

City of Dunnellon
City Council Workshop

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Date: November 03, 2021

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: City Hall

20750 River Dr., Dunnellon, FL34431

Public Comment

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Members of the public who wished to participate were encouraged to register in advance by Noon on Wednesday, November 03, 2021.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:

Mayor White called the meeting to order at approximately 5:35 p.m. and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked if any invitee or volunteer was present to open with prayer. Pastor Tom Welch provided the invocation.

Roll Call

Bill White, Mayor, Seat 1

Louise Kenny, Councilwoman, Seat 2 - Absent

Anita Williams, Councilwoman, Seat 3

Valerie Hanchar, Vice-Mayor, Seat 4

Jan Cabbage, Councilwoman, Seat 5

Staff Present

Mandy Odom, City Clerk

Jan Smith, Finance Officer

Chief Mike McQuaig, Police Department

Troy Slattery, Public Works Manager

Georgina Cid, Community Development Manager

Julie Danowski, Records Clerk

Lt. Shane Yox, Police Department - Absent

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 Wednesday, October 27, 2021, and amended on October 28th to add item number 15 and backup to item number 9 and number 17.

Mayor White welcomed everyone and covered public and Council meeting etiquette.

Agenda Item No. 1 – Traffic Study, Chief McQuaig

Chief McQuaig stated a survey was conducted on US 41 by the County confirming the average vehicle speed is 33 mph. He stated there is not a large speeding problem on this road. He said during the period of April through September the officers made 327 traffic stops and wrote 138 citations, confirming the officers are doing their job.

Agenda Item No. 2 – Public Comments

Susan Jones, 9129 SW 190th Ave., stated while Rainbow Springs Art is marketing their facility, they are also marketing the surrounding area of Dunnellon. She said the Dunnellon Chamber and Business Association mixer was very successful with 50 to 60 business people in attendance. She announced they are offering youth classes every Wednesday in November and named some of the other classes being offered. Ms. Jones shared the business is in support of electric charging stations on their property. Mayor White asked several questions regarding website usage and connectivity with the City. Vice-Mayor Hanchar asserted her idea about the Facebook page would serve the purpose of connecting the local businesses with the City through that platform.

Julianne Mendonca, 11894 E. Blue Cove Dr., stated she would like to see everyone move together as a community. She brought up the Police Station and stated this Council has spent the last year undoing what past Councils have done to allow for better decisions. She followed with stating it is alarming to hear Council say "let's just get it done" and "we've spent too much time talking about this". She would like to see more transparency with regard to future costs for building maintenance and projected police force growth. She would like to see this Council approach it from a practical standpoint and listen to the will of the people.

Jack Roland, 5250 NE 23rd Ave., Ocala, announced he is the Manager of Roberts Funeral Home in Dunnellon. He spoke to the rules and regulations of Dunnellon Memorial Gardens, stating the current document is poorly written. He stated his purpose today is to officially recommend Council to work together to address this and create a strong document everyone can be proud of. He will submit his suggestions in writing in a week to ten days. Mayor White directed staff to work with Mr. Roland to update this document.

Kathy Dunn, 11386 SW Hendrix Dr., thanked Chief McQuaig for putting a flashing speed sign up. She stated they hope to grow Dunnellon as a pedestrian and biking community and her

perception was that people were speeding in town. She spoke about the volunteer group and said they have had two work days. She stated the next work day is November 19, where they will finish the exterior beautification of City Hall. She brought up the drug test at Care Spot in Ocala and difficulties experienced there. Mrs. Dunn shared she had to wait an hour even though she had an appointment and she suggested the City use a service located closer to Dunnellon to make it easier for the volunteers.

Bill Vibbert, 9552 SW 192nd Ct. Rd., spoke regarding the Blue Run Park Resolution and stated he has an issue with the format. He stated #RES2015-11 was supposed to be turned into an enforceable Ordinance and he isn't sure why we are creating another unenforceable document. He asserted the framework we are supposed to be using is provided by the FCT and he would like to see Council complete the Ordinance first. Mr. Vibbert spoke to commercial use and said the purpose of the park is to provide passive recreation. He stated the issue is going to keep coming up until the Ordinance is complete.

Chris Anderson, 11463 N. Williams St., stated the City has a lack of transparency. He asserted he is baffled by the lengths the City is going to in an effort to put a local company out of business. He spoke to FCT facts and said private shuttle use is not a disallowable activity. He said he believes Mayor White has a chip on his shoulder about his business specifically. Mr. Anderson stated Rainbow River Conservation is also attacking his business. He claimed the City's elected officials are lying to him, based on the documentation he has received. He quoted an email where Attorney Hand stated his type of business did not appear to violate anything within the Management Plan. He stated he will provide a written document of his words today for Council. Mayor White responded the records are transparent by definition and Mr. Anderson had the emails proving its transparency.

Suzanne Eno, 9220 SW 193rd Circle, stated Chris Anderson started his business without checking the rules and regulations first. She said she wonders how Marion County would react to his conducting his business illegally.

Agenda Item No. 3 – Dunnellon Chamber & Business Association Report

Judy Terwilliger, Director, read the following November 2021 DCBA City Council Report:

"Membership Update: Liberty Tax, Victoria Hedrich, Dunnellon Community Services, Optimize my Biz, Aldi, Cell Help, LLC, WRLE 94.9, Air Distributors- The Metal Shop, Sabor Colombiano, Ellen Bollas Transportation, Regions Bank, U-Turn for Christ Florida, 39 Storage LLC, and Liberty Tax. A total of 13 members for October!

Website Update: Our Board of Directors voted to get 3 estimates for the website construction. Requests for estimates went out last week and we are waiting to hear back.

Event Update: *The Two Rivers Music Festival and Food Truck Rally was a great success. We had a large turnout. Thank you to all our bands for keeping us entertained. Our Food trucks were so busy that most of them ran out of food before the event was over. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our community of volunteers for helping during the music festival Dave Fowler and his wife for helping festivalgoers to cross the street. Ruff Pennington for getting change and collecting money from our beer and water tents. Michelle Wooten for running one of our beer tents. A very special thank you to Julie Mancini and her husband Gavin, and Tom and Marilyn Welch. It was a long night for us all. However, even though they were exhausted, Julie and Gavin from running around for 5 hours taking great pictures for us, and Tom and Marilyn Welch for helping to set up and manning a water tent and then staying late to help clean up. Their dedication to the City of Dunnellon and The Chamber is unparalleled. It was a great success thanks to everyone that helped.*

Upcoming Events:

Nov 6th - The Women's Club of Dunnellon will hold a chili lunch from 11-2 at 11756 Cedar St.
Nov 6th - 1st Saturday Market will be held from 8 -2 at Ernie Mills Park. The Board of directors decided to hold it at Ernie Mills Park because it would be in a central area with more parking. Please come shop. So far, we have 12 vendors and 10 businesses offering Saturday Specials.
Nov 13th - The American Legion Craft Show will be held from 9-3 at post 58 10730 US 41.
Nov 17th - Business After Hours starting at 5:30 hosted by Fish-Hawk Spirits 16350 SW 20th lane Ocala.
Dec 2nd - is the official day for Home Depot painting the outside of the Chamber. I have a volunteer sign-up sheet.
Dec 4th - Christmas Parade at 6 pm on Pennsylvania Ave. and Bostick St.
Dec 15th - Business After Hours starting at 5:30 hosted by Ocala Eye 11352 N. Williams St.
Other: November 9th at 6 pm is our next board meeting, and there will be no Dinner Mixers for November & December"

Agenda Item No. 4 – Board Reports

Brenda D'Arville, 11661 Camp Dr., reported on behalf of the Planning Commission. She stated the last meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum. She announced Lisa Sheffield will be returning as an alternate and asked anyone considering serving to please submit an application.

Councilwoman Cabbage reported for the Historic Preservation Board stating there isn't anything of significance to report and the next meeting is cancelled due to lack of business.

Agenda Item No. 5 – Special Presentation: FastTrac Of Dunnellon, Tyler LeCompte, CEP Director Of Entrepreneurship Services

This agenda item has been postponed due to a scheduling error. Mr. LeCompte will be here for the Council meeting on Monday, November 8th.

Mayor White authorized a change in the agenda to allow item number 7 to be moved up.

Agenda Item No. 7 – Dunnellon Little League Update, Adam Parker, President

Adam Parker, 12214 S. Bridges Rd., said he is here to update Council regarding the stadium lights. He provided a history of the lighting issues and was pleased to announce every light in the ball field is now working. He said prior to this, he had seen some kids take balls to the face due to insufficient lighting. He informed Council they did not use all the funds for the lights and he would like permission to use the rest of the funds for other maintenance issues around the ball park. Mayor White directed Mrs. Odom to add this to Monday's agenda.

Agenda Item No. 6 – Presentation: Chris Shurley, The Preserve At Rainbow Springs RV Resort

Chris Shurley, 7770 SE 12th Circle, Ocala, with Pierpont, Collop and Shurley, introduced his landscape architect, Paul Gibbs.

Paul Gibbs, Landscape Architect, 1773 E. Cleveland St., provided a PowerPoint with mapping and photographs of the proposed development. He stated they chose Dunnellon because RV owners are generally outdoors type people and Dunnellon has a great deal of outdoor activities available. He covered zoning, topography, soil, property uses for PUD zoning, the variety of RV sites, public uses (including tennis, pickle ball, horseshoes, and bocce ball), commercial uses, RV and boat storage and mobile RV service. Mr. Gibbs spoke about the amenities for the RV visitors who would stay there such as a pool, playground and dog park. He stated everything included would be utilizing 30 acres. He introduced Mark Schroder, their engineer, and stated he is here for any technical questions Council might have.

Mayor White confirmed the plan is conceptual and asked why they came before the Council prior to the Planning Commission. Mr. Shurley stated Council asked them to do it that way and they just need to know what the next step is. He stated the plan is buttoned up on their side and ready to implement.

Councilwoman Cabbage stated they would have no problem filling those spaces, due to the location and amount of RV's traveling through the area. She asked how they planned to handle the sewage, the number of trees being planted and what kind of surface the RV's will be parked on. Mr. Shurley responded stating they submitted and received approval from FGUA prior to approaching Council with regard to the sewage and stated the RV pads will be concrete utilizing the space underneath the pads for stormwater.

Councilwoman Williams agreed it sounds like a really nice plan. She asked if there would be a charge for the public to utilize the recreation areas and if there was enough parking. Mr. Shurley said there likely would not be a charge and there will be plenty of parking available.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar said she believes it is a great idea. She asked if there would be long term guests living in their RV's there. Mr. Shurley said absolutely, there will be opportunities for people to buy property there. He stated they would only sell a portion, because they want to appeal to everyone. Vice-Mayor Hanchar stated the City has been looking for a place to put a dog park and indicated this might be a good location. She stressed the importance of their taking care of the environment, but she is very excited about the plan.

Mayor White authorized a change in the agenda to allow item number 11 to be moved up.

Agenda Item No. 11 – Agreement #AGR2021-30, Kimley Horn IPO #98 - Dunnellon GIS Tool Development Project, Troy Slattery, Public Works Manager

Mr. Slattery shared he and Mr. Garri have been working on the storm water management and challenges in the City. He introduced Mr. Garri and invited him to speak on this topic.

Alan Garri, 101 E Silver Springs Blvd., provided a PowerPoint presentation and stated this is a multi-faceted GIS tool to help the City prepare both a watershed management plan and stormwater master plan. He stated it is a graphic interphase for staff to use and update among other things. He stated it will help the City stay in compliance with new State regulations, which require municipalities to develop a 20 year needs based analysis for stormwater infrastructure. Mr. Garri provided an example of the interface tool created for Crystal River last year and said with it you can see the layout of the stormwater system, culverts, swales, outfalls and flood prone areas.

Discussion followed with questions from Mayor White regarding how large an area the map would encompass, if it would help Mr. Slattery with the road work, how long the data would be usable and what additional financial responsibility would be required to use the database. Mr. Garri and Mr. Slattery answered the questions stating it would encompass more than the entire City, it would help with the roadway work and the data base would be turned over to the City upon competition with no extra charge to use and maintain it indefinitely.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar asked about adding new business stormwater details to the GIS Tool, referring in particular to the new RV park presented earlier. Mr. Garri said it would be simple to insert their details. Council agreed to add this topic to the Consent Agenda.

Agenda Item No. 8 – Council Discussion: Police Facilities, Location And Construction

Mayor White stated Council is looking for other options for the police station. He said one possible site is on Powell Road and the other possible site is Gruff's Restaurant. He pointed out the need to have them appraised. He is aware Council is in the same situation with Gruff's as they were with the former Souls Harbor Church, except the Gruff's location with parking is ideal. He asserted it comes down to what the City can afford and do. He commented the Powell Road property with a modular building simplifies the process and provides a brand-new building exactly the way the police want it, along with providing a firm financial number.

Mrs. Odom asked if Council would like staff to obtain appraisals for both sites. She stated the charge will be \$5,750 for both sites and the turnaround time is 4 to 6 weeks. She shared Gruff's last asking price was \$950,000, but she explained to the owner the City would not pay more than the appraised value.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar stated Gruff's would be a wonderful location, but isn't sure how the City would be able to spend a million dollars plus renovations. She also stated by taking over Gruff's the City would lose a large portion of its tax base. She stated her first choice is the former Souls Harbor Church, second choice is Gruff's and her third choice would be Powell Road. She said she believes the City can obtain a ball park estimate quickly.

Councilwoman Cabbage stated she would like to see the appraised values and both the Gruff's and Powell Road properties would be an asset to the City. She would like to hear Chief McQuaig's vision regarding how the Gruff's building could work for him.

Councilwoman Williams commented she would like to see the appraisal too.

Mrs. Smith stated the City does have the funds in reserve, but asked if Council was willing to deplete the reserve. She asserted financing should be discussed, to see what a lender would allow and at what interest rate. She said the only revenue source we would have to pledge is the one cent sales tax and if financing can come through, the purchase is doable. She also advised the funds from the sale of the former Souls Harbor Church and the old police department would replenish the reserves. Council agreed to add this topic to the Consent Agenda.

Agenda Item No. 9 – CRA Grants, Georgina Cid, Community Development Manager (backup to be provided)

Ms. Cid read the following from the Agenda Summary:

“The CRA Board developed a grant program which will assist in the distribution of funds to incentivize both residential and/or commercial property owners to improve the exterior appearance of their properties. Three options will be presented, outlining the process of grant funds reimbursement, for Council's consideration and approval as follows:

Option #1 will assist 12 properties in need;

Option #2 will assist 20 properties in need;

and Option #3 will assist 5 properties in need.

Staff recommends Council consider the approval of Option #2 for the current fiscal year; allowing 20 properties in great need of assistance within the Historic District to take advantage of this assistance, and to maximize the impact of available grant funds. This will further expand and create the basis for the economic development and revitalization campaign of downtown

Main Street in years to come. Additional funding will be directed to assist the rest of the CRA District within FY2022-2023 Budget.”

Discussion followed with Ms. Cid sharing details of the three options and answering Council questions such as citizens need to pay upfront and be reimbursed, the need for CRA Board approval and the legality of limiting the grants to one section of the City. Council agreed to add this to the CRA Board agenda.

Agenda Item No. 10 – Agreement #AGR2021-17, DEO Technical Assistance Community (TAC) Grant – Historic District Enhancement Plan Implementation, Georgina Cid, Community Development Manager

Ms. Cid read the following from the Agenda Summary:

“The City has been awarded a grant from the Department of Economic Opportunity to implement priority action items identified in the Historic Enhancement Plan that was presented to Council March 17, 2021. This grant will position the City with the flexibility to support redevelopment within the Historic District, US 41 and the Water Oriented District.”

Mrs. Smith stated the scope of work has been submitted and staff is requesting Council to authorize Mayor White to sign it when it’s received.

Discussion followed regarding the enhancement plan Ken Metcalf provided and whether or not the City would be bound to follow that plan if this grant was accepted. Councilwoman Cabbage said she is opposed to following Mr. Metcalf’s plan and believes this is an extension of it. Mrs. Odom stated we wouldn’t have to, however we would have to hire a different planner and start over. Mrs. Smith stated this is simply an infrastructure plan to position the City for the future and give the next Council flexibility. She claimed it does not bind the City to Mr. Metcalf. Ms. Cid stated it would be beneficial to have this grant and doesn’t see how it would hurt the City in any way. Council agreed to add this topic to the Meeting Agenda.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Lease Agreement #LEA2021-02, Holiday Light Pole Decorations – Troy Slattery, Public Works Manager

Mr. Slattery stated this is a standard lease with Clarks to put up the City’s Holiday lighting. Mayor White suggested Mr. Slattery speak with them about providing something different this year. Council agreed to add this topic to the Consent Agenda.

Agenda Item No. 13 – Purchase Request – Ford F-250 Super Duty Crew Cab Pickup Truck – Troy Slattery, Public Works Manager

Mr. Slattery spoke to the purchase request for a new vehicle order, which was an approved item in the budget. He stated the truck ordered last year will arrive the first week in December

and he would like to put in for next year's vehicle. He described the features of the vehicle he is interested in. Council agreed to add this topic to the Consent Agenda.

Agenda Item No. 14 – Resolution #RES2021-20, Credit/Debit Card Surcharge – Jan Smith, Finance Manager

Mrs. Smith reported on October 6, 2021 City Council authorized staff to proceed with the implementation of a Credit/Debit card surcharge in the amount of 3.2% per transaction. This fee will be paid by the card holder and used to offset the amount the City pays to process credit/debit cards. In order to enact a surcharge City Council must adopt Resolution #RES2021-20.. Council agreed to add this topic to the Meeting Agenda.

Agenda Item No. 15 – Resolution #RES2021-16, Readopting The March 2008 Blue Run Park Management Plan As Amended

Attorney Hand provided an update since the draft Ordinance was completed and submitted to planning. He stated FCT has also looked at it. He spoke to the emotion coming from citizens who will be regulated by this Ordinance. He asserted this Council has received all the correspondences and everyone has been kept abreast of the changes as they occurred. Attorney Hand attempted to explain where the confusion originated from a citizen who spoke earlier and said it has to do with references to FCT, a compliance audit and the Management Plan. He provided details regarding the history of those documents and how the confusion was born. He said FCT has no issue with the Management Plan nor the draft Ordinance and the City has the right to regulate Blue Run Park.

He stated the Management Plan change was initially scheduled to alter the fishing rules in the interior pond, but Council had decided to incorporate the newly crafted commercial use definition because it was not defined in the Management Plan. He then described the steps Council would have to take to make this effective.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar stated the Resolution the City currently has in place is not enforceable by the police and is the reason this project began. Attorney Hand commented the Management Plan states the rules of the park should be in Ordinance form. He said the Ordinance doesn't become part of the Management Plan, but the definitions of the rules are being put into it.

Councilwoman Cabbage asked why the word "agreement" is used instead of the word "contract". Attorney Hand explained agreement and contract are interchangeable, but agreement is the preferred term.

Mrs. Odom explained there is no definition for commercial use in the management plan and Attorney Hand is taking the definition created for the Ordinance and is simply adding it into the Management Plan so the two are consistent.

Mayor White explained the history of why the County has the right, and others do not, to shuttle people from Blue Run Park. He asked Attorney Hand for assurance the wording doesn't allow anything different. Council agreed to add this topic to the Consent Agenda, authorizing staff to forward the proposed resolution to FCT for review and comment.

Agenda Item No. 16 – City Clerk Evaluation (backup to be provided)

Mayor White summarized the compiled information Mrs. Odom provided from Council. He stated her scores were high and she received strong marks in all categories, with positive comments. He stated this review warrants her to receive a 3% merit increase. Mayor White complimented her on stepping into a difficult situation over the last six months. He finished by stating he had a great deal of appreciation for her work and said other people trust and appreciate her as well.

Council agreed to add this topic to the Consent Agenda.

Agenda Item No. 17 – Board Appointments

Ms. Cid is seeking Council approval to renew Jane Keele for an additional 3-year term. She stated Mr. James Burchett gave a verbal resignation effective October 19, 2021 and is seeking approval to appoint First Alternate, Wilton Martins to fulfill Mr. Burchett's unexpired term of November 08, 2021 through January 22, 2024. She requested to appoint Lisa Sheffield for First Alternate, 3-year term, effective November 08, 2021. Council agreed to add this topic to the Consent Agenda.

Agenda Item No. 18 – Boat Launch/Parking Fee – Mayor White

Mayor White shared the history of the Agreement with the state regarding the control of parking lot and boat ramp. He stated one of the challenges has been how to increase revenue from the influx of tourists coming into Dunnellon. He said the Council of 2018 passed a parking Ordinance that is currently in place allowing the City to put in parking meters and with the end of the State Agreement, we are now in a position to re-examine that Ordinance. Mayor White shared the options and stated with the number of vehicles and trailers parking here he estimates an income of \$300 - \$500 per day. Discussion followed with ideas including annual passes for residents and vehicle stickers. Mayor White asked the Council to consider this and asked Mrs. Odom to add the topic to the December workshop.

Agenda Item No. 19 – Council Comments

Councilwoman Cabbage stated Nine Island Cove has been named a historical archeological site in the State of Florida and claimed it opens grant opportunities for the city of Dunnellon. She stated Visit Florida also has grants available for historical sites. She shared the Historical Society has hosted another great fundraiser and she encouraged everyone to keep going to the Depot to enjoy the dinners at the Whistle Stop Café.

Councilwoman Cabbage stated she sustained a small field fire on her farm. She said her farm shares a right away with the State Park and a dead tree from the park fell on the power lines causing the fire. She said a state employee informed her they tried to have the dead trees removed, but they have had confrontations with City of Dunnellon employees. Mrs. Odom asserted she will look into the situation.

Councilwoman Williams shared her church has a new pastor and he would be inviting Mayor White and Chief McQuaig to his installation service.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar spoke about the length of the meetings and suggested finding a way to shorten them. She stated 22 items on the agenda is too much. She also spoke about a minor traffic accident at the cross walk in front of City Hall, due to a pedestrian in the walk way. She stated the cross-walk button doesn't work and she has a call into TPO and FDOT to have it repaired. Vice-Mayor Hanchar also mentioned the US 41 widening project has been cancelled due to a lack of funding.

Mayor White spoke in response to the accident and the cross-walk. He stated FDOT has again modified the cross-walk plan and this time there doesn't seem to be any negative issues from the businesses affected. Mrs. Odom read an email received from Su Hao, FDOT Project Manager, into the record:

"We did some further brainstorming on the new location for the midblock crossing and came up with some minor tweaks, please see attached for the updated concept. Even though these changes are minor in comparison to what we had accomplished previously, we believe that by moving the crosswalk to line up with the raised median, we can effectively eliminate the potential conflicts with the left turn vehicles. Safety is one of our most important priorities, so we wanted to make sure that we deliver the most refined design possible.

With this concept, we will need to build a small landing pad on the Blue Gator side. This is feasible since this would still be within our right-of-way, with the light blue line representing our recorded right-of-way limits. As shown on the concept, the WB-40 design truck can still make all the left turn movements as is the case today."

Mayor White stated as long as the plan isn't impacting the businesses vehicle turns, they are okay with it. Chief McQuaig stated he didn't see any safety related issues with the plan.

Mayor White publicly offered accolades to Paul Marraffino for his work on the Blue Run Park Ordinance project.

Agenda Item No. 20 – Department Head Comments

Mrs. Odom informed Council staff started working on the Facebook page and has scheduled a January 1st launch. She stated Ms. Cid will begin providing monthly reports for the Community Development Department. Mrs. Odom announced a person stopped by today asking to provide a short presentation on charging stations during the Monday meeting and discussion followed. Council asked Mrs. Odom to add the presentation to the December workshop, rather than the meeting, stating meeting presentations should be initiated by Council.

Agenda Item No. 21 – City Attorney Comments

Attorney Hand stated he had nothing further.

Agenda Item No. 22 – Public Comments

Brenda D'Arville, 11661 Camp Dr., spoke regarding the police station and suggested a third option to consider. She stated Gary's Carpet is for sale and they are asking \$300,000 but they would take any reasonable offer. She believes demolishing that building and the old police station next door could provide the property for their new modular building.

Burt Eno, 9220 SW 193rd Circle, stated he is the President of Rainbow River Conservation and offered his welcome to Ms. Cid. He spoke about getting close to finishing the Blue Run Park rules. Mayor White responded the goal is have this in place prior to the next season and said January or February at the latest. He stated two public hearings are required. Attorney Hand inserted that by putting this in the Management Plan, it will also require a commercial use agreement.

Mr. Eno said they are pushing pretty hard for Nine Island Cove to be on the Florida Forever program. He stated the Florida Forever projects which are waiting for approval have to go to the Governor prior to being classified in the program and the Governor won't be able to address it until June.

Mr. Eno stated the Wildlife Corridor Coalition will have a meeting in a couple weeks and suggested someone from Council and Ms. Cid attend it in an effort to help the coalition. Mr. Eno talked about the agreement pertaining to the Historic District. He stated it is a matter of implementing Mr. Metcalf's report. He said he believes the Council would be dishonest by accepting the grant and trying to rework it. Council discussion followed regarding whether or not to accept the grant at all. Council agreed to add this to the Meeting Agenda for further discussion.

Suzanne Eno, 9220 SW 193rd Circle, agrees with Mr. Eno and said she sees no point in taking a grant with the supposition that something may be taken from Mr. Metcalf's plan and used. She stated it is ludicrous to follow up with something no one likes.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:11 p.m.

Attest:

Penned signature of:
Amanda Odom, CMC
City Clerk

Penned signature of:
William P. White, Mayor