

May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016  
5:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Inverness met on the above date in Regular Session at 212 W. Main Street with the following members present:

President Ryan  
Vice President McBride  
Councilwoman Hepfer  
Councilwoman Bega  
Councilman Hinkle  
Mayor Plaisted (Not Present)

Also present were City Manager DiGiovanni, City Attorney Williams, Asst. City Manager Williams, Community Development Director Day, and City Clerk Davis.

The Invocation was given by Councilman McBride and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the City Council.

#### **ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**Councilwoman Hepfer motioned to accept the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilman Hinkle. The motioned carried.**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**4)a) Charter Amendments- Final Readings** was addressed by President Ryan. Ordinance 2016-716, Article V, Section 5.07, Sale, Leasing or Subleasing of City Property

**Councilwoman Hepfer motioned to have the City Clerk read the Ordinance 2016-716 by title only. Seconded by Councilman Hinkle. The motion carried.**

#### ORDINANCE NO. 2016- 716

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO **ARTICLE V, GENERAL PROVISIONS; INSERTING SECTION 5.07 – SALE, LEASING OR SUBLEASING OF CITY PROPERTY**; PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM AS TO AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**President Ryan opened the Public Hearing.**

**No one spoke for or against the Ordinance.**

**The Public Hearing was closed.**

**Councilman McBride motioned to adopt Ordinance 2016-716, Article V, Section 5.07 on the second reading, by roll call vote. Seconded by Councilman Hinkle. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilwoman Bega, yes; Councilwoman Hepfer, yes; Councilman Hinkle, yes; Councilman McBride, yes; President Ryan, yes. The motion carried unanimously.**

Ordinance 2016-718, Article V, Section 5.22 Purchase of Real Property

**Councilwoman Hepfer motioned to have the City Clerk read the Ordinance 2016-718 by title only. Seconded by Councilman McBride. The motion carried.**

ORDINANCE NO. 2016- 718

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT TO **ARTICLE V, GENERAL PROVISIONS; INSERTING SECTION 5.22 PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY a); PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM AS TO AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER;** PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION INTO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**President Ryan opened the Public Hearing.**

**There was no one speaking For nor Against the Ordinance**

**The Public Hearing was closed.**

City Manager DiGiovanni commented on a point of information that this has been previously adopted and we are taking procedures to move this into the charter to align with other Real Property provisions.

Councilman McBride spoke to change requested at the last meeting, adding the word “independent”, for clarification.

**Councilwoman Hepfer motioned to adopt Ordinance 2016-718, Article V, Section 5.22 on the second reading, by roll call vote. Seconded by Councilman McBride.**

**Roll call vote was as follows: Councilwoman Bega, yes; Councilwoman Hepfer, yes; Councilman Hinkle, yes; Councilman McBride, yes; President Ryan, yes. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING**

Alex Sosnicki of Inverness, addressed Council speaking to the Honor Flight and the hat he received when he recently attended. He spoke to the eligibility to be involved in this flight, if you have served in World War II, the Korean War, etc.. He advised that if anyone has a relative eligible, they should contact Barbara Mills.

Larry James, 9150 E Sweetwater Drive, Inverness addressed council regarding the Sweetwater Water Project and asked what the status was?

City Manager DiGiovanni stated that the status is good and the City has invested in the foundation to move the project forward. Upon Attorney Haag’s return, steps will be taken to move the project forward. We appreciate Sweetwater Points HOA providing the needed documentation to move forward.

### **SCHEDULED APPEARANCES**

None

### **MAYOR’S LOCAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

None

## **CITY ATTORNEY REPORT**

None

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Bill Listing\*
  - Recommendation – Approval
- b) Council Minutes – 04/19/16 & 4/21/16\*
  - Recommendation - Approval
- c) Proclamation – NARLEO\*
  - Recommendation – Approval
- d) Board Re-Appointment – ICRA – Diana Fender\*
  - Recommendation – Approval

**Councilman McBride motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilwoman Hepfer. The motion carried.**

## **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

**10)a) Fire Prevention – Safety Grant** was addressed by City Manager DiGiovanni who explained the funding available through a Federal program to promote fire safety. Funds may be used to enhance instructional training by City Fire personnel when they visit local schools, students of an venue, members of homeowner associations in the City, and the general public. The total submittal will be \$116,076 that carries a local (city) commitment of 5% or \$5,804. He described many of the items available from the Grant; ie, fire alarms for hearing impaired, promotional devises, and elements to keep people safe. The best way to fight fires is to prevent them.

It’s important to note that the current Fire Department budget does not have funds to meet local obligation, however we do not expect an award to be announced before October 1, 2016, which will place this into the next fiscal.

Councilman McBride question if this would be a competitive grant? City Manager DiGiovanni replied that from a funding standpoint there is are a lot of money available for communities just starting a new department, and our community, due to median levels, qualifies for assistance funding.

**Councilman McBride motioned to support submittal of the Fire Prevention and Safety Grant as described. Seconded by Councilwoman Bega. The motion carried unanimously.**

**10)b) Mill Street Demolition (verbal)** structures along Mill Street targeted for demolition with some already relocated. As you review the aerial photo, as to which buildings will be demolished, will have a lot more meaning after the CIP presentation this Thursday, and you see what the plans are for that area. These buildings will not come down in next few weeks/month, but is on a short track for demolition.

City Manager DiGiovanni additionally reported on the following:

- Last Friday there was an Arbor Day tree planting program in the Pine Grove subdivision of four crepe myrtles.
- This weekend was the premiere of the Legend of Kate Kensington film at the Valerie Theatre, with people being excited and a tremendous turnout.

- Hosted and accommodated the Bike Awareness program at the Fair Ground, commending Deputy Tewell for her coordination of the event and distributing safety items and information.
- This past Saturday Prom Photos at Liberty Park with hundreds of people congregating there, with Michelle Tewell who pulled together amenities on scene including classic vehicles as backdrops, as well as the lake. The city will look at getting more involved with this traditional event.
- Spoke to this coming Thursday's CIP presentation which will be a different style presentation, with two sections including conceptual plans of projects that have been talked about for years. All things are on a track to bring these projects to fruition and will take the City of Inverness to a new level.
- There is a lot of work in Budget program, etc. and appreciate the support of City Council in bringing all of this together to leave Inverness better than we found it.

### **COUNCIL/MAYOR SUBJECTS**

Councilwoman Bega advised how she had driven through the Pine Grove subdivision noting the improvements and how Liberty Park is used for various school events.

Councilwoman Hepfer noted her grandson's Prom pictures and granddaughters wedding both taking place at Liberty Park as well, and spoke to how nice The Legend of Kate Kensington movie was at the Valerie Theatre.

Councilman Hinkle spoke to the Citrus Community Charitable foundation and how they are moving forward with organization. Commended Citrus Memorial Heart Cath Department on how they perform, speaking to his recent medical procedure. Noted the Prom pictures at the park and how we need to encourage these types of events. Honor Flight is a great program and commends Barbara Mills for what she does.

Councilman McBride attended training at the FLC University for CRA training and highly recommends everyone receive this worthwhile training. Most city councils are their own CRA, unlike Inverness. Will be attending the May 17<sup>th</sup> MPO meeting.

Council President Ryan stated he attended the Arbor Day planting, as well as the Joint Government Meeting and brought up various items, including Whispering Pines Park funding but wasn't spoken to at length. Questioned the County on contributing to paving of Martin Luther King as it goes to the Sheriff's office and other county offices, and their reply was that they had no problem with the City doing it. The school board suggested that elected officials become involved in middle school and high school civics classes.

### **CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA**

George Gouldbourn, Inverness questioned the Zephyr Street status. City Manager explained delays and additions to the plans and there will be a meeting with the contractor next week and some activity will be within a two week period.

Meeting adjourned at 6:07pm.

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City Clerk

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Council President