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

DRAFT MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2023, 6:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Gordon.

Special Note: CRA Meeting was held prior to Public Comments.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Also Present:
Mayor Aisha Gordon	City Manager David Hebert
Vice Mayor Mitch Rosenwald	City Attorney D J Doody
Commissioner Steven Arnst	City Clerk Renee M. Shrout
Commissioner Tim Lonergan	
Commissioner Letitia Newbold	

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Gordon requested a moment of silence to recognize the passing of Mrs. Mary Hardy, a founding member of "Friends of the Library", devoted mother and grandmother who cared deeply about the betterment of the City. Mayor Gordon offered condolences to the Hardy family followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS

National Friends of the Library Week - Broward Reads October 15-21

Commissioner Arnst moved to publish the proclamation. Commissioner Lonergan seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Vice Mayor Rosenwald, Commissioner Lonergan, Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Mayor Gordon

City Clerk Shrout read the proclamation which was presented to Sharon Hitchcock and Rose Booth, Friends of the Library.

Florida Government Week - October 16-22

Commissioner Lonergan moved to publish the proclamation. Commissioner Arnst seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Vice Mayor Rosenwald, Commissioner Lonergan, Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Mayor Gordon

City Clerk Shrout read the proclamation which was presented to members of the City's advisory boards: George Wulin, Chair Art and Culture Board; Ralph Caraglia, Chair Beautification Advisory Board; Robert Banks, Civil Service Board; Christopher Fischer, Planning and Zoning Board; Robert Pensabene and Robert Rutherford; Historic Preservation Board and Sheryl Dickey, Police and Fire Pension Board.

ADDITIONS / CHANGES / DELETIONS

- City Manager Hebert deferred the presentation to recognize BSO Lieutenant George Alexander to a future meeting.
- Commissioner Lonergan pulled Items 7, Towing Services Agreement Renewal and 8 Resolution Accepting the Recommendation of the Gehring Group for Medical Insurance and Other Benefits from the Consent Agenda to be discussed during Resolutions and Miscellaneous.

Vice Mayor Rosenwald moved to amend the agenda. Commissioner Lonergan seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Vice Mayor Rosenwald, Commissioner Lonergan, Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Mayor Gordon

Vice Mayor Rosenwald moved to approve the amended agenda. Commissioner Arnst seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Vice Mayor Rosenwald, Commissioner Lonergan, Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Mayor Gordon

PRESENTATIONS

*** Farewell to BSO Lieutenant George Alexander**

City Manager Hebert deferred the presentation to November 1, 2023, to accommodate the lieutenant's schedule.

*** City Facilities Presentation**

Brynt Johnson, Director of Engineering and Building Services and Sierra Marrero, Assistant Director of Engineering and Building Services provided staff's presentation including a review of d the bond implementation goals. He stated the Association of General Contractors of America (AGC) issued multiple construction inflation alerts outlining the following: extreme materials cost escalations; supply-chain bottlenecks; labor shortages; continued volatility in materials costs and availability; and lengthened lead times for both production and delivery. Due to inflation, the bond budget's current deficit is over $18.5 million. Project schedule and cost estimated and note there is currently $11.8 million in pending grant applications.

Ms. Marrero reviewed the following facility Bond projects updates:

- Municipal Building – Completed, grant awarded: $546,751
- City Park – Phase 1 – Completed, grant awarded: $20,000
- City Park Phase 2 & 3 – Grants awarded: $1,875,000
- North Andrews Gardens – Grants awarded: $250,000
- Fire Station 9 – Estimated completion: Spring 2024, grant awarded: $2,500,000
- Fire Station 87 – Phase 1 – Estimated completion: Spring 2024, grant awarded: $833,744
- Fire Station 87 – Phase 2 – Interior and exterior renovations
- Fire Station 20 – Estimated completion: 2025, grant awarded: $1,085,846

Other Facilities Projects:

- Public Works Facility – Estimated completion: Fall 2024, grant awarded: $1,000,000
- 250 Building Renovations – Estimated completion: Fall 2023, project cost: &783,161
- Fire Station 20 – Pending litigation
- Oakland Park Sky – Estimated project cost: $9 million, estimated completion: late 2024/early 2025

Ms. Marrero concluded the presentation with the continuity of operations and temporary housing for departments during the building phase of projects and noted the potential Collins Community Center location as a temporary space for the library.

Commissioner Newbold inquired about the funding gap and City Manager Hebert stated the current gap was $18.5 million, but they had applied for grants to cover $11 million and he anticipated more grant opportunities before the building effort was completed in five to seven years. They were also considering downsizing some of the larger buildings. Vice Mayor Rosenwald inquired if it could be more than seven years and how often the priorities were reviewed. City Manager Hebert stated the bond projects were to be completed by 2029 to coincide with the 200-year anniversary of the City's founding.

Commissioner Lonergan recognized Ana Alvarez, Chief Planning Officer, one of the City's great grant writers. He had visited ongoing projects and stated they were monitoring quality to ensure the City's funds were being used responsibly.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PUBLIC HEARINGS: ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

1. **Case #CD22-26CP BBX "Oakland Logistics Park Land Use Plan Amendment" An Application Requesting an Amendment to the City of Oakland Park Comprehensive Plan Submitted by BBX Oakland Logistics Park, LLC (Applicant) and Oakland Parcel, LLC (Owner), to amend the City's Future Land Use Plan Map from "Irregular (14.6) Residential within a Dashed-Line Area" to an Industrial (I) Designation for the Subject Property Located at 3501 NW 31 Avenue, Oakland Park. Advertising for this public hearing appeared in the Sun-Sentinel October 8, 2023.**

Peter Schwarz, Director of Community and Economic Development introduced Lauren Pruss, Assistant Director of Economic and Community Development to provide a presentation on the appeal of the Planning and Zoning Board denial for a land use plan amendment from “Irregular (14.6) Residential within a Dashed-Line Area” to Industrial (I). Neighborhood Participation meetings were held October 10, 2022 and October 16, 2023. The approximate 9.9 acre vacant property is proposed to be an industrial warehouse development. If approved, the property would need to be rezoned for this use. The Local Planning Agency found that the proposed land use plan amendment was inconsistent with Policy 1.7.2 and Policy 3.5.1. Ms. Pruss stated based on the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Board and Local Planning Agency staff recommends denial of the application request,

Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Lonergan, Vice Mayor Rosenwald and Mayor Gordon disclosed that they had ex-parte communication with the applicant’s representatives.

Based on the number of public attendance, consensus was reached for public comments to be limited to two minutes.

Mr. Dennis Mele provided a presentation on behalf of the applicant.

Howard Nelson, former chair of the Broward County Brownfields Redevelopment Advisory Task Force, stated there were three issues: 1. The unsuitability of the site for residential development because it had been used as an unlicensed, unregulated construction demolition dump; 2. The inapplicability of comparing this to other brownfield sites because of the environmental constraints such as vapor and stability; 3. The nature and suitability of the economic incentives.

Public Hearing was held as advertised:

- Pam Moore – 2737 South Oakland Forest Drive, vice president of the Lakes of Oakland Forest homeowners’ association, stated they had voted unanimously to support the BBX Oakland Logistics Park Land Use Plan Amendment but thought that housing was not the best option. She stated this blighted property had been vacant for 10 years.

- Robert Scardino – 3096 South Oakland Forest Drive, stated he supported the application. He was concerned about environmental hazards if residential homes were built.
- Pasqual Pacifico, former executive director of the Board of Standards and Appeals in New York City, stated they had many sites with this type of environmental issues and they were never used for residential development because of the financial restraints. He stated they supported the rezoning for something that would enable development. He did not feel housing was feasible.
- Amina Quinton – 3005 North Oakland Forest Drive, stated she supported the application. She stated there was a white paper prepared for the City regarding housing. She requested the City keep the site industrial.
- John DeLeon – 2780 South Oakland Forest Drive, stated he supported the application and wanted the site cleaned up and developed.
- Robin Smith – 2701 West Oakland Park Boulevard, stated she supported the application but not for housing development.
- Felicia Stroad, manager of Lakeview Club Condominium Association, stated she supported the application and the added security would benefit residents.
- Freda Dragiv, adjacent property owner, supported the application so the property could be redeveloped. She stated the development must be compatible with surrounding development.
- Tanasia Nelson – 2291 NW 28th Street, requested the Commission deny the amendment because it would have adverse effects on the west side of the City.
- Pamela Jenkins – 3101 Northwest 43rd Place, Summer Lakes resident, spoke against the application and stated she wanted the site to remain residential.
- Gary Hill – 3092 West Oakland Forest Drive, supported the application.
- Jeff Morgan – 3054 South Oakland Forest Drive, spoke in favor of the application.
- Stephen De Sclafani, property manager of Pines West, stated their community supported this application. He stated housing would not work on this site.
- Grace Brinkman – 2607 NW 33rd Street, supported the application.
- Ralph Dega, Pine West director, stated his neighborhood supported the application.
- Alexia Fulmore, 2134 NW 28th Street, requested the Commission to deny the request. She stated there was already a self-storage facility being built 1.1 miles from this site.
- Chris Fischer – 3711 NE 13th Avenue, spoke against the application. He noted the number of warehouse properties for sale in the area.
- Sheryl Dickey – 3299, Oakland Park Boulevard, spoke against the application. She stated the west side needed better development like attainable and affordable housing. She thought this site could be a mixed-use site.
- Ray Gomez – 8750 Doral Boulevard, Doral, stated he was the project architect. He stated this project was light industrial, not self-storage. He described how they designed buildings to be respectful of and to enhance the community.
- Jim Loberman – 2840 South Oakland Forest Drive, stated he was representing The Lofts. He stated their board of directors and 44 homes had voted to support the BBX project. He stated this was not self-storage; it would be light industrial.

- Amon Driaz, NSU professor, stated he supported the application. He stated the designer had addressed compatibility with the neighborhood.
- Blake Bernel, Pembroke Pines resident, stated he supported the application.
- Bob Mendelsohn – 3037 North Oakland Forest Drive, stated his support for the application. He thought there would be less drag racing in the area if this was an industrial park.
- Drosh Rocha – 3072 South Oakland Forest Drive, requested the City Commission approve the application. He hoped the road would be made safer by this development.
- Mark Levy, President of BBX Logistics Properties, thanked City Manager Hebert and staff for their professional treatment. He felt this project was a triple win for the City and the community. He stated there would be space for BSO, a restaurant, a grocery and farmers market, to support local businesses. The development would also create jobs, activate the Northwest 31 Avenue and promote growth.
- Ms. Henry – 3086 South Oakland Forest Drive, stated she supported the application.
- Linda Smith – 3064 South Oakland Forest Drive, thought this was a good idea because they needed something on the site.
- Joaquin Vargas, the applicant's traffic engineer, stated their traffic evaluation showed that truck traffic was not significant with this type of industrial use.

Commission Arnst stated he did not support the application. He stated trucks would enter from Commercial Boulevard and exit onto Oakland Park Boulevard; trucks would not use 31st Avenue. He discussed the site's proposed uses over time. He stated housing was needed and he could not, in good conscience, put an industrial use here, where most of the corridor was residential.

Commissioner Newbold wanted the use to stay residential, keeping with the character of the surrounding area.

Vice Mayor Rosenwald did not support the application, based on staff's recommendation and the Planning and Zoning Board vote. He noted the proliferation of warehouses and gas stations west of I-95. He also considered the Comprehensive Plan and their initiative for high quality affordable housing.

Commissioner Lonergan recalled the City Commission declaring this a brownfield site in 2018 with the intention of building housing. He stated they were committed to making changes on the west side and he was committed to the original plan.

Mayor Gordon stated brownfield sites could be corrected. Regarding security, she stated there was a site just north of this one that was protected by Homeland Security. She stated BSO was very active in the City and they were just beginning to address safety concerns. Mayor Gordon stated one of her priorities was to ensure that the west side received the same economic development as the east side. She recommended denying the application.

Commissioner Lonergan moved to **deny** the ordinance on first reading. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Vice Mayor Rosenwald, Commissioner Lonergan, Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Mayor Gordon

NOTE: The Commission took a brief recess.

NOTE: City Commission recessed 9:02 – 9:44 p.m. for the Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting.

2. 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.

- Anita Clinton – 3005 North Oakland Forest Drive, was disappointed the City Commission did not consider how Oakland Forest residents lived. She had hoped something would be built that would benefit the community.
- Fitzgerald Budhoo – 720 NE 59th Court, spoke on the not-for-profits grant awards. He stated the student population at Rickards Middle School was increasing and they needed more assistance. He reported BSO Captain Quigley had a great deputy at Rickards who also volunteered as a coach. Mr. Budhoo reported that along with Rickards coaches and Parks and Recreations staff, they were creating a leadership mentoring program that would need funding.
- Chris Fischer – 3711 NE 13th Avenue, thanked the City for recognizing the Friends of the Library program. He thanked Heidi Burnett, Director of Library and Cultural Services and her staff for the two new Little Free Libraries. He also thanked Commissioner Lonergan and Commissioner Arnst for attending the COPHA meeting the previous night. Mr. Fischer stated the LGA class was amazing and remarked how many good-natured people worked at the City.

CONSENT AGENDA
Commissioner Lonergan moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Items 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 10. Items 7 and 8 were pulled from the Consent Agenda during Additions/Changes/Deletions. Commissioner Arnst seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Vice Mayor Rosenwald, Commissioner Lonergan, Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Mayor Gordon

3. Approval of Minutes - August 21 and September 6, 2023
Approved on consent.

4. **Code Lien Settlement for 2140-2160 NW 29 Street #1-3.**

Approved on consent to accept the negotiated settlement coordinated with the City Attorney's office in the amount of $20,205 plus $375 in recording and processing fees, less Orange Lien fees of $3,535.87 fees. The settlement offer is to be paid within ninety (90) days of Commission approval. Failure to pay within ninety (90) days would void the settlement.

5. **Code Lien Settlement for 3411 NE 8 Avenue**

Approved on consent to accept the negotiated settlement coordinated with the City Attorney's office in the amount of $27,668 plus $895 in hard costs and $1,000 in recording and processing fees, less Orange Lien fees of $4,841.90 fees. The settlement offer is to be paid within ninety (90) days of Commission approval. Failure to pay within ninety (90) days would void the settlement.

6. **Renewal of Purchase of Pharmaceuticals Utilizing Broward Sheriff's Office Bid #20041JLS for Fire Rescue Department.**

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2023-173

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE RENEWAL AGREEMENTS WITH MEDLINE INDUSTRIES, INC. AND BOUND TREE MEDICAL, LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF PHARMACEUTICALS PURSUANT TO BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE RLI/BID #20041JLS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Item 7 was pulled from the Consent Agenda during Additions/Changes/Deletions)

7. **Towing Services Agreement Renewal**

(Item 8 was pulled from the Consent Agenda during Additions/Changes/Deletions)

8. **Resolution Accepting the Recommendation of the Gehring Group for Medical Insurance and Other Benefits.**

9. Owner Direct Purchase of Materials and Equipment for the Public Works Facility Project.

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2023-176

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING OWNER-DIRECT PURCHASES OF VARIOUS FLEET MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY PROJECT FROM RELADYNE FLORIDA LLC; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

10. Resolution of Support for a Grant Application for the Complete Streets and Other Localized Initiatives Program (CSLIP) for the Main Street/NE 12th Avenue Project.

Adopted on consent.

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2023-177

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING ITS SUPPORT FOR THE MAIN STREET/NE 12TH AVENUE FROM OAKLAND PARK BLVD. TO NE 37TH STREET PROJECT BEING PROGRAMMED BY THE BROWARD METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (MPO) AS A COMPLETE STREETS AND OTHER LOCALIZED INITIATIVES GRANT PROGRAM (CSLIP); PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOTE: Motion to Extend the Meeting

Commissioner Lonergan moved to extend the meeting. Vice Mayor Rosenwald seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Vice Mayor Rosenwald, Commissioner Lonergan, Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Mayor Gordon

RESOLUTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS

7. Towing Services Agreement Renewal

Commissioner Lonergan stated this was a prime example of State preemption. The new guideline reduced the City's franchise fees from $60,000 to $21,000.

Commissioner Lonergan moved to adopt the resolution approving the Towing Services Agreement Renewal. Commissioner Arnst seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Vice Mayor Rosenwald, Commissioner Lonergan, Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Mayor Gordon

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2023-174

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPER CITY OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE FIRST RENEWAL AGREEMENT FOR TOWING SERVICES WITH SAL'S TOWING, INC. FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

8. Resolution Accepting the Recommendation of the Gehring Group for Medical Insurance and Other Benefits

Commissioner Lonergan stated the recommendation was for United Health Care which is his employer and as a participant in their stock plan, he recused himself from this item.

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

YES: Vice Mayor Rosenwald, Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Mayor Gordon

RECUSED: Commissioner Lonergan

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2023-175

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE GEHRING GROUP RELATIVE TO MEDICAL INSURANCE AND OTHER BENEFITS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

11. Arts and Culture Board - Two (2) Members and One (1) Alternate Member.

Commissioner Arnst moved to appoint George Wulin and Carlos Ferrer as members and to appoint Christopher Richard as alternate. Commissioner Lonergan seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Vice Mayor Rosenwald, Commissioner Lonergan, Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Mayor Gordon

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

YES: Vice Mayor Rosenwald, Commissioner Lonergan, Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Mayor Gordon

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2023-178

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA APPOINTING TWO (2) BOARD MEMBERS AND ONE (1) ALTERNATE TO SERVE ON THE ART AND CULTURE BOARD; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

12. Board of Adjustment Appointment - One (1) Member

Commissioner Newbold moved to appoint Keith Abel. Commissioner Arnst seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Vice Mayor Rosenwald, Commissioner Lonergan, Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Mayor Gordon

Commissioner Arnst moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Vice Mayor Rosenwald, Commissioner Lonergan, Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Mayor Gordon

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2023-179

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPOINTING ONE (1) MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

13. Police and Fire Pension Board Appointment - Two (2) Members

Commissioner Arnst moved to appoint Ernst Olivas and Fitzgerald Budhoo. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Vice Mayor Rosenwald, Commissioner Lonergan, Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Mayor Gordon

Commissioner Arnst moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Vice Mayor Rosenwald, Commissioner Lonergan, Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Mayor Gordon

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2023-180

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA APPOINTING TWO (2) MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE POLICE AND FIRE PENSION BOARD; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

14. Unsafe Structures Board - One (1) Member

Commissioner Arnst moved to appoint Joseph Patrick. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Vice Mayor Rosenwald, Commissioner Lonergan, Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Mayor Gordon

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

YES: Vice Mayor Rosenwald, Commissioner Lonergan, Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Mayor Gordon

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2023-181

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA APPOINTING ONE (1) MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE UNSAFE STRUCTURES BOARD; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

15. Adoption of the City's Traffic Calming and Street Lighting Request Policies

Brynt Johnson, Director of Engineering and Building Services and Albert Carbon, Public Works Director provided staff's presentation.

Vice Mayor Rosenwald valued the changes, especially making the City, not residents responsible. He thought the 60-day timeframe to submit signatures was more than sufficient and inquired if there could be an extension for larger catchment areas. City Attorney Doody stated the city manager or staff would be permitted to extend it at their discretion. City Manager Hebert stated staff will work with the city attorney to incorporate the language to meet that goal.

Commissioner Lonergan noted these were safety issues and inquired if they could add the ability to request a crosswalk in areas where the City did not own the road. He requested a status report on the 21st Avenue crosswalk. He suggested educating residents about adding lighting to their homes/yards.

Commissioner Arnst moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Vice Mayor Rosenwald, Commissioner Lonergan, Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Mayor Gordon

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2023-182

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, APPROVING AND ADOPTING TRAFFIC CALMING AND STREET LIGHTING REQUEST POLICIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

16. Award of ITB 033023 for Streetscape Maintenance Services

Commissioner Arnst moved to find that Green Dreams Paradise Corp. was the most responsible, responsive bidder and to award them the contract. Vice Mayor Rosenwald seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Vice Mayor Rosenwald, Commissioner Lonergan, Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Mayor Gordon

Commissioner Arnst moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Newbold seconded the motion, which prevailed by the following vote:

YES: Vice Mayor Rosenwald, Commissioner Lonergan, Commissioner Arnst, Commissioner Newbold, Mayor Gordon

The resolution, as adopted, carried the following title:

RESOLUTION R-2023-183

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA, DETERMINING THAT GREEN DREAMS PARADISE CORP. IS THE MOST RESPONSIVE AND MOST RESPONSIBLE PROPOSER FOR STREETSCAPES MAINTENANCE SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

REQUESTED CITY COMMISSION DISCUSSION ITEMS

17. City Commission discussion item: Prohibition on Animal Sales in Oakland Park - Vice Mayor Rosenwald

Vice Mayor Rosenwald had received information from James Wildman, a humane animal education expert, regarding what other municipalities were doing to prohibit the sale of some animals as pets. City Attorney Doody stated existing businesses would be grandfathered in to continue or would be provided a sunset deadline to cease.

Commissioner Arnst pointed out the devastating effect that former pet invasive species, such as pythons, were having on the Everglades. He would support a more wide-reaching ban, such as including reptiles.

Commissioner Newbold discussed abandoned animals and agreed with the prohibition of mammals and reptiles.

Commissioner Lonergan received information about other municipalities' ordinances from residents. He wished to allow rescues from professional non-profit organizations and to grandfather in any businesses currently in the City. He stated he firmly believed no live mammals, reptiles or insects should be sold.

Vice Mayor Rosenwald stated he would only support grandfathering with a limited timeframe for compliance with the new ordinance.

City Manager Hebert summarized that the Commission had consensus to expand the ordinance, but needed to decide on the extent and a timeframe to phase in compliance. He agreed to provide the Commission with recommendations. City Attorney Doody pointed out that this could come up against the new State law that required studying the economic impact of a new ordinance. They would consider this before providing the recommendations.

Mayor Gordon agreed with expanding the ordinance to include more types of animal sales.

18. REPORTS FROM THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Arnst commented as follows:

1) Sent condolences to Tom Hardy and his family. He recalled the inception of the Friends of the Library and said it had been an honor to have known Mrs. Mary Hardy for so long.

Commissioner Newbold commented as follows:

1) Thanked everyone who had spoken this evening.
2) Sent her condolences to Tom Hardy and family on Mary Hardy's passing.
3) Attended the recent resilience round table.
4) Attended last weekend's Farm Share event.
5) Regarding agenda item 15, she had sent information regarding an area where lighting may be a concern to the Assistant City Manager.
6) Looked forward to the North Andrews Gardens celebration on Friday.

Vice Mayor Rosenwald commented as follows:

1) Thanked everyone who had attended the meeting and commented.
2) Sent condolences to Tom Hardy and family.
3) Discussed the recent Hamas attack on Israel. He stated he supported a humanitarian corridor for the residents of Palestine. He noted he would soon be the first Jewish Mayor of Oakland Park.

Commissioner Lonergan commented as follows:

1) Expressed condolences to Tom Hardy and his family. He was thankful for everything Tom and Mary Hardy had done for the City.
2) Planned to attend the North Andrews Gardens ribbon cutting on Friday from 4 PM - 6 PM.
3) Stated Halloween Bash would be October 27 from 6 PM until 9 PM at Wimberly Field.

Mayor Gordon commented as follows:

1) Thanked everyone who had attended the meeting.
2) Stated her LGA class raised funds to purchase a tile for the library. The Friends of the Library had helped defray the costs for them.

REPORTS FROM THE CITY MANAGER

City Manager Hebert stated the North Andrews Gardens ribbon cutting on Friday would begin promptly at 4 PM because food would be served.

19. Community Enhancement Division Quarterly Update

20. Financial Activity Report for the Period Ended August 31, 2023

REPORTS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY

21 City Attorney's Report - October 18, 2023

City Attorney Doody requested a shade session to discuss the City of Oakland Park versus Oakland Park Storage Builders, LLC to discuss terms for a potential settlement.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at: 10:52 PM.

CITY OF OAKLAND PARK, FLORIDA

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AISHA GORDON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK