



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION MARCH 21, 2017

Pursuant to due notice, a regular meeting of the Commission of the City of Altamonte Springs, Seminole County, was held at 225 Newburyport Avenue, in said City on March 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Commissioners Batman, Cushman, Hussey and Reece

ABSENT: Mayor Bates

ALSO PRESENT WERE:

Frank Martz	-	City Manager
Skip Fowler	-	City Attorney
Angela Apperson	-	City Clerk
Mark DeBord	-	Finance Director
John Sember	-	Growth Management Director
Tim Wilson	-	Mobility Director
Daniel Smutz	-	Chief of Police
Ed Torres	-	Public Works & Utilities Director

Vice-Mayor Reece called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: A moment of silence was observed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Vice-Mayor Reece led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: by Commissioner Batman, seconded by Commissioner Hussey, to approve the minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting of March 7, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR: None

- PRESENTATION** Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Year Ended September 30, 2016

Finance Director Mark DeBord provided a brief overview of the Report indicating the City ended the year with assets and deferred outflows from pensions of \$322 million, liabilities and deferred inflows from pensions of \$27 million, with a net position of \$295 million, which is up \$9 million from the prior year. The net position includes capital assets (roads, buildings and other infrastructure) valued at \$200 million. The water and sewer fund ended the year with a net position of \$117.7 million, up \$2.8 million from the prior year, mostly from capital contributions/grants. The City received an unqualified opinion from the independent auditors. And the management's discussion/analysis and the transmittal letter are an overview of the report.

Mr. Daniel O’Keefe, partner with the audit firm of Moore, Stephens, Lovelace, P.A indicated City Management prepares the financial statements, which are then audited by the firm. He noted the City has received an unmodified audit statement, which is a clean opinion and referred to the City as “the Poster Child for Municipal Accountability”. Mr. O’Keefe provided an overview of several items within the Report and noted the City has healthy reserves and very little debt, which sets Altamonte Springs apart from other cities. Mr. O’Keefe indicated because of the great management/policies, the City was still able to grow its reserves and remain financially stable during the downturn in the economy. Mr. O’Keefe answered questions from the Commissioners, who also expressed their appreciation of present/past management for all they have done to position the City well. Mr. Martz credited the Commission for raising taxes when it was needed, yet insuring good fiscal management. Memories were shared of difficulties during the down turn in the economy and the late 1970’s when the City had financial struggles.

Motion: by Commissioner Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Cushman, that the Commission accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended September 30, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC HEARING Ordinance No. 1714-17 – Request to Annex 1395 East
(2nd READING) Altamonte Drive.

Vice-Mayor Reece opened the Public Hearing. No members of the public appeared before the Commission. Vice-Mayor Reece closed the Public Hearing. City Attorney Skip Fowler read the Ordinance title into the record.

Motion: by Commissioner Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Batman, that the Commission pass and adopt Ordinance No. 1714-17 on second and final reading. Commissioner Batman – For; Commissioner Cushman – For; Commissioner Hussey – For; Commissioner Reece – For. The motion carried 4-0, after a roll call vote.

3. PUBLIC HEARING Ordinance No. 1715-17 and 1716-17 – Request to
(1st READING) change the Future Land Use Designation and Rezone
1395 East Altamonte Drive

Vice-Mayor Reece opened the Public Hearing. No members of the public appeared before the Commission. Vice-Mayor Reece closed the Public Hearing. City Attorney Skip Fowler read the first Ordinance title into the record.

Motion: by Commissioner Batman, seconded by Commissioner Hussey, to approve Ordinance No. 1715-17 on first reading and set second reading for April 4, 2017. Commissioner Batman – For; Commissioner Cushman – For; Commissioner Hussey – For; Commissioner Reece – For. The motion carried 4-0, after a roll call vote.

City Attorney Skip Fowler read the second Ordinance title into the record.

Motion: by Commissioner Batman, seconded by Commissioner Hussey, to approve Ordinance No. 1716-17 on first reading and set second reading for April 4, 2017. Commissioner Batman – For; Commissioner Cushman – For; Commissioner Hussey – For; Commissioner Reece – For. The motion carried 4-0, after a roll call vote.

4. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL Second modification to the Bus Shelter Agreement with Signal Outdoor Advertising, LLC

Motion: by Commissioner Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Batman, that the Commission approve the second modification of the Bus Shelter Agreement with Signal Outdoor Advertising, LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Martz noted the agreement serves the city well; however, is not a permanent solution because the City does not own the bus shelters and the City receives complaints regarding trash at the stops. Commissioner Cushman inquired if an injury occurs at the bus stop if the City is liable, to which Mr. Martz replied the City is included in any litigation that occurs.

- 5. **FINANCE ITEMS**
 - A. **City-wide Paving – Barclay Woods, Spring Lake Road, Park Place, and Pecan Drive – Contract IFB602096** – Approve the final payment to Ranger Construction Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$304,714.44 and accept the closeout documents
 - B. **City surplus equipment and Machinery** – Declare the attached list of property as surplus as required by Florida State Statute 274.07 and approve disposal at public auction
 - C. **Amanda Street Utility Extension, contract 10-142-RJ** – Approve Change Order No. 4 in the amount of \$9,675.55 and the final payment to Wharton-Smith, Inc. in the amount of \$51,986.00, and accept the closeout documents

Vice-Mayor Reece read the item titles into the record.

Motion: by Commissioner Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Batman, that the Commission approve Finance Items A, B and C. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR: None

REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER FRANK MARTZ provided updates on several bills working through the Legislative Session. The bills would: change the City’s ability to regulate businesses in the future and by 2020, render any City Ordinance regulating businesses void; reduce property tax revenue received by adding an additional homestead exemption; significantly reduce the amount of Business Tax Receipt Revenue; allow wireless communication antennas to be placed anywhere within the Rights-of-Way, without City approval or regulation. A brief discussion ensued. Mr. Martz encouraged the City Commission to be understanding of Representative Bob Cortes and Senator David Simmons, as it is early in the Session and they are in a hard spot. Mr. Martz noted that both Senator Simmons and Representative Cortez are always strong supporters of the City.

COMMISSIONER HUSSEY urged the naming of the boardwalk after former City Manager Penland. City Manager Martz and Commission Reece indicated Mr. Penland did not want anything named after him; however, the Tribute Fund was established to honor Mr. Penland’s memory and all he did for youth sports.

COMMISSIONER CUSHMAN thanked the Employees Organization for lunch last week and complimented the Finance Department on the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Mr. Martz noted the Employees Organization paid for the lunch; however, the support shown by the City helps when emergencies/disasters happen and employees must work long hours. Mr. Martz also spoke of the Wellness Challenge and the competition it fosters between departments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

ATTEST:



VICE MAYOR



CITY CLERK

