



City Hall Commission Chambers
3650 NE 12 Avenue
Oakland Park, Florida 33334

DRAFT MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2019, 4:00 P.M.

On August 8, 2019, a Special City Commission meeting was called under the provisions of Charter Section 2.15 for the purpose of addressing items not heard at the August 7, 2019, City Commission meeting due to time limitations. The Special Meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. on August 9, 2019, in City Hall Chambers, 3650 NE 12 Avenue, Oakland Park, Florida 33334.

The special meeting of the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mayor Guevrekian.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Mayor Sara Guevrekian
Vice Mayor Matthew Sparks
Commissioner Jane Bolin
Commissioner Michael Carn
Commissioner Tim Lonergan

Also Present:

City Manager David Hebert
City Attorney DJ Doody
City Clerk Renee Shrout

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

A moment of silence was followed by the Pledge to the Flag.

ADDITIONS / CHANGES / DELETIONS

- Mayor Guevrekian requested commission comments be added to the agenda.

Commissioner Carn moved to approve Additions/Changes/Deletions. Vice Mayor Sparks seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Carn, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Sparks, Commissioner Bolin, Mayor Guevrekian

PUBLIC COMMENTS - At this time any person will be allowed to speak on any matter that pertains to City business for a length of time not to exceed four minutes per person.

Steve Arnst, 1860 NW 40 Court – Regarding Item 3, he did not approve of the way 21 Avenue had been handled by FDOT. It had been presented to the city as a no-cost project; He understands the library would be moving to Collins Community Center area and requested the commission not to give residents false hope that the library would remain in the downtown.

Caryl Stevens, 1311 NE 42 Street – She encouraged the commission to visit 5th Avenue between 38 Street and Prospect Road noting this was a rough neighborhood. Ms. Stevens requested the commission look at the facts, not just economics when considering moving the library.

RESOLUTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS

1. Lien Negotiated Settlement – Code Case Numbers 156847 & 157280 – with Yakut Properties LLC for the Foreclosed Single-Family Residence at 601 NE 56 Street

Brad Ostroff, Assistant Director of Administration and Operations, stated the current owner had purchased the property in 2015. He confirmed this was not the owner who had been cited for the code violations.

The approved negotiated settlement, coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, in the amount of \$5,000, is inclusive of all fees and hard costs. The total settlement offer is to be paid within sixty (60) days of the City Commission's approval. Failure to pay within the sixty (60) days would void the settlement.

Vice Mayor Sparks moved to approve staff's recommendation. Commissioner Lonergan seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Carn, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Sparks, Commissioner Bolin, Mayor Guevrekian

2. Resolution to Extend the Contract with South Florida Food and Wine, Inc.

City Manager Hebert reported Brad Ostroff, Assistant Director of Administration and Operations, Jennifer Frastai, Director of Engineering and Community Development and Kaitlyn Collier, External Relations and Communications Specialist were handling CRA duties. Andrew Thompson, Director of Financial Services, stated the additional events were included in the contract price.

Commissioner Lonergan moved to adopt the resolution. Vice Mayor Sparks seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Carn, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Sparks, Commissioner Bolin, Mayor Guevrekian

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2019-104

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF THE EVENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH FLORIDA FOOD AND WINE, INC.; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

3. **12" Force Main & 8" Water Main Replacement Over The C-13 Canal**

Commissioner Bolin moved to adopt the resolution. Vice Mayor Sparks seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Carn, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Sparks, Commissioner Bolin, Mayor Guevrekian

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2019-105

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, WAIVING COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH CONDOTTE AMERICA, INC. FOR THE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT OVER THE C-13 CANAL; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

4. **Continuing Professional Architectural and Engineering Services (CCNA) - Execution of Contracts**

Vice Mayor Sparks moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Lonergan seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Carn, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Sparks, Commissioner Bolin, Mayor Guevrekian

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2019-106

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE CONTINUING CONTRACTS WITH LANGAN ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. AND TIERRA SOUTH FLORIDA, INC. IN RESPONSE TO CITY'S REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS RFQ 052819 CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

5. Work Authorization with Langan Engineering and Environmental Services for Professional Services related to the remediation of the property located at 3855 N. Dixie Highway

Vice Mayor Sparks moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Bolin seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Carn, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Sparks, Commissioner Bolin, Mayor Guevrekian

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2019-107

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A WORK AUTHORIZATION WITH LANGAN ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE REMEDIATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3855 N. DIXIE HIGHWAY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

6. Contract with Clean Harbors Environmental Services for Remediation of the Property Located at 3855 N. Dixie Highway

Albert Carbon, Public Works Director, provided staff's presentation. City Manager Hebert stated the brownfield costs were recoverable. Mr. Carbon confirmed this referred only to the northern third of the north lot.

Vice Mayor Sparks moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Lonergan seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Carn, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Sparks, Commissioner Bolin, Mayor Guevrekian

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2019-108

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE A WORK AUTHORIZATION WITH CLEAN HARBORS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE REMEDIATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3855 N. DIXIE HIGHWAY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

7. [Resolution Expressing Support for a Commuter Rail Platform to be Located Within Downtown Oakland Park and Endorsing the 2019 Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Station Area Master Plan.](#)

City Manager Hebert clarified that even though the study focused on the Jaco Pastorius Park area, the specific location was not before the commission now, that would require further study.

After discussion, Commissioner Lonergan moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Bolin seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Carn, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Sparks, Commissioner Bolin

NO: Mayor Guevrekian

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2019-109

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR A COMMUTER RAIL PLATFORM TO BE LOCATED WITHIN DOWNTOWN OAKLAND PARK AND ENDORSING THE 2019 TREASURE COAST REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL STATION AREA MASTER PLAN. PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

8. [Award of Citywide Tree Canopy Replacement Contract for FY19](#)

Commissioner Carn moved to award the contract to The Green Experts, Inc. Vice Mayor Sparks seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Carn, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Sparks, Commissioner Bolin, Mayor Guevrekian

Vice Mayor Sparks moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Bolin seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Commissioner Carn, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Sparks, Commissioner Bolin, Mayor Guevrekian

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2019-110

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, DETERMINING THAT THE GREEN EXPERTS INC. IS THE MOST RESPONSIVE AND MOST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR TREE CANOPY REPLACEMENT SERVICES; PROVIDING THAT THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS ARE AUTHORIZED TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR THE SERVICES IN WHICH IS ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Reports from the City Commission

Commissioner Bolin commented as follows:

- 1) She thanked all the residents who sent emails, called and attended meetings. She thanked city staff for their responsiveness.
- 2) She acknowledged Grecia Smith and her family for providing backpacks to 500 residents and Coby King for providing food during the event at the Ethel M. Gordon Library.
- 3) She expressed appreciation for Hispanic Unity and VITA Broward Coalition for helping over 155 clients with their tax preparation.
- 4) She announced that on August 27 at Big Dog Station she would host a fundraiser for Kiwanis Adopt a Teacher, a program that provided supplies to elementary school teachers.
- 5) She reported she would not be able to attend Senior Appreciation Day but would be leaving cards for those who participated.
- 6) She appreciated the passion everyone had for the library. She believed locating the library at the Collins campus would activate the neighborhood.
- 7) Regarding downtown preservation, she noted that the traditional point of view was that more density would mean more people walking. She suggested creating more attraction downtown with cultural events, which would require allocating money to marketing, business support and increase excitement to bring in more people.

Vice Mayor Sparks commented as follows:

- 1) He stated he would be attending Senior Appreciation Day.
- 2) He informed everyone that Wilton Manors had an agreement with Uber and Lyft for \$5 off weekend fares.
- 3) He said he would like to see a happy medium regarding density.
- 4) He apologized and explained that his absence from the July 17 meeting was due to a family emergency.

Commissioner Carn commented as follows:

- 1) He thanked Mr. Carbon for his persistence following up on the CSX crossing on Oakland Park Blvd. and reported they had hired a contractor to fix the crossing.
- 2) He suggested they treat every section of the city's medians as miniature parks and perhaps institute an adopt-a-median program. Only trees and grass should be planted in the medians.
- 3) He wished his brother a happy birthday.

Commissioner Lonergan commented as follows:

- 1) He thanked the commission for sharing their opinions and perceptions.
- 2) He was surprised about former Mayor Caryl Stevens's comments on safety in the Collins area. He acknowledged they had their challenges, but the city was working to overcome them.

- 3) He reminded everyone of the Summer Nights event later that evening at Jaco Pastorius Park.
- 4) He announced a used book sale by Friends of the Library on August 24 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Mayor Guevrekian commented as follows:

- 1) She reported she is unable to attend the Senior Appreciation Day event.
- 2) She agreed with Commissioner Bolin's comments on marketing the city. She stated they need to ask themselves who they were trying to attract.
- 3) She referred to page 2978 of the BSO report that had been included in the Reports section of the last meeting's agenda. She was concerned that three city hotels were listed in the top 10 police calls for service along with the Fort Lauderdale Behavioral Health Center. She had discussed the behavioral center's development order with the City Attorney and has concerns the operations were not in alignment with the development order. She would seek to revisit the order.
- 4) She stated the continued awkward situation between herself and City Manager Hebert has continued for a year and a half. She appealed to the commission on a personal level and stated she did not believe she had ever provided any reason for someone to distrust her or to doubt her integrity.
- 5) Commissioner Lonergan – Requested “transient” isn’t used to describe those who rent properties.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at: 5:39 p.m.

CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA

SARA GUEVREKIAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK