

**City of Dunnellon City Council
Zoom Meeting**

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Webinar ID: 838 4386 0184

Date: September 13, 2021

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: City Hall

20750 River Dr., Dunnellon, FL 34431

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Members of the public who would like to have participated were encouraged to register in advance by Noon on Monday, September 13th. Public input on non-agenda items were heard at the beginning of the meeting. A three (3) minute time limit was strictly administered.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor White called the meeting to order at approximately 5:40 p.m. and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. He invited a citizen to volunteer and open with a prayer. Pastor Tom Welch provided the invocation.

Mayor White called upon the City Clerk to call roll.

Roll Call

Bill White, Mayor, Seat 1

Louise Kenny, Councilwoman, Seat 2

Anita Williams, Councilwoman, Seat 3

Valerie Hanchar, Vice-Mayor, Seat 4

Jan Cabbage, Councilwoman, Seat 5

Staff Present

Mandy Odom, City Clerk

Troy Slattery, Public Works Manager

Jan Smith, Finance Officer

Michelle Leonard, Assistant City Clerk

Chief Mike McQuaig, Police Department

Lt. Shane Yox, Police Department

Legal Counsel

Andrew Hand,

Shepard, Smith, Kohlmyer & Hand, P.A.

Proof of Publication

Mrs. Odom announced for the record the agenda for this meeting was posted on the City's website and City Hall bulletin board on Thursday, September 9, 2021.

Mayor White explained the public speaking portion and sign-up sheet. He said this is a recorded meeting with video, audio, and closed captioning. This meeting proceeds under the Roberts Rules of Order and Chair conducts the meeting. Council should wait to be acknowledged by Chair before speaking.

Mayor White called for public comments on non-agenda items – 3 minute time limit.

Shelley Moore, 19203 St. Lawrence Dr., said she works for Vitas Healthcare and said it is the Hospice of the Nature Coast. She invited her regional directors to speak.

Michael Smith, 148 Abbotts Way, St Augustine, explained they are looking into bringing their hospice services to Marion County, specifically Dunnellon. He talked about how Vistas Healthcare does things differently than other hospice providers.

Danny Viera, 1145 Lou Bonnet Terrace, Inverness, gave statistics regarding hospice services provided and spoke about their facilities.

Mayor White asked what they need from the City. Mr. Smith stated their purpose is to meet with members individually and try to understand the needs of the community.

Councilwoman Kenny welcomed them and commented there is a need in the area. She expressed she would enjoy meeting with them personally. Councilwoman Williams said she deems a presentation for the public would be best. Councilwoman Cabbage thanked them for coming and mentioned most people don't know hospice means in-home care. She said she would meet with them individually or enjoy a presentation. Mr. Smith stated they are a proponent of in-home care and not necessarily looking for a facility. Vice-Mayor Hanchar commented she has had many family and friends who have received hospice care and thanked them for their services. She said if the attorney felt it was ok to meet with them individually it would be wonderful; if not, she would welcome a presentation. Mayor White asked Attorney Hand if there were issues with individual meetings. Attorney Hand stated there wasn't a quasi-judicial application active at this time, so he foresaw no issues. Mayor White asked Mrs. Odom to reach out to the group to schedule a presentation.

Mary Ann Hilton, 12078 Palmetto Court, thanked Mr. Slattery and Mr. Pudlo for going above and beyond to assist her and her husband with removing a tree branch and debris from her property.

David Koger, 11983 Palmetto Way, asked if the Council knew of any success with regard to a fence across the retention area near his home. Mayor White said nothing has been brought to his attention. Mr. Koger asked if anyone had reached out to the County. Mr. Slattery stated the conversation was started over a year ago. He said originally the County said it would be budgeted, but recently saw correspondence from the County stating it is a City issue. Vice-Mayor Hanchar

asked Mr. Slattery to call the County. Mr. Slattery said, at the direction of Council, he would be happy to do so. Mrs. Odom commented she believes Jim Couillard stated this is private property. Mayor White asked staff to place this on the workshop agenda for discussion.

Art Jones, 12163 Palmetto Bay, asked Council if it was possible for the Police Department to share the City Hall building with the current staff. He suggested using the current police building for storage. He said we want to have an efficient cost effective department, but down where he lives the roads are falling apart. He said the money could be spent there instead of on a new police building or renovations to an existing building.

Mayor White explained the consent agenda process.

Consent Agenda

1. City Council Minutes

June 14, 2021 Council Meeting
June 23, 2021 Special City Council Meeting
June 23, 2021 Special City Council Budget Workshop
July 12, 2021 City Council Workshop
July 14, 2021 City Council Meeting

2. Authorize The City Clerk To Proceed With Hiring Candidate Georgina Cid To Fill The Community Development Manager Position

3. Appoint Ron McAndrew To A Two-Year Term On The Fire & Police Pension Board Of Trustees 9/13/2021 – 9/13/2023

4. Appoint Donna “Dusty” Walters To Full Member On The Planning Commission To Fill The Unexpired Term Of David Lancaster, Effective September 13, 2021 – January 11, 2022; And Further Approve Appointment As A Full Member For A Three-Year Term, Effective January 11, 2022 – January 11, 2025

5. Authorize The Mayor To Execute The Sublease Agreement #LEA2021-01 From The Division Of State Lands When Received

6. Authorize Staff To Forward Proposed Resolution #RES2021-16 To The Managing Partners Of Blue Run Park For Review And Comment

7. Authorize Staff To Solicit Sealed Bids For The Cedar And Ohio Street Roadway Construction Project

8. Authorize The Mayor To Sign Agreement #AGR2021-26 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Public Comment

David Koger, 11983 Palmetto Way, made a comment about item #6 stating he made a previous request about the timing of the swimming at Blue Run Park.

Paula Koger, 11983 Palmetto Way, said she thinks the big issue here is enforcing any new rules and wants a way to keep people out of the river in excess.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved the consent agenda be approved as presented. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. All members were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Regular Agenda

Mrs. Odom read the following into the record:

“Public Hearing Statement

All persons wishing to address the City council will be asked to limit their comments to the specific subject being addressed. Public opinions and input are valued by the Council. However, it is requested that comments are directed at specific issues rather than personal comments directed toward the council members or staff in order to foster mutual respect between council members and the public.

Members of the public in attendance at public forums should listen courteously and attentively to all public discussions before the body; and focus on the business at hand. They shall refrain from interrupting other speakers; making personal comments not germane to the business of the body; or otherwise interfering with the orderly conduct of meetings.

Members of the public addressing City council and boards/commissions on a specific project or proposal are requested to disclose any personal interest or relationship; and any business, professional, or financial interests with any individual, group, project or proposal regarding the subject matter under review. Members of the public should always err on the side of more public disclosure, not less, in order to provide integrity to the public process.”

Agenda Item No. 9 – Public Hearing On 2021 Tentative Proposed Millage Rate and Tentative Budget For The City Of Dunnellon For The 2021-2022 Budget Year (Advertised On Property Tax Notice)

Mayor White said, “This is a public hearing on the tentative proposed millage rate and tentative budget for the City of Dunnellon for the 2021-2022 budget year. The tentative millage rate for the City of Dunnellon is 6.5000, which is 3.18% greater than the rolled back rate of 6.2995. The tentative budget proposed is \$4,152,556.00.”

Mayor White gaveled down and said, "It is now 6:10 p.m. and I open the public hearing for staff to first make a presentation, and then to anyone wishing to address the City Council on either the proposed millage rate or 2021-2022 budget."

He called upon staff to make a presentation as to the millage rate and budget.

Jan Smith read her budget message into the record as follows:

"Honorable Mayor and City Council

Pursuant to Part 1, Section 20 of the City Charter, the proposed budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022 is submitted for review and adoption by the City Council.

The first document is the FY 2021-2022 Proposed Budget Summary. This document provides a line item review of multiple prior fiscal years actuals, FY 2020-2021 budget, actuals as of June 30, 2021 and projected year end 2021. This document is designed to provide the reader the opportunity to make a comparison between FY 2020-2021 and the proposed budget for FY 2021-2022.

The second document, FY 2021-2022 Detail Line Item Budget, provides the individual amounts that make up the total of each line item. These two documents combined represent the City's budget plan for the upcoming fiscal year.

Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Highlights General Fund

Transfers-in are projected to come in under budget primarily due to capital projects advancing to the new fiscal year as follows:

- Repaving Ohio and Cedar Streets-\$548,000
- Construction/Rehabilitation of the Police Facility-\$365,000
- Continuation of the City's storm water asset mapping project in the amount of \$122,500 as match for a grant from South West Florida Water Management District. The City is responsible for 50% of the cost of the project for a total of \$142,500.
- Replacement of City Hall carpet and flooring-\$32,268

Revenue is projected to come in over budget primarily due to the following:

- Taxes are estimated to come in \$185,335 greater than budget primarily due to continuation of the 1% Discretionary Sales Surtax for an additional 4 years
- Building permit revenue is projected to be greater than budget \$25,662.

Expenses for FY2020-2021 are projected to be \$1,005,660 under budget. This is primarily due to:

- Projects carried forward or postponed as outlined in the transfers-in portion of this report.

The net effect to the overall General Fund budget is a projected surplus of \$271,259 that will be deposited into reserves subject to year-end audit as follows:

- 1% Discretionary Sales Surtax - \$188,859 – due to extension of voter approved tax.
- \$12,953 to be reserved for capital expenditures per the City’s Fund Balance Policy.
- \$69,447 – General Fund Unrestricted reserve

This is a result of staff managing the General Fund budget six consecutive years without needing to draw from reserves to cover operating costs.

As of June 30, 2021 the General Fund cash on hand is \$5,594,528. These funds are allocated among unassigned, assigned, and committed reserves with varying restrictions as to when and how they are used either by Council or State Statute.

General Fund Accomplishments –

- Water, sewer and road resurfacing improvements in the Historic District are complete. The City received grant funding from DEO and the State Legislature that provided funding in the amount of \$950,000 for the \$1.1M project. The City contribution to the project was \$103,357 for road resurfacing.
- Construction of a 33 space parking lot – Short Tower Way-\$148,654.
- Fulfilled Goal #3 of the Economic Development Strategy “Promote Entrepreneurship” by providing the venue for the CEP Fast Track Program.
- Departmental/Staff restructure for a net savings of \$22,635
- Other capital needs or projects addressed:
 - City Beach shade shelter
 - 3 Patrol Vehicles-75% grant funded through USDA
 - Increased police presence on the Rainbow River
 - Completed 1st full year of Fund Balance Policy implementation
- As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic city staff continued the availability of multiple options for the public to participate in City meetings. The public can participate in-person or remotely through the Zoom webinar platform or view the City’s YouTube Channel.

Tax Increment Financing District (CRA)

Expenses:

- Construction of a 73 space parking lot, resurfaced basketball court and construction of a pickle ball court at Ernie Mills Park - \$408,191
- Funding reserved and set aside for grants to residential and commercial property owners to assist with property renovations \$70,390. To date applications in the amount of \$2,880 have been received and processed.
- On February 11, 2019 City Council moved to authorize Marion County to commence with the Blue Run of Dunnellon Park restroom project in accordance with the Management Plan, site plan and construction drawings as presented by Marion County. Of the \$30,000

contribution \$12,000 remains in the budget towards design & permitting and has been carried forward to FY2021-2022. Marion County is overseeing the project and to date has not pulled the building permits with the City.

- 125 Anniversary Park. \$47,507 has been carried forward to FY2021-2022.

Grant funding with FDOT in the amount of \$3M for a Multi-Modal Enhancement project for redesign and inclusion of a bike path along East Pennsylvania Ave./CR 484 to include bridge construction within the project area is pending. The CRA board has committed \$350,000 over the next seven years as a local match to help fund this project. The City, through an interlocal agreement with Marion County, will set aside a minimum of \$50,000 per year. To date \$303,760 has been set aside.

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Highlights

This will be the 5th year the City has successfully held the millage rate at 6.5 mills after reducing it from 7.5 mills. The 6.5 millage rate is 3.18% greater than the rollback rate of 6.2995 mills. Property values have increased approximately 4% citywide. The City will realize an increase of \$59,231 in ad valorem proceeds by keeping the millage rate the same as FY 2020-2021. The proposed millage rate for the Certification of Taxable Value is 7.0 mills, which was approved at the July 14, 2021 council meeting. The budget is balanced without utilizing reserves to offset operational cost.

Budget workshops were held July 7th, July 21st, August 18th and September 1st. Two public hearings with regard to the millage rate and the budget will be held on September 13th and September 27th at 5:30 pm.

General Fund

The FY 2021-2022 proposed General Fund Operating Budget is \$4,152,556 and consists of the following percentages of the total budget: Personnel Expenses 34.2%, Operating Expenses 24.0%, Grants .1%, Capital Expenses 37.1% and Debt Service 4.2%. \$15,642 or .4% of budget will be retained and deposited into the restricted capital reserve at September 30, 2021 in compliance with the City's Fund Balance Policy.

Expenses have increased over FY 2020-2021 by \$41,806. This is primarily due to the new contractual obligation with Marion County for call taking and 911.

Staff and City Council are both committed to continue the pursuit of additional revenue opportunities and reducing expenses in an effort to enhance the General Fund.

Tax Increment Financing District (CRA)

The proposed FY 2021-2022 Tax Increment Financing District (TIFD) budget is \$624,714, a 16% decrease over FY 2020-2021. This is primarily due to a decrease in funding from reserves for capital projects. The TIFD Fund operating budget consists of the following percentages of the total budget:

Personal Expenses 7.3%, Operating Expenses 9.5%, Capital Expenses 67.2% and Grants & Aid 16.1%.

Capital projects funded in the proposed budget are:

- Marion County to construct a restroom facility at Blue Run Park. This project will be funded by Marion County and supplemental HUD grant funding. In FY 2016-2017 the City appropriated \$30,000 to this project. \$18,000 was spent in FY 2016-2017 and the balance of \$12,000 has been carried forward toward design and permitting.
- W. Pennsylvania Ave. Streetscape-PH II. This project is a continuation from FY 2018-2019 (PH 1). The Irrigation system was installed in FY 2018-19, in FY 2020-21 landscaping has been completed and park benches were purchased. Continuation of PH II entertains the concept of intersection upgrades US41/CR484, gateway infrastructure and stamped brick concrete \$50,000.
- Historic District gateway signs \$25,000.
- Ernie Mills beautification project \$10,000.
- 125th Anniversary Park - The project budget is \$47,507. Council has committed \$23,400 from CRA. The remaining project balance will be funded by donations. However, as a redesign is addressed, modifications may be necessary.
- Wayfinding Signage (Economic Development Strategy) \$25,000.
- Vacant or underutilized buildings analysis (Economic Development Strategy) \$25,000

Other Highlights

- Part-time Police Officer moving to full-time \$27,013
- New full-time Public Works Service Worker \$39,564
- Contracted 911 and call taking with Marion County \$33,523
- Contracted information technology support \$29,568
- ZOOM webinar service \$2,880
- Captioning services \$7,900
- Contracted Animal Control Service with Marion County \$4,257
- Archiving for Social Media (Facebook and YouTube) \$2,700
- Implement electronic vendor payments \$1,400
- Munis Financial System upgrade \$6,400
- Public Works vehicle replacement funded by the 1% Discretionary Sales Surtax \$170,000
- FDLE Justice Assistance Grant \$5,081 with no City match for a desktop computer and an in-car camera system
- Third year of successfully funding Council contingency. \$40,824 to meet unanticipated expenses or to be transferred to capital reserve at year end.
- Employee performance based merit program \$21,130
- 2nd year of compliance with Fund Balance Policy for capital reserve \$15,642

Staff has successfully acclimated to the operating adjustments and workload shift caused by personnel and departmental restructuring. Council's participation, guidance and overall support of staff's efforts is greatly appreciated. This concludes staff's presentation and review of prior year accomplishments and new fiscal year goals."

Mrs. Odom thanked Mrs. Smith for all of her assistance, stating she could not have done this without her.

Mayor White called for public comments on either the proposed millage rate or budget. There were none.

Mayor White gaveled down and stated, "It is now 6:27 p.m. and I close the public hearing held to discuss the proposed millage rate and 2021-2022 budget."

Agenda Item No. 10 – Proposed Resolution #RES2021-11, Setting Tentative 2021 Tax Millage Rate

Mayor White asked for public comments. There were none.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved Resolution #RES2021-11 be read into the record. Councilwoman Cabbage seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all members were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Mrs. Odom read the following resolution into the record:

"RESOLUTION #RES2021-11
CITY OF DUNNELLO
A RESOLUTION TENTATIVELY SETTING THE TAX MILLAGE FOR THE YEAR 2021

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Dunnellon met on September 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 20750 River Dr., Dunnellon, FL 34431, to consider the tentative amount of the tax millage to be collected on all real and personal property in the City of Dunnellon, Florida for the year 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined the tentative millage on all real and personal properties in the City of Dunnellon shall be set at 6.5000 mills which is 3.18% greater than the rolled-back rate of 6.2995 mills.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council for the City of Dunnellon, Florida that: The tax millage on all real and personal properties in the City of Dunnellon for the year 2021 is tentatively set at 6.5000 mills.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 13th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021."

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved Resolution #RES2021-11 setting the tentative millage rate of 6.5000 for the year 2021-2022 be approved as read. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all members were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Mayor White stated, "For the record, the tentative millage rate now adopted by the City Council is 3.18% greater than the rolled back rate of 6.2995."

Agenda Item No. 11 – Proposed Resolution #RES2021-12 Setting the Tentative FY2021- 2022 General Fund Budget

Mayor White called for public comments. There were none.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved Resolution #RES2021-12 be read into the record. Councilwoman Cubbage seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all members were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Mrs. Odom read the following into the record:

"RESOLUTION #RES2021-12
CITY OF DUNNELLON
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Dunnellon met on September 13, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 20750 River Dr., Dunnellon, FL 34431, to consider the adoption of a tentative budget for the fiscal year 2021-2022; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Dunnellon has determined that the budget will be \$4,152,556.00 for the City of Dunnellon.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council for the City of Dunnellon, Florida that: The budget for the City of Dunnellon has been tentatively set for \$4,152,556.00

DULY ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON THE 13th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021."

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved Resolution #RES2021-12 setting the tentative FY2021-2022 General Fund Budget in the amount to \$4,152,556.00 be approved as read. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all members were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Approval of Tentative Tax Increment Financing District Budget

Mayor White called for public comments. There were none.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved the tentative FY2021-2022 Tax Increment Financing District budget in the amount of \$624,714.00 be approved as presented. Councilwoman Kenny seconded the motion.

Mayor White called for comments from Council. There were none. A vote was taken and all members were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Council Discussion on Modular Buildings

Mayor White remarked on the concept of the modular buildings and stated what it would mean to move forward with this type of building as a new police station. He spoke to the benefits of a modular building versus brick and mortar or remodel.

Councilwoman Cabbage spoke about how funds could be available to purchase a lot and then a modular building for a new police department. She stated she would create a flow chart for the next workshop.

Councilwoman Kenny stated even though there is a lot going on, it is important for the public and police to know the need for a safe place for our police to work is a priority.

Councilwoman Williams said hopefully the former Souls Harbor Church will be sold quickly so it is not another year or two before the police have decent working conditions.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar said it is great there are options out there. However, with her background and knowledge it does not seem reasonable to assume it is going to be a quick process of selling a property the City currently owns and finding a new option for a police building. She said it bothers her we are not doing our due diligence because there is no set plan.

Mayor White reminded everyone the composition of the Council has changed since the purchase of the former Souls Harbor Church was agreed upon. Mayor White said right now this is nothing more than discussion and Council is trying to come up with facts. He said Chief McQuaig is working with the modular builder by giving him an idea of the size of the building and needs of the department. Mrs. Odom said it has been received and was forwarded to Council earlier in the day. Mayor White showed Council photos of a possible site to build a new police station at the junction of Powell and Illinois Streets. He commented about the monies already budgeted, the monies already spent on the purchase of the former Souls Harbor Church (which could end up a profit upon sale) and potential monies which could be a profit for the sale of the current police property.

Councilwoman Cabbage said it is an awesome potential site. Councilwoman Williams commented it is still within the Historic District and a residential area. Councilwoman Williams commented her church might have a problem if there was a funeral service and emergency vehicles were leaving. Chief McQuaig said it was a great site regarding location and commented it was a beautiful piece of property. Vice-Mayor Hanchar said basically it is the same location as Ohio Street and would have all the same positives and negatives. She also said she has done a market analysis and was planning on listing the property. Mayor White asked Mrs. Smith if Council could move forward now knowing the funds would be replenished after the sale of the former Souls Harbor Church. She replied yes, but there would be concern of it holding up monies for current projects. She said Council would probably want to do a resolution stating any monies used would be put back into reserves. Mayor White asked about the \$365,000 already in budget and available for use.

Mayor White directed staff to place this item on the next workshop for further discussion.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Council Liaison Reports and Comments

Vice-Mayor Hanchar stated she has provided TPO information during the last two meetings, so she has nothing further to add.

Mayor White commented everyone has the proposal from the modular company and site cost. He remarked everyone should always give a 10-15% variance on costs. He discussed the FDOT meeting regarding moving the crosswalk on US 41. He explained the issue for the businesses are location of the turn lanes. He said FDOT has promised they will be returning with new revisions. Mayor White and others were asked to speak at a 911 Remembrance in Blue Cove and commented it was a true privilege. He said he was asked by a resident to inquire if the City ever sprays for mosquitos. Mr. Slattery said it was cut out of the budget years ago. He said they had considered reviving the service, but it is a huge expense with no reward. He added there are registered bee hives in the area and the spray kills the bees.

Councilwoman Williams stated there was a memorial service for Jeanine Belcher and asked for those who pray to do so for her husband and any others suffering from COVID.

Councilwoman Cabbage commented about the remembrance of 911 with specific regard to Muslims and the positive impacts they have had in our country.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Department Head Comments

Troy Slattery said his only project this week is to resolve the flooding in Vogt Springs. Mayor White asked him to comment on the volunteer program. Mr. Slattery said he spoke with Kathy Dunn today and she has assured him more projects are coming. Mr. Slattery said the City Beach pavilion will be started and the Ernie Mills bathrooms are almost complete.

Councilwoman Cabbage asked if Mr. Slattery has ever thought about the snakes and gators in the flooding areas. Mr. Slattery said he is working diligently to resolve the issues without getting SWFMD involved.

Chief McQuaig reported one page of the email Council received earlier with the building plans needs to be destroyed. He commented it is not public information and is exempt. Attorney Hand said it would be best to return the email to the City Clerk.

Mrs. Odom stated next Wednesday is career day at the High School and they are looking for businesses to speak. She said Lt. Yox has volunteered to go and speak to the students about a career as a police officer.

Agenda Item No. 16 – City Attorney’s Report

Attorney Hand said he was asked to look into funding for the DCBA to support a tourism website. He said the Attorney General opinion advises general purpose grants are prohibited under the constitution. He said with this particular case if council maintains appropriate control of funds and

it is specifically for tourism, he does not believe it would be a problem for Council to move forward with this funding if they choose to do so. Mayor White asked Mrs. Odom to place this item on the next workshop agenda.

Mayor White asked Mrs. Odom if there was a date for the Blue Run Park discussion. Mrs. Odom stated there is a special workshop scheduled on October 6th at 3:30 p.m. She discussed the schedule sent to Council for approval of the Blue Run Park Rules & Regulations.

Councilwoman Cabbage asked when discussion would be continued about Rainbow River Kayak's proposed commercial use agreement. Mayor White stated unless someone on Council asks for its consideration, it does not need to be discussed. Councilwoman Cabbage asked for it to be added to the agenda for further discussion because it appears it is an illegal use of the park. Mayor White clarified if the Ordinance passes, commercial use will be prohibited. Mrs. Odom asked her to clarify if she wanted to speak to the commercial aspect of the Ordinance or to the proposed agreement from Rainbow River Kayak. Councilwoman Cabbage stated the Ordinance itself and therefore withdrew her request to have it added to the agenda in lieu of the special workshop planned.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Adjourn

At approximately 7:24 p.m., Councilwoman Cabbage motioned to adjourn and Vice-Mayor Hanchar seconded. A vote was taken and all members were in favor. The motion passed 5-0.

Attest:

Penned Signature of
Amanda Odom, CMC
City Clerk

Penned Signature of
William P. White, Mayor