

**CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**  
**APRIL 7, 2009 9:30 A.M.**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**A. Roll Call**

Mayor Sabin Abell, present; Vice Mayor Tom White, present; Councilmember Debra Fromang, present; Councilmember Bill Fish, present and Councilmember Kevin Sawnick, present. **Also Present:** James Gabbard, City Manager; Charles Vitunac, City Attorney and Tammy Vock, City Clerk

**B. Invocation**

Pastor Jim Gallagher of Calvary Chapel of Vero Beach gave the invocation.

**C. Pledge of Allegiance**

The audience and the Council joined together in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**2. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**A. Agenda Additions, Deletions, and Adoption**

The Clerk requested that item 7-F) "Update on Old Diesel Plant" be moved up on the agenda and heard after Public Comments.

Mrs. Fromang made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Mr. White seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**B. Proclamations**

- 1. Child Abuse Prevention Month – April 2009**
- 2. National Telecommunicators Week – April 18, 2009**
- 3. Hibiscus Festival Weekend – April 17 – 18, 2009**

Mayor Abell read and presented all of the proclamations.

**C. Public Comment**

- 1) Mrs. Rebecca Rickey, Heritage Center, to speak about the Window Restoration Project**

Mrs. Rebecca Rickey, Heritage Center, handed out information on the restoration of the historic windows at the Heritage Center. She said that the Heritage Center is still a City building and they lease the building back from the City and are responsible for the upkeep of the building. All 56 windows will need to be restored. She said that they are all wood frame. They started the project in March and a gentleman who resides in Washington D.C is doing the work. He took the first five windows back to Washington D.C. with him. She was hopeful that by end of the month they would have the first five windows back. She then invited everyone to the Pioneer Dinner where they will be honoring the Holman family. She also noted that they are in the process of having an adopt a window program. She said that the cost to restore each window is \$1,500 a window. Those adopting a window will have a plaque displayed inside of the Heritage Center.

Mr. John Dean, Architect, addressed the 338 acre parcel west of the Airport. He started off by saying that he loves living in Vero Beach and would choose no other place to live. He is thankful for the Airport, Marina, Power Plant, and Riverside Park, He said in regards to the 338 acres up for sale on the West end of Airport it would make sense to look into the matter a little further. He said that as an Architect, he thinks that the City should buy it. He had a shortlist of reasons, which he read (please see attached memo).

Mr. Charles Vitunac, City Attorney, informed Mr. Dean that his three minutes were up. Council gave Mr. Dean more time in order to complete his presentation.

Mr. Dean concluded by saying that it would be wise to let the people decide on this piece of property.

Mr. Ken Daige reported that there are a number of things on their agenda today that will have to be paid for by the taxpayers. He reminded Council that there are a lot of people who are having trouble paying their bills and making ends meet. He said as far as purchasing the piece of property by the Airport, he feels that there should be input from the public. He then made his comments (please see attached).

Mrs. Chris Pope was at today's meeting representing the 26<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood Coalition. She said that they are opposed to the City purchasing the Dodger Pines property if any part of it will be used to relocate the City Sewage Treatment Plant. They feel that the Plant should be relocated on the East side of the Airport, which is already zoned commercial. They were told that an injection well is slated to be built near the present Water Plant (East of the Airport). Any effluent from a new sewage treatment plant will be pumped underground into this injection well. She said that if the Dodger Pines site is chosen, the land would have to be cleared, roadways would have to be built and a security fence will have to be installed. All of these things are already in place at the site on the East side of the Airport so this would be a great cost savings to have the Plant there.

Mr. White commented that the site could be used for other possible City uses such as additional well fields. It could also be the center of the City down the road. He said that there is much to do with the property if they decide to purchase it and the voters want it.

Mrs. Fromang asked Mrs. Pope if the neighbors were opposed to purchasing this property if it is used for other purposes.

Mrs. Pope explained that their main opposition is using it for a sewage treatment plant.

#### **D. Adoption of Consent Agenda**

- 1) Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting – March 17, 2009**
- 2) Minutes of Special Call City Council Meeting – March 19, 2009**
- 3) Records Management Handbook**
- 4) Solid Waste Franchise Agreement – Anderson Rentals, Inc.**
- 5) Conn Beach Dune Restoration – Final Payment and Project Acceptance – Treasure Coast Construction Management, LLC of Vero Beach**
- 6) Sexton Plaza Improvements – Recommendation of Final Acceptance, Final Pay Request and Change Order #3 – Sunshine Land Design, Inc.**

Mr. Fish made a motion to adopt the consent agenda as presented. Mrs. Fromang seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **3. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A) A Resolution of the City of Vero Beach, Florida, under the authority of Section 170.08, Florida Statutes, confirming Special Assessments in connection with the Installation of a Sewer System for Ocean Towers of Vero Beach, Inc., Ocean Towers II of Vero Beach, Inc., and Cardinal Drive Townhouses, providing that the Special Assessment Liens be made of record.**

Mayor Abell read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Rob Bolton, Water and Sewer Director, explained that this is for an assessment for the construction of a lift station on Ocean Drive. The existing lift station was installed in the 1960's and is in dire need of being replaced. They started discussing the project about a year ago. They presented the cost assessments to the homeowner's group, then they did an informal request for the assessment. They received back over 70% who voted in favor of the project. They did not receive any no votes, although no response is a no vote.

Mr. White noted the comments that they heard from the property owners over the years at Ocean Towers who have wanted to see something done because of the problems that they have had.

Mayor Abell opened the public hearing at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Richard Fitz-Harris agreed with the comments made earlier by Mr. Bolton that 70% of the property owners are in favor of the lift station being taken over by the City. He asked if with the remaining 30% who voted no, would the property owners who voted yes be responsible for their assessments.

Mr. Vitunac answered no. He said that you are only responsible for your own assessment. If someone doesn't pay then the City will go after that property owner.

Mr. Paul Johnson, member of the Board for Ocean Towers, said that the lift station is currently on their property and they are anxious to get out of the sewage business. The Homeowner's Association pre-canvassed 80 property owners affected by this assessment last December and 78% of the property owners responded positively. He said that there were three property owners who own the Townhouses who felt that they were not responsible for having to pay the assessment, but it has been proven in documents that they are responsible for the cost.

Mayor Abell closed the public hearing at 10:08 a.m.

Mr. White made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Fish seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 with Mr. Sawnick voting yes, Mr. Fish yes, Mrs. Fromang yes, Mr. White yes, and Mayor Abell yes.

**B) An Ordinance of the City of Vero Beach, Florida, amending Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages, of the Code of the City of Vero Beach relating to the sale, serving, and consumption of Alcoholic Beverages; providing for definitions and rules of evidence; providing for regulation of the hours of operation and locations for sale and consumption; prohibiting certain activities; providing for exceptions; providing for permits for temporary extension of hours of operation and expansion of premises; providing for enforcement and severability; and providing an effective date.**

Mayor Abell read the Ordinance by title only.

Mr. Wayne Coment, Assistant City Attorney, explained that he made a few changes to the Ordinance after their last meeting to somewhat clean it up.

Mrs. Fromang referred to Section 6-7 where they talked about fighting competitions and events prohibited. She wondered if they need to add arm wrestling to this paragraph.

Mr. Coment explained that they talk about the conduct of boxing, kickboxing and wrestling in this paragraph. He said that they are speaking of the entire full body contact.

Mrs. Fromang said that she doesn't want to allow arm wrestling because it can lead fights.

Mr. James Gabbard, City Manager, stated that if it becomes an issue then they can amend the Ordinance.

Mr. White noted that the City Manager has the authority to extend the hours, but the Recreation Director has the authority to issue permits.

Mr. Coment explained that the Recreation Director only has authority to issue permits when it is in a structure that they rent out. The Recreation Director doesn't have the capability of extending hours for an event. Mr. White understood that. Mr. White continued that the City Manager overrides the Recreation Director's authority. Mr. White requested that if the City Manager does approve a request for a facility to extend their hours that the Council receives a copy of the application where approval is given. Mr. Gabbard had no problem with this request. Mr. Coment noted that the other thing that the City Manager has authority on is license premises. The City Council agreed with serving alcohol at City pavilions when special requests are made.

Mr. Fish commented that he attended the Dine & Design event held downtown and there were people wandering all over the place holding a glass of wine in their hand.

Mr. Coment said that they should have received an alcohol permit from Council.

Mr. Gabbard said that he would talk to the appropriate people because alcohol should not have been served outside.

Mr. Coment said that there is one thing that needs to be clarified and that is that there are some establishments who serve alcohol but don't sell it. He would tweak the language for this particular issue.

Mr. Sawnick felt that when people come in for special events and allowing the City Manager the authority to extend hours could make a difference in people coming to Vero Beach and spending their money here.

Mayor Abell opened the public hearing at 10:21 a.m.

Mr. Ken Daige commented that last night's event was very well attended (Dine & Design). He said that everyone walking around were very pleasant. He asked that when hours are extended and people violate permits then there should be some sort of fine imposed. He then asked how many events per year can one establishment have.

Mr. Coment explained that if there are complaints the City Manager can deny the permits. He said also if there are any violations then they would go to the Code Enforcement Board. They didn't limit the number of events that would be allowed because unless there are problems there is not a need to impose a limit.

Mayor Abell closed the public hearing at 10:26 a.m.

Mr. White made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Fish seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 with Mr. Sawnick voting yes, Mr. Fish yes, Mrs. Fromang yes, Mr. White yes, and Mayor Abell yes.

At 10:26 a.m. Council took a five-minute break.

#### **4. RESOLUTIONS FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT PUBLIC HEARING**

- A) A Resolution of the City of Vero Beach, Florida, requesting the assistance of Governor Crist and The Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Kopelousos to prioritize the Intercity Rail Component of the FEC Corridor Project (from Jacksonville to Miami) as part of the Federal Economic Stimulus Package for the State of Florida.**

Mayor Abell read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. White made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Fish seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 with Mr. Sawnick voting yes, Mr. Fish yes, Mrs. Fromang yes, Mr. White yes and Mayor Abell yes.

- B) A Resolution of the City of Vero Beach, Florida, adopting Standards for the Promotion, Encouragement, and Expansion of the use of Renewable Energy Resources and Energy Conservation and Efficiency Measures.**

Mayor Abell read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. R.B. Sloan, Electric Utilities Director, explained that the City is required under Florida Statutes to develop standards for the promotion, encouragement, and expansion of the use of renewable energy resources and energy conservation and efficiency measures. He said that they will need to file a report with the Florida Public Service Commission that identifies such standards. He recommended approval of the Resolution.

Mr. White made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Fish seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 with Mr. Sawnick voting yes, Mr. Fish yes, Mrs. Fromang yes, Mr. White yes, and Mayor Abell yes.

#### **5. FIRST READINGS BY TITLE FOR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS THAT REQUIRE A FUTURE PUBLIC HEARING**

- A) A Resolution of the City of Vero Beach, Florida, setting rates and fees for the Municipal Cemetery; providing for an effective date.**

Mayor Abell read the Resolution by title only.

Ms. Vock explained that Council passed this Resolution a few months ago and it is back before them because the Resolution was not in accordance to the motion made by Mr. White. She said that the Resolution stated that the term "City resident" shall mean any person who owns real property located within the Vero Beach City limits or is a registered voter qualified to vote in City elections for at least six months prior to the purchase of a burial lot. Mr. White's motion was clear that anyone purchasing a lot and at the City price must "own" property in the City. She said that the Resolution now states that "for the purpose of this Resolution, the term "Property Owners" shall mean persons who owns real property located within the Vero Beach City limits.

Mr. White made a motion to approve the Resolution on first reading and set the public hearing for April 21, 2009. Mr. Sawnick seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 with Mr. Sawnick voting yes, Mr. Fish yes, Mrs. Fromang yes, Mr. White yes, and Mayor Abell yes.

## **6. CITY CLERK'S MATTERS**

### **A) Appointment to the Board of Adjustment**

Ms. Vock reported that there is an alternate position open on the Board of Adjustment. They have received one application from Mrs. Mary Ann Trautman who would like to serve on the Board.

Mr. Fish made a motion to appoint Mrs. Mary Ann Trautman to the Board of Adjustment. Mr. White seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **7. CITY MANAGER'S MATTERS**

### **A) Award of Bid to Purchase an Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting Vehicle (City of Vero Beach Bid 040-09/CSS)**

Mr. Eric Menger, Airport Director, explained that this project was approved by City Council in the Airport's FY-07 budget. The vehicle purchased under this project will replace the Airport's 1991 Oshkosh T-1500 Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting vehicle (he showed a picture of the vehicle on the doc cam). He said that the City has already accepted sufficient State and Federal grant funds to fund approximately 97.5% of this project, with the remaining 2.5% coming from Airport revenues. He said that no general funds would be used for this purchase. He recommended approval of the contract to Rosenbauer Firefighting Technology.

Mr. Fish asked if the crew (firefighters) would get retrained on this vehicle.

Mr. Menger said yes, that training is included in the bid.

Mr. White made a motion to approve the Award of Bid to purchase this Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting Vehicle. Mr. Fish seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

## **B) Continuation of Heritage Reserve Property**

Mr. Gabbard reminded Council that at the last meeting when this item was heard – Heritage Reserve Property – he was requested by Council to do some more research and bring it back at this meeting. He talked to the Water and Sewer Director who told him that it would not be feasible to put the Water Treatment Plant on this piece of property. It would need to go East of the Airport. He said that the information that Council requested will be given in a short presentation by the Finance Director and Public Work's Director.

Mr. Steve Maillet, Finance Director, showed a picture of how the property would fit into the entire reserve territory. He explained that the Indian River County Property Appraiser's office listed the assessed value of the seven parcels that make up the site at just under \$11.5 million. He said that this is a sizable piece of land that they are talking about taking off of the tax rolls.

Mr. Maillet briefly went over the slides that were shown to Council at their last meeting. He said that maintenance costs and the potential loss of tax revenue should be considered when analyzing a potential purchase. If the property was developed as the Heritage Reserve subdivision as originally envisioned by its owners, the property taxes to the City alone could amount to \$300,000 annually. He said that potential uses for the area could be a golf course, tennis courts, hiking, etc.

Mr. Maillet went over the mortgage on the property and said that as of February 2008 the new mortgage was about \$12 million.

Mr. Gabbard reported that the Realtor for this piece of property contacted him and said that there was an appraisal of the property done in 2007 that came in at \$18 million. He said that staff has done a lot of research on this property and spent a lot of time and felt that there is an opportunity to get the land at a low price. If Council is interested then the City Attorney could go over the timeline in order to get this on the November ballot.

Mr. Fish pointed to the picture and asked where the public works facilities is located.

Mr. Falls showed him where they were and noted that if the Public Works compound, along with the T&D facility moved to a different location they no longer would be renting from the Airport.

Mr. Maillet cautioned Council that if they did use the property to put new buildings on for the City that it would cost money in order to build the new buildings.

Mr. Gabbard added that one thing that was discussed was swapping land with the Airport. He wasn't exactly sure how that would work, but it was an idea. He also said that there could be some rezoning done to allow different uses on the property.

Mr. Maillet said that they bought the 37 acre golf course in order to keep green space.

Mr. Fish commented that they should be looking towards the future when considering purchasing this piece of property. He said that growth in the City is to the West and there is not a lot of open space available.

Mr. White said that he didn't want the City to write a check that they couldn't cash.

Mr. Gabbard stated that they would not commit to a number until they are authorized to negotiate.

Mr. White felt very strong about keeping the property for public use. He said that they are looking at purchasing this property for half of what it was appraised at in 2007. He referred to the City Hall building, which is fifty years old and there is no where to expand. He said that looking at the future if they put the City Hall building on this piece of land then the piece of property where City Hall sits now could become a part of the downtown district. He said that this item would still need to go to the voters and he wasn't sure that it would pass. After listening to the Finance Director this morning, he said that this would be a tough decision and he had some concerns if they can't afford it. He doesn't want to see their millage rate go up if they purchase this piece of property.

Mr. Maillet explained that it would take millage money in order to pay for it. He said they would be looking at about 2.4%. He said that purchasing the property is just the beginning of the cost. He said that they would lose revenue and it would take a lot to pay to maintain the property.

Mr. Sawnick noted that if this was on the November election, because this is an off year, there would not get a good representation at the polls. But he was still listening to this proposal.

Mr. Gabbard made it clear that this would have to go to the voters and they could vote yes or no. He said that staff was not in favor of raising taxes to pay for the property.

Mr. Maillet did not want to mislead anyone. He said that taxes would have to be raised in order to pay for the property.

Mr. Vitunac briefly went over the timeline if Council wanted staff to negotiate a price for the property. He said that it would need to get voter approval in the November election, then have the bond closing and their first payment probably would not be due until 2011.

Mrs. Fromang was not in favor of purchasing the land without having a specific plan on what it was going to be used for. She said that Mr. Dean was the first person that she knows of who has come up with some ideas on what to do with the property. She also liked having City Hall located where it is now.

Mayor Abell felt that they needed to continue researching this. He said that there is no present buyer for this piece property and he still feels that the price is still too high.

Mr. Gabbard cautioned Council that if a developer purchases the property then they could divide it and sell it off in different sections/parcels.

Mr. White agreed that they should continue to look into purchasing this piece of property and that he would like to hear from the public on what they would like to see happen to it.

Mayor Abell reiterated that the price that they are considering is way off. He asked staff to think harder on what some potential uses might be for the property and bring the matter back at their next meeting.

**C) Boys and Girls Club Property Lease**

Mr. Falls explained that Indian River County leased a parcel of land on 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue between 16<sup>th</sup> Street and 19<sup>th</sup> Street to the Boys and Girls Club of Indian River County. Then the Boys and Girls Club hired engineers and architects to design a facility on the parcel. As the design was getting close to completion the County learned that they had previously leased the Western portion of the parcel to St. Francis Manor. To resolve this issue the County contacted the City. The City has contiguous parcels located to the South (Recreation Administration facility) and to the North (60 foot wide right-of-way parcel). In an effort to help the Boys and Girls Club and to keep their redesign costs to a minimum he would recommend that the South 30 feet of the right-of-way parcel adjacent to their site be leased to them by the City.

Mr. White recalled that they entered into a lease with the Boys and Girls Club for the property on Old Dixie as well as where the Creative Playground was located.

Mr. Fish made a motion to approve the lease between the City of Vero Beach and the Boys and Girls Club. Mrs. Fromang seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**D) Selection of Vendor for Wellness Center – Robert Anderson, Human Resource Director**

Mr. Robert Anderson, Human Resource Director, passed out an onsite medical clinic cost evaluation (please see attached). He said that the City issued a Request For Information from providers as to the cost and service provided for an employee health center. He made site visits to health centers in the cities of Port Saint Lucie and Palm Bay. The City received twelve proposals for providing these services. The Gehring Group evaluated these proposals and provided their findings to the City. After reviewing all of the proposals to determine the best combination of services, costs and provider experience he would recommend that the City award the contract to implement and operate the health center to Crown Consulting and Care Here.

Mrs. Fromang did not want them to move forward unless the County was going to participate also.

Mr. Anderson explained that the figures that he gave them did not include if the County was a participant.

Mr. Gabbard stated that he met with the County regarding this and they are anxious to join. He said that Sebastian also wants to join. He noted that the County was just waiting on them.

Mr. Anderson explained that the location for the clinic will be at the Recreation Administration building off of 16<sup>th</sup> Street. It will cost approximately \$15,000 to renovate the building.

Dr. Sadow was present for the meeting. Mr. Gabbard said that Dr. Sadow approached them with a proposal, but it was not something that they were interested in.

Mrs. Fromang stated that if there was any controversy that she would have to step down and not vote on this matter because her husband rents a facility to Dr. Sadow. She was told that she would need to fill out a voting conflict form (attached to the original minutes).

Dr. Sadow requested to speak. He was told by the Mayor that he would need to meet with the Human Resources Director and the City Manager.

Mr. Gabbard said that they hoped to have the clinic opened by July. He reiterated that he looked at Dr. Sadow's proposal and it won't work for the City. He recommended that Council move forward on this item today.

Mr. Vitunac explained that because of the time constraints Council could approve that the City award the contract for the health center to Crown Consulting and Care Here with the condition that they (Human Resource Director and City Manager) meet with Dr. Sadow and if something changes to bring it back at the next meeting. Mr. White made this in the form of a motion. Mr. Fish seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1 with Mrs. Fromang abstaining (voting conflict form attached to the original minutes).

#### **E) Vision Implementation Plan Program Update**

Mr. McGarry reported that on April 23<sup>rd</sup> he would be meeting with the Royal Palm Pointe property and business owners to discuss additional parking and to work out the final details. He has gone through the draft subdivision regulations and they will be heard at the May 7<sup>th</sup> Planning and Zoning Board meeting. He has finished all the workshops needed for the overlay district on Ocean Drive. The proposed Tree Ordinance has had significant changes made to it and there will be further revisions made before it is ready to go to a public hearing.

Mayor Abell asked Mr. McGarry where they were with with the overall Vision Plan.

Mr. McGarry said that they are moving along and have implemented various elements of it. He said that the Vision Plan will be an on-going effort.

Mr. White asked if there have been any changes in the Ordinance for parking garages that become a part of the FAR.

Mr. McGarry said there will be and they are working on it.

**F) Update on Old Diesel Plant**

This item will be heard at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**8. CITY ATTORNEY'S MATTERS**

None

**9. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS**

**A. Old Business**

None

**B. New Business**

Mayor White reported that the City of Vero Beach was incorporated in 1919 and this year is their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Birthday. He recalled the neat stuff that they did for their 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday and he would like to see the City do something for their 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. He suggested having a parade held on mainstreet, and a big festival held. Council gave their blessing to move forward in planning this event.

Mrs. Fromang asked when would Humiston Park be completed.

Mr. Falls anticipated that the project would be finished by Christmas.

Mrs. Fromang suggested having the Historic Preservation Committee help with planning the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party.

**10. INDIVIDUAL COUNCILMEMBERS' MATTERS**

**A. Mayor Sabin Abell's Matters**

**1. Correspondence**

**2. Committee Reports**

Mayor Abell reported that he helped out with the Mayor's Meals on Wheels Program, he attended the quarterly Special Call meeting where the budget was reviewed, he attended

Legislative Action Day in Tallahassee, Coffee with the Mayor and City Council and the Oceanside Farmers Market.

**3. Comments**

**B. Vice Mayor Tom White's Matters**

- 1. Correspondence**
- 2. Committee Reports**

Mr. White reported that he attended the quarterly Special Call meeting where the budget was discussed, the ribbon cutting for the Chamber of Commerce and the Florida League of Cities Insurance Trust meeting.

**3. Comments**

**C. Councilmember Debra Fromang's Matters**

- 1. Correspondence**
- 2. Committee Reports**

Mrs. Fromang reported that she attended an Economic Development Council meeting. She also talked about her Tourist Tax Committee and the report that they will be receiving from Jonathan Gorham and she attended a Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments meeting.

**3. Comments**

**D. Councilmember Bill Fish's Matters**

- 1. Correspondence**
- 2. Committee Reports**

Mr. Fish mentioned that he thought that the Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments meetings were very informative. He reported that he attended Dancing Under the Stars, Downtown Dine & Design, Legislative Action Day, and the open house that the Flamevine properties held.

**3. Comments**

**E. Councilmember Kevin Sawnick's Matters**

- 1. Correspondence**
- 2. Committee Reports**

Mr. Sawnick reported that he attended a County Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, Coffee with the Mayor and Council and also reminded everyone to attend the Hibiscus Festival.

**3. Comments**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. White made a motion to adjourn today's meeting at 12:21 p.m. Mr. Fish seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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## Comments on 4-7-09 City Council Agenda

- The majority of city staff and employees are not city residents and therefore do not pay city taxes.
- The city budget is mainly taxes paid by city residents and rates paid by rate payers.
- Most of the spending considered on today's agenda is under the city managers matters. There is hardly any if any back-up material available on at least half of the list.
- More spending is considered on the consent agenda including lighting specific to turtle protection that should have been foreseen.
- There is no contract available to view for the wellness center.
- Again there is no information on the Heritage Reserve land.
  
- All of these important issues deal with spending more tax dollars.
- All of these spending issues are proposed without budget hearings.
- All of these spending issues are requested WITHOUT public input.

The taxpayer is not being considered in these matters.

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Please add this to the official minutes of the public record for this meeting.