

## REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

A Regular Meeting of the Arcadia City Council was held on September 4, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. in the Margaret Way Building at 23 North Polk Avenue. Council Members attending were Johnson, Goodman, Heine, Fazzone, and Whitlock. Also in attendance: Administrator Strube, Attorney Holloman, Captain Anderson, Parks & Recreation Supervisor Waters, Special Projects Coordinator Hewett, Grants Coordinator Weeks, Ms. Way, and Recorder Baumann.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in order for those Council Members not up for re-election to serve as the City Canvassing Board at today's election.

Invocation was given by Council Member Heine.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Minutes of the Budget Work session of August 21, 2007 and the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2007 were adopted on a motion by Heine; seconded by Whitlock and carried.

Council Member Heine asked Captain Anderson if he had checked on Hardee County's police vehicles yet to which Captain Anderson stated he was waiting for the State bid contract to come out for the new fiscal year. He also reported the monthly Police Report would be available at the next Council Meeting.

Administrator Strube addressed the Council to request an increase in the Equivalent Residential Connection (ERC) fee. The City charges water and sewer connection fees based on a usage of 350 gallons per day to equal one ERC. The City charges a Water connection fee of \$482.50 per ERC and a Sewer connection fee of \$636.00 per ERC. The City has recently commissioned a water and sewer master plan and rate study and anticipates the study to be completed by February, 2008. Administrator Strube recommends that in the interim new ERC charges be established in the amount of \$1,500 per ERC for water and \$3,500 per ERC for sewer. All connections made based on the interim rates will be subject to adjustment, either up or down, depending on the outcome of the rate study. All applicants will be required to enter into a development agreement and if applicable to sign a pre annexation agreement in order to secure City utility services prior to the adoption of the rate study recommendations. Whitlock moved to implement the interim rate recommendation of \$1,500 per ERC for water, based on 350 gallons per day, and \$3,500 for sewer; seconded by Fazzone and carried.

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A letter from Sister Cathy Buster, Vice President, and Developer, of Casa San Juan Bosco, Inc. was presented to the Council. The letter is requesting Council approval to allow the City to provide water and wastewater services to a Farm Worker Community at 2316 SE Hillsborough Avenue. Administrator Strube stated that Sister Buster needs a letter of commitment or intent from the City in order to move forward with grant funding for the project. Council Member Whitlock requested that Sister Buster present the most recent plans for the development to Council. He also asked Administrator Strube if the City has the capacity to provide water for this development to which Administrator Strube stated that water and sewer could be provided. Heine moved to provide an appropriate letter of intent to make water and sewer service available for a Farm Worker Community at 2316 SE Hillsborough Avenue; seconded by Goodman and carried.

Mr. Robert "Bo" Conerly, Project Manager for JPGD, LLC. addressed the Council with a request for approval and authorization from the Council to proceed in negotiations to obtain water and wastewater for a proposed 48-acre mixed use project located in the northeast corner of Burnham Road and U.S. 17. Mr. Conerly provided location maps to the Council. It was noted that the area is approximately 4,500 feet north of the City limits. The developer is willing to sign a pre annexation agreement. This plan is contingent upon approval from DeSoto County Commissioners. Council Member Whitlock inquired if there were any single family units planned to which Mr. Conerly stated there were none on this plan. Goodman moved to provide a letter of intent to make water and sewer service available for a 48-acre mixed use project located at the NE corner of Burnham Road and U.S. 17; seconded by Whitlock and carried.

Council Member Heine suggested that a workshop be held where both developers could present their proposed projects to the Council. No date was set; however once both projects are approved and have funding a date could be set at that time.

The Flowage and Hanger Rent Report of Air-Cadia, Inc for the month of June 2007 was presented to the Council. Special Projects Coordinator Hewett reported that some tenants are in arrears on their rent and that Air-Cadia has been paying these rents. Mr. Hewett will work with Air-Cadia to serve three (3) day notice of evection notices to the tenants in question.

Ms. Cathy Miller, a member of the Public, presented the Council with a letter requesting that they take some form of action. Council Member Fazzone noted that he is Ms. Miller's father and in fairness to the Administrator and the Council, he requests this issue be tabled until the next meeting in order for everyone to have sufficient time to review the letter. Council Member Goodman asked Mrs. Miller if this was acceptable to her or

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had she expected this issue to be resolved at the present meeting to which Ms. Miller stated that she was ok with it being tabled. After discussion Council Member Goodman stated that this issue must be addressed and she asked that no one discuss the contents of this letter until the next meeting. Goodman then moved that Ms. Miller is not to be contacted by staff and no one is to have any conversation with staff regarding this issue and to hold a work session on Golf Course issues at 5:00 P.M. prior to the Regular Meeting on September 18, 2007; seconded by Heine and carried.

Recorder Baumann advised that the Golf Course report would be on the next regular agenda.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

  
CITY RECORDER

  
PRESIDENT