



# CITY OF ANNA MARIA

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## MINUTES MARCH 23, 2017 – 6:00 P.M. CITY COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

**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**

**PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mayor Dan Murphy, Commissioner Dale Woodland, Commissioner Doug Copeland, Commissioner Brian Seymour, Commissioner Carol Carter, and Commissioner Nancy Yetter is by telephone.

Others Present: City Clerk LeAnne Addy, Deputy City Clerk Debbie Haynes, City Attorney Becky Vose, Islander, and Sun.

### REGULAR MEETING

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.

#### 1. General Public Comment

Lynda Thomas who resides at 206 Coconut Avenue and Ron Lee spoke to the Commissioners regarding the parking issues on Coconut Avenue in front of their home. They stated that there are usually three cars parked in front of their property by the beach access. They feel that it is a safety issue and am looking for suggestions.

#### 2. Resolution 2017-722 Gift Policy Revision – Vose

Attorney Vose read the title for Resolution 2017-722 Gift Policy Revision.

**Motion:** To approve Resolution 2017-722 Gift Policy Revision.

**Action:** Motion by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Woodland.

On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

#### 3. Bert Harris – Vose

Attorney Vose stated that she has four Bert Harris Claim offers to deny and the other ten to make offers.

Commissioner Carter would like to pull items 4, 5, and 9 regarding the Bert Harris Claim offers. Mayor Murphy also discussed that we may need a few more days to discuss the items that Commissioner Carter brought forth. These areas may fall into part of our capital plan.

**Motion:** To approve the City Attorney to do offers on Items 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 11, and 14 of the Bert Harris Claims as listed.

**Action:** Motion by Commissioner Seymour, seconded by Commissioner Woodland.

On roll call vote, motion passed on a 4-1 vote. Commissioner Yetter, opposed.

**Motion:** To deny the claims for items 7, 8, 12, 13.

**Action:** Motion by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Woodland.

On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** To withdraw Items 4, 5, and 9 from consideration on the Bert Harris Claims.

**Action:** Motion by Commissioner Carter, seconded by Commissioner Seymour.

On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Agreement for Dredging Services – Burnett

*Mayor Murphy* would like to pull this item.

*Commissioner Seymour* would like to look at a permanent solution. *Mayor Murphy* stated that WCIND did come up with a permanent solution on this. We are also looking at four public accesses in our capital plan. The start date has been moved to June, 2017.

5. Bond Counsel Proposal – Mayor

*Mayor Murphy* stated that we have been working on the Special Assessment. It has been recommended to have a bond counsel. He stated that it will go to the courts and after it is all approved then we can begin to collect our money if it was all passed.

*Attorney Vose* stated that you always need Bond Counsel when buying municipal bonds and the only people that are able to do that are the Bond Counsel. The State Attorney's office will bring a lawsuit against us and other parties may intervene. We pay as we go along and there is a cap of \$25,000 written in the proposal for the Bond Counsel. If it would go over the \$25,000 then it will be brought back to the City Commission. The City Clerk will be tracking this and she can give you reports on this if you would like to see where we are at during specific times.

**Motion:** To approve the Bond Counsel Proposal.

**Action:** Motion by Commissioner Woodland, seconded by Commissioner Seymour.  
On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

6. City Pier RFP Update – Mayor

*Mayor Murphy* stated that WGI was not ready to give him an update and he will write out the update and put it in the Commissioners mailboxes. He will prepare it for them and it should be ready next week sometime.

7. Lobbyist Report – Mayor

*Mayor Murphy* had a good trip to Tallahassee. He had arrived on Sunday night and had met with the Lobbyist. *Mayor Murphy* has been working on a large amount of information regarding SB188. He had spent a lot of time writing his script. When he spoke to Senator Galvano he didn't think this would come up again and he promised that he would help us when it gets to the Rules Committee.

*Mayor Murphy* stated that the critical thing for us is the registration for vacation rentals and the second critical issue was to throttle back the occupancy so we have the right people at the right time to be able to solve problems. He would like to be able to maintain peace and quietness.

*Mayor Murphy* also met with Representative Boyd and he had a very good conversation with him. Representative Boyd is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> committee at the House. He was very helpful and very interested. He listed to the same things that he had told Senator Galvano. Again, *Mayor Murphy* stated that we are just trying to solve problems.

*Mayor Murphy* stated that he had also met with Senator Hutson. He was the Chairman of that committee. He also met with Senator Gruters and he has offered to help us in many ways. He is on the next committee that this will be going to. He has offered to help us in front of the scenes and behind the scenes. *Mayor Murphy* stated that he may become a large advocate for us. *Mayor Murphy* stated to everyone to tell everyone that you know to call Representative Gruters that you are opposed to HB425. Anna Maria has their name on the map in the House because we had bombarded them with phone calls and letters. He stated that we need to keep working and working harder on this. We don't know if we will kill this item or if we will be doing an amendment. He feels that the only way this will go away is to do an amendment to keep the occupancy limit and the registrations. He stated that the committee that will be hearing this on Tuesday does know our take on this as he gave him a copy of his testimony. Ruth Uecker has offered to go to the Careers and Community Affairs Committee hearing on Tuesday. *Mayor Murphy* would like to thank Ruth for doing this.

*Ruth Uecker* stated that she has written her script and it is 1.35 seconds. She hopes that she can do well for us and is very excited for this. She stated that we will still have to fight, push, and hopefully we win.

*Mayor Murphy* stated that we have a good fighting chance.

*Chair Copeland* stated that he would like to thank the Mayor and Ruth for going up there to fight for us on this.

*Mayor Murphy* stated the lobbyist from the Florida League of Cities was very good and stuck right with him while he was there. Our lobbyist was very well known in Tallahassee and that is a sign that knows their way around Tallahassee. Mayor Murphy would like to thank the City Attorney for helping us get the lobbyist.

*Chair Copeland* would like to also thank the City Attorney for helping us and guiding us through this. He also stated that the City will be paying Ruth for the trip to Tallahassee.

#### 8. Mayor's Comments

*Mayor Murphy* stated that Bradenton Beach is trying to do a fitness trail in Bradenton Beach. They are trying to pass a resolution for us to sign to take county money to build a fitness trail which is not even in the City of Anna Maria. Mayor Johnson also took the same way that we had taken on this. Mayor Murphy wanted the Commissioner's to know about this and the position he is taking on the Inter-Local Agreement. He stated that it does not impact the City of Anna Maria.

*Joe Hendrichs* from the AMI Sun stated this started from their Scenic Waves Committee which is an advisory board and the Mayor's significant other chairs that board their board proposed this idea of \$10,000 in fitness equipment along the trail. Where it got complicated was before it went to the commission, the chair of the Scenic Waves Committee went to the county to ask for money and that prompted Vice Mayor Chappie to say that really any type of funding requests should come from the city and not from the committee. That is what caused Vice Mayor Chappie to incorrectly interpret the county charter of the beach concession funds. He thought it stated that it needs a resolution and it does not state that. It needs a letter with all the Mayor's signature. The Mayor of Bradenton Beach is a voting member and is not allowed to sign a letter without authorization of the Commission. So, last week they presented a blank letter and a resolution because in February the Commission supported Chappie's thing to get a Resolution and after that and now it is a commission directive. The Mayor of Bradenton Beach took it upon himself to take the letter to the other Mayors for signature before going to the Commission. Mr. Shearon is not authorized to do that which is what led it to this.

#### 9. Commissioners Comments

*Commissioner Carter* wanted to thank everyone for participating at the Home Town event and Jack Brennan  
*Commissioner Seymour* wanted to thank the City Staff for the Movie in the Park event and all that they had done.  
*Chair Copeland* wanted to also say that it was very nice at the Heritage Fes

#### 10. City Attorney Comments

None.

#### 11. Staff Comments

The City Clerk stated that she wanted to remind them that the next City Commission meeting is on April 6, 2017.

#### 12. 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: Special Meeting 3/9/16
- b. Special Event Permit – Easter Egg Walk – April 15, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Waive Fee
- c. Special Event Permit – The Vintage Flea at Ginny & JaneE's - April 9, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- d. City Pier Building Permit – Cost of Project \$2,400

As for item "d", Commissioner Seymour stated that he doesn't think we should waive the fee and he wanted to know if anyone inspects the pier periodically. Mayor Murphy stated that Public Works does inspect the pier but not on a daily basis.

**Motion:** To deny waiving the fee for the City Pier Building Permit.

**Action:** Motion by Commissioner Seymour, seconded by Commissioner Carter.

On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

As for item "c", Commissioner Seymour wanted to ask the Sheriff if they had any problems at the last Vintage Flea at Ginny & JaneE's. Sergeant Schnering stated that they really didn't have any problems.

**Motion:** To approve item "c" on the consent agenda with stipulations of property approval and insurance.

**Action:** Motion by Commissioner Seymour, seconded by Commissioner Woodland.

On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

**Motion:** To approve consent items "a" and "b".

**Action:** Motion by Commissioner Woodland, seconded by Commissioner Carter.

On roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.


**13. CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND UPDATES:**

- a. Sheriff's
- b. Building
- c. Public Works
- d. Code Enforcement/City Pier
- e. City Clerk/Treasurer

**Press Comment**

**Adjournment**

Motion by Commissioner Seymour to adjourn at 7:10 p.m.

  
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LeAnne Addy, City Clerk

**Minutes approved:** 4/6/17