



CITY OF ANNA MARIA

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MINUTES CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2015 – 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

Vice-Chair Yetter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and chaired the meeting via Skype.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Chair Chuck Webb.

Also present: City Clerk Diane Percycoe, Finance Director Maggie Martinez, and City Attorney Vose.

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.

1. General Public Comment

Micheal Coleman, Pine Avenue, stated as a member of the Roser Community Church, his Bible study group has discussed what has happened to the current culture, and God's presence in our culture. He said in the past, families were raised under the culture priority of family, school, friends, and media. Today, the priorities have changed and families are being raised in the reverse under media, friends, school, and family. It was his opinion that everything today seems to be based on the wrong things where many do not know the difference between good and bad. He noted Commission Meetings used to begin with prayer, which was then stopped at one point.

Mr. Coleman presented a prayer asking God to intervene and anoint with love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, gentleness, and self-control – and to consider the benefit to one another.

Deidre Roney, Malibu, CA, informed she had been coming to Anna Maria since she was young, and her parents and aunts and uncles own condos in Anna Maria where they spend the winter. Also, she owns a home that she lives in one month out of the year. The remainder of the year, the property is rented to cover expenses.

Ms. Roney provided a comparison between Anna Maria and Malibu, CA, and in regard to developers. Ms. Roney informed Malibu has many builders within their dense population. Codes have been adopted addressing a strict building size, along with other strict and reasonable building codes. Ms. Roney expressed the need for listening to all stakeholders.

Ms. Roney said when Mayor Murphy was elected, he had promised to appoint a community of residents, business owners, and non-profits to find common ground – and management companies to implement best practices. That committee would also find ways for owners to give back. She encouraged Mayor Murphy to appoint a committee and stated she would volunteer to serve.

Gene Aubry, Spring Avenue and Tarpon, addressed that recent laws have been adopted changing existing codes. He referred to the FEMA code change requiring a home being built up in certain circumstances.

Mr. Aubry noted as an Architect, he is currently working on home plans involving an individual that is handicapped and requires a wheelchair. An elevator will be added to the home.

Previously, the Commission approved an Ordinance, reducing the amount of square footage that can be put on the ground. Explanation followed.

Mr. Aubry provided the explanation of how a wheelchair, based on current codes, would not be able to get through to get into the elevator. He stated under the law, he was not able to request a variance before the Commission because of his client's handicap. As a result, he requested a revision to the codes.

Mayor Murphy asked Mr. Aubry to make an appointment to meet with him, the Planner, and the Building Official to review.

2. Final Reading Ordinance - #15-802 - Establishing the Local Construction Regulation Board – *City Attorney Vose*

City Attorney Vose read the Ordinance title and presented the changes that were made to Ordinance 15-802 during First Reading.

Vice-Chair Yetter opened the Public Hearing.

Hearing no public comment, the Public Hearing was closed.

Motion: Move to approve Ordinance 15-802 for Second Reading and Adoption.

Action: Approved. Moved by Commissioner Doug Copeland, Seconded by Commissioner Dale Woodland.

Roll Call Vote – All Aye.

3. Authorization for Mayor to sign Agreement with Shady Lady Horticultural Services – Gulf Front Park – *Mayor Murphy*.

Mayor Murphy presented the contract, informing Shady Lady was the second lowest bidder for the work at Gulf Front Park. Based on the low bidder failing to complete the project, the Commission had authorized the Mayor to contact Shady Lady. He asked for Commission approval to now approve Shady Lady's agreement.

In response to *Commissioner Copeland's* question, *City Attorney Vose* clarified the term of the agreement is five years from the date of the agreement.

Mayor Murphy acknowledged the City's work plan, set forth by the original company, would be followed by Shady Lady.

Public Comment – None.

Motion: Move to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement between the City of Anna Maria and Shady Lady Horticultural Services for work at Gulf Front Park.

Action: Approved. Moved by Commissioner Doug Copeland, Seconded by Commissioner Carol Carter.

Motion carried – All Aye.

4. Approval of Recommendations for Citizen of the Year Committee – *Mayor Murphy*

Mayor Murphy presented the names of four volunteers for the Citizen of the Year Committee:

Luanne Collins, Mary Seine, Fran Barford and Charlie Daniels.

Public Comment – None.

Motion: Move to accept the recommendation of Mayor Murphy, and authorize appointing Luanne Collins, Mary Seine, Fran Barford, and Charlie Daniels to serve on the 2015 Citizen of the Year Committee.

Action: Approved. Moved by Commissioner Carol Carter, Seconded by Commissioner Dale Woodland.

Motion carried – All Aye.

5. Authorization for Mayor to Establish an Art Committee – *Mayor Murphy*

Mayor Murphy informed establishment of an Art Committee relates to the Cell Tower platform. Part of the contract included placing a billboard of canvas materials around the tower. The original proposal was for a billboard canvas having pictures of trees and the sky, stretched around the frame on both sides of the platform.

Mayor Murphy suggested rather than the proposed trees and sky pictures, a community project could be established. He presented the idea of establishing a Committee of local artists to assist. Karen Beech, North Shore, retired graphic artist, has volunteered to Chair the Art Committee. Ms. Beech would look at what can be done with available space that could tell the ‘Anna Maria Story.’ Local artists Joan Voyle and Janet Kingan would also serve on the Committee.

There will be no cost to the City. Tarpon Towers will provide the funds and they will maintain it. Mayor Murphy recommended the Committee be given a November 30, 2015 deadline.

Public Comment – None.

Motion: Move to approve the Mayor’s recommendation to establish an Art Committee for the purpose of presenting a recommendation to the Commission for an artistic design on the area around the Cell Tower. Said Committee to meet and come up with a recommendation by November 30, 2015 for presenting to the Commission for their final approval.

Action: Approved. Moved by Commissioner Carol Carter, Seconded by Commission Doug Copeland.

Motion carried – All Aye.

6. Mayor’s Update – No report.

7. Commission Update – No reports.

Adjournment

On motion made by Commissioner Copeland, and seconded by Commissioner Carter, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.



Diana L. Percycoe, CMC, City Clerk

Minutes approved: 10/22/15