

**CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2016 6:00 P.M.  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

The invocation was given by Reverend Dan Holloway of Unity Spiritual Center of Vero Beach, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**A. Roll Call**

Mayor Jay Kramer, present; Vice Mayor Randy Old, present; Councilmember Pilar Turner, present; Councilmember Richard Winger, present and Councilmember Harry Howle, present **Also Present:** James O'Connor, City Manager; Wayne Coment, City Attorney and Tammy Vock, City Clerk

**2. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**A. Agenda Additions, Deletions, and Adoption**

Mrs. Turner made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Howle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**B. Proclamations and recognitions by Council.**

**1. Hunger Action Month – September 2016**

Mr. Howle read and presented the Proclamation.

**2. Suicide Awareness Day – September 10, 2016**

Mrs. Turner read and presented the Proclamations.

**3. Constitution Week – September 17-23, 2016**

Mr. Old read and presented the Proclamations.

**4. National Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day – September 16, 2016**

Mr. Winger read and presented the Proclamation.

**5. Certificate of Appreciation presented to Mr. Charlie Pope**

Mayor Kramer presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Charlie Pope for all the work that he has contributed towards the Youth Sailing Foundation.

**C. Staff/Consultant special reports and information items.**

**D. Presentation items by the public.**

**1. Ms. Kendra Cope/Sea Turtle Coordinator, to give a presentation about current sea turtle lighting problems in the City. – Sponsored by Councilmember Richard Winger**

Ms. Kendra Cope, Indian River County Sea Turtle Coordinator, gave a Power Point presentation (attached to the original minutes). She said that she has determined by the lighting survey data that there are some problems in the area of South Beach Park, especially where the condos are located. She said that the County staff has recommended a joint site visit. The City staff (Code Enforcement Officers) are aware of the problem and have given warnings to some of the condos south of the Park and some are repeat offenders. County staff recommends using a 180 degree shield on exterior lights, use turtle friendly bulbs on exterior lights, turn off un-needed exterior lights, educate residents or guests to close their blinds at night, City staff join in doing one City lighting survey, and ask for education material when needed. Her request from the City Council will be for time to be given to City staff to join one (1) lighting survey per year, have someone trained to conduct uniform lighting surveys and in-house educational training for beachside Condo and Home Owner Associations. There also should be coverage for site visits when the Code Enforcement Officers are unable to go to the site. The Code Enforcement Officers should have an accurate GPS for disorientation identification, resources should be made available to conduct surveys via ATV, and there would need to be volunteers to help City staff with other Ordinance violations.

Mr. Winger explained that wherever the light shines is where the turtles will go and something needs to be done.

Mr. James O'Connor, City Manager, reported that the Code Enforcement Officers and the Police Department are working on setting up a meeting with the different condo associations and bringing them together to address the issue. He said that this is the first time he has heard that County staff is offering their support. He doesn't know what would be entailed in the agreement, but would be happy to entertain any proposal from County staff. He briefly explained the citation procedures. He said that once citations are issued the violator has 15 days to come into compliance before having to go before the Code Enforcement Board.

Mrs. Turner felt that a lot of this could be handled by educating the Condo and Home Owner Associations. It is not an issue of giving out citations, but meeting with these groups will get the cooperation that they are looking for.

Mr. O'Connor agreed that a meeting would help make the condo owners aware of their concerns for turtles.

Miss Cope expressed that she was not proposing any kind of contract. She just would like some reaction to the surveys being sent out by the City.

Mr. O'Connor felt that the City was moving in the right direction by meeting with the different condo associations.

Mr. Winger requested permission from the Council to be in attendance at these meetings. Council had no problem with his request.

### **3. CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1. Regular City Council Minutes – August 16, 2016**
- 2. Ratification of Owner Concurrence form for Grant Application to be submitted by Florida Atlantic University at Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, working collaboratively with Old Vero Ice Age Sites Committee, Inc.**
- 3. Vero Beach Wine and Film Festival is requesting permission to serve alcohol at Royal Palm Pointe on October 1, 2016**
- 4. Final Pay and Termination of Contract – Painting of Public Works Compound – Contract No. 1692-C**
- 5. Treasure Coast Storage Vero, LLC – Amendment to Amended and Re-stated Commercial Lease Agreement (Parcel C3)**
- 6. Overhead Electrical Line Workers Contract**
- 7. COVB Bid 270-16/PJW – Duct Dawg Underground Conductor Puller Trailer**

Mr. Howle made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Mr. Old seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A) An Ordinance of the City of Vero Beach, Florida, amending provisions of Chapter 62, Article I, P-1 and P-2 Zoning Districts, in the Code of the City of Vero Beach, related to Walls and Fences; Providing for Conflict and Severability; Providing for Codification; Providing for an Effective Date. – Requested by the Planning and Development Director**

The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.

Mrs. Cheri Fitzgerald, Vision Implementation Project Manager, reported that this Ordinance is to amend the provisions of Section 62.16, Walls and Fences, to allow more flexibility in the application of fence and wall height development standards. The recommendation arose from the hearing on the site plan submitted by the Indian River

Rowing Club. The height of the fence will be allowed to increase from four (4) feet to six (6) feet as long as it is located along or parallel to a street in the P-1 and P-2 Zoning districts. She said the regulations governing fences and walls are still subject to some discretion in their application without a more comprehensive revision to the regulations. She said that the Planning and Zoning Board and Planning and Development staff recommend approval of the Ordinance.

Mr. O'Connor added that this only applies in Park areas (City owned property) and has to be approved by the City Council.

Mayor Kramer opened and closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m., with no one wishing to be heard.

Mrs. Turner made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Mr. Howle seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 with Mr. Howle voting yes, Mr. Winger yes, Mrs. Turner yes, Mr. Old yes, and Mayor Kramer yes.

## **5. RESOLUTIONS**

None

## **6. PUBLIC NOTICE ITEMS FOR FUTURE PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing to be held on September 20, 2016**

- A) **An Ordinance of the City of Vero Beach, Florida, Requested by WMAK Holdings, LCC amending the Official Zoning Map by changing the Zoning District designation of RM-8, Multiple-Family Residential District to POI, Professional Office and Institutional District, for property generally located East of US Highway #1, South of 36<sup>th</sup> Street and North of 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, containing 6.1 acres, more or less; Providing for Conflict and Severability; Providing for an Effective Date. – Requested by the Planning and Development Director**

The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only and said that the public hearing would be heard on September 20, 2016.

### **Public Hearing to be held on October 4, 2016**

- B) **A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vero Beach, Florida, determining that certain City-owned real property located in the Veromar Subdivision South of Greytwig Road and East of Indian River Drive East is no longer needed by the City; Authorizing the City Manager to offer said real property for sale subject to reservation of certain easements; Providing for Conflict and Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date. – Requested by the Public Works Director**

The City Clerk read the Resolution by title only and said that the public hearing would be heard on October 4, 2016.

**7. CITY CLERK'S MATTERS**

None

**8. CITY MANAGER'S MATTERS**

**A) Ratification of Emergency Auto Transfer Switch Gear for Indian River Medical Center**

Mr. O'Connor reported that the two Auto Transfer Switch (ATS) gears that are critical to the Indian River Medical Center for backup power have been malfunctioning in the last two months causing outages to the Hospital. The ATS gear is designed to transfer automatically to the alternate source when loss of power is detected on a feeder circuit. However, staff has had to be dispatched to manually switch the load on the gear. The ATS gear was manufactured in the 1990's and has become unreliable for power to serve the Hospital. He said the City needed to expedite the replacement with two (2) new ATS gears. Tampa Electric (TECO) offered theirs to avoid a nine month lead time. The Hospital will be reimbursing the City the cost difference in accordance to their letter dated August 24, 2016 for the standard gear versus the Trayer gear, which offers the option of no power interruptions during the transfer. Mr. O'Connor was bringing this before Council because of the emergency expense of \$159,387.56.

Mrs. Turner asked if the \$159,000 was for one (1) switch gear or for both of the needed gears. She was told that it was for both switch gears being made available by TECO.

Mr. Howle expressed how necessary this was since the Hospital was only able to sustain 75% of power needed with the generators running.

**9. CITY ATTORNEY'S MATTERS**

None

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**11. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS**

A. Old Business

None

B. New Business

## **1. Discussion of Council Rules of Order – Requested by Councilmember Pilar Turner**

Mrs. Turner commented that the item that she has on the agenda today is discussion of Robert's Rule of Order and whether it should be adopted by the City Council. She recalled there was an issue at their August 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting where it was a great embarrassment to the City and it is clear that they need to establish some clear policy regarding motions. She said that Mr. Coment prepared a memo (included in the backup material) outlining their use of Robert's Rules of Order. The issue is when you have a motion and then there is an amendment. She said that an amendment is a change to the detail (a tweak). She said there was a case where they had an amendment that was completely contrary to the motion and because they did not want that motion to be voted on. She looked through all the documents within the Code, and rules of Council and it has always been understood that their City Attorney was their Parliamentarian, which occurs with most City Councils'. However, there is nothing anywhere in their documents that substantiates that. What she is asking from Council today is to accept Robert's Rules of Order and formally charge the City Attorney with being the Parliamentarian. There are cases where the Mayor cannot follow Robert's Rules of Order and understand what an amendment means and playing it for political reasons so there needs to be an objective source to bring order.

Mr. Winger stated that he was totally against that proposal. He referred to the memo that Mr. Coment prepared for the Utilities Commission regarding parliamentarian procedure. He thinks the procedures that they are using now are proper. The presiding officer (Mayor) is the person who makes the call. He has no objection to the City Attorney being the final authority, but what their rules say now if someone does not agree with the Mayor's ruling the Council can ask for a vote on it. He said Robert's Rules of Order is for the English Parliament or United States Congress and not for Vero Beach.

Mrs. Turner commented that Robert's Rules of Order are accepted rules of order for any organization in their decision making. She said without having Robert's Rules of Order in place they are allowing motions to be manipulated for political purposes. She said if someone doesn't want to vote on the motion that exists they amend the motion so they don't have to go on record as taking a stand. She said it is time to have the fortitude and courage to stand up for what they believe in.

Mr. Winger told Mrs. Turner that it sounds like she is in Washington D.C. He said the five Councilmembers should be able to decide what the motion is, and what the second is. He knows of no case where anyone has done what Mrs. Turner elicited to.

Mr. Howle stated that having been Chairman of the Code Enforcement Board things were done a lot differently then what is being done at the City Council level. He did not recall the Code Enforcement Board having any issues with motions. He said their motions were very simple and uncomplicated. If there was an issue then Mr. Coment would step in. In his mind Robert's Rules of Order are too strict and personally built for a larger

organization. However, what happened at their August 16<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting was a complete embarrassment to all of them. He did not know if it was probligated by some sort of alterative political motives. He said if they can't get it right then there needs to be some sort of structure. He is not saying they it has to be by the guidelines of Roberts Rules of Order, but he does not want to see that particular situation happen again. He agreed that some sort of structure needs to be put into place.

Mrs. Turner commented that the problem with the motion made at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting was that the Mayor made the amendment to the motion and it was an improper amendment because it was not germane to the original motion.

Mayor Kramer said that the motion was germane because they were talking about negotiations. Mrs. Turner said no, it was accepting an offer versus a counteroffer. Mayor Kramer continued by saying that the original motion got them into action, which was to establish framework for a settlement, which did not hurt the existing ratepayers. He said Mrs. Turner's motion was not in line with that. She took an idea that was given to Council two (2) business days later skipping the Finance Commission and not doing any type of study, saying let's just do it. He said that he did not want to say no because Florida Power & Light (FPL) made a good offer. However, there are other issues and one of them is to assure their ratepayers that they are not going to raise their rates.

Mr. Howle agreed that \$30 million was a good deal. However, he said that was not the point. He said at that meeting he was voting on a motion that he did not know what he was voting on.

Mayor Kramer told Mr. Howle that they were three (3) meetings away from picking a new Mayor. He said if that is the time that they want to establish Roberts Rules of Order then they can do it.

Mr. Howle didn't think that they needed to implement Roberts Rules of Order, but they do need to have some structure.

**Mrs. Turner made a motion to clearly establish that the City Attorney is the Parliamentarian for the City Council and will direct the order of debate. Mr. Howle seconded the motion.**

Mr. Wayne Coment, City Attorney, commented that in a sense the City Attorney has often stepped in and gave advice on the proceedings. He said according to the Charter the City Council does establish its own rules of procedure in proceedings. He said there are certain rules that have been adopted and are in the Code that if something comes up and is not answered by the rules they have in place then they will look at Roberts Rules of Order. He said the informal proceedings that he has witnessed being used where someone is asked to change their motion it is usually accepted or it is not. He said that procedure is not codified, but it is what has been consistently used. It seems like more recently they have gone to making these formal motions and if someone is making a motion to amend a motion then maybe they should look at the rules. He said as far as

appointing him Parliamentary, he felt that there still was a rule in place that says that any member that does not agree with the ruling of the presiding officer can appeal to the rest of the Council on that ruling. He felt that was the proper way of handling this. He personally would not want the burden of saying what the final decision is on their procedure because the Charter states that the City Council will decide their proceedings.

Mr. Old did not think this was “broken.” He felt it should remain the way it is.

Mayor Kramer recalled that Mr. Coment did step in when the motion was being discussed at their August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Howle suggested having something in the Code that says how motions should be handled and the City Attorney can step in at anytime if they are not following procedures.

Mr. Coment told Mr. Howle that Council could add this to their rules.

Mr. Winger agreed with Mr. Old’s comments that this was not broken and it is up to Council to govern themselves. He said the presiding officer is the Mayor and it is up to the Mayor to make the initial ruling. If Council disagrees with the Mayor’s ruling then it is up to Council to bring it up and vote on it.

Mr. Ken Daige stated that the five (5) Councilmembers all have equal power. He doesn’t recall any time in the past where they have had problems with what is in their Code now. He said what has been done in the City is if a motion is made, and there is a second to the motion and there is an amendment to the motion the person that made the motion could either accept the amendment or deny it. He was at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting and noted that the utility issue is a hot topic to many people and the public knows where Council stands on that issue. He said things got out of hand at that meeting for whatever reason. He appreciates what this Council does and noted how important their job is. It is unfortunate that there were a lot of members of the public throwing sticks and stones. He said don’t put more rules and regulations in place for future Councils’. The public just needs to know how this is going to be handled because they set the tone for the rest of their Boards and Commissions.

Mrs. Turner told Mr. Daige that the motion procedures as he described is generally how it is done, but the Mayor did not allow that at the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Clerk polled the Council on the motion and it failed 3-2 with Mr. Howle voting yes, Mr. Winger voting no, Mrs. Turner voting yes, Mr. Old voting no, and Mayor Kramer voting no.

Mrs. Turner made a motion that when a motion is amended if it is not accepted by the person who makes the motion that the original motion is voted on.

Mr. Winger said that an amendment to a motion takes precedence over the original motion and has to be voted on.

Mrs. Turner explained the “key” is that the amended motion is accepted by the person who made the original motion.

Mr. Winger did not agree.

Mrs. Turner commented that Mr. Daige just confirmed that was the way the City Boards have been running their meetings.

Mr. Winger stated that an amendment to a motion takes precedence.

Mr. Howle disagreed. He felt that an amended motion should be accepted by the person who made the motion.

Mr. Coment expressed that if this “friendly motion” does not get passed they could defer to Roberts Rules of Order and make a formal motion and this does take precedence of the motion to amend. He said according to Roberts Rules of Order once a motion is seconded it becomes the motion of the body and no longer the motion of the individual.

Mrs. Turner restated her motion that an amendment to a motion has to be accepted by the original motion proposer and if not that motion needs to be voted on as seconded. Mr. Howle seconded the motion. The motion failed 3-2 with Mr. Howle voting yes, Mr. Winger no, Mrs. Turner yes, Mr. Old no and Mayor Kramer no.

## **2. Pilot Project for Lagoon Restoration Aeration Project – Requested by Mayor Jay Kramer**

Mayor Kramer reported that the Indian River Lagoon is in need of restoration in areas that are currently saturated with muck. In looking at different options for muck removal the aeration method is proving to be the most economical and environmentally friendly. The aeration process injects air into the Lagoon downward into the muck and cultivates a process which oxidizes muck and converts it to gases, which then evaporate upward into the air. They have an opportunity to be a part of a pilot project to see how effective this would work locally and measure the results. Monitoring would be done by the local Ocean Research & Conservation Association (ORCA), Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) and the Indian River Lagoon Council. He requested that Council approve the pilot project to move forward with the City donating the power needed to operate the unit and assist with the setup of the system.

Mr. Jim David, retired from the St. Lucie Mosquito Control and CCA Director, who now works with the Indian River Lagoon Council, explained that ORCA is recommending studying two (2) canals at Bethel Creek. He said aeration has proven to be successful at removing muck and eliminating fish kills. He showed what was formally black muck after being aerated and what it looks like now.

Mr. Gary Froonjian acknowledged that this program does work.

Mr. David continued by saying as a result of what they did the Mayor became aware of it as well as local business people. They toured St. Lucie County and agreed with the idea that you could take this technology out of the wetlands.

Mrs. Turner knew that Ms. Widder with ORCA was interested with what was being done in St. Lucie County. She read in Mayor Kramer's backup that ORCA would be interested in doing some monitoring. She said they need to find out how effective this was going to be, etc.

Mr. David explained as a result of discussions he had with ORCA that he requested them to put together a proposal. The proposal was not significantly for the area discussed by the Mayor (he proposed the City Marina). The proposal was from ORCA was to study two (2) canals at Bethel Creek. He said the reason for this was because there already is a kilroy in the area and they could then sample two (2) canals. One with aeration and one without to show how the experimental site was working. The cost per sampling quoted was \$600 per sample. The total number of samples equated to \$8,000 per sampling run and they recommended at least one (1) sampling run before the experiment and one (1) after.

Mr. Old asked if the process was blowing air into the muck.

Mr. David said yes. He said that the bacteria makes so much acid and the acid binds with any oxygen trying to get into the muck, therefore no oxidation of the muck can take place.

Mr. Howle asked Mr. David how he intended to aerate all of the river and then what happens to the surrounding areas.

Mr. David explained the idea is that it needs "scope" to work. He said it is not a hard thing to do, but it requires a consensus of the public. It will require the education and understanding of the public, which is why they are proposing a pilot project and doing a study. The site that ORCA selected is the same area where Mr. Tim Zorc, County Commissioner, had an idea about connecting a stormwater culvert. He said with these things going on they will be able to go to grant agencies and get funding for these projects or ask the Governor for some funding.

Mrs. Turner asked what kind of duration does he (Mr. David) need with these aerators for positive results.

Mr. David explained they can design multiple aerators that go into the canal. He said what he was suggesting to the company that sells them was that they talk about what they would like to see, how fast they would like to see results, and how much money they want to spend. He said the aeration company might provide them with the equipment on a temporary basis or rent it to them. He said the muck will be gone quicker if they use the bigger aerators.

Mr. Winger made a motion that the City partner with the pilot project and donate the electricity for the project.

Mrs. Turner felt this might be a great project for the Indian River Lagoon Council. This would give them the quantitative data that they can use.

Mr. Winger asked Mr. David if he has presented this to Dr. DeFreese who is with the Indian River Lagoon Coalition.

Mr. David answered yes. He said Dr. DeFreese thinks they are going to approach this with a Task Force. They will be developing some strategies operating within the Lagoon Council, but also following directed goals and processes.

Mr. Winger said that he could ask Dr. DeFreese for the funding, but does not know what his answer will be.

Mrs. Turner commented that she would like to see the scope of the project and who is going to be in charge. She would be willing to support electricity for this project, but she is still not clear as to what the project is. She asked will there be quantitative data supplied. She said that the project needs some structure.

Mr. David explained a proposal was prepared and sent to Mayor Kramer for the testing site. He said someone in the City will need to communicate with the company as to the size and scope of the aeration and the staging of the equipment. He said someone in the City will also need to run the power to it. The results would be held by the City and ORCA (if that is who they choose to do the work).

Mr. David expressed that he is not allowed to solicit funding for them. However, he will facilitate getting all the parties together.

Mr. Winger thought the deadline date to submit a proposal to the Indian River Lagoon Council was January 21<sup>st</sup>. He has no problem taking this project before the Indian River Lagoon Council.

Mayor Kramer expressed that all he was asking for is to supply the electricity for this project.

Mrs. Turner said that conceptually you have her approval for this project, but she would like to see some overall management of the project.

Mr. David reiterated that ORCA has sent a proposal to Mayor Kramer. He said if you need him for any type of expertise he can supply that, but he has to be careful because of the Sunshine Law and another organization that he sits on as a Board member. They first need to choose the site of where they want to do this project.

Mrs. Turner agreed with the project being done at the Bethel Creek area because a control group was available to compare results.

Mayor Kramer added that they need to know what the size of equipment is going to be and what the demands of electricity will be. The reason he suggested the dingy dock was because there was a foot of muck there. If they can aerate this area they could see how it turns out.

Mr. Old commented that this is something that the Council wants to support, but they cannot design it.

Mayor Kramer asked Council if they were in agreement to bring this back with more details. The entire Council agreed that they would like to have more information and thanked Mr. David for being at their meeting tonight.

## **12. INDIVIDUAL COUNCILMEMBERS' MATTERS**

### **A. Mayor Jay Kramer's Matters**

- 1. Correspondence**
- 2. Committee Reports**
- 3. Comments**

No report given.

### **B. Vice Mayor Randy Old's Matters**

- 1. Correspondence**
- 2. Committee Reports**
- 3. Comments**

No report given.

### **C. Councilmember Pilar Turner's Matters**

- 1. Correspondence**
- 2. Committee Reports**
- 3. Comments**

Mrs. Turner reported that the Tunnels to Tower run will be on Saturday morning at Riverside Park beginning at 7:30 a.m. and on September 17<sup>th</sup> Keep Indian River Beautiful will be having their annual trash pickup on the beaches.

### **D. Councilmember Richard Winger's Matters**

- 1. Correspondence**
- 2. Committee Reports**
- 3. Comments**

Mr. Winger brought up a serious matter. He said that he thought their Commissions and Boards were in place to advise the City Council and they were not independent authorities. There have been some things involving the Utilities Commission that have become problems. They talked about one of the problems earlier and that was Roberts Rules of Order. He said on August 11<sup>th</sup> in the name of the City the Chairman of this particular Commission addressed Commissioner Brown and the Public Service Commission (PSC) directly without permission from the Council or the Utilities Commission. He has never heard of this happening within the history of the City. Also, there have been interchanges back and forth from the representative of Indian River Shores who sits on the Utilities Commission and from the Utilities Commission Chairman, which could directly or be on the edge of violating the Sunshine Law. He commented that when Mr. Scott Stradley chaired this Commission, he felt that it was run with a firm hand. In the memo written by the City Attorney (on file in the City Clerk's office) he said that anyone could send a letter in their own personal name and not on behalf of the City. He felt that there needs to be some direction given to these individuals saying that the "rules are the rules." He felt this situation was not tolerable.

Mayor Kramer stated that the Utilities Commission has been a political pawn since all the members were dismissed back in 2011. He said that Commission has a lot of history.

Mr. Winger continued by saying that they, as City Council are elected and their Commission/Board members are appointed by the City Council. City Council has a responsibility to see that the rules of the City are being followed. The City Attorney has written four (4) different letters to the Chair of the Utilities Commission and he hoped this would stop. He has had many citizens call him and say what in the world do these people think they are doing.

**E. Councilmember Harry Howle's Matters**

- 1. Correspondence**
- 2. Committee Reports**
- 3. Comments**

Mr. Howle brought up the letter that Council received from Mr. Pierpont (on file in the Clerk's office) regarding signage. The letter stated that at the west entrance to the Merrill Barber Bridge, he was nearly hit by a car as he crossed, despite a sign that tells drivers to yield. He (Mr. Howle) said that Mr. Pierpont has a good point and maybe they should consider making some changes in this location to make it safer for walkers, runners, and bicyclists.

Mr. O'Connor noted that Barber Bridge is a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) owned road.

Mrs. Turner commented that FDOT has been really good in working with the City in the past and probably would this time if they mentioned the safety issue they are experiencing in this area.

Mr. O'Connor said that he would be happy to look at any areas that Council has concerns with. In the meantime, Mr. Howle said that he would speak to Mr. Falls about this and will come up with some ideas to bring back in the future.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Tonight's meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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