

**City of Dunnellon  
City Council Meeting  
Zoom Meeting**

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Meeting ID:893 4000 0199

Date: July 11, 2022

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: City Hall, 20750 River Dr., Dunnellon, FL 34431

**Dunnellon City Council meeting attendance information.**

Anyone who wished to provide public comment was able to do so by participating in the City Council meeting in person, via the Zoom "AUDIO ONLY" platform and/or telephone, by speaking during public comment portions of the meeting when recognized or by submitting written comments, evidence and/or written testimony in advance of the meeting via email to the City Clerk at [modom@dunnellon.org](mailto:modom@dunnellon.org)

Members of the public who were interested in participating were encouraged to register in advance by Noon on Monday, July 11, 2022. Public input on non-agenda items were heard at the beginning of the meeting with a three (3) minute time limit.

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor White called the meeting to order at approximately 5:33 p.m. and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. He invited any citizen wishing to volunteer to open with prayer. Pastor Tom Welch provided the invocation. Mayor White then called upon the City Clerk to call roll.

**Roll Call**

Bill White, Mayor, Seat 1

Valerie Hanchar, Vice-Mayor, Seat 4

Louise Kenny, Councilwoman, Seat 2

Anita Williams, Councilwoman, Seat 3

Jan Cubbage, Councilwoman, Seat 5

**Staff Present**

Mandy Odom, City Clerk

Troy Slattery, Public Works Manager

Jan Smith, Finance Officer

Georgina Cid, Community Development Manager

Julie Danowski, Records Clerk

Chief McQuaig, Police Department

Lt. 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, July 07, 2022.

One or more members of the City of Dunnellon advisory boards may have attended this meeting and may have spoken to Council.

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 proceeded under Roberts Rules of Order and Chair conducted the meeting. Council was advised to wait to be acknowledged before speaking.

**Mayor White called for Council comments regarding the agenda.**

Mayor White stated he was notified the May 9<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes are not available today and will need to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

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

Susan Jones, Rainbow Springs Art, stated she was unable to make the Workshop so she is presenting the update today instead. Mrs. Jones read the following into the record:

“New Programs

*RSA has initiated a new program of FREE informational talks, demonstrations, and roundtable discussions. Each month a new topic is selected, and speaker or facilitator identified to host the Gallery Gathering. Response to the first two Gatherings on ` Social Media for beginners' was excellent. Gatherings scheduled include:*

- Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> Setting up a Festival Booth for Success*
- Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> Putting your Ideas on Canvas— Sketch to Finish*
- Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> Gallery Readings— Storing from Artists*

Festival March 18, 2023

*Business sponsors make this event possible. Support for an art scholarship is a direct benefit of the festival. Scholarship donations can now be made online via the web site [rainbowspringsart.com/art-scholarship.html](http://rainbowspringsart.com/art-scholarship.html)*

Facilities

- 1. Resurfacing of Cedar Street and city parking lot adjoining leased building*
- 2. Painting of the building*
- 3. Schedule for repair of front entrance*

March/April Classes

- Painting with Gauoche*                      *Abstract Butterfly Painting*
- Acrylic Pouring*                              *Basket Weaving*
- Creative and Youth Coaching — by appointment”*

Mrs. Jones said the last roundtable was well attended and lively. She spoke further about the plans for the roundtable meetings, festival date and facility issues that involve budget dollars. She expressed her excitement about the classes they are offering, but said they are not seeing the foot traffic they do in the winter. She stated members of the community who want to learn shouldn't feel intimidated to come forward and take one of the ongoing classes and they allow as few as three to come in for a session. Vice-Mayor Hanchar asked what time the roundtable gatherings are. Mrs. Jones stated she will send the information to Council.

Discussion followed regarding signage at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and US41. Mayor White suggested Mrs. Jones bring signage concepts to Council for review.

Art Jones, 12163 Palmetto Way, stated he went to Rainbow Springs Art and invited them to sculpt otters for their project. He said he was informed they have connections with sculptors. He explained he envisions Dunnellon having otters in the same way Ocala has their painted horses. He added he bounced the idea off the Dunnellon Chamber and Business Association and Julie Mancini thought it was a great idea. He believes it would be a great way to promote Dunnellon and the two rivers.

## **Consent Agenda**

### **Agenda Item No. 01 – City Council Minutes**

May 4, 2022 - City Council Workshop

~~May 9, 2022 – City Council Meeting - Removed~~

~~May 23, 2022 – Special City Council Meeting - Removed~~

### **Agenda Item No. 02 – Authorize Mayor To Sign FEMA Notification Of Withdrawal Of Agreement #AGR2020-23, Grant Award For COVID Related Expenses**

**Public Comment:** There were no public comments.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved the Consent Agenda be approved as amended, removing the May 9<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes. Councilwoman Kenny seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

## **Regular Agenda**

### **Agenda Item No. 03 - Presentation - Marion Transit Services - Clayton Murch, Director Of Transportation**

Mr. Murch stated the services provided to Dunnellon is the Blue Line and Marion Transit is a part of Marion Senior Services. He said Marion Transit has been serving Marion County since 1976 and they are a not for profit service. He explained they are funded by grant programs and he listed the various grants they utilize and what they are for.

Mr. Murch stated Americans with disabilities are 22% of their pickups and City of Ocala is the administrative agency. He said the transportation disadvantaged must qualify and cannot have any other means of transportation. He added rural transportation is committed to provide public transportation to the rural areas and is designed for the disadvantaged, but it is a public service. He added people must call for service, except for the Blue Line which is step on step off. He mentioned they also take care of homeless children's transportation to school.

Mr. Murch stated the Blue Line was developed in 2018 due to increased need and people questioned why they have to go all the way to Ocala when there are City services right here. He provided a list of the bus rules, to include limiting shopping bags to three and seatbelt usage. He said they have seen an upward trend since Covid and they currently offer service Monday through Thursday, but will soon be adding Friday. He added all rides are free of charge.

Councilwoman Kenny asked for pamphlets to review. Councilwoman Williams stated this is a good program and asked where the homeless children are picked up. Mr. Murch replied they will pick them up anywhere. Councilwoman Williams offered to share brochures with her church. Councilwoman Cabbage thanked him for coming and wondered if an article can be placed in the Riverland News. Vice-Mayor Hanchar stated she was in TPO when Blue Line came into business and said the bus drivers are wonderful, treating the riders like family. She asked if a regular rider could bring a visiting child or grandchild with them. Mr. Murch replied those incidents are decided on a case by case basis.

Mayor White thanked Rob Balmes with TPO for coming to the meeting and asked Mrs. Odom to add this information to the City website. He stated the service is wonderful and we should keep brochures in City Hall. He asked further questions of Mr. Murch such as what if someone misses the bus home, how Dunnellon can help promote the service and he suggested they set up a booth at our festivals. Vice-Mayor Hanchar suggested Mr. Murch bring some brochures to the Dunnellon Chamber.

**Agenda Item No. 04 – Presentation - Engineer Report On Agreement #AGR2021-15, DEO TAC Roadway Condition Assessment - Troy Slattery, Public Works Manager**

Mr. Slattery provided a history of the grant award and presented the software created for the City roads. He explained the program only pertains to paved roads and each road is color coded to show what level of work would be required to improve the roads conditions. He mentioned the majority of our roads are in serious or very poor condition.

Mr. Slattery explained the budgeting portion of the software which allows him to add scenarios and points him to the roads that need to be repaired first with the funds available. He stated \$250,000 a year will keep our roads at their current condition, but if we spend \$500,000 per year we should see our roadways begin to improve. He explained further how the system will help plan projects and he stated he would like \$750,000 a year for his road program to continue to make Dunnellon nice. He reminded Council we still have a great number of unpaved roads and people have been waiting a long time for pavement. He asserted his challenge to Council is for them to "find the money" and this program will assist greatly in obtaining grants.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar stated this is a great tool and she wished we had it ten years ago. She asked how it is kept updated. Mr. Slattery replied every time a project is completed it will be updated by the engineers at little or no cost.

Mayor White stated he finds it troubling that \$250,000 only maintains what we have and coming up with consistent annual funding above that amount will be a big challenge. He invited Rob Balmes to come speak to this, as he works with the County in this area. Mr. Balmes stated the TPO is separate from the County and it would be better for Council to speak with the Marion County engineers, as the TPO doesn't get involved with roadway maintenance.

### **Agenda Item No 05 – One Rake At A Time, Rainbow River Restoration Project**

#### **Public Comment:**

Bill Vibbert, 9552 SW 192<sup>nd</sup> Ct. Rd., stated Mr. Jones has a strong interest in improving the river and removing hydrilla, however there are issues with dredging. He spoke about the river bed and the differences between the upper river and the lower river and the success of dredging. He said dredging causes an issue with the benthic life, which are organisms that live at the bottom of the river. He added it is where the clams and cray fish are and what the otters, turtles and other life eat. He stated Rainbow River Conservation would like to hear from various other sources before a project like this is begun.

Tony Mahns, 16642 SW 67<sup>th</sup> Pl., stated he is in support of the Rainbow River restoration and the muck seems to be more of a problem than seems natural. He said he is more disturbed about the hydrilla that is floating downstream than anything else. Vice-Mayor Hanchar stated she was upstream one day and the hydrilla was floating down to them, so it does come out further up than the houses.

Art Jones, 12163 Palmetto Way, stated he is aware there is life beneath the aquatic mats below the surface and all those things are identified during the permitting process. He said once they got rid of the muck and hydrilla from Crystal River, the aquatic life returned. He commented there was a person who was against his work in Kings Bay, but was surprised to see the life returning after the work was complete. He assured everyone this is a five-year project and all the people who need to be involved will be and once the eel grass is restored the river will recover.

Mrs. Odom stated she has two written submissions and read the following into the record:

*"My name is Katie Guice. My husband and I live on 12205 Palmetto Way since 2017. We are passionate about the health and safety of the river and fully support the cleanup effort led by Art Jones, One Rake at a Time. We've been battling the hydrilla for years and have noticed it has gotten worse over time. The silt levels have risen, hydrilla is thick like a carpet in some areas, and the algae that forms is ever-present and chokes out healthy river plants and wildlife. On a monthly basis, we spend about 8-12 hours in the water, physically removing hydrilla but it grows right back within weeks. Some homeowners have given up, and the result is a thick mass of hydrilla from the riverbed to the surface. It creates hazardous conditions for children and inexperienced swimmers that may get caught up in it while swimming or tubing.*

*It is in our community's interest to preserve the health, beauty and safety of the river. We need a long-term solution to the invasive hydrilla epidemic. I believe Mr. Jones has put forth a viable plan for cleanup, removal of silt/hydrilla and algae, and re-planting with eel-grass. We have personally donated money but recognize that to be successful in this endeavor, we will need significant funding from the community, local and state level government. I urge our City Council members to advocate for and financially support the hydrilla cleanup project.*

*Thank you,  
Katie Guice"*

*"Juliane Mendonca, 11894 E, Blue Cove Drive, Dunnellon*

*I urge the City Council to give careful consideration to reviving an old letter of support and donating thousands of tax payer dollars to this project without proper research and education. Voters elected a new majority council so that we could have informed perspectives, not a regurgitation of the past. The presentations by Art Jones and Sea and Shoreline have been very informational and the end goal is what we all desire - river restoration. How many City Council members have done their homework to understand the process? Before you vote yes to donating to this cause can you explain any of the potential risks or downfalls to the proposed plan? Have you seen documentation that permits can, in fact, be obtained from Florida DEP, SWFMD and/or Army Corps of Engineering?*

*How will the process impact the Withlacoochee River and Lake Rousseau?*

*What will be the impact on aquatic life?*

*What will be the longevity of results?*

*Where will the taxpayer donations go if the total fundraising efforts fall short?*

*What mechanisms are in place for financial accountability and transparency when seeking donations for such a large scale effort?*

*If these are questions that Council cannot answer, I would understand. I certainly cannot answer them. That is why I will outreach to qualified people at the DEP, The Florida Springs Council and Rainbow River Conservation to learn more and see if their perspectives align with Art's presentations. If they do, I will support donations to the effort.*

*I appreciate Art Jones and his passion - but feeling confident behind the science of this project is what is most important. Taxpayer donations will be of no consequence if we are ill informed."*

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved to ratify the letter of support for Art Jones, One Rake at a Time, for the Rainbow River restoration project. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Cabbage asked Mr. Jones what the total dollar amount is for the entire project. Mr. Jones stated the lower river is 25 acres and they will need 10 million dollars for the project, but right now they are only seeking a survey to see what needs to be done. He added the money will fund maintenance, to be sure the eel grass survives. Councilwoman Cabbage stated this should be a bidding process as there are three other companies that do this. She said this is not a bay and she was told by one of the engineers this will be a tough project because of the current. She spoke about turbidity screens, river current, empty muck pits filling back in with river debris,

the associated companies that need to be involved and Lake Rousseau. Mr. Jones stated he has contacted the other companies and they wouldn't be appropriate for this project. He added he trusts Sea-N-Shoreline.

Mayor White reread the letter already signed and provided to Mr. Jones. He stated this is a generic letter stating we are in support of the Rainbow River and what Mr. Jones is trying to do.

Councilwoman Kenny stated this discussion is considerably deeper than what has been heard before. She said she agrees with Mrs. Mendonca's statement and suggested tabling it to allow Council additional time to consider it.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar stated this is a not a City project but a community project. She said it would be wonderful for Mr. Jones and One Rake at a Time to have a gathering somewhere and provide an education to the community. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

Mayor White explained, per an earlier conversation, there was a second part to the proposed motion which included a donation from the City. He stated Council is struggling with that part because there isn't any official documentation from anyone with expertise in the area. He suggested Mr. Jones obtain letters of support from other entities, such as RRC, Sierra Club and SWFWMD.

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Dr. Michelle Sivilich reminded Council she was at the Workshop last week and she wanted to make herself available for questions. She stated the science is fully developed and this type of work has been done all over Florida. Vice-Mayor Hanchar asked her to return to Council at a later date.

#### **Agenda Item No 06 – Form DR-420 Certification of Taxable Value 2022**

Mrs. Smith stated Marion County has determined what the value of Dunnellon property is for 2022 and through this formula the values are used to apply a proposed millage rate. She explained it is for Council to propose a millage rate from where we would begin to develop the budget.

#### **Public Comment:**

Tim Inskeep, 12140 Maple St., stated he doesn't believe this is the time to raise taxes. He explained businesses would pass on their increases to the consumers and people are already feeling the hardship of higher prices. Mr. Inskeep said he went through the budget line by line and asked questions. Mayor White suggested he take the time to write it out and send it to Council.

Mrs. Smith stated when Council sets the proposed millage rate they cannot go any higher, but they can always go lower before the budget is finalized. She explained there are unknown expenses not factored in yet. She cautioned them from setting it too low right now because they can always change it to a lower number later. She said for every millage point decrease it effects both the General Fund and CRA. She added the final decision needs to be made on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar stated in the past Council has always started with 7% and it is not the millage rate she would want to pay. She explained we do it that way just in case something comes up. Mrs. Smith agreed and said the budget being presented on July 27th is at 6.5 mills and setting it at 7 provides flexibility.

There was further discussion regarding future meetings, options and making public comment available.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved to authorize the City Clerk to certify Form DR-420 Certification of Taxable Value 2022 and set the 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing for the FY 2022-2023 Tentative Budget and Tentative Millage Rate on September 12, 2022 with the Final Public Hearing on September 26, 2022 at 7 mills. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

**Agenda Item No 07 – Proclamation #PRO2022-10, Dunnellon City Council Election**

Mrs. Odom stated the charter has language stating City Council will declare the election at their regular meeting in July every year and it has always been done by Proclamation. She explained this will be the same as any other Proclamation.

Public comment:

There were no public comments.

Councilwoman Williams moved Proclamation #PRO2022-10 be read into the record. Vice-Mayor Hanchar seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Odom read the following into the record:

*“PROCLAMATION #PRO2022-10  
DUNNELLOON CITY COUNCIL ELECTION*

*WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City Council for the City of Dunnellon proclaims a general election to be held on November 8, 2022 for the election of council members for the following seats:*

SEAT NUMBER OCCUPIED BY

2. Louise Kenny
3. C. Anita Williams
4. Valerie Hanchar

*WHEREAS, any individual interested in seeking election to the City Council may do so by obtaining election information and qualifying forms from the City’s website at [www.dunnellon.org](http://www.dunnellon.org) or by contacting the Office of the City Clerk and requesting qualification forms. The qualifying period begins at 12:00 noon on August 22, 2022 and ends at 12:00 noon on August 26, 2022. City Hall office hours on August 26, 2022 will be from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.*



*WHEREAS, Petitions, as well as the proper financial disclosure and candidate qualifying forms must be submitted to the City Clerk no later than 12:00 noon on August 26th. The cost for qualifying will be \$45.00, plus 1.0% of council's annual salary equaling \$18.00, for a total of \$63.00.*

*WHEREAS, in the event that the election results in a candidate not receiving the most votes cast, the Mayor of the City Council for the City of Dunnellon proclaims a runoff election to be held on January 17, 2023.*

*Be it hereby proclaimed that an election will take place on November 8, 2022 and qualifying packages are available on the City of Dunnellon website at [www.dunnellon.org](http://www.dunnellon.org).*

*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Dunnellon to be affixed, this 11th day of July 2022."*

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved Proclamation #PRO2022-10 be approved. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

**Agenda Item No. 08 – First Reading - Ordinance #ORD2022-09, Blue Run Park Rules & Regulations**

Attorney Hand stated this Ordinance is implementing changes proposed to the Management Plan for Blue Run Park. The Ordinance would be brought forward now, but not adopted until after the Resolution is adopted. He explained there are two components. One dealing with identifying signage on KP Hole shuttles and the second is to incorporate language protecting the trails in the park by restricting people from carrying bulky items through the trails.

Bill Vibbert, 9552 SW 192<sup>nd</sup> Ct. Rd., spoke to a sentence in section 2 of the Resolution and stated this isn't simply a goal but a FCT requirement. He explained we are making an Ordinance that was required back in 2008 and the rules haven't really changed since that time. He pointed to page 5 of the Ordinance and suggested new language making it very specific not to allow commercial use on the trails. He added he was accused of following a Rainbow River Kayak Adventure bus and the issue went to the County Commission level. He stated it is completely not true and would like people to remember to stick with Ordinance discussions. Mayor White commented if he wanted to follow a bus, he has every right to do so without explanation.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved Ordinance #ORD2022-09 be read by title only. Councilwoman Kenny seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Odom read the following into the record:

*“ORDINANCE #ORD2022-09*

*AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DUNNELLO, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 46 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DUNNELLO; AMENDING ARTICLE I OF CHAPTER 46; CREATING ARTICLE III – BLUE RUN PARK; ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR BLUE RUN PARK VIA ORDINANCE; ESTABLISHING FINES FOR VIOLATIONS; ESTABLISHING THE APPEAL PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR*

*CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”*

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved Ordinance #ORD2022-09 be approved pending approval of Resolution #RES2022-07. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion.

Mrs. Odom asked Attorney Hand if Council can consider the changes recommended by Mr. Vibbert without having another first reading. Attorney Hand stated they could.

Discussion followed regarding Mr. Vibbert’s recommendations and questions regarding different uses on the trail outside of tubes. Attorney Hand responded to some of those questions and stated some of the language associated with commercial use can be a little vague. He said the language can be changed simply and there are going to be plenty of opportunities in the future to review how the language is working and adjust it if needed.

A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Odom read the following Public Hearing Statement into the record:

*“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. 09 – Public Hearing - Ordinance #ORD2022-06, Purchase Of Goods Charter Referendum (Public Hearing Advertised On The City’s Website On June 9, 2022 And Advertised In The Riverland News On June 24, 2022)**

Mayor White gavelled down and said “It is now 8:05 p.m. and I close the regular meeting and open the public hearing to discuss: ORDINANCE #ORD2022-06, AMENDMENT TO SECTION 5 OF THE CITY CHARTER AMENDING PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS FOR GOODS. (Public hearing advertised on the City’s website on June 9, 2022 and advertised in the Riverland News on June 24, 2022.)”

Mrs. Odom stated this is an amendment to the charter which requires a referendum to be placed on the ballot. She explained this is similar to the approval Council made in February for increasing the purchasing policy for public improvements from \$15,000 to \$35,000 with the stipulation that a minimum of two quotes be brought before Council for review for anything over \$5,000. She said this Ordinance is for goods, but mirrors the one approved in February. She stated it will make the process easier for staff and Council to get things done while also saving the City money.

**Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

Mayor White gaveled down and said "It is now 8:10 pm and I close the public hearing held to discuss ORDINANCE #ORD2022-06 and reopen the July 11th City Council meeting."

**Agenda Item No. 10 – Final Reading - Ordinance #ORD2022-06, Purchase Of Goods Charter Referendum**

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved Ordinance #2022-06 be read by title only. Councilwoman Cubbage seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

Mrs. Odom read the following into the record:

*"ORDINANCE #ORD2022-06*

*AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DUNNELLON, FLORIDA, SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF DUNNELLON A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 5 OF THE CITY CHARTER AMENDING PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS FOR GOODS; PROVIDING THE BALLOT TITLE, SUMMARY, AND TEXT FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHARTER AMENDMENT IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF ELECTORS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE."*

**Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

Councilwoman Williams moved Ordinance #ORD2022-06 be approved. Vice-Mayor Hanchar seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

**Agenda Item No. 11 – Council Liaison Reports And Comments**

Councilwoman Cubbage suggested staff and Council write a letter of thanks to Rep. Joe Harding who lobbied to obtain \$2.5 million dollars for Dunnellon's Multi-modal Trail and pedestrian bridge. Mrs. Odom suggested we write a letter of thanks to the County as well since they prepared the legislative appropriation request.

Councilwoman Williams thanked Mayor White for attending Bethany Baptist Church's Juneteenth celebration. She also thanked Bob Cubbage for attending and playing the piano.

Mayor White stated he has two speaking engagements, one with Commissioner Kinnard and another with Chairman Kitchen in Citrus County. He said he is to discuss with them the unfinished building on the other side of the river behind City Hall.

**Agenda Item No. 12 – Department Head Reports**

Mr. Slattery stated he was able to find the file regarding the rope fence project at City Hall and it may run \$5,000 to \$6,000. He said he will obtain a couple quotes and bring them back to Council. He reminded them of his paving projects and shared issues with beginning the Blue Run Park overflow lot. He explained we finally have the asphalt but the contractor has come down with Covid and therefore it is delayed again. He stated he received requests to widen the radius as you turn into the parking lot, but it may fall outside the contingency by \$1,000. He asked Council to provide preapproval for the additional \$1,000 so they can continue to move forward without delay.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved to add an additional \$1,000 to Mr. Slattery's San Jose parking lot apron project if he needs it. Councilwoman Kenny seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Slattery stated there are supply chain and asphalt shortages state wide and the Blue Cove project will be delayed until the asphalt delivery is guaranteed. He commented there is plenty of asphalt, but CSX has a shortage of drivers. He said the contractor should be able to start the Ohio and Cedar Street project this Friday explaining their delay was a man power shortage. Mr. Slattery stated he has allowed them to extend their work time until 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Smith reminded Council they mentioned having another study regarding Police impact fees. She stated she was quoted a price of approximately \$20,000 to conduct another study and we have only collected \$3,780 dollars in impact fees. Council agreed it didn't sound like good business.

Ms. Cid stated the only report she had are two new business, Art In Motion and LaRues Ice Cream.

Mayor White spoke about the need to move the department head reports closer to the beginning of the meeting. Mrs. Odom stated it was approved to move it up on the agenda for the workshop meetings and if there is a consensus she would have it moved up during the regular meetings too. Council consented to this action.

**Agenda Item No. 13 – City Attorney Report**

Attorney Hand stated he didn't have anything new to report.

**Agenda Item No. 14 – Adjourn**

At approximately 8:30 p.m. Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved the City Council meeting be adjourned and Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

Attest:

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Penned Signature of  
Amanda Odom, CMC  
City Clerk

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Penned Signature of  
William P. White, Mayor

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