

**City of Dunnellon  
City Council Workshop**

<https://dunnellon.zoom.us/j/98281308610?pwd=bllYSG1ncmt6RW5uSXZRUWhtSVF5dz09>

Webinar ID: 982 8130 8610

Date: March 3, 2021

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: City Hall

20750 River Dr., Dunnellon, FL34431

Dunnellon City Council workshop will be held on March 3, 2021 at Dunnellon City Hall with Social Distancing Modifications.

Anyone attending the workshops will be required to wear a mask/face covering. All attendees will be subject to screening to include a temperature check.

**Public Comment**

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

Members of the public who would like to participate are encouraged to register in advance by Noon on Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:**

Mayor White called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 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**

The following members answered present at roll call:

Bill White, Mayor, Seat 1

Louise Kenny, Councilwoman, Seat 2

Anita Williams, Councilwoman, Seat 3

Valerie Hanchar, Vice-Mayor, Seat 4

Jan Cubbage, Councilman, Seat 5

**Staff Present**

Mandy Roberts, City Clerk

Jan Smith, Finance Department

Chief Mike McQuaig, Police Department

Troy Slattery, Public Works Department

Lynn Wyland, Clerk's Department

Teresa Malmberg, Community Development

Andy Matthew, IT Administrator

**Legal Counsel**

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

**Proof of Publication**

Ms. Roberts announced for the record the agenda for this meeting was posted on the City's website and City Hall bulletin board on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

**Agenda Item Number 1 – Public Comments**

David Koger, 11983 Palmetto Way, said that Swampy's has been keeping the noise down. Can we restrict noise from boaters? Would like to see the area patrolled more as there are more swimmers.

Burt Eno, 9220 SW 193<sup>rd</sup> Circle, provided a flash drive to Mandy of a suggested resolution given to him by No Roads to Ruin Coalition for consideration. The Coalition has been fighting against the M-CORES. He is personally against the M-CORES and feels they will cause a lot of harm to the environment and rural communities. He would like to see it added to Monday's agenda and hopes it's signed by Council.

Kathy Dunn, 11386 SW Hendrix Drive, She filed complaint with the 5<sup>th</sup> Judicial circuit of the state with the issue of dual office holding. She read article 2 section 2, 5a of the Florida Constitution. She believes it is unethical for Chief McQuaig to hold a temporary position as City Administrator and also continue to serve as Chief of police.

Discussion between council members as to whether or not to address public comments now or during Council comments at the end of the agenda. It was agreed to wait until Agenda Item 9, Council Comments to address Public comments.

Wally Dunn, 11386 SW Hendrix Drive, he asks the City to review every vendor they use every 3 to 5 years and obtain new proposals from the existing vendor and competitor to discover if they are still receiving value for the money spent.

Dr. Paula Koger, 11983 Palmetto Way, she came because she heard the RRC was here. She heard that Blue Run agreement when built did not allow for people swimming and is totally enforceable. She feels it is a hazard to the community due to drunk people, loose dogs, boats playing loud music and it's not even summer yet.

Dave Porter, 11835 E. Blue Cove Dr., regarding Blue Run Park, they got relief from Marion County by reducing river load from KP Hole due to Covid 19. He encouraged Council to consider a workshop to discuss control at the Park. He is willing to help out.

Juliann Mendoza, 11894 E. Blue Cove Dr., people voted years ago by referendum for a Council run government. She also feels concern about Chief McQuaig's dual roll which could elevate

the interests of the police dept. Biggest concern is an ex-police officer hired for the new Community Development Manager. She questioned the qualifications and hopes Council will weigh in at the end of his 90 days.

Dwight Porter, 10483 N. Silver Lake Pt., talked about the tremendous amount of work Paul Marraffino, Bill Vibbert and Burt Eno have done on the Nine Island Cove park. He provided brief history of the area and said we need to get this property on the Florida Forever program.

**Agenda Item Number 2 – Dunnellon Chamber & Business Association Report**

Julie Mancini, Director, provided her monthly report of upcoming events. The annual awards dinner was last week. Boomtown Days is scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup>. March 23<sup>rd</sup> is the next dinner mixer. March 20<sup>th</sup> is the Art Festival. On April 22<sup>nd</sup> The Vietnam Traveling Wall comes to Harley Davidson in Crystal River and will be there until April 25<sup>th</sup>. She will email the dates to Council for reference. And bring in dates for public to pick up.

**Agenda Item Number 3 – Board Reports**

Councilwoman Cabbage provided a brief report of the Historic Preservation Board.

**Agenda Item Number 4 – Update - Rainbow Springs Art Group - Susan Jones**

Susan said they are making great progress on building maintenance and issues are being resolved. She is in communication with Troy Slattery. She will leave report with Mandy to be distributed to all. She provided a brief report on the upcoming art festival.

**Agenda Item Number 5 – Presentation on Nine Island Cove - Dr. Burt Eno**

Burt Eno, 9220 SW 82<sup>nd</sup> Circle, showed a brief PowerPoint presentation. RRC is interested in preserving this piece of property and helping it becoming a passive park. He requested a letter of endorsement from the City in order to apply for Florida Community Trust grant. A Management of Directives has been drafted.

Councilwoman Cabbage requested this item be placed on the agenda for Monday's night as the deadline for submission is April 30.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar asked how much owner's are requesting for property. Mr. Eno replied \$750,000.

Further Council discussion included the number of parks the City already has, if we need another park, the existing parks that need updating to increase revenue, whether purchasing the land is an option, and if the property would be accepted in the Florida Forever program.

Council agreed to add this to the March 8 agenda.

**Agenda Item Number 6 – Resolution #RES2021-05, Council Code of Conduct Amendment**

Ms. Roberts explained this resolution is to change the speaker time during public comments.

Thorough discussion took place with Council and Attorney Hand including what other municipalities do versus what a small town municipality can do. After discussion, Council agreed to leave public comments at the beginning and end of meetings, but to remove the 5 minutes amendment and keep it at 3 minutes.

**Agenda Item Number 7 – Ordinance #ORD2021-01, City Clerk Duties**

Ms. Roberts said this is the ordinance that you all requested pertaining to the duties assigned to me in the absence of their being an Administrator.

Attorney Hand said the ordinance would effectively eliminate the Administrator position and modify the duties of City Clerk.

Mayor White said the Ordinance gives the City Clerk the ability to fire/hire any employee within the City other than the police, and Council had prior discussion about making a modification on that. The proposal is for the City Clerk to hire or terminate City staff, but not department heads without Council final approval.

Council and staff had an in depth discussion over the proposal with various opinions and suggestions for alternate language.

Attorney Hand stated Page 2, Sec. 2 104 (1) reads the City Clerk does have the power to hire and fire all officers and employees of the City. It does not include authority over police. It is the way it was written per Councils previous direction. But Council may modify this Ordinance if they wish. But, anything the Council does has to be within the limits of the Sunshine Law. He will prepare alternate language for review.

**Agenda Item Number 8 – Boomtown Day Alcohol Waiver for 2021**

Chief McQuaig provided an agenda summary form, request for approval for Boomtown Day's to serve beer be put on the Consent agenda.

Will be added to the Consent agenda as written.

**Agenda Item Number 9 – Council Comments**

Councilwoman Cabbage – Resolution Burt Eno brought from M-CORE. M-CORE is tabled this year because of Covid 19. She said it will come back to the table and if we can sign the resolution we can help prevent it. Florida Thoroughbred breeders association, is working on Florida Agriculture Heritage Trail and could bring attention to Dunnellon. She brought up a

request to have a Feasibility Study regarding Marion County to take over Dunnellon's Police Department.

Council discussion regarding when Councilwoman Cabbage could share her presentation and have discussion regarding the study and data she has collected. It will be added to the April workshop.

Mayor White spoke highly of Chief McQuaig stepping up and helping the City without asking for anything in return during a very difficult period with staff members out and a new Council not yet assembled. He doesn't know what he would have done without the Chief's help. He also feels Chief is within his right to try to make the police department everything it can be.

Councilwoman Hanchar chose to speak further about the Chief because of comments made earlier. She said Chief did not take on the full roll of Administrator, only certain rolls to get us through. She also made a strong point of fact that Chief did not request anything new from the City regarding the new police department during this period. The request came a year ago, prior to the new Council and his help as Administrator.

**Agenda Item Number 10 – Chief McQuaig**

Tomorrow at Soul harbor's Church they will be giving 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccine shot.

We were given 45 slots for the 1<sup>st</sup> shot through Preston at Marion County. We advertised for it and had 20 people sign up. The deadline to sign up is tomorrow by 5pm. The citizens had to be 65 or older and a resident of Marion County. They should contact City Hall to come pick up the paperwork.

**Agenda Item Number 11 – City Attorney Comments**

This past Friday Governor signed Executive Order #2146 which modified vaccine administration and allows health professionals outside of the hospital to apply for permissions for vaccinations and this Monday a 2<sup>nd</sup> order was signed to expand vaccinations to law enforcement officers, firefighters and teachers 50 years of age or older.

Troy Slattery asked for consensus from Council to have Kimley-Horn prepare a quote and to be put on the agenda for a special workshop to re-present the master road concepts.

Consensus given and will be placed on March 22<sup>nd</sup> agenda as a presentation.

**Agenda Item Number 12 – Public Comments**

Wally Dunn, 11386 SW Hendrix Dr., appalled that Council does not give more than 3 minutes. He appreciates the help the Chief has given, but feels he was stepping out of bounds on his first meeting because he talked about taking over City Hall for his police department.

Juliann Mendoza, 11894 E. Blue Cove Dr., would like to know where Community Development job posted and for what period.

Mrs. Roberts shared the posting information and Mayor White requested the end date to be extended as there are no applicants yet.

Burt Eno, 9220 SW 193<sup>rd</sup> Circle, asked to confirm ad for Community Development was placed with the Florida League of Cities.

Kathy Dunn, 11386 SW Hendrix Dr., she is puzzled why some of the Council does not want to perform the will of people regarding the mandate passed in 2016 for a Mayor-Council form of government. She does not agree with duties being delegated to the staff which belong to the elected individuals.

Suzanne Eno, 9220 SW 193<sup>rd</sup> Circle, questioned Vice-Mayor Hanchar about her concerns with fixing up the parks. If she has so much concern, why wasn't it done in her previous Council? She is also astounded that Dunnellon would be compared to other municipalities with regard to the 3 minute time limit.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:22 p.m.

Attest:

---

Amanda Roberts, CMC  
City Clerk

---

William P. White, Mayor