



CITY OF ANNA MARIA

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MINUTES CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 28, 2016 – 6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Conduct: We may disagree, but we will be respectful of one another. We will direct all comments to the issues. We will avoid personal attacks.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Copeland called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Dan Murphy, Vice-Chair Nancy Yetter, Commissioner Dale Woodland, Commissioner Chuck Webb, Chair Doug Copeland, and Commissioner Carol Carter.

Also Present: City Clerk Diane Percycoe, Administrative Assistant Debbie Haynes, and City Attorney Becky Vose, and Sgt. Davis.

Press: Sun and Islander.

General Public Comment regarding non-agenda items and items not scheduled for future agendas will be taken at the beginning of the meeting with a limitation of three minutes. The Commission's intent is that General Public comment is to be used for the public to inform the Commission of new issues within the City. Public Comment regarding agenda items will be taken with each agenda item with a limitation of three minutes.

General Public Comment

Crab and Shark Fishing

Debbie Moore, 324 Hardin Street, said she and her husband have been coming to the Island for the past seven years, and over the years has seen big changes. The issue of the crab and shark fishermen was one of the changes.

Ms. Moore stated the crab fisherman were local people who live and pay their taxes on the Island – and are businessman trying to make a living. In her opinion, the crab fishermen need the support of the community. She questioned how many businesses on the Island could withstand the theft of \$40,000 from their business.

Ms. Moore noted she purchases the stone crab while in Anna Maria, and has it shipped to their hometown. She further mentioned nowhere on the Island's beach accesses does it state "No chumming or luring-in of predators". Signage does state, however, "Swim at your own risk" – which to her means there are no lifeguards on duty and people should be aware of the tide and undertow.

Noting it was the Gulf, Ms. Moore felt sharks should be further out to sea. She said the shark fishermen were mostly tourists who fish for a short time then leave. In addition, they do not pay taxes.

In Ms. Moore's opinion, there is a need to protect the community and Island, and felt allowing the chumming to take place near public swimming was a disaster. She suggested providing the shark fishermen a designated place for their fishing.

Chair Copeland pointed out a recent meeting had been held with the crab and shark fishermen. Though there were no conclusions as a result of the meeting, Chair Copeland felt it was a good meeting. An additional meeting will be held February 17, at which time they hope to come to a conclusion for both sides.

Anthony Manali, Spring, said during the crab and shark fishermen discussions, he had attempted to go over issues to try and answer some of the questions.

Chair Copeland encouraged Mr. Manali to hold his comments until the February 17 meeting, and to also encourage the other crab trappers attend the meeting.

2015 UCR Park 1 Crime Report

Sgt. Davis, discussed the 2015 UCR Part 1 Crime Report (all reports reported to the FBI) for the City. Stating he has a great group of deputies that police Anna Maria, Sgt. Davis read portions of his report (ref: Agenda item 10.a.) into the record. The 2015 Crime statistics - versus the previous year's statistics - was presented and explained.

1. Investment Fund Policy – Mayor Murphy/John Chambers

Mayor Murphy reminded he had previously announced the City had not done an adequate job of handling the City's finances in terms of investments. There was very little return on the money the City has and he wanted to find better ways of investing the City's money. As a result, Mayor Murphy asked Mr. John Chambers to volunteer to help put together an investment policy for the City. The Commission would be considering Mr. Chamber's policy at this time.

John Chambers, 841 N. Shore, said after meeting with Finance Director Martinez and City Clerk Percycoe, and speaking to the Mayor, it was determined a policy should be put together. Mr. Chambers then worked with City Clerk Percycoe, reviewed other small City policies around the State, and then drafted the proposed policy for the Commission's consideration. A review of the policy goals, where the funds will be invested, and the organizational procedure followed.

Mr. Chambers then discussed the property purchased by the City at Pine Avenue and North Bay Blvd. He informed there was a prepayment penalty associated with the City's debt – but did have a pre-payment option to pay a half million dollars, without a pre-payment penalty. To prepay that half million, would save the City \$356,000 in interest (\$24,000 per year), between now and the maturity date of 2031. He ask the Commission to consider the option.

Commissioner Woodland was surprised to hear there was a prepayment penalty clause, noting a no prepayment penalty clause was a critical element when negotiating the loan requirements. He then presented a recommended investment procedure.

Commissioner Woodland recommended the monthly investment reports to be provided to the Mayor and annually for the Commission include a report on the previous year's investments and earnings - in order to compare the amounts invested and the amounts made on the investments.

Mayor Murphy confirmed that part of the process will be informing the Commission of any purchases or transfers requested of the Mayor.

Public Comment – None.

Motion: Move to adopt the Investment Fund Policy as written.

Action: Approved. Moved by Commissioner Dale Woodland, Seconded by Vice-Chair Nancy Yetter.

Motion carried – All Aye.

2. A Public Hearing regarding a variance request from the provision of Section 114-262(4) requesting a twenty foot street side-yard variance to the required twenty foot street side-yard setback for an awning over an existing patio area at 111 South Bay Boulevard, Waterfront Restaurant, on the following parcel: Lot 30, Block 2, Anna Maria Subdivision as recorded in Book 1, Page 216, Public Records of Manatee County, Florida – Planner Garrett

Chair Copeland informed the City had received a January 26, 2016 letter from Applicant Jason Suzor announcing his withdrawal of the variance request.

3. Ordinance #15-808 - Continued Final Public Hearing – Non-conforming Uses – City Attorney Vose

City Attorney Vose read the Ordinance title. She confirmed she had no objection to the P&Z Board's recommend changes for Sec. 114-137.

Chair Copeland clarified if an Applicant was not happy with the decision of the Planning & Zoning Board, they may then appeal before the City Commission.

*Chair Copeland opened the public comment portion of the Hearing.
Hearing no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed.*

Motion: Move that Ordinance 15-808 be approved for Second Reading and adoption to include all proposed Planning & Zoning Board recommended changes.

**Action: Approved. Moved by Commissioner Dale Woodland, Seconded by Commissioner Carol Carter.
On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

4. Ordinance #16-810 Final Public Hearing – Comprehensive Plan Consistency – City Attorney Vose
City Attorney Vose read the Ordinance title.

Chair Copeland announced he, Planner Garrett, Mayor Murphy, and P&Z Chair Crain reviewed the Comprehensive Plan and found several items that were not consistent with the LDC. The proposed Ordinance addresses those items.

*Chair Copeland opened the public comment portion of the Hearing.
Hearing no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed.*

Motion: Move that Ordinance 16-810 be approved for Second Reading and adoption.

**Action: Approved. Moved by Commissioner Chuck Webb, Seconded by Commissioner Dale Woodland.
On Roll Call Vote, the motion carried unanimously.**

5. Tampa Bay Estuary Grant Award – Anna Maria City Pier Park – Mayor Murphy
Item pulled from Agenda.

6. Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with Lawrence A. Kroujolis, CPA, Regarding Finance Department Professional Services – For Year-End and Quarterly Adjustments – Mayor Murphy
Mayor Murphy informed the agreement was a result of the auditor's suggestion the City have another CPA assist quarterly with the adjustments. The approximate cost for the services should be no more than \$4,000 per year.

Motion: Move to approve authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Anna Maria and Lawrence A. Kroujolis, CPA, regarding Finance Department Professional Services – For Year-End and Quarterly Adjustments.

**Action: Approved. Moved by Commissioner Chuck Webb, Seconded by Commissioner Dale Woodland.
Motion carried – All Aye.**

7. Mayor's Comments
City Pier Park Donation

Mayor Murphy announced the City received a \$1,000 check donation from Mr. and Mrs. Scott Knisley, Palm Avenue, to be utilized for the City Pier Park. Mayor Murphy publicly thanked Mr. and Mrs. Knisley for their contribution to the City.

Mayor Murphy informed he had approached the TDC to request a \$95,000 funding amount for the City Pier Park.

City of Anna Maria Website

The City's new website prototype is available for staff to make edits to it. It is very user friendly but not yet finished. All data transfers have been made with only small adjustments needed. Administrative Assistant Debbie Haynes has been working on the website. The go live target date is February 15, 2016 - with staff training beginning this upcoming week.

Mayor Murphy will email the link to the Commission once the remaining pictures have been uploaded. The new site will include the ability to pay parking tickets and to apply online for the Vacation Rental Certification. Staff will have control over uploading documents and making any website changes.

8. Commissioners Comments

Historical Society Museum

Commissioner Carter attended her first Historical Society Museum meeting on January 8, 2016. The museum has received two \$2,500 grants – one from the Bishop Foundation, and one from the Parker Foundation. The Museum will also be receiving a Save the Trolley Grant.

Commissioner Carter urged the Commission to participate in the March 5, 2016 AMI Historical Society Heritage Festival.

A new brochure - walking/biking tour of the City of Anna Maria, to include a lot of historical facts, is available at the Museum. Commissioner Carter presented copies of the brochure to the Commission.

Commissioner Carter announced the Museum continues to look for volunteers. She also noted as a result of the Museum’s bread sales, they will be providing a \$2,500 college scholarship this fall.

Chair Copeland encouraged the public to visit the Historical Museum now that they have remodeled.

February 17, 2016 Meeting – Crab and Shark Fishermen

Chair Copeland reminded there will be another meeting to discuss the crab and shark fishermen on February 17. The Commissioners are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be open to the public.

- 9. **CONSENT AGENDA: The following items are considered routine in nature and should be considered in a single motion. Items which warrant individual discussion should be removed from this list prior to the motion to adopt. Such items will be discussed separately.**
 - a. **Approve Minutes: 12/8/15 Emergency Mtg; 12/10/15 Special Meeting; 12/17/15 Regular Meeting**
 - b. **Special Event: AMI Historical Society Heritage Festival – 3/5/16 - 9a.m. – 4p.m.**
 - c. **Adopt-A-Road Program: Authorization for Mayor to sign – West Manatee Firefighter Association - Pine Ave. from Gulf Drive to Bay Blvd. (0.5 miles)**

Motion: Move that the Consent Agenda be approved.

Action: Approved. Moved by Commissioner Chuck Webb, Seconded by Commissioner Dale Woodland.

Motion carried – All Aye.

9. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND UPDATES:

- a. Sheriff’s
- b. Building
- c. Public Works
- d. Code Enforcement/City Pier
- e. City Clerk/Ordinance Update
- f. Finance

Press Comment – None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. on motion made by Commissioner Chuck Webb and seconded by Commissioner Carol Carter. All Aye.


Diana L. Percycoe, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: 2/25/16