

**CITY OF ANNA MARIA
CITY COMMISSION WORK SESSION
MEETING HELD AT ANNA MARIA COUNCIL CHAMBERS
10005 GULF DRIVE – ANNA MARIA, FL
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2007
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Quam called the Work Session to order at 7:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Fran Barford, Commissioner Jo Ann Mattick, Commissioner Dale Woodland, Chair John Quam, and Deputy Chair Christine Tollette.

Absent w/Excuse: Commissioner Duke Miller.

Staff present: Deputy City Clerk/Finance Director Diane Percycocoe and Minutes Clerk Stacey Johnston.

Press present: Sun, Islander.

1. Discussion Re: City Volunteers and Staff Appreciation Gathering.

Commissioner Woodland felt it would be nice to have a holiday event this year in appreciation of the City Staff and community volunteers. He stated he did not want to use public funds, that the City Staff would have little or no involvement, and that the event should take place at the City Hall.

It was agreed that each Commissioner and the Mayor would each contribute \$100 for a starting budget. The Holiday Party will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 13, 2007 and Commissioner Tollette agreed to coordinate the event.

2. Update Re: Ana Maria Island Fireworks Task Force Meeting

Mayor Barford announced that due to the number of recent accidents and the congestion on the Island during July 4, the Island fireworks issue was discussed at the September BIEO meeting. After discussion it was agreed that a meeting would be held to discuss the issue with the Law Enforcement, Fire Department, and the Mayor's or their representatives from the Island cities.

A meeting was held in Anna Maria on October 1, 2007 forming an Anna Maria Island Fireworks Task Force. All cities felt it was a major problem and discussed the enforcement issue. A follow-up meeting will be held in Anna Maria on October 29, 2007.

Sergeant John Kenney acknowledged that there was a major problem relating to fireworks. He stated that Bradenton Beach had agreed to hold the July 4 event. In order to enforce the fireworks numerous officers, overtime hours, etc. would be involved.

Mayor Barford suggested that the Chamber of Commerce be involved and that the rental community be educated. She informed she had spoke to Ed Chiles of The Sandbar who was in agreement for holding the July 4 Fireworks Display in Bradenton Beach rather than Anna Maria.

Mayor Barford will provide the City Commission an update as a result of the October 29 Fireworks Task Force meeting.

Public Comments on agenda items only – None.

Press Comment – None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. on motion made by Commissioner Tollette and seconded by Commissioner Woodland. All Ayes.

Alice Baird, CMC, City Clerk