at 23 North Polk Avenue. Council members attending were Goodman, Fazzone, Johnson, Heine, and Dixon. Also in attendance were Administrator Strube, Attorney Holloman, Marshall Lee, Special Projects Coordinator Hewett, Parks and Recreation Supervisor Waters, and Recorder Baumann.

Mayor Goodman called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Dr. Sharon T. Goodman; Mayor.

Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

The Minutes of the Work Session of May 6, 2008 and the Regular Meeting of May 6, 2008 were adopted on a motion by Heine; seconded by Fazzone and carried.

Administrator Strube addressed the Council regarding Resolution No. 2008-4 acknowledging the completion of the Arcadia All-Florida Championship Rodeo Relocation and Expansion Feasibility Study by Stellar Fundraising Executives, Inc. The City, under the auspicious of the State of Florida, Tourism, Trade and Economic Development division, hired Stellar Fundraising to conduct the study. The study does show support for the possible relocation and/or expansion; however they estimated that approximately \$25,000.00 would need to be raise monthly in order to do the project. The State requires that the City Council acknowledge by way of a Resolution the Arcadia Rodeo Association's acceptance of the report. Fazzone moved to adopt Resolution No. 2008-4 and that it be submitted to the State; seconded by Dixon and carried.

## RESOLUTION NO. 2008-4

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA,  
ACKNOWLEDGING THE COMPLETION OF THE ARCADIA ALL FLORIDA  
CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO FEASIBILITY STUDY FINDINGS REPORT  
PERFORMED BY STELLAR FIND RAISING EXECUTIVES, INC., FUNDED  
BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA OFFICE OF TOURISM, TRADE AND  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

**Whereas**, the City of Arcadia received funding on behalf of the All Florida Championship Rodeo from the State of Florida Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development for feasibility study to determine financial support for a new rodeo/equestrian facility, and

**Whereas**, the feasibility study findings report dated May 15, 2008, performed by Stellar Fundraising Executives, Inc., was presented to the Directors of the Arcadia All Florida Championship Rodeo on May 15, 2008, and

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**Whereas**, the Directors accepted the report.

**Now, therefore be it resolved**, by the Arcadia City Council that it considers the May 15, 2008 feasibility study findings report presented by Stellar Fundraising Executives, Inc., to the All Florida Championship Rodeo Directors as fulfilling the scope of work funded by the State of Florida Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, on this 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA

Attest:

s/s RACHELLE M. BAUMANN  
Rachelle M. Baumann  
City Recorder

s/s DR. SHARON T. GOODMAN  
Dr. Sharon T. Goodman  
Mayor

A Proclamation of the North Naples Firefighters declaring a Brotherhood Ride beginning on May 24, 2008 and lasting nine (9) days in remembrance of those Firefighters that lost their lives on June 18, 2007 in Charleston, South Carolina was presented. Dixon moved to endorse this action; seconded by Fazzino and carried. Councilman Dixon stated this is a true show of appreciation and caring to their colleagues. The Firefighters will be in Arcadia on Saturday night, May 24, 2008, at which time the Proclamation will be presented to them by Mayor Goodman.

The Fines and Forfeitures Report for the month of April, 2008 was presented showing Fines in the amount of \$2,927.67.

The Recorders' report of Revenues and Expenditures through April 30, 2008 was presented.

The Planning and Zoning Board at their May 13, 2008 meeting recommended the following:

That a special approval be granted to the Church of the Living God to rebuild the church at 159 South Lee Avenue, Lot 6, Block C, A.W. Gilchrist's Subdivision. Administrator Strube noted a

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slight change to the original recommendation. The original recommendation was to move the building to within five (5) feet of the North property line. After additional review and discovering that there is a neighbor located at the North property line it was suggested that the building be moved to the rear of the property and that parking be in the front of the Church rather than the rear as originally proposed. The recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board was to allow for the re-building of the Church. Dixon moved to adopt the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Board with the change that the building be located at the rear of the property; seconded by Fazzone and carried. After discussion with Marshal Lee the Council agreed that on street parking would be allowed for special occasions provided that the Church notify Marshall Lee prior to any event.

The Public Works Report for the month of April, 2008 was presented.

The Golf Course report for the month of April, 2008 was presented.

Mayor Goodman requested that Administrator Strube inform the Council of the results of the score tabulation for the interviews for City Attorney. It was noted that Mr. Seusy and Mr. Galvano were present. Administrator Strube stated each of the ten (10) questions had scores from one through five (1-5), five (5) being the highest and one (1) being the lowest. There is a possible maximum score of 250. Mr. Seusy scored 189, Mr. Galvano scored 196 and Mr. Carter had the highest score of 229.

Mayor Goodman then questioned the Council on how they wanted to move forward from this point. Councilman Fazzone stated he is not ready to make a decision and suggested meeting ½ hour prior to the next Council meeting to discuss the interviews. Johnson agreed, stating he would like to see Mr. Galvano's response in a typed form as had been done with the previous candidates. Councilman Dixon stated he was ready to move on it, he does not want to drag the decision out any longer than necessary as he would like to move forward with the advertising for the City Administrator's position. Dixon stated that he would also like to review the typed answers and if the consensus of the Council is to wait he will wait. Heine is also in favor of waiting until the June 3, 2008 meeting. Attorney Holloman suggested that the new attorney be ready to start on July 1, 2008. Fazzone moved to meet at 5:30 p.m. on June 3, 2008 to discuss and choose a City Attorney; seconded by Johnson and carried.

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Special Projects Coordinator Hewett presented the Council with a list of recommendations for Political Sign requirements which was prepared in conjunction with DeSoto County. This is a summary of City and County Ordinances which will be given out to candidates by the Supervisor of Elections. Councilman Fazzone asked why this information was just now being given to the Council to which Mr. Hewett stated that he just received it today from the County. Councilman Dixon thanked Mr. Hewett for the information and requested that no signs be placed past the Department of Transportation (DOT) Flood sign adjacent to his property as it blocks his view when backing out of his driveway. No Council action is required.

Councilman Fazzone stated he has witnessed watering in the City with water restrictions in place. He asked if there was a pamphlet that could be handed out to violators. Councilman Johnson suggested a door hanger reminding citizens of the water restrictions. Administrator Strube noted that the City did have pamphlets and he would check to see if they were still available.

Administrator Strube addressed the Council and presented a proposed time line for advertising and hiring a new City Administrator. He will have a copy of his contract and a proposed list of qualifications to the Council by the next meeting.

Administrator Strube reminded the Council of the summer schedule of usually meeting once a month. He noted that June 3 would be the next meeting, then July 1, and August 5 noting that Council may need to meet more frequently in July and August. He stated that between July 1<sup>st</sup> and in August 1<sup>st</sup> the Council would need to set a millage rate in place. At this time it looks as though the City can only go 4% over the roll back rate. He noted that the City is currently looking at a reduction in revenue of \$175,000 as a result of Amendment 1 and he does not anticipate any relief from the Property Appraiser.

Fazzone stated that time is of the essence and requests a list of qualifications for the administrator' position and a copy of Mr. Strube's contract by the June 3, 2008 meeting.

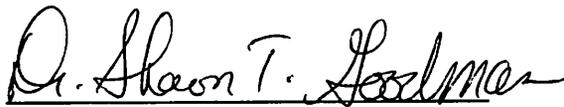
Mayor Goodman read the proposed schedule for hiring a new administrator and stated that the Council needs to focus on hiring an Administrator by advertising locally, statewide and nationally.

Councilman Dixon asked who would put the qualifications together for this position to which Administrator Strube stated that he will provide suggestions and that the Council would ultimately decide upon the qualifications.

Mayor Goodman thanked members of the public for attending the interviews and Council Meeting stating that the decision is ours' as a community. She would like to have an outgoing/incoming reception for Mr. Holloman and the new attorney once the position is filled.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

  
CITY RECORDER

  
PRESIDENT