

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION
January 10, 2011

The meeting of the Winter Park City Commission was called to order by Mayor Kenneth Bradley at 3:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers, 401 Park Avenue South, Winter Park, Florida.

The invocation was given by Reverend Turner, Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present:

Mayor Kenneth Bradley
Commissioner Phil Anderson
Commissioner Beth Dillaha
Commissioner Tom McMacken
Commissioner Carolyn Cooper

Also present:

City Manager Randy Knight
City Attorney Larry Brown
City Clerk Cynthia Bonham
Deputy City Clerk Michelle Bernstein

Approval of the agenda

Mayor Bradley requested that item 12B be tabled to the next meeting, January 24, 2011 and that item 10C be tabled until they have a work session on this item. Planning Director Jeff Briggs indicated that staff would like the Commission to table item 12A since there are on-going discussions between the City of Winter Park and Maitland regarding annexation of this project. He suggested that they not take any action until the issue has been resolved.

Motion made by Commissioner McMacken to approve the agenda with these changes; seconded by Commissioner Cooper. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor's Report

1. Proclamation-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Mayor Bradley proclaimed the week of January 16-22, 2011 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. week. He asked that everyone remember and reflect on his great achievements in civil rights, human rights and public service. He encouraged all residents and visitors to observe this week with appropriate civic, community and service programs in honor of Dr. King.

Reverend Dawkins expressed his gratitude in accepting the award for the Ministry of Fellowship for serving as good representatives to the various churches on the west side of the city.

Mayor Bradley mentioned that next Sunday and Monday, January 16-17, 2011 is the 9th Annual Unity Heritage Festival and invited everyone to join in the fun at Shady Park in Hannibal Square.

2. Employee of the Quarter – Rene Brogan

Mayor Bradley recognized Human Resources Department staff member Rene Brogan as Employee of the Fourth Quarter of 2010 and thanked her for the numerous accomplishments and outstanding achievements.

3. Board appointments Civil Service Board--Gary Brewer, Paula Satcher, Rick Frazee

Motion made by Mayor Bradley to re-appoint Gary Brewer, Paula Satcher and Rick Frazee to serve on the Civil Service Board. Commissioner Dillaha asked if there is a policy regarding how many consecutive terms one can serve on this board and if it is the same as the other city boards. Mr. Knight said they do not and explained that this board was established by a voter referendum ordinance and does not fall under the same rules as the other boards. **The motion was seconded by Commissioner McMacken and approved unanimously with a 5-0 vote.**

4. State of the City address--January 11, 2011

Mayor Bradley reminded everyone of tomorrow's meeting at 12 noon at the Rachel D. Murrah Civic Center where the Mayor and Commissioners will be providing the State of the City address. He noted that they will also be presenting Employee of the Year awards to three employees, Mike Stiff, Stuart "Trey" Merrick and Murray Daniel.

5. Review of Town Hall meeting guidelines--January 13, 2011

Commissioner Dillaha addressed the need to state that this meeting is for Winter Park residents only since it is a Winter Park town meeting. Commissioner Cooper said that they previously discussed her concern with making sure that residents had the first opportunity to ask questions but could not recall what the resolution was. Mayor Bradley shared his concern with business owners or a church reverend who might not be a city resident and might want to speak. There was a consensus to treat it as a matter of priority. Communications Director Clarissa Howard acknowledged the change and indicated that she would add the following to the agenda guidelines prior to distribution: "First priority will be given to city residents, and if time permits, non-city residents will have an opportunity to address the City Commission."

City Manager's Report

City Manager Knight requested to schedule work sessions for January/February concerning the Ethics Board, 90 day plan, transportation plan and the starter house/pro-shop. After discussion, a work session regarding the 90 day plan was scheduled for January 24, 2011 from 2:30-3:30 p.m. and the Fire Impasse Hearing was scheduled for February 7, 2011 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. It was requested that Mr. Knight coordinate and provide potential work session dates and times for the transportation plan and starter house/pro-shop but to try and schedule the Ethics Board for sometime in January.

Commissioner Cooper inquired about the assessment report of City Hall security. Mr. Knight indicated that he is currently reviewing the report and it will be forthcoming to the Commission.

Mr. Knight said there is an opportunity for the City to host a concert performed by Michael Andrews and Swingerhead that is normally performed in Leu Gardens every year however this year they did not wish to sponsor or hold the event at their location. He indicated that CRA Director Dori DeBord has been working with the organizers of the event and the Parks Board had a special meeting today to request an alcohol waiver and a one time fee waiver for ½ of the event fee. The Parks and Recreation Board approved a motion to permit the concert and recommended approval of the waiver since no CRA or City funding was requested. Mr. Knight

indicated that the event fee is \$1,650 for the rental of the park, so they are asking for a fee waiver of \$825.

Ms. DeBord explained the unique opportunity for this event that is scheduled for February 13, 2011 from 2-7 p.m. and will bring more than 1,000 people into Central Park and the City. She indicated that there is no anticipated revenue coming out the event since this a free concert. She explained that the overall budget is approximately \$8,000 and they anticipate \$5,000 will be used to pay for the band and their staff and \$3,000 will pay for port-o-lets, park rental, police and EMS services. She noted that the sponsor will be asking the Park Avenue Area Chamber of Commerce for \$5,000 to help assist them with their expenses; however, they will still need an additional \$3,000 for the event to take place.

Ms. DeBord explained that she is bringing this item forward as the Economic Development Director since it adds to the economic incentive and is requesting approval today due to the short time frame for coordinating the event. There was an overall discussion regarding the fee waiver and potential sponsorship (which could be the fee waiver) and the pros and cons with having a concert in Central Park.

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson to approve the City sponsorship which shall take the form of waiving ½ the fee; seconded by Commissioner McMacken. Per Commissioner Cooper's request, Ms. DeBord provided detailed information regarding the fee waiver criteria for their review prior to taking action. She clarified that they are only requesting a fee waiver for the first two hours of the four hour event (\$412.50/hour – total of \$825).

Patrick Chapin, Winter Park Chamber of Commerce, spoke about the great opportunity to hold this special event in the City because of having approximately 1,000 people attend the concert which can increase business and sales. He indicated that if this event does not happen this year, it will be hard to recreate next year and they are excited to help keep the momentum of this yearly event. He asked the Commission to consider it especially since it can help develop and promote entertainers of this caliber to hold events in the City.

Motion amended by Commissioner Cooper to waive the first hour and that the second hour and so on is discounted so it is consistent with our policy; seconded by Commissioner Dillaha. Upon a roll call vote on the amendment, Mayor Bradley and Commissioners McMacken, Anderson, Dillaha and Cooper voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Upon a roll call vote on the original motion as amended, Mayor Bradley and Commissioners McMacken, Anderson, Dillaha and Cooper voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

City Manager Knight answered Commissioner Dillaha's question regarding the pension study and indicated that they can deal with the smoothing of it once they have a plan. He also suggested that they wait and see what new rules the state has implemented before they make any changes to the benefit plans.

Upon questioning, Public Works Director Troy Attaway provided an update on the Lee Road medians and indicated that plans are 95% complete and will be sent out to FDOT by the end of the week.

Commissioner Dillaha asked for an update on the Pro Shop. Mr. Knight reminded her that in December staff asked the Commission to reject the bids and allow them to present a revised plan and the Commission said they wanted to have a work session to do that. He stated that he is currently trying to schedule this item.

Commissioner Dillaha asked for a copy of the two investment policies related to the pension plans. Mr. Knight said he will send those out.

Since Ms. DeBord stepped out for a moment, Mr. Knight noted that they have received a response from CEI on the State Office Building and the CRA Department is trying to schedule a meeting with them for this week.

City Manager Knight updated Commissioner Dillaha on the disposal of hazardous waste materials and that they have a meeting scheduled this week with Orange County to discuss this issue.

Commissioner Dillaha asked when they will see an outline of the plan regarding the \$40,000 they allocated during the budget session to go toward the educational program for stormwater management, clean water bodies and cleanup stations for the dogs along Park Avenue and New England Avenue. Communications Director Howard said it is scheduled for the January 24, 2011 meeting.

Commissioner Cooper asked for a follow up on the possibility of doing code revisions to address the design of parking structures and requested this item be scheduled. Mr. Knight acknowledged.

Commissioner Cooper asked City Manager Knight to provide an updated list regarding their legislative objectives. Mr. Knight said he spoke with both lobbyists today and they are working out the schedule.

Commissioner Cooper asked about the status of the procurement policy revisions. City Manager Knight said it is being finalized now, staff and our attorney will review it in February, and the Ethics Board will review it in March before it comes to the Commission.

City Attorney's Report

No items to report.

Non-Action Items

a. Winter Park Community Center Update by ZHA, Inc.

Rick Mellin with ZHA, Inc. spoke about the Winter Park Community Center project and provided a brief progress schedule. He said the original construction GMP was approved on June 28, 2010, the site permit was issued August 27, 2010 and building permits were granted on September 23, 2010. He indicated that the next major milestone is roughly March 9 in which all of the buildings will be fully dried in and then they can start on the interior of the buildings. He said final construction is scheduled to be completed by July 1, 2011 and that everything is going

according to schedule to achieve that date. He provided a Powerpoint presentation which included the project milestones, budget modifications and photographs of the progress to date. Mr. Holland provided a brief update regarding the programming and indicated that they are in the process of interviewing for the manager position and should be bringing someone on board within a month. Mayor Bradley requested that Mr. Knight coordinate a grand opening ceremony upon completion.

Consent Agenda

- a. Approve the minutes of 11/22/10 and 12/13/2010. **PULLED 12/13/2010 FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION – SEE BELOW**
- b. Approve the following Neighborhood Council matching grant requests who meet the criteria for funding: Timberlane Shores \$4,000.00; Orwin Manor \$325.00; and Quail Hollow Homeowner's Association \$3,300.00. **PULLED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION – SEE BELOW**
- c. Accept the Ethics Board work plan. **TABLED FOR A FUTURE WORK SESSION**
- d. Approve the following purchases and contracts:
 1. Blanket PO to W.W. Grainger for tools; \$24,000
 2. Owner direct purchase from Florida Business Interiors for the Community Center for carpet, tile and maple wood floor; \$35,270.25
 3. Blanket PO to Technical Inspections, Inc. for Water/Wastewater Specialty Repair; \$50,000
 4. PR 145942 to John Deere for the purchase of two (2) John Deere Commercial Front Mowers; \$43,010.66
 5. PR 145981 to Commercial Energy Specialists, Inc. for the Community Center; \$105,096.19 and authorize the Mayor to execute Proposal 67424.
 6. Deduct Change Order COR-005 to Community Center contract (RFQ-17-2009) with Turner Construction Company (\$1,893.00 against the contract price) and authorize the Mayor to execute the change order document.
 7. Agreement of Temporary Extension to Heart Utilities of Jacksonville, Inc. for Underground Electrical Construction Services (IFB-1-2008) and authorize the Mayor to execute the Agreement
 8. Piggybacking the State of Florida contract #445-001-11-1 with W.W. Grainger for Tools: Hand Held and Hand Held Power Tools, and authorize the Mayor to execute the Piggyback Contract
 9. Piggybacking the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance contract #43272 with Graybar Electric Company for Electrical Products and authorize the Mayor to execute the Piggyback Contract (Estimated annual spend is \$60,000)
 10. Piggybacking the State of Florida contract #MA4974 with Verizon Wireless for Wireless Data Services for the Police Department and authorize the Mayor to execute the Piggyback Contract (Estimated annual spend is \$17,000)
 11. Piggybacking the Martin County contract #AR2008-2178 with Technical Inspections, Inc. for Water/Wastewater Specialty Repair and authorize the Mayor to execute the Piggyback Contract
 12. Piggybacking the State of Florida contract #760-000-10-1 for Construction, Industrial, Agricultural & Lawn Equipment and authorize the Mayor to execute the Piggyback Contracts as required for specific equipment purchases

13. Piggybacking the Clay County contract #08/09-3 with REP Services for the purchase of Various Equipment & Amenities for Parks & Playgrounds and authorize the Mayor to execute the Piggyback Contract
14. Piggybacking the Duval County Public Schools contract #ITB-006-10/LM with Orlando Steel Enterprises, Inc. for the purchase of Chain Link Fence Parts and authorize the Mayor to execute the Piggyback Contract

Motion made by Commissioner Anderson to approve Consent Agenda Item 'a' (11/22/2010 minutes only) and Item 'd' 1-14; seconded by Commissioner Dillaha and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Consent Agenda Item '10a': Approval of the Minutes of 12/13/10

Commissioner Cooper requested to add a sentence on Page 13 of the minutes noting that the discussion also included whether residents should be given first priority to ask their questions. **Motion made by Commissioner Cooper to approve the minutes of 12/13/2010 given that the City Clerk takes a look and make the correction; seconded by Commissioner Dillaha and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.**

Consent Agenda Item '10b': Approve the following Neighborhood Council matching grant requests who meet the criteria for funding: Timberlane Shores \$4,000.00; Orwin Manor \$325.00; and Quail Hollow Homeowners Association \$3,300.00

Commissioner McMacken asked about the formalities regarding the matching grant for Timberlane Shores. He indicated that he lives in Timberlane Shores and paid dues to the homeowner's association. He asked the City Attorney if this is a conflict of interest on his ability to vote on this item. Attorney Brown said it does not since there is no special private gain. **Motion made by Commissioner McMacken to approve Consent Agenda Item '10b'; seconded by Commissioner Dillaha; and carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.**

Action Items Requiring Discussion:

- a. Extension of Tennis Center Management Contract of the Winter Park Tennis Center with High Performance Sports Management, Inc. for an additional 12 month period

Parks and Recreation Director John Holland provided a summary and requested approval for an extension of the original contract for an additional year. Commissioner Anderson asked about tournament schedules and how they handle the events. Commissioner McMacken asked about the use of the City's reservation system or the lack thereof and how they handle instructor reservations, fees, and revenues for using the tennis courts.

Commissioner Cooper shared her concerns with the fees and prices being out of line with other municipal facilities. Commissioner Dillaha asked about the membership fees and how they are handled. She said private lessons/instructions are extremely expensive and suggested that the City charge a lesser percentage. Mr. Holland and Assistant Director Ronald Moore answered questions and provided clarification. Attorney Brown also provided clarity on the contract language concerning contractual fees, revenues and records. Discussion ensued regarding the contract language, maintenance fees, the monthly newsletter and three courtesy passes for members. Mr. Holland assured them that a monthly newsletter will be published and distributed

to all members listing the community events, tournaments and the courtesy passes. During the overall discussion concerning the fees, it was suggested that a possible remedy to reduce fees can be handled either by changing the maintenance fee in the contract or by reducing the percentage of the fee that the city collects.

Motion made by Commissioner Dillaha to extend the contract for a year but would like to put in a caveat that within 30 days or February 15, 2011 High Performance is to demonstrate that they are adhering to all aspects of the agreement in terms of a newsletter, courtesy passes, club tournaments and to include staff recommendation item #3 (During public school breaks / vacation schedule, an exchange from 6 to 8 soft courts available to the public for a reduction in the available hard courts from 4 to 2 during prime time); seconded by Commissioner Anderson.

Motion amended by Commissioner Cooper that High Performance Sports Management and the City review the fee structure to enable instructional fees to be charged consistent to reflect the norms of the Central Florida area for municipal tennis clubs; seconded by Commissioner Dillaha.

John Reker, 1660 Joeline Court, indicated that he is a member and would like to receive the newsletter on a regular basis as well as the courtesy passes. He spoke about the contract language, the high instructional fees, and the need for more member tournaments and requested that the contract be corrected prior to Commission approval.

David Odahowski, 345 Prairie Dune Way, spoke in favor of the contract extension. He said the current management is far superior, the programming is very extensive, the courts are always being used and the City increased their profits rather than having a deficit.

Sally Flynn, 1400 Highland Road, shared her concern with the tournaments. She said they are looking for round robins for the members and these things should automatically be scheduled.

David Rieck, 658 Penn Place, Chairman of the Tennis Center Task Force, urged the Commission to extend the current contract.

Laura May, High Performance Sports Management, apologized for only sending out two newsletters and only via email. She indicated that they will be sending out regular monthly newsletters in the mail and it will include the free play passes. She explained the round robins that they offer for seniors and on the clay court. She informed them that they set aside these courts for the round robins so they never have to call and book the courts, they can just show up. She then answered questions of the Commission.

Commissioner Cooper clarified her motion for Commissioner Anderson which was intended to bring the majority of their instructional fees in line with the community to allow Winter Park residents to take lessons at a more comparable rate and to make reasonable instruction available to Winter Park residents.

Upon a roll call vote on the original motion, Mayor Bradley and Commissioner McMacken voted no. Commissioners Anderson, Dillaha and Cooper voted yes. The motion carried with a 3-2 vote.

Upon a roll call vote on the original motion as amended (to extend the contract for a year and that within 30 days or February 15, 2011 High Performance is to demonstrate that they are adhering to all aspects of the agreement in terms of a newsletter, courtesy passes, club tournaments and to include staff recommendation item #3 "During public school breaks / vacation schedule, an exchange from 6 to 8 soft courts available to the public for a reduction in the available hard courts from 4 to 2 during prime time" and that High Performance Sports Management and the City review the fee structure to enable instructional fees to be charged consistent to reflect the norms of the Central Florida area for municipal tennis clubs), Mayor Bradley and Commissioners Anderson, Dillaha, Cooper and McMacken voted yes. The motion carried with unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Public Comments

Mayor Bradley notified Dan Bellows that they are not taking public comment on his item since it has been tabled to the next meeting. Dan Bellows, 533 West New England Avenue, stated that if they do not extend the annexation agreement right now, it is all going in Maitland. He indicated that he was in the Maitland meeting when the City of Winter Park decided not to do the second reading. Mayor Bradley once again informed him that this item is rescheduled for the January 24, 2011 meeting.

A recess was taken from 5:55 to 6:14 p.m.

Public Hearings

- a. ORDINANCE NO. 2834-10 (Will be changed to 2834-11 due to adoption in the new year): AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2789-09 TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE ESTABLISHED IN SECTION TWO BY ONE YEAR. Second Reading

Tabled to the January 24, 2011 meeting.

- b. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA VACATING AND ABANDONING THE UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED AT 1211 COLLEGE POINT, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. First Reading

Tabled to the January 24, 2011 meeting.

- c. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK, FLORIDA, RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF CERTAIN ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF WINTER PARK; AMENDING SECTIONS 18-14 AND 18-45 TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY COMMISSION TO IMPOSE A FEE FOR ENTRY INTO THE DOG PARK AT FLEET PEEPLES PARK, AND PROVIDING THAT A VIOLATION OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT A FEE BE PAID FOR ENTRY INTO THE DOG PARK UNDER SPECIFIED CONDITIONS IS A CLASS 1 VIOLATION; AMENDING CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE I, SECTION 18-14 AND CHAPTER 18, ARTICLE II, SECTION 18-45 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR A CIVIL PENALTY FOR A VIOLATION OF SECTIONS 18-14 AND 18-45 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING CHAPTER 1, ARTICLE II, SECTION 1-24 TO ADD THAT VIOLATIONS OF SECTIONS 18-14 AND 18-45 ARE CLASS 1 VIOLATIONS; REPEALING THE ENTRY FEE FOR FLEET PEEPLES PARK CURRENTLY SET

OUT IN SECTION 98-142 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. First Reading

Attorney Brown read the ordinance by title. City Manager Knight provided a brief summary and indicated that this is the formal ordinance to codify the action taken by the Commission in November when they decided to impose a fee. He explained that this establishes the fee and the violations/penalties. He clarified that this consistent with other violations of the City code in establishing this type of structure. Attorney Brown provided clarity and said it repeals an antiquated provision which provided for payment of an entrance fee for all vehicles entering Fleet Peoples Park because the equipment has not been in place to do that and according to staff reports the fee has not been collected for years.

Attorney Brown provided clarification on repeat violations and said that presently it is a \$60 fine Class 1 violation per Section 1-23 of the City code. He indicated if the Commission instructs him to do so, he will clarify the language that subsequent or repeat violations would be increased to a Class 2 or Class 3 violation to be consistent with all other violations, but if everyone is comfortable with the current language he will leave it alone.

Motion made by Commissioner Cooper to accept the ordinance on first reading; seconded by Commissioner Dillaha.

Commissioner Anderson asked about the fee and if it covers the registration of the animals that frequent the park and the permit fee. Attorney Brown clarified that one has to pay a fee to get the registration permit and in his view, it would cover the fee and the permit.

Motion amended by Commissioner Anderson to limit the fees to a Class 1 fee level; seconded by Commissioner McMacken.

Carla Lubet, 1501 Oneco Avenue, spoke in opposition to the fees and asked the Commission to take their time and get it together before moving forward with the ordinance.

Joe Terranova, 700 Melrose Avenue, said this is not the right time to impose a fee upon the citizens for dog registrations and violation fees and urged the Commission to do away with this.

Joseph Brock, 2341 Randall Road, shared his concern with the fees and the penalties and said this is unfair to the residents who own dogs and want to use this park. He said other communities in the area do not charge fees.

Michael Palumbo, 559 Oak Reserve Lane, spoke in opposition to both the fees and fines. He shared his frustration regarding the amount of money being spent on the dog issue especially when they have reduced both the police and fire department budget which is much more important to the residents.

Nancy Shutts, 2010 Brandywine Drive, indicated that she has no problem with the fees.

Upon a roll call vote on the amendment, Mayor Bradley and Commissioners Anderson, Dillaha, Cooper and McMacken voted yes. The motion carried unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

Upon a roll call vote on the ordinance as presented, Commissioners Anderson, Dillaha, Cooper and McMacken voted yes. Mayor Bradley voted no. The motion carried with a 4-1 vote.

Commissioner Reports:

a. Commissioner Anderson

Commissioner Anderson suggested that they review and reconsider adopting staff recommendation #2 on the High Performance contract at the next Commission meeting as well (reduce the required number of hard surface open play courts held during prime & non prime times from 4 to 2.) He asked if they could make this an action item for the next meeting and if staff would present it as an amendment to the contract. There was a consensus to do that.

b. Commissioner Dillaha

Commissioner Dillaha questioned if the Tennis Task Force should be called a committee because a task force is temporary in nature and this seems to be a permanent committee. She suggested discussing their responsibilities during the next meeting. Commissioner McMacken said the Task Force was formed to provide advice on the transition of going to a managed facility and they were not charged with long term oversight of the operation. He stated that area is the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Board. Mayor Bradley and Commissioner Dillaha agreed with his understanding. Commissioner Cooper said she would like them to retire the Task Force if the task is completed.

Commissioner Dillaha addressed the need to ensure that the monthly newsletter that High Performance is to distribute goes to the members and that it includes information on the different events that are happening to help create more of a community base feel and possible new membership enrollments. Commissioner McMacken said he would like to make sure the newsletter is up to our City standards and asked if we are able to graphically or editorially assist them. Communications Director Clarissa Howard indicated that two times they have submitted an email proof to the City for review and feedback, so the City does assist them and offers various suggestions. She said that the City's role has been minimal because we view it as their newsletter; however, if the Commission would like for them to take a more involved role they can. Mayor Bradley believed that the City's current involvement is more than enough.

Commissioner Dillaha asked if the Tennis Task Force Committee or staff can track data such as how many memberships they are losing and why and possibly conduct a survey. She indicated that she would like to receive better data as to what is going on so they can gain a better understanding.

1. System for scheduling and booking City facilities for rentals

Commissioner Dillaha suggested there be a central reservation system for booking any of the rental facilities and to possibly put it online and offer discounts for residents. There was a consensus for the City Manager to look into this and bring something back to them. Mr. Knight acknowledged.

Commissioner Dillaha addressed smoking in public parks and that Venice, Florida passed an ordinance to ban smoking on their public beaches and parks. She stated that even though she knows about the Florida Statutes that pre-empts local government from making those decisions, she believed that something else needs to be done. She suggested that they draft a resolution to be given to the State Legislature in Tallahassee for the spring session and also to the Florida League of Cities stating that we would like home rule authority, local government control over smoking in public parks, beaches and areas within our City or any city in Florida. She indicated that this would give the City the right to decide and provide us with control of the issue at a local level, rather than allowing Tallahassee to dictate their rules. There was a consensus to move forward with this.

c. Commissioner Cooper

Commissioner Cooper addressed a petition signed by approximately 200 citizens a while ago asking the city to put together a process for abandonment of City property (roads, alleys, etc.). She was informed that there currently is no policy on this and requested that staff provide information on an acceptable policy regarding abandonment of easements, streets, alleys, or any municipal property. Mr. Knight indicated that there is a policy that we request all utilities to inform us whether they need it or not, but there is no policy for notification of neighbors and that type of request. Mayo Bradley agreed with the suggestion. Mr. Knight acknowledged the request.

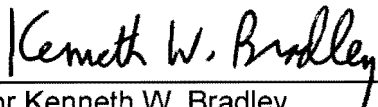
d. Commissioner McMacken

No items.

e. Mayor Bradley

No items.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Mayor Kenneth W. Bradley

ATTEST:



City Clerk Cynthia S. Bonham