

May 17th, 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 Haag, Asst. City Manager Williams, Community Development Director Day, Finance Director Chiodo, and City Clerk Davis.

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

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4)a) Mid-Year Budget Amendments – Resolution was addressed by President Ryan.

\Councilman Hinkle motioned to read the Resolution by Title Only. Seconded by Councilwoman Hepfer. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2016-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA AMENDING THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, AMENDING THE GENERAL FUND, WHISPERING PINES PARK FUND, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUND AND THE UTILITY FUND AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Manager DiGiovanni explained that the enclosed Resolution was to take action to adjust budgetary items adopted last September to align with demand and spending.

Fire Services contract with the County had to be extended which created a shortfall in allocated funding. To reconcile the difference, we will move (reduce) \$46,605 from the Fire Services Start-Up Equipment account from the City Fire Department Budget to the City General Fund and place it into an expense line to fully provide for the “County Contracted Fire Service” that were proposed.

Whispering Pines Park

Aquatic Complex Bldg. Repair Costs were more than anticipated and we are looking to move \$1,500 from Park's Unrestricted Reserve to support building repair costs to the pool.

Park Facilities demanded higher than anticipated funding support, and we are looking to move \$10,500 to expense lines in support of maintenance needs for various facilities and projects.

CIP Beautification Program Hwy 41/44 Median Landscape project required an additional \$2,200 in addition to the matching Funds from FDOT, and funding will be moved from the Capital Plan Program Reserves into the project expense line.

Utility System

He explained the adjustments needing to take place to compensate for the unanticipated revenue for Insurance reimbursement of \$80,000 and the majority of repair expenses which occurred last fiscal year.

Council President Ryan opened the Public Hearing

There was no one speaking for or against the Resolution.

The Public Hearing was closed.

Councilwoman Hepfer motioned to adopt Resolution 2016-07 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.

4)b) Impact Fee Ordinance (2nd Reading) was addressed by President Ryan.

Councilwoman Bega motioned to have City Clerk Davis read Ordinance 2016 -715 by title only. Seconded by Councilwoman Hepfer . The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-715

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF NEW IMPACT FEES AND THE REVISION OF EXISTING IMPACT FEES; AMENDING SECTIONS 11.5-1. THROUGH 11.5-10 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING AUTHORITY IN APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INTENT AND PURPOSE; PROVIDING FOR RULES OF CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING FOR FEE TO BE IMPOSED; PROVIDING FOR ALTERNATIVE IMPACT FEE CALCULATION; PROVIDING FOR IMPACT FEE CREDITS; PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUST FUND; PROVIDING FOR USE OF FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR RETURN OF FEES; PROVIDING FOR LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION AND PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATION; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The Public Hearing was opened.

For: None

Against:None

The Public Hearing was closed.

City Manager DiGiovanni advised that included in the agenda packet was the memorandum of the previous meeting which laid out what was involved which was part of the City's Management of its Impact Fee program. A developing community needs to always maintain a high degree of equity and fairness so the new residents of the community pay their share.

Councilwoman Bega motioned to adopt Ordinance 2016-715 on the second reading, by roll call vote. Seconded by Councilwoman Hepfer. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilwoman Bega, yes; Councilwoman Hepfer, yes; Councilman Hinkle, yes; Councilman McBride, yes; President Ryan, yes. The motion carried.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

None

SCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

MAYOR'S LOCAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

None

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) Bill Listing*
 - Recommendation – Approval
- b) Council Minutes – 05/03/16 & 05/05/16WS*
 - Recommendation – Approval
- c) Proclamation – “Bicycle Month” & “Bike to Work Day”*
 - Recommendation – Approval

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

10)a) Sweetwater Point - Acquisition & Construction of Water Distribution Lines – Resolution – was addressed by City Manager DiGiovanni who explained how this action by Council will formally commence the project and assessment program to bring potable water and fire flow to the Sweetwater Pointe residential development that is outside the City, and part of the Utility Service Area of the City. City Legal Counsel has reviewed all documents for this action this evening. The Resolution describes the nature, scope and public purpose of the project and assessment program, provides the estimated costs, the method of assessment, the method and term of payment, and penalty of 1% per month, if not paid in full within thirty days after passage of final Resolution. The Resolution makes reference to a number of exhibits and documents that are on file in the office of the City Clerk. These estimates going in and numbers may move up or down. Every effected property owner is properly notified of what the program involves, understanding of potential cost, terms and conditions, and what to expect. The County conducted a vote of

the property owners which was in favor of proceeding with the development of an assessment program to extend the potable water system. We as a City took an interim step and conducted a public hearing for the residents to provide the opportunity to speak. He described the steps provided in the Resolution, which provided the estimated cost of \$360,300 with the final numbers to be available at the conclusion of the construction project. We are confident we will stay within these numbers, but there is always a possibility of them moving up or down. The land to be benefited are those properties with dwellings receiving the water and the properties not built on yet will benefit with future development. Payment may be made with lump sum or utilize the 10 year installment plan.

Attorney Haag stated that this Assessment District is done under the authority of Chapter 170 of the Florida Statutes. We had a previous assessment in 2008 for Tsala Gardens, which we are following the same procedures. He explained the process which will take place prior to the construction of the project

Councilwoman Hepfer motioned to have City Clerk Davis read Resolution 2016-05 by title only. Seconded by Councilman Hinkle. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2016 – 05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF WATER DISTRIBUTION LINES AND APPURTANCES THERETO IN THE SWEETWATER POINTE SUBDIVISION; FINDING, DETERMINING AND RESOLVING THAT SAID IMPROVEMENTS ARE TO THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE COUNTY OF CITRUS; FINDING, DETERMINING AND DECIDING THAT ALL LOTS AND LANDS ADJOINING AND CONTIGUOUS OR BOUNDING AND ABUTTING UPON SUCH IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE SPECIALLY BENEFITED THEREBY TO THE EXTENT OF 100% OF THE COSTS OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS AND PROVIDING THAT SAID COSTS SHALL BE ASSESSED AGAINST PROPERTY SPECIALLY BENEFITED THEREBY IN PROPORTION TO EQUIVALENT LOTS; PROVIDING FOR THE MAKING OF AN ASSESSMENT ROLL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE METHOD OF ASSESSMENT PROVIDED FOR HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR THE METHOD AND TERMS OF PAYMENT OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; DIRECTING THAT AN ASSESSMENT ROLL BE PREPARED FOR PUBLIC REVIEW; ADOPTING THE ASSESSMENT PLATS AND PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE PROJECTS SUBMITTED BY THE CONSULTING ENGINEER; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilman McBride asked City Manager to explain how this will benefit the City of Inverness. City Manager DiGiovanni stated that the utility system is best managed with a growing customer base. The cost to operate the system are increased dramatically by the addition of customers, ie; Sweetwater, however you have additional customers to spread cost. He noted how this will help the resident by increasing property values and providing fire flow.

Councilman McBride noted an error in “F.” of the Resolution as the “wording” of 6% vs 8%, and it was noted that correction would be made to make it 6%.

Councilwoman Bega questioned what the percentage of capacity our water system is at. City Manager stated he couldn't answer that however this has been calculated by the Engineers, and we are under direction of SWFMD, and we are well within the capacity measurements. He spoke to the additional Well Field due to growth patterns in the City to the south, which may put new wells near the Sweetwater area.

Councilman Hinkle motioned to adopt Resolution 2016-05, by roll call vote. Seconded by Councilwoman Hepfer. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilwoman Bega, yes; Councilwoman Hepfer, yes; Councilman Hinkle, yes; Councilman McBride, yes; President Ryan, yes. The motion carried.

10)b) Complete Streets – Resolution – Was addressed by City Manager DiGiovanni. He advised that we embarked on this not knowing it was called “Complete Streets”, when we designed revitalization in downtown, and spoke to the other bicycle oriented projects the City accomplished and designed for pedestrians, cyclists, and cars. The enclosed Resolution will proclaim our support and methodology to embed Complete Street designs as we move forward. Highland Blvd will incorporate a Complete Street design moving forward. This will also help us with the cycling community as we move to get further credentialing for Bicycle Friendly City.

Councilman McBride motioned to read Resolution 2016-06 by title only. Seconded by Councilman Hinkle. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2016-06

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, ESTABLISHING A COMPLETE STREETS POLICY AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES.

Councilwoman Bega motioned to adopt Resolution 2016-06, by roll call vote. Seconded by Councilwoman Hepfer. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilwoman Bega, yes; Councilwoman Hepfer, yes; Councilman Hinkle, yes; Councilman McBride, yes; President Ryan, yes. The motion carried.

10)c) Event Vendor Fees – Resolution- City Manager DiGiovanni explained that event management is not an exact science, and requires a degree of structure and flexibility. The enclosed Resolution is designed to be progressive and match vendor fees to an event's value. The greater the attendance, plus the duration and intensity, equates to a higher value and vendor cost.

Councilwoman Hepfer motioned to have City Clerk Davis read Resolution 2016-03 by title only. Seconded by Councilman Hinkle. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2016-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, ESTABLISHING PARTICIPATION FEES FOR VENDORS AT CITY EVENTS

Councilwoman Hepfer motioned to adopt Resolution 2016-03, 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.

10)d) Park Ball Field Extended Use Fees was addressed. City Manager DiGiovanni explained that Council adopted a Resolution this past September that prescribed ball field user fees for extended seasonal play. The normal youth baseball season is from March through July. Extended or optional season use for what's referred to as “Fall-Ball”

increases maintenance cost dramatically. This extended use program has been in place since the late 1980's with an adjoining fee program. What you were asked to adopt in September was intended to cover "extended use" only, but unfortunately a glitch was discovered that caused fees to be applied for all – year round – play. Little League can't afford these costs and the City is not interested in imposing them. Corrective action is proposed with the enclosed Resolution that when adopted will rescind what was previously adopted and replace it with a properly worded document.

Councilman Hinkle motioned to have City Clerk Davis read Resolution 2016-04 by title only. Seconded by Councilwoman Hepfer. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2016-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, ESTABLISHING FEES AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF CITY FACILITIES; ESTABLISHING NEW FEES FOR EXTENDED USE OF CITY FACILITIES; REPEALING PRIOR FEES AND CHARGES FOR EXTENDED BALL FIELD USEAGE; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION 2015-10.

Councilman McBride motioned to adopt Resolution 2016-04, 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.

10)e) Florida League of Cities – Annual Ad was addressed by City Manager DiGiovanni who addressed this year's publication of the ad for the Florida League of Cities Conference in the Quality Cities Magazine. The full page size and \$625 cost of the ad remains the same. It is recommended Council approve this year's ad design and payment.

Councilman McBride motioned to approve the enclosed full page color ad, at a cost of \$625 for the 2016 FLC Conference Publication. Seconded by Councilman Hinkle. The motion carried unanimously.

City Manager DiGiovanni additionally reported on the following:

- CIP Presentation was referenced and how the same presentation will be shown to Leadership Citrus this Thursday, and provide the boards for their viewing. Zephyr Street has already been priced and started, Highland Blvd. will be #2. The buildings in the Depot area need attention soon as the buildings will continue to deteriorate. The Soldier memorial arrived last week, and the owners will be here to inspect it after delivery. The various parks need to be looked at simultaneously, etc. Need determination on funding and financing moving forward.
- Last Wednesday a trip to Tampa was made for a meeting at the HCA offices, and had a lengthy, productive conversation. Visiting with them provided a lot of information to HCA regarding this community, the City of Inverness and the Hospital's history and holdings (churches), etc. There will be further meetings to share information such as Highland Blvd., and were very impressed with future projects of Inverness. These future plans and projects help support the hospitals recruitment program.

- Three businesses in the City of Inverness received bicycle friendly designation. The City itself received the bronze award for its bicycle friendliness. The planning being done by the city will support moving forward. This Friday will be Bike to Work Day starting at the Valerie Theatre, and he explained the 4 mile route for that morning.
- All of these projects will have to be well thought out and meticulously planned before we begin the bidding process. There are professionals at work for the City working on these plans for these future projects. He spoke to these projects appearing on social media and the newspaper, and referenced the most recent editorial.

COUNCIL/MAYOR SUBJECTS

Councilwoman Hepfer spoke of her love of Inverness and the changes that are coming. Everything the City does is thought out and planned ahead, and is very pleased.

Councilwoman Bega stated she has heard many comments about the future projects presentation and the vast majority was positive feedback. She noted that she will have a report from the TDC at the next upcoming meeting.

Councilman Hinkle referenced some of the comments he has heard regarding the name change of Whispering Pines Park. Overall people are amazed by the future plans of the City.

Councilman McBride stated he will be participating in the bike ride on Friday. He spoke of the recent MPO meeting and the subject of the I-75 relief task force which continues to meet. The next meeting will be June 9th.

Council President Ryan referenced the CIP workshop and the City Manager Services workshop. He attended the ribbon cutting for Cubbie's and presented the proclamation at the NARLEO ceremony on Sunday.

City Manager DiGiovanni also noted an oversight in the drinking water testing in which a testing was actually done, but one of the sample neglected to be sent it. During the same quarter, all other required constituents were sampled and results were below the MCI. We were required to place an ad in the paper of this occurrence, and we also notified each account on their monthly bill.

He spoke to an individual sending Facebook messages out to others regarding WPP, which people are being asked to contact councilmembers. He asked that they did not politicize our own process and remain calm, allowing professionals to do their work. As a City Government, we need to work on our future with all these amenities remaining attractive and draw people. Let people say what they believe. We need a lot more data before we jump to conclusions.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

None

The meeting adjourned at 6:44pm.

City Clerk

Council President