

November 1, 2016
5:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Inverness met on the above date in Regular Session at the Valerie Theatre 207 Courthouse Square with the following members present:

President Ryan
Vice President McBride
Councilwoman Hepfer – *Not Present*
Councilwoman Bega
Councilman Hinkle
Mayor Plaisted

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

The Invocation was given by Mayor Plaisted and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the City Council.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

4)a) Voluntary Contractor Registration – Ordinance* (2nd Reading) with City Manager noting effective July 1, 2016, the City’s Building Division eliminated the contractor registration program for contractors located outside the City. New 2016 state legislation (HB535) prohibits cities and counties from requiring a registration fee associated with providing proof of licensure as a contractor, recording a contractor license, or providing or recording evidence of workers' compensation insurance covered by a contractor. Registration for contractors located in Inverness is through the business tax receipt program at no additional charge. The contractor registration program will maintain a database of permit documentation and will serve citizens by documenting licensure and insurance.

Councilman Hinkle motioned to have the Clerk read Ordinance 2016-722 by Title only. Seconded by Councilman McBride. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2016- 722

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED “LICENSES, BUSINESS TAXES AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS REGULATIONS”, BY AMENDING SECTION, 12-1, ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTARY CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR MODIFICATION AND, PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilman McBride motioned to adopt Ordinance 2016-722 on the 2nd reading by roll-call vote. Seconded by Councilman Hinkle. Roll call vote was as follows:

Councilwoman Bega, 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

7)a) Proclamation Presentation – “National American Indian Heritage Month” - Mayor Plaisted presented the proclamation to 4 members of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and explained various community efforts they are involved in.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Bill Listing*
 - Recommendation – Approval
- b) Council Minutes – 10/18/16*
 - Recommendation – Approval
- c) AARC Board Reappointment – Kathy Thrumston*
 - Recommendation – Approval

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

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

10)a) Christmas Parade – FDOT Permit* was addressed with City Manager DiGiovanni explaining that FDOT must approve the temporary closing of Hwy 41/44 (FDOT roadway) to accommodate the 2016 Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade. City Council must authorize the City's hosting of the parade and accommodation of the parade to be held on Saturday December 10, 2016. This action is taken by FDOT confirming that the elected officials support the closing of the road. **Councilman McBride motioned to acknowledge and support that FDOT Highways 41/44 will be temporarily closed to accommodate the annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 10, 2016, from approximately 11:30am until 2:00pm. Seconded by Councilman Hinkle. The motion carried unanimously.**

10)b) Bank of America Purchasing Card Renewal Contract* with City Manager stating in September 2011, we entered into an Agreement with Bank of America for purchasing card program services. This is a single source arrangement that may be renewed in a five-year period with expiration date of January 5, 2021, (five years from the date of the State executing the documents). Under this arrangement, Bank of America will continue providing Visa purchasing cards for authorized city employees, and additionally will furnish desktop software, training and technical support at no added cost.

Councilman McBride motioned to renew the purchasing card program contract with the Bank of America Corporation, utilizing the State of Florida Purchasing Card Services Contract No. 973-120-97-1, and authorize the Council President to execute all documents to complete this transaction. Seconded by Councilman Hinkle. The motion carried.

10)c) Local Leadership Summit* was announced that the Board of County Commissioners discussed and agreed to organize a second Community Elected Leadership Summit. The selected date will be Friday, January 20, 2017, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at the College of Central Florida. The School District confirmed their attendance, and City Council is asked to comment on who may wish to attend. The County asks that we reply by November 4th. No formal vote is necessary. President Ryan, Councilwoman Bega, and Councilwoman Hepfer plan to attend.

10)d) Fire Department Grant – Informational Only* with City Manager DiGiovanni noting the Inverness Fire Department (IFD) had success in securing Federal Grant monies to purchase equipment and educational/training materials, with an award of over \$60,000 for equipment purchases with no match from the City. The Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG) has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) with a deadline for submittal being November 11, 2016. The IFD will be submitting two applications for a new specialized Quint Type Truck (hybrid fire apparatus that is a combination of ladder, rescue, and class A pumper), and for equipment and training. Below is a breakdown:

Application 1 – Aerial apparatus \$660,000; Personnel training \$2,000; Fringe est. \$400; Travel est. \$600; Construction \$5,000. TOTAL = \$668,000. **Federal Share = \$636,191 and City Share 5% = \$31,809.**

Application 2 – 2 IDLH monitor \$3,000; Thermal camera \$6,000; 2 RIT pack/cylinder \$12,026; Portable radios \$30,000; Haz-Mat decon/clean-up \$5,000; Vehicle Extrication Eq. \$30,000; Monitor/Defibrillator \$13,000; Modify facility \$49,490; PPE SCBA units \$85,800. TOTAL = \$234,316. **Federal Share = \$223,159 and City Share 5% = \$11,157.**

This AFG program requires a 5% local match on awarded items. If both grants are awarded, the total budget impact will be \$31,809, to secure \$869,350.00 for equipment/training purposes. This grant cycle will not affect this year's budget and will be factored as part of the Fiscal Year 2017-18 appropriation. This is informational and does not require formal action by City Council. Councilman McBride noted that the total of the 5% match should be \$42,966 for both applications.

City Manager DiGiovanni additionally reported on the following:

- Cooter Fest this past weekend was amazing. Also mentioned upcoming events including Festival of the Arts, Farm City, Grand Prix, etc.
- Citrus County School Board is considering pulling from the solid waste franchise agreement causing the City to look to modify our program and also look at fully automated collection in the future.
- Sweetwater Pointe project is continuing and should come back to Council at the beginning of December.
- Spoke to the BOCC's recognizing their responsibility for the roads in Inverness Acres.

- After the November 8 Election, medical marijuana will need to be addressed again, if it does pass.

COUNCIL/MAYOR SUBJECTS

Mayor Plaisted agreed that the Cooter Festival was a great time with great music, and what a wonderful team of City staff work together to make these events happen. He noted the various upcoming events in the City to include the Festival of the Arts and the Veteran's Day Parade.

Councilwoman Bega stated she thoroughly enjoyed the Cooter Festival and is very happy with the Board of County Commissioners recognizing that the roads in Inverness Acres are the board's responsibility.

Councilman Hinkle noted that he missed this year's Cooter Festival as he was in North Carolina attending the League of Municipalities conference, and noted a variety of sessions he attended, to include the subject of "blue zones" and community gardens.

Councilman McBride spoke of how well the Cooter Festival was organized. Looking forward to the Festival of the Arts, and we should be proud of where we are and what we are doing.

President Ryan noted he recently attended the Joint Government meeting and funding for Whispering Pines Park was discussed. It was announced that there will be a meet and greet for the incoming commissioners. The Cooter Festival and Cooterween were great.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

None

Meeting adjourned at 6:09pm.

Interim City Clerk

Council President