
The Council Briefing began at 5:30 P.M. The meeting was held via video conference using the Zoom platform.

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor: William C. Latham

Council Members: Keith Doherty (absent) Georgette Dumont Sandy Golding
Christine Hoffman Cory Nichols Phil Vogelsang

Also present was City Manager Mike Staffopoulos.

Purpose of Briefing

The purpose of the Briefing was to update the Council Members about ongoing items in the City. Mr. Staffopoulos stated due to limited time, the discussion may not include all the items on the Briefing Notice. Any items not discussed would be included in the next scheduled Council Briefing.

City Manager

Direction on Budget Showcase and Workshops

Mr. Staffopoulos asked Council for direction regarding the presentations of the upcoming Budget Showcase and Workshops. Council concurred with holding the Budget Showcase and Workshops virtually due to COVID-19.

Council Priorities

Mr. Staffopoulos reviewed the Proposed Project Timeline chart [on file] regarding City Council priorities. Conversation ensued regarding the progress of each initiative. Director of Planning and Development Bill Mann stated he would provide an additional update regarding the Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR).

Community Vision Summary

Mr. Staffopoulos reviewed a summary of the Communication Conversations report [on file] with the Council. Mr. Staffopoulos stated after holding seven Community Conversations, one consistent theme was noticed, “family-friendly.”

It was suggested by the Council to hold one more business meeting to include long-time, non-food/beverage service industry businesses throughout the community.

Parking Waivers for Ocean Rescue and Others

Mr. Staffopoulos suggested offering parking waivers to Ocean Rescue and City volunteers for parking fee reimbursement while performing service for the City.

Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett stated the most straightforward way would be for staff and volunteers to submit their parking receipts to their supervisor, and the City would reimburse the

fees. City Attorney Chris Ambrosio stated this process would not need a change to the current ordinance. There was a consensus from Council to move forward, and Ms. Gossett and Mr. Ambrosio would work out the details.

Opening Skate Park to Organized Events

Director of Parks and Recreation Jason Phitides stated when the skate park and the turf field were added to South Beach Park, the City committed to the surrounding neighbors the park's new amenities would not become commercialized.

A private entity reached out to Parks and Recreation asking for permission to hold an organized event at the skate park. Mr. Phitides asked Council for guidance regarding holding such events. Conversation ensued, and the consensus of the Council was not to allow organized or commercial events at the skate park.

Mobile food truck changes

Mr. Ambrosio stated the Florida State Statutes regarding Mobile Food Vending (food trucks) has changed, and the City is required to change its current ordinance. Mr. Ambrosio reviewed the needed changes and informed Council the revised ordinance would be presented to them for approval soon.

The Briefing adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

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Approved:



William C. Latham, MAYOR

Date: 8/3/2020