

**CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA
MARCH 20, 2018 9:30 A.M.
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

The invocation was given by Mr. Phil Katrovitz, Humanist of the Treasure Coast, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Colonel Young.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Mayor Harry Howle, Vice Mayor Lange Sykes, Councilwoman Laura Moss, Colonel Tony Young and Dr. Val Zudans, excused absence. **Also Present:** James O'Connor, City Manager; Wayne Coment, City Attorney and Tammy Bursick, City Clerk

2. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular City Council Minutes – March 6, 2018

Mr. Young made a motion to adopt the minutes of March 6, 2018. Mr. Sykes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Agenda Additions, Deletions, and Adoption.

Mrs. Tammy Bursick, City Clerk, requested that item 2D-1) be pulled from the agenda and that item 5A-1) be tabled until the April 20th meeting.

Councilwoman Moss asked to give a brief update on FMPA in place of where item 2B-1) would be heard.

Mr. Sykes made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mayor Howle seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

C. Proclamations and recognitions by Council.

1. Equal Pay Day – April 10, 2018

Councilwoman Moss read and presented the Proclamation.

2. Gaby Ortega to speak about Up with People

Cloie (last name not given) from Switzerland explained that the production of Up with People consisting of 106 people will be on Thursday night and Friday night. She said the

ages of people performing in this event range from 17-29. The group will also be doing community service throughout the week that they are here. They will be doing some painting, cleaning, and various projects throughout the community. She went over the different cities that they have been to this year and where they will be going in the future.

D. Staff/Consultant special reports and information items.

- 1. Update on full sale of Vero Electric to Florida Power & Light:
Mr. Jacob Williams, CEO & General Manager, Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA)
Attorney Nathaniel Doliner, Carlton Fields
Mrs. Amy Brunjes, Florida Power & Light (FPL)
Requested by Councilwoman Laura Moss**

This item was pulled from today's agenda.

Councilwoman Moss gave an update on the full sale of Vero Electric to Florida Power and Light (FPL). She wanted to explain the continuing saga of the electric sale. She said last week they met (FMPA Board meeting) and expected the vote to be taken at the Thursday meeting. She explained there are 31 members on the Board of Directors and there is also an Executive Committee consisting of 13 members. They had expected that the vote would have occurred last Thursday and by that she means they were voting on Resolutions to allow the City of Vero Beach to exit each of the Power Projects. There are three (3), which are Stanton I, Stanton II, and St. Lucie. They were going to vote on each of those Resolutions in addition to a general release for the City of Vero Beach. This would release the City of Vero Beach from that Agency (FMPA) for membership and all liabilities and obligations attached to their membership. Then the Executive Committee, which is the All Requirements Project, which has 13 members, was going to vote to take their power. As it turned out this is a huge effort on everyone's part. Councilwoman Moss said that she saw the amount of paperwork, the Resolutions to be voted on are about 1,400 pages with all the details and all the legal parts that were required, unfortunately they did not receive this material until 48 hours before the meeting, which did not allow everyone enough time to review them. Plus they already had met the day before, and she was there, to do a tour of a power generating facility and a separate meeting on a separate topic. So, frankly there wasn't enough time and that was stated at the meeting to give due diligence to these materials in order to vote on them. So they postponed the meeting until tomorrow (Wednesday) and it will take place by telephone at 10:00 a.m. and everyone will be voting. She said both the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. She said the sweet spot in this is that Ms. Lynne Tejada, who is from Key West, said that what she would hope is that the vote will be unanimous and a united front of FMPA. Councilwoman Moss said those were her comments also. At the end of the meeting she thanked Ms. Tejada for saying that and frankly she viewed last Thursday as a success. She said if you think about it, it has taken them so long to get to this point where they have 1,400 pages of paperwork and they are ready to move on it. So the vote is tomorrow and she commends them all. She said having had the opportunity to be an FMPA Representative since November 2016, with the exception of

two (2) months, that they act in the interest of all of their members. She said a joint action is not uncommon to them she has to commend them for that. She doesn't think this is a cliff hanger for tomorrow's meeting. She said there has been a lot of good will and faith on both sides and that is what is needed to make anything successful. She said that is where they are with this and she will report back on it at another meeting. She reiterated the vote to be taken is at the meeting tomorrow morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. by telephone.

E. Presentation items by the public (10 minute time limit).

1) Mr. Mike Johannsen, to speak on the Lagoon Matters. – Sponsored by Councilmember Tony Young

Mr. Mike Johannsen gave a Power Point Presentation (attached to the original minutes).

Mr. Young commented that he has spent a lot of time looking at various neighborhoods and what the City is doing for them. He lives in McAnsh Park and would be upset if there were contaminants flowing down his street. He went over Mr. Johannsen's credentials and why he chose Vero Beach as his home.

F. Public Comment (3 minute time limit).

Mr. Paul Faeitt read a prepared letter.

Mr. Ed Fitzgerald commented that there used to be a professional baseball team in Vero Beach, which they don't have any more. They should have a team here. He said that someone should be using that stadium other than some little league teams. Some things happen in this town that he can't believe. Like he was witnessing employees cutting grass on Easter Sunday and he doesn't understand why this City would allow that to happen. The City should be contracting out for mowing. He said there was an irrigation system installed in Van Busch Park, however most of the water goes out on the road. He said the last time that he spoke before City Council he asked if the contractor would be responsible for the broken pipe and what was the cost to the City to clean up that mess.

Mr. Jim O'Connor, City Manager, stated that it cost \$50,000 to repair it.

Mayor Howle suggested to Mr. Fitzgerald that he present his list of questions that he wants answered to the City Manager.

Mr. O'Connor said the City has not issued a fine to the developer for damaging the pipe.

Mr. Fitzgerald said it is only a matter of time before the pipe fails again.

Mayor Howle informed Mr. Fitzgerald that his three (3) minutes were up.

Mr. Richard Baker commented that taking small steps was really good. He knows that Councilwoman Moss is working on planting native plants at City Hall and getting rid of some of the grass. He said that the Moorings and Bethel Creek are also getting rid of some of their sod. He said doing these things are a good place to start.

Mr. Charlie Pope, Vice President of Indian River Neighborhood Association (IRNA) and sits on the Water and Lagoon Committee, read a prepared statement. He told anyone attending today's meeting wanting a "Save the Lagoon" sign to feel free to take one. He said that the City is doing a good job in requiring retention ponds.

Mrs. Judy Orcutt realized that all of this effort to save the Lagoon takes a lot of money. On February 17, 2017, the City Council was asked to take the next step and pass the stormwater implementation. She said that the City invested money on a study to implement this and there was just one (1) step remaining to be done and that was to spend \$6,000 to implement the stormwater utility study. The motion failed 3-2 to pass the stormwater utility. She was hoping they would look at this again and see how important it is. The budget for the next five (5) years for \$4 million in stormwater projects needs to be implemented in Vero Beach. She questioned where the money would come from, but felt they needed to find the money and have this implemented. She said it is time to pass the stormwater utility. She urged that the planning to clean up the Lagoon continue. She agreed that the STEP System is an awesome program, but that sewage spill comes up as reluctance for some people to connect. She suggested to Council that they consider having some sort of objective study done for the infrastructure.

Ms. Vilgine Eign (spelling may not be correct) suggested if there is another spill that signs be put up so the public will know if it is safe for people to swim in the area.

Ms. Gayle Fiabane commented that she has attended several meetings and is concerned about what she is hearing. She said this is not a new issue and it has been brought up several times over the years. She said that as a City they need to protect their assets. She asked Council if they want to be known as the Council who gives lip service. She said they can't keep using bandaids to fix things because in five (5) years they will be talking about these same problems again and destroying what they consider paradise. She said that this community looks to their leaders and they want to have collaboration. If these things had been done 20 years ago they would not be in this place. She said if they don't have the leadership from this Council the voters are going to take the leadership away from them at the next election.

Mr. Phil Katrovitz recalled that the City voted against the stormwater utility because it would cost the utility customers \$5.00 in their utility bill. He said that he loves this City like most people do and they would not mind having to pay an additional \$5.00.

Mr. Francis McGill wanted to know what happened to the commitment that the public heard in February of last year. He asked why those funds have not been allocated.

Councilwoman Moss gave a recap on this matter for the community. She said that she reread the minutes from that meeting (February 07, 2017). For the record that was the longest meeting that the City has ever had, which was eight (8) hours and two (2) minutes and it was held on February 7, 2017. She said it was a good meeting. She expressed what they said at that meeting was that they would not do as previous Councils had done. She requested the budget recap from the Finance Director starting from 2010 to 2015 and what money was budgeted and spent for stormwater. There was three million six hundred thousand dollars and what was actually spent during that five (5) year period was two million six hundred thousand dollars. So there was a million dollars that was budgeted for stormwater, but was not spent on it. She said this is not being said to judge previous Councils. Personally she does not believe in judging the past by the standards of the present. She does not think that is fair. She said there are many requests for funding. She thinks what happened is this money went towards street paving. She spoke on the stormwater utilities study. She was on the Utilities Commission at the time that it came before them. She said what happened was that the City Council or the City Manager approved the initial \$50,000 for this study, which actually was not a study. It was a pitch for a job. She said after you ask enough questions it becomes clear. She was surprised quite frankly because she thought they were looking at this matter and were going to tell the City if it should be done or not. However, that is not what they were doing. What they were doing is they were going to tell the City how to do it. She said a study is not needed once a decision has already been made. She went back to the dollars. The initial fee started at \$50,000. Then it went before the Utilities Commission and she was Chairwoman of the Utilities Commission at the time and the company was asking the City for another \$50,000. She said that the company did not ask them for the first \$50,000 and she did not know how the first \$50,000 came about. She did not feel comfortable with it because even at that time she felt this was not the kind of thing that was going to tell them yes or no or is it a good thing or a bad thing. Reluctantly, they went forward with it with an additional \$50,000. Then when the company came to Council in February, 2017, they were asking for another \$40,000. The Utilities Commission had been told that \$100,000 would finish the study. She was shocked. These are the same people that would actually be implementing it and that is their business and they were requesting more money for the study. She said if they can't come up with the proper cost and originally they said \$100,000 and then it became \$140,000, which is a 40% increase then how can they possibly be sure that it is only going to be \$5.00 a month forever. She said her confidence in them was shaken. It is her job to look at the numbers. She said that Council has been looking at the numbers and this past year they did not take anything out of the stormwater account. They met with the Public Work's director and asked for his priorities, which they addressed. She said Council did not remove anything from the stormwater budget to take care of any other problem. This is something that they will probably continue to do as a Council. Later on in the meeting when they discuss the budget her issue is infrastructure and that is part of what they are talking about. She said they must be careful with these examples. She remembers last year at the February meeting they opened with a photograph of Brevard County. She said that Brevard County is in serious trouble with their portion of the Lagoon and they have had a stormwater utility for decades. She said that is not good advertising. She would not use Brevard County as advertising for stormwater utilities. Then she met a year ago

with Sebastian and their City Manager because they have had a stormwater utility. She has heard if they have a stormwater utility that the money will never be spent for anything else. She said that the money goes into the stormwater utility and it meanders a bit and comes back around again after going through the General Fund. She was disappointed with that whole situation and agrees they need to do better. She said it is a quantity and a quality issue with the stormwater. The quantity issue is don't have the pipes burst, which is infrastructure and where she wants to focus. The quality issue is the Lagoon. There are only four (4) miles in the City. She said it is hard to control the Lagoon because it meanders and flows. They have to rely on other governments to also be doing their jobs. As far as the quality of it she would like to work with other agencies, such as the Water Management District in getting grants for additional funding. The other thing they can do is have native plants. She was inspired with what Dr. Baker had to say at the symposium that he held in January. After the symposium she invited Dr. Baker, Ms. Nicky Munroe from the University of Florida, Representatives of the Garden Club and Mrs. Robin Pelensky, who is the City's Landscape Architect, to meet and start working on this. They came up with the idea that they are going to redo City Hall to be an example of native plants and rain gardens, which is something that everyone can do right away. She said if someone has a yard this is really important. She is not going to go into all the details now. She is going to let the experts talk about it at a future meeting. She wants City Hall to be a showcase for this project. She has school children coming to City Hall all the time and she talks to them about government. She said what a wonderful thing if she can take them outside and explain to them what rain gardens and native plants are. The City is working on this and will spend whatever money is allotted for this project. She said that Council agrees that stormwater is a very important issue, but unfortunately they cannot control it one-hundred percent, but they will make a sincere effort to do absolutely the best that they can.

Mr. Francis McGill said thank you so much. I am convinced that you are committed and look forward to that commitment being executed.

Mr. Brandon Burke urged the Council to vote for the stormwater utility. He said they are not afraid of a raise in taxes.

Mr. Fitzgerald asked if people are being given a tax credit to put in the STEP System.

Mr. O'Connor stated yes. He said that if someone finances the STEP System through the City it is cheaper for them. He said that the price of connecting to the STEP System speaks for itself. He had to pay around \$5,000 when he had the STEP System installed and had to get his own plumber.

Mr. Fitzgerald suggested having a one (1) time property credit.

Mr. O'Connor stated that the City has never paid an employee to mow grass in one (1) of the City's Parks on Easter Sunday.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated that he was not lying. There were City employees out cutting the grass on Easter Sunday.

Mr. O'Connor recalled that the City has contracted to have their Parks mowed by an outside firm and the grass was not being mowed in a timely manner and the public was complaining because the grass was so high.

Mr. Fitzgerald commented that he was being factious in stating the great negotiating that has been done regarding the sale of the Dodgertown property.

Mr. Brian Heady commented that it is interesting that the Pledge of Allegiance is not part of the meeting. He said that City workers are not the enemy. He said the City should pay them a decent wage and provide benefits to them. He said if there are workers out there mowing on Easter then the City needs to hire more workers. If they want to stop pollution in the Lagoon then they need to stop dumping into it. Dr. Zudans is not at today's meeting because he doesn't do day meetings, he does night meetings.

Mrs. Gail Fiabane asked if the City requires performance bonds from their contractors.

Mr. O'Connor said the City does use performance bonds for people doing work for them.

Mr. Wayne Coment, City Attorney, explained that it was not done in the case of the contractor hired to do the stormwater utility study because that project was being done in phases.

Mr. John Wester commented that he lives on Fiddlewood Road and it is a raceway. He said if someone googles for a route in that area it gives them Fiddlewood Road as an alternative. There is a sign posted that says the street is for local traffic only.

Mr. Coment explained that the City cannot enforce what it states on the sign because this is a public road.

Mr. Wester went over two (2) different instances that occurred on the road. He said there is very fast traffic and there is no police protection. The quality of life on Fiddlewood Road is terrible. He commented that the employees of the City who take care of the Parks are great. When they contracted out the mowing of the grass in City Parks the grass always got too high before it was ever mowed. Those contractors do not love the City and never showed up on time to mow the grass.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) Lease Amendment for Treasure Coast Air Services, LLC., for the Sale of Beer and Wine.**
- B) Royal Palm Pointe Dock – Hurricane Irma Repair – Bid 070-18/JO – Recommendation of Award of Construction Contract – (\$123,200.00)**
- C) Emergency Expenditures – Hurricane Irma (DR-4337)**

Mr. Young asked Mr. O'Connor to explain item 3-C).

Mr. O'Connor explained that any expenditure over \$50,000 must be brought to the City Council.

Mr. Young asked as far as the impact on reserves, where do we stand on that.

Mr. O'Connor commented that the City has received \$700,000 from FEMA, but they are still owed \$2 million.

Mr. Young made a motion to adopt the consent agenda. Mr. Sykes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

A. New Business

- 1) Comprehensive Plan Policy Document: Council Discussion of Infill, Mixed Use, Height/Density Restrictions and Short-term Rentals. Attached are Laura Moss's Memorandum dated 11/06/2017 and the corresponding pages from "Final Draft Comprehensive Plan Policy Department," which are p. 2-10, p. 2-14, and p. 2-15. – Requested by Councilwoman Laura Moss**

Councilwoman Moss stated that this is one (1) small section of the Comprehensive Plan Policy document. She had written the attached memorandum last November (attached to the original minutes) and they didn't get a chance to address it at that time. With the Sunshine Law, this is her opportunity to hear what the other Councilmembers think about some of these issues that are in the Comprehensive Plan. She has the questions written and she has asked Mr. Tim McGarry, Planning and Development Director, basically in a nutshell to define the terms "infill" and "redevelopment" and to give examples. The term "*infill*" appears many times throughout the Comprehensive Plan and especially in this Section, the entire Section by the way is new and it is entitled "*Redevelopment and Infill Principles and Strategies*." She said that is what they are talking about at this time, the redevelopment and infill principles and strategies, so she wanted to be sure that as a Council and also for the community that they really understand what we mean by redevelopment and also by infill and questioned is this something that they want. The reason why she asks this is that she has had a number of people in the last year, she has spent a lot of time out in the community, and she has had a number of people approach her with regard to development. She said that everyone loves it here. In fact, one (1) morning when she was at "Coffee with the Mayor" she asked that they "give her their poor, give her their weary, and give her their Boca" because a lot of people have moved here from southern Florida and in fact, what prompted that comment that day, one (1) gentleman had said that Vero is what Boca Raton looked like 30-years ago. So, this might very well be what they want, she is not saying this is not what they want, but she is saying they should have a serious conversation about it. The Comprehensive Plan does

have the weight of a legal document so we are determining a path forward with it. She understands that they will vote separately on specific things at a later date to implement them if they are in fact implemented. But, we are setting a tone certainly and we are also setting a legal pathway to enable some of these things. She hopes to hear from the community. First of all she is going to ask Mr. McGarry to define for them and give them examples of what is redevelopment and what is infill and then she would love to hear from people if infill is what they have been longing for. She said now is the time to tell her.

Mayor Howle said Boca is the way that Boca is because they allow for height limits that are different than Vero Beach's height limits. He said Vero Beach has been for the most part developed out since 1982. Their height limits have not changed. They are not allowing for skyscrapers or high rise condominiums on the beach. He said the only change that happened to the height restrictions over the past few years was a reduction.

Councilwoman Moss said what is interesting is that she heard that Boca actually did change their height restriction and they swore they never would. Maybe that's the point. If you start down the path you might end up doing things that you don't expect to do. That is why they want to be careful what the path is. She welcomed Mr. McGarry to the podium stating that they are talking about redevelopment and infill and asked that he defines infill for them and gives an example.

Mr. Tim McGarry, Planning and Development Director, pointed out that redevelopment is occurring all the time in the City, whether they like it or not. The City is built out so they have a lot of that going on. He said whether they change the rules or not; it is going to occur. He explained that what he calls redevelopment; he is really talking about where they have existing development that is essentially demolished and replaced with new types of development. An example is the old Surf Hotel that was demolished and replaced with a 12 unit condominium.

Councilwoman Moss said so that is redevelopment.

Mr. McGarry answered yes. He said they have it going on all the time with single-family homes throughout the City that are basically being demolished and replaced with larger homes.

Councilwoman Moss asked does the City offer incentives for that. She said there are also a lot of mentions of incentives; such as incentives for redevelopment and infill.

Mr. McGarry explained that where they discuss incentives is that the City would want the redevelopment to meet specific policy objectives that the City is looking at, such as in a commercial area where they are looking at walk-able pedestrian friendly, the City would put incentives in there to try to get that and allowing some flexibility in development.

Mr. O'Connor wanted everyone to understand that these are not financial incentives. The City is not giving money to anyone. What it does is give incentives, such as parking or

the type of use that would go into a shopping center. They do not give financial incentives for any type of development. What they are talking about with infill, which is very critical, if there are some houses that are used as rentals and are neglected, and when it is time for them to be demolished redevelopment allows them to have a house go back on that site.

Councilwoman Moss thanked Mr. O'Connor for clarifying that.

Mr. McGarry said a lot of redevelopment is at the new higher standards, wind loads and floodplain regulations, which is very important. With regard to infill, that is areas where there are vacant properties in a subdivision that are being filled with new homes. They also have it in commercial areas, such as on 17th Street between the Chevron Station and the strip mall where a doctor's office is being built. He said the City is built out.

Councilwoman Moss asked what is the goal of infill.

Mr. McGarry explained that they would like to have the development that goes in to retain the quality and respects the existing character of the City.

Mr. O'Connor said what it really is incentivizing is updating existing land use. They would be taking an older building and maybe in some cases dilapidated and modernizing it because they have to meet new building codes. So, the incentive is to have that redevelopment and reinvestment of the property.

Councilwoman Moss asked if she is correct that infill is separate from redevelopment. She said that she will tell them what she is thinking of. She is thinking of, and they had a quasi-judicial hearing on this and were forced into making a difficult decision, but actually with a quasi-judicial hearing it is not a personal decision. You are not even deciding as an Elected Official, you are just enforcing the law basically, that's it. She said that has to do with that restaurant that is across the street from Bobby's restaurant in a teeny tiny space and she thought it was expressed that evening really a consensus of the Council, that they were very concerned about putting a restaurant in that small space with the parking and other problems that might come about, but they had to enforce the Code, the law, or regulations, whatever the proper legal term is, and that is what they did that night. She asked is that restaurant, since they all remember that incident she thought pretty well, would that be an example of infill, like St. Paul's Church, where you are putting a building in a small space.

Mayor Howle said this is exactly why he would like to see the shared parking agreement done away with. Having said that even if it were listed as a single item in the Comprehensive Plan they, as a Council can change that at any point in time. He would like to see it completely abolished at this point because Councilwoman Moss is absolutely correct, that is creating way more density, in his opinion, that they can handle in a given area.

Councilwoman Moss agreed.

Mr. O'Connor said yes, that would be infill. That was a vacant lot that a building was put on and it is very important and one (1) of the overriding principles they use in the Comprehensive Plan and that is as a property owner they have the right to develop. We as a government, cannot deny anyone the right, but they can restrict the type of use that can go there.

Councilwoman Moss said that she understands what he is saying that there are property rights and people can do with what they want, but then the question still remains, should the City be offering incentives, even if they are not financial, should the City be offering incentives for infill because then they are determining the path. She said it is a question and if any Councilmember wants to comment on it she would be happy to hear it. She said this is their time to discuss it.

Mr. Young felt that the measure to send the Comprehensive Plan forward was the right decision. He felt the specifics related to the exact applications of it are ones that will come to the Council and he is very confident in the Council they have that the quality of Vero Beach and the things that they hold important to them are going to be retained. He said he has seen that on a consistent basis. What is assuring to him is that the Comprehensive Plan that went to Tallahassee only came back with a couple recommendations for minor changes and the only major change was related to the sea level measures that they should take into account. There was concern expressed in the community about having confidence that Vero Beach wouldn't become like Ft. Lauderdale, Cocoa, or anywhere else. He felt that all of the Council is vested in keeping this place like they want it to be, which is Vero Beach and not Cocoa.

Councilwoman Moss said that is her question. Should they have infill incentives. Is that something that they really want to incentivize. She is asking it as a real question.

Mayor Howle felt if they do away with the shared parking agreement, although as Mr. O'Connor said that they have to allow property owners to develop their property if they want, what that would do in essence is constrict what would be allowed based on the City's current Code and zoning regulations. It would restrict them from how big of a structure or what kind of a structure that could be put on that particular piece of property. He felt at the end of the day the real problem solver with creating this density would be to get rid of the shared parking agreement.

Councilwoman Moss agreed with private property rights. She said her question was just should they be incentivizing infill because if you think of that street and for those who don't know it she was surprised herself at how tight that would end up being; a small building in a small space. It is going to be very tight. She said so, if we are incentivizing infill that is what she is asking what our goal is because if you look at that block and it's worth it, go to Bobby's, have a burger, and have a look. She said is that what every street 30-years from now if they are incentivizing infill, is that where they are going with this. They might not necessarily go up, but it is tight.

Mr. Young said his background deals with planning, which he did for many years and you have to look at the entire context of the paragraph that is there. The paragraph related to this states that the Comprehensive Plan should revise its regulations as needed and appropriate to improve need-ability, clarity, create incentives for mixed use, infill, etc. Therefore, the paragraph related to this allows discretion within the City of Vero Beach to address it as needed. The as needed basis comes to them so he would expect if there is a specific application to that it would have a forum. He doesn't see the alarm for the word "infill" because the discretion is there in the Plan that allows the latitude for the Council at the direction of City staff to appropriately manage it.

Councilwoman Moss said that she doesn't think it is an alarm, she thinks it's a question; what do you want to be. She said it was interesting with the public comment earlier that people were talking about the Councils of the past and the different ways they've handled stormwater, the different ways they've handled the electric issue, etc. She felt that they need to be aware that they are setting something on a path in 10 to 20 years from now. It's not so much today. There is not a big alarm. They have plenty of open space. That is what she is asking. If you can picture this, what will this look like 20 or 30 years from now and maybe there will be a revised version, although this one is from 1992 with only very modest tweaking. She explained that the City is supposed to take a look at the Comprehensive Plan every seven (7) years so maybe another Council in seven (7) years from now will do that. She said it's not to be alarmed. It's a matter of what do you want. It's your City. It's going to be in here, it's in here right now. This has the weight of a legal document and yes, the future Council most likely will not be the Council sitting here today. She said some future Council is going to decide, but they are going to point to this document and say well, it's in here so...

Mr. O'Connor gave an example of infill so they could put it into perspective. He said where the Power Plant is, that is infill. The old Postal Annex site is infill. The old Dodgertown Golf Course is infill. In the case of Dodgertown, the City Council decided they didn't want that type of land use. If someone comes up with something that they really think would be a benefit to the community they would give incentives to that. It may be some type of density incentive or something to attract a land use that is compatible to Dodgertown.

Councilwoman Moss said that she would love to hear from the community on this. She asked that they email her at lmoss@covb.org. She asked that the community please contact her if they have any thoughts on this. She said that she put this on the agenda so she could hear what the Councilmembers were thinking. For the community, later on in today's meeting there will be the first reading of the Resolution to send the Comprehensive Plan back to Tallahassee. She asked is she right that formalizes it, that is it, it doesn't go back and forth. She said they would not be voting on it today. They will be voting on it in two (2) weeks because it requires two (2) readings.

Mr. O'Connor said that is correct. They are setting the public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan.

Councilwoman Moss said at the next meeting they will be voting on it and when they send it to Tallahassee then that is it. She asked if that is correct.

Mr. Coment said it will be done once they adopt it.

Councilwoman Moss said so at the next meeting it will be done. It does not come back. Whatever it is, it is. It is important to her and her point is it sets them on a path.

Mayor Howle said one (1) of these Plans should be submitted every seven (7) years and Councils' do change. He questioned who is to say that 30 years from now the Council won't say let's change the building height, etc. At that point, in his opinion, it would be the end of Vero Beach as they know it.

Mr. Coment noted it would take a referendum vote in order to change the height limits.

Mayor Howle said they had a referendum at one (1) point where they asked for four (4) year terms and it was voted down. Then they went back and asked for three (3) year terms and it was voted down. He said 30 years from now that might be voted for and perhaps people at that point might want high rises. He hoped that would not happen. He echoed what Mr. Young said in that he is very happy and very confident that this Council is going to keep the integrity of Vero Beach as it is and that the Comprehensive Plan is a good Plan as it stands. He is happy that they can make changes after the fact because he would like to see the shared parking issue dealt with.

Councilwoman Moss thanked Mr. McGarry for attending today's meeting. She said that she is meeting with Mr. McGarry on the Comprehensive Plan so if anyone has anything she asked that they give it to Mr. McGarry. She said the Plan is not cast in concrete yet.

Mr. O'Connor noted that they needed to have the document prepared for the public hearing.

Councilwoman Moss asked can the shared parking be added.

Mr. O'Connor said they could do that at any time.

Councilwoman Moss said so they can do it now.

Mr. McGarry said the shared parking is not addressed directly in the Comprehensive Plan. He explained that it might be alluded to, but they don't get into shared parking as a policy. He would still argue for shared parking in that he felt it would be a bad step for the City. He said they had a situation where they had all the on-street parking, which was a problem because they gave a lot of credit to on-street parking spaces, which they shouldn't have and they did get rid of it.

Mayor Howle said more to his point is that if it was a line item in the Comprehensive Plan, they as the City Council, have the power to change it.

Mr. McGarry said any time in the future they can change it. He said it is just a plan. That's the intent.

Mr. Sykes thanked Councilwoman Moss for bringing this to the forefront. Obviously they all feel the same way about the future of the City. He echoed Mr. Young and Mayor Howle in that he feels fairly confident that they have a decent Plan moving forward and the fact that they can make changes if something arises they can address it at that time so he felt they could proceed.

Councilwoman Moss welcomed public comment. She asked that they please email or telephone her.

B. Old Business

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. ORDINANCES

- 1) **An Ordinance of the City of Vero Beach, Florida, Granting to Florida Power & Light Company an Electric Utility Franchise within the City of Vero Beach; Establishing Terms and Conditions relating thereto; Providing for Conflict and Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date. – Requested by the City Council**

This item was tabled from today's agenda and will be heard at the April 17th City Council meeting.

B. RESOLUTIONS

6. PUBLIC NOTICE ITEMS FOR FUTURE PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing will be heard on April 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

- A) **An Ordinance of the City of Vero Beach, Florida, Adopting a Set of Comprehensive EAR-Based Amendments to the Comprehensive Plan; 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 reported that it would be heard as a public hearing on April 3, 2018.

Public Hearing will be heard on April 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

- B) **A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vero Beach, Florida, determining that certain City-owned Real Property comprising 1.24 acres more or less located in the City Hall, Block Subdivision in the City of Vero Beach, commonly referred to as the "Main Post Office" property with an**

address of 2050 13th Avenue, 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 City Manager

The City Clerk read the Resolution by title only and reported that it would be heard as a public hearing at the April 17, 2018 City Council meeting.

At this time, the City Council took a 10-minute recess and the meeting reconvened at 11:38 a.m.

Councilwoman Moss asked a question of Mr. Coment, having to do with the first reading of the draft Ordinance to adopt the Comprehensive EAR-Based Amendments. She was looking at Section 2 and it says in Section 2: *“In the event any provision of this ordinance conflicts with any provision of the Code or any other ordinance or resolution of the City of Vero Beach on the subject matter of this ordinance, the more strict provision shall apply and supersede.”* She asked Mr. Coment if that means if it conflicts with the Code and includes the City Charter and does, if it does in fact conflict with the Code and the City Charter does the Comprehensive Plan supersede the City Charter or City Code.

Mr. Coment answered no. He said that what Councilwoman Moss read is just standard terminology. He said what it is talking about is this particular Ordinance. He said it is not what is being adopted. It is this Ordinance in particular, which is just a mechanism to adopt the Comprehensive Plan. It does not affect what is in the Comprehensive Plan or the Charter.

Councilwoman Moss said that the City Charter or the City Code always supersedes the Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Coment told her that was correct.

7. CITY CLERK MATTERS

A) Calendar Dates

Mrs. Bursick commented that it has been customary for the City Council to cancel their first meeting in July and their first meeting in August and she asked if Council would like to do that this year. It was the consensus of Council to cancel these City Council meetings.

Mrs. Bursick asked the City Council to please put on their calendars that the budget hearings would be held on July 9th, July 10th, and July 11th beginning at 9:00 a.m.

B) Appointment to the Recreation Commission

Mrs. Bursick reported that there is an alternate position open on the Recreation Commission. She said that the City received an application from Mr. Garrett MacMillan who is interested in serving on the Recreation Commission.

Mr. Young made a motion to appoint Mr. MacMillan to the Recreation Commission. Mr. Sykes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8. CITY MANAGER MATTERS

A) Request for Neighborhood Stop Sign at Fiddlewood Road and Flamingo Road

Mr. O'Connor reported that this is a request for a stop sign at Fiddlewood Road and Flamingo Road. He asked the City Council if they had any issues with installing the stop sign. He noted that the stop sign is for a safety factor more than for the volume of traffic at that intersection.

Mayor Howle said that he grew up on Fiddlewood Road and his parents still live on Fiddlewood Road. He said this road is what he calls a thorough street. It really shouldn't be, but as they know people go through there to avoid the light at A1A and Beachland Boulevard. They also go through all the other "tree" and "flower" streets. He said it was pointed out earlier that there is a problem with people thinking the speed limit on these roads are the same as A1A or greater. It is not that he is against this stop sign, but it kind of is because a stop sign is not meant to be used to curb traffic or to slow traffic down. He noted that some people don't pay attention to a stop sign anyway. He said they might slow down, but they don't stop. He is going to ask under his matters if the City Council wants to make a wish list of things that they would like no matter how outlandish it is. He said that he has a few things he would like to see on his wish list. One (1) of the things on his wish list is for a more comprehensive plan to mitigate traffic or to at least curb the speed going through these through streets. He said that he lives on Broadway and as the population has grown and the streets become more congested so has the traffic on his street and people fly down the street. Putting a stop sign in the middle of the road would not be prudent. He said what he would like to have, and he spoke with the City Manager about this and it was explained to him that it was just a function of money, which he understands, but many communities have speed tables and he was told that they cost about \$6,000 each. He would like to see the residents on these thorough streets as a whole to fund them. He would like to see speed tables on all of these roads, which he felt was a more comprehensive way to do this. One (1) of the things that he did without much success was speak with his neighbors requesting that they pull their money together and do it themselves. Unfortunately, which he felt would be the case in many neighborhoods, they cannot afford to do that. He said that he was in Boca not too long ago and they have speed tables on their side streets, which certainly does the trick.

Mr. Young said what he would like is to have Mr. Igo come up and talk about what his experiences are on Fiddlewood Road so they could have more clarity.

Mr. Jeffery Igoe said that he wrote the letter requesting a stop sign at Flamingo Road and Fiddlewood Road. He handed out to the City Council a map of the area for their reference (on file in the City Clerk's office). He said that traffic in Vero Beach has increased quite a bit over the years and in his neighborhood north of Route 60 and A1A. He reported that some people going southbound on A1A, rather than going all the way to Route 60, cut through his neighborhood to avoid the traffic light at A1A, as well as Mockingbird and Indian River Boulevard. He showed on the doc cam a screen shot from google maps and stated that even google maps tells people going southbound on A1A to cut through on his street. He reported that he has been in contact with the Engineering Department since last year and they maintain that for traffic standards there is no other traffic calming devise they can use on the road. This is the reason why he requested these stop signs. Regarding speed tables, there was a survey done in 2011 and a map was developed with locations for speed tables throughout this neighborhood and it never went anywhere mostly because of the cost to the neighborhoods. He said there have been many complaints over the years and nothing has been done. He is requesting for safety reasons that a stop sign be put in. He said it is true that people might roll through the stop sign, but at least it would calm the traffic down. This is something that all his neighbors agree with and he feels this is a reasonable request.

Mr. Sykes felt it would be worth the time to write a letter to google maps to see if they can get the suggested route changed to A1A.

Mr. Coment explained that Fiddlewood Road is shown as an alternate route (he was referring to google maps).

Mr. Sykes didn't know if there was some way they could express to google maps that they shouldn't be routing people through a residential neighborhood.

Mr. O'Connor said staff will do the research on how to contact google maps.

Mayor Howle had no objection to that.

Mr. Igoe thought that Mr. Matthew Mitts of the Engineering Department contacted them, but nothing changed. Also at his request, the Engineering Department placed a no-through traffic sign at the end of Fiddlewood Road and A1A, but it hasn't made any difference.

Mr. Sykes said that he also had lived on Fiddlewood Road and knows that the traffic pattern has changed. This is a big issue and he is concerned about the safety of the children in that neighborhood. For that reason, he is not opposed to supporting putting up a stop sign.

Councilwoman Moss agreed. She said it is very dangerous as it stands now. She didn't know if google maps is advertising this route or they have been monitoring it and this is the way people are already driving. This might be a reflection of the existing traffic pattern. She said it is dangerous.

Mr. Young said anyone who knows Vero knows the routes to take to get away from the choke points. He asked can they do a beta test and put a stop sign up for a six (6) month timeframe to see if it addresses the problem.

Mr. O'Connor said they can put up a stop sign on this request and the City Council can remove it at any time. He would not recommend a beta test in this case. He didn't think this would be any different of a stop sign than they have on other residential streets throughout the community. The question is does the City Council feel that this is that much of a safety issue that they should install a stop sign. He said speed tables are very effective in slowing the traffic down. However, if the speed tables are in front of someone's property and they ask that person if they like it over 50% of the time the answer will be no because people tend to drive around them. But, speed tables in large are effective in slowing down traffic. It has been his experience that neighborhoods that want speed tables after a few months they no longer want them because they tend to forget about the cars speeding through their neighborhood and they become a nuisance to their traffic.

Mr. Young reported that the Moorings did some creative engineering to address speed tables at a much lower price, which is something they might want to look at.

Mr. Sykes felt the only real solution is to create common knowledge that if someone is driving through this neighborhood they will get a ticket. He would be in favor of putting up speed monitoring devices at choke points in the neighborhood. He asked does the City have a function of taking pictures of license plates.

Mr. O'Connor said they do not have speed cameras. He said they can do it, but speed cameras are a highly sensitive issue throughout the State of Florida.

Mayor Howle said they have a limited amount of resources. He questioned if they were to use one of our traffic officers and he sits there all day and 350 or 400 cars go by and the officer hands out tickets to four (4) speeders, is that the best way to utilize their resources. Or do they do this a few times in order to get the idea across. He asked what happens if other neighborhoods start asking for stop signs because people start avoiding the roads with stop signs and start going through their neighborhoods. He said that in his mind what they would be doing with the stop sign is diverting the traffic to a parallel street.

Mr. Sykes said it did not bother him to install the stop sign. He said if it is an issue they can have it removed. He asked how many speed trailers does the City have. He asked is there any way they could allocate a few of them to this neighborhood.

Police Chief David Currey reported that they have two (2) speed trailers and they utilize them almost daily. He reported that one (1) of their Motor Patrol Police Officers was at Fiddlewood Road in the 500 block between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. There were about 20 cars that passed through during that time and the fastest car was going 28 miles per

hour. In speaking with the residents of the neighborhood they were told that the main concern was during rush hour traffic in the morning and afternoon. The same Police Officer went back between 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. and 53 vehicles went through the neighborhood and five (5) or 9% were speeding, which they were given warnings or citations. The Officer did note that the eastbound traffic on Fiddlewood Road he could not see the 25 mph sign, where you could see one (1) going westbound. He said they might want to have the Public Work's department look at that to see if a 25 mph posted speed limit sign should be posted for those going eastbound.

Mr. Sykes asked Chief Currey if he thinks a stop sign would help in this particular area.

Chief Currey felt that the key is the volume. He said there are people who speed, but sometimes cars look like they are speeding and they are not. He felt that it could possibly help.

Mr. Sykes said that he is in favor of moving forward with a stop sign. He asked Chief Currey to submit his suggestions to the City Council on what they could do to help solve some of these issues.

Chief Currey reported that he received a letter this morning from the residents of 34th Avenue. He said they receive complaints about traffic and speeding daily and they address every one of them. He would like to have a Traffic Officer assigned to each district. He said currently they have two (2) who are Citywide. He said the main complaint they receive is traffic related.

Mr. O'Connor reported that they do have one (1) more speed trailer on order so eventually they will have three (3) speed trailers.

Mr. Sykes made a motion to put up a stop sign at the corner of Flamingo Road and Fiddlewood Road. Councilwoman Moss seconded the motion.

Mr. Mark Mucher referred to the study mentioned by Mr. Igoe. He said they went through the entire central beach area and came up with cost estimates and alternatives. They discussed assessing everyone on the central beach thousands of dollars and it died on the vine at that point. He said this sounds like déjà vu all over again. He liked what the Mayor said, if they do it for one (1) street all it does is divert traffic to another street. He said unless they want to put signs everywhere in the middle of the block to be fair to everyone he would suggest that they come up with another solution. He suggested that they put this item on an agenda and have Mr. Monte Falls, Public Works and Engineering Director, discuss the study that was done because he didn't think anything has really changed.

Mr. Steve Shikelvon (spelling may be incorrect) said that he lives on Live Oak Road and the neighborhood is very much a family neighborhood. He didn't think it is a problem of speeders, but a problem of volume. If they close one street is it going to increase traffic on another. He would be very opposed to speed bumps. He felt it is a volume issue and

the only way they are going to get it to be a neighborhood is to close all those streets from A1A.

Mayor Howle asked if he was speaking of speed bumps or speed tables.

Mr. Shikelvon said both. He said the neighbors hate them.

Mr. John Wester said that he lived two (2) doors down from the Mayor's parents and the reason they don't hear so much of the traffic is because of the 16-foot bushes around their property. He said the City is down eight (8) police officers from 10 years ago and if they hired eight (8) more police officers and raised everyone's property taxes \$50 or \$60 dollars they would have more police officers on the street. He didn't think anyone is against raising taxes for police officers.

Mr. Sykes said they have done two (2) things today. They have asked Chief Currey to come back to the City Council with suggestions on what he thinks could be done for traffic calming in that area. He said that he is going to be an advocate to bring up adding more police officers during the budget hearings and second he is in favor of trying a sign there temporarily.

Councilwoman Moss said that she has seen children playing and it is too dangerous for them.

Mr. Sykes agreed this was an issue.

Mr. Wester said if they issued tickets galore and hired two (2) more police officers and they issue 40 tickets a day people will stop because they are hitting them in their wallet.

Mr. O'Connor said as an important comment, because when they get into the budget process, they will hear the comparison of their City with other cities when they start discussing the number of employees there is a difference. Even though the City's population has stayed about the same for the past 10 years, their tourist population has increased drastically and there is more activity at the Airport.

Mr. Sykes said he has discussed temporary parking meters during season and said there might be a way to install temporary speed tables during season.

The motion passed 3-1 with Mr. Howle voting no.

B) Live Like Cole Foundation – Royal Palm Pointe Dock Restoration

Mr. O'Connor reported that the Live Like Cole Foundation would like to partner with the City of Vero Beach in restoring the hurricane damaged dock adjacent to the fountains on Royal Palm Pointe. The Foundation would be willing to pay for one-half of the restorative costs required in exchange for the right to name the dock "The Live Like Cole Dock." Additionally, the Foundation would like to obtain the naming rights to the treads

of the dock. More specifically, the Foundation would collect a donation in exchange for allowing parties to have their names permanently etched into a tread on the dock. If there are any profits generated by the sale of the treads they would be returned to the community through the ongoing efforts and mission of the Live Like Cole Foundation. To date, the Foundation has distributed thousands of dollars in scholarships and grants; all of which has stayed in the community. The Foundation has also partnered with the City in creating and funding the Cole Coppola Memorial Fishing Pier at Riverside Park.

Dr. Nicholas Cappola, Chairman of the Board for the Live Like Cole Foundation, thanked Council for allowing him to come and speak today. He said when you lose a son, you tend to lose an inspiration, but the The Live Like Cole Foundation is in keeping what his son "Cole" would have wanted them to do. He said that the Foundation has two (2) items before the Council today, which are the Royal Palm Pointe dock restoration and the Proposal for a Community Bike Sharing Program. The Foundation would like to continue in beautifying the community.

Mr. O'Connor suggested taking each item separate.

Councilwoman Moss felt that the Royal Palm Pointe dock restoration was a wonderful offer.

Mayor Howle asked if there was any public comment.

Mrs. Deborah Daige felt that this was a great idea. She did not know how naming rights work on public property. She knows once the dock is turned over to the City the City will have to maintain it. She wondered if funding should be put in place to help pay for the maintenance of the dock as it occurs.

Mayor Howle wondered if the treads were eliminated would it be the City's responsibly to make more treads.

Mr. Coment said what they could do is if a tread is destroyed and whatever name is on the tread it would not be the City's responsibility to replace it. He said if the Foundation wanted to replace the tread that would be fine.

Dr. Coppola stated that the Foundation would surely replace the docks whether they are damaged or not. He said the Foundation would pay the additional expense.

Mrs. Daige asked as far as legalities go if other nonprofits wanted to do this how would it work.

Mr. O'Connor explained that the City does have facilities in some of their different Parks with naming rights on them. He brought up some of the benches.

Mr. Coment said that they could deal with some of these things (Mrs. Daige's concerns) in an agreement if they need to.

Dr. Coppola said that it was sinful to let legal matters interfere when someone wants to help the City.

Mr. Sykes told Dr. Coppola that the City is so privileged to have him and his family as members of this community. However, the City Council does have fiduciary requirements and respects public comments. At this time, Mayor Howle stepped out of the meeting. Mr. Sykes asked that the Council wait until Mayor Howle returned before they took a vote on this matter.

Mr. Ken Daige commented that it was fantastic to have different foundations step up and do great things for their City. He said if there is something on the dock that needs to be replaced then that should be done. He mentioned the bricks at the Heritage Center that have people's names on them have been in that location for a long time. He just wants to make sure that the City and the nonprofit's investment are protected. Their dollars spent are hard to come by and he just wanted to make sure those dollars are wisely spent. He said there needs to be money set aside for maintenance and repairs of the dock. He gave the Gazebo located at Riverside Park as an example. Damage was done to the Gazebo and now it sits. He said the point is if something gets damaged or broken they need to protect their investment.

Mayor Howle commented that if they start making that a requirement of the Trust then it may defer people from doing anything at all.

Councilwoman Moss said that Dr. Coppola has already agreed to do that.

Dr. Coppola appreciated the comments and understands the issues as they come down the line. He said the Foundation is looking for a sponsor that will give them perpetuity to take care of that dock. The bike program (next item on the agenda) will help them to continue to pay into the community. He said the Foundation has already given a great deal of money into the community and they intend to continue. They are a nonprofit organization and they don't make a profit. He told of the expenses that the Foundation currently has.

Councilwoman Moss made a motion to approve this.

Mr. Young asked if they needed to develop a memorandum of understanding.

Mr. Coment stated that will be done and brought back to the City Council.

Mr. Sykes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

C) Live Like Cole Foundation – Proposal for Community Bike Sharing Program

Dr. Coppola gave a Power Point presentation (attached to the original minutes). He explained that the Live Like Cole Foundation would like to bring the bike sharing experience to the City of Vero Beach and is able to do so at no cost to the taxpayers or the City's budget. Bike sharing is a service by which bicycles are made available for shared use to individuals on a very short term basis and for a nominal fee. It allows people to borrow a bike from any of the existing bike sharing locations and return it from where they started or a different bike share location all together. It allows any number of people to utilize the bikes in the program each day. Bike sharing is available in virtually every major city in the country and has existed in Europe and around the world for decades. The benefits of bike sharing include the easing of parking requirements, exposure to local businesses, reduced carbon emissions and the improved health of bike users.

Dr. Coppola explained that bike sharing encompasses the smart technology available to anyone with a smart phone. The infrastructure consists of bike rack systems where riders obtain and return a shared bike. Riders obtain an account with the Live Like Cole Foundation bike sharing partner and all bike rentals take place by way of secured transactions. The bikes and all systems will be purchased by the Live Like Cole Foundation and the maintenance and insurance for the system will be provided by the Foundation as well. The only contribution required of the City will be to allow the installation of the docking stations at various locations throughout the City. Because the stations utilize bluetooth technology and are solar powered, the only physical requirement is to allow the bike sharing rack to be bolted into the surface where the rack is located.

Dr. Coppola gave the locations of the proposed stations for the bikes. There will be three (3) bike sharing stations. They will be at South Beach Park, Jaycee Park and Humiston Park. Based on the success of the initial three (3) within the City they may consider expanding the number of stations to include 14th Avenue. The Foundation would require the exclusive right to provide bike sharing in the City limits for a period of five (5) years with two successive five (5) year extensions. In exchange, the Foundation would provide all of the maintenance for the bicycles in the fleet and docking hardware, as well as insurance naming the City as an additional insured. All of this is provided at no cost to the City while any profits generated by the operation would be returned to the community through the ongoing efforts and mission of the Live Like Cole Foundation. At this time, Dr. Coppola brought in a bike to show the Council what it looks like.

Mr. O'Connor stated that he supports this request. He made it clear that this would not interfere with any of the local bike shops that rent their bikes.

Mr. Coment brought up the proposed legislature that would preempt local governments from having these bike services and giving franchises. He would be happy to provide this information to the Council.

Mr. Young said that this concept is not unusual.

Mr. Coment expressed that this Bill did not pass the Legislature this time around. He said that Council could give the City Manager approval to authorize the locations and he would draw up a bicycle rental concession. A draft Resolution would come back to the City Council for their consideration.

Mr. Sykes expressed that they could not grant exclusively on private property.

Mr. Coment agreed. He said their concessions are only for providing services on City property only.

Dr. Coppola said that the Foundation believes in transparency and is happy to provide any documents requested of them.

Councilwoman Moss commented on how wonderful this was for the City.

Mr. Sykes said that he was happy to see that local contractors would be installing the stations and handling the maintenance of the bikes.

Mayor Howle appreciated what the Foundation does for this community. He said they are making a difference for everyone.

Mayor Howle opened public comments at 12:57 p.m.

Police Chief David Currey spoke on how generous the Coppola family has been to the Police Department in helping them improve their gun range facility. He said that he is in full support of this project.

Councilwoman Moss made a motion to move forward with the bike sharing concept in this community and to allow the City Manager to have power to decide the locations. Mr. Sykes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

D) Discussion with City Council regarding FY18-19 Budget Priorities

Mr. O'Connor explained that what he is looking for from the City Council is generalities to give an emphasis of the do's and don'ts. That they let him know if there is something that they absolutely cannot support, if there is something they want him to put emphasis on, such as the Indian River Lagoon, applying for grants, etc. He has heard that public safety is another issue they want to address. He noted that they have made it clear that they want to be doing some things in accordance with State law, requests by the school system, so they will be placing officers at schools so there will be some additional costs that will take place.

Mr. Sykes asked Mr. O'Connor if he wanted a line item now.

Mr. O'Connor answered no, it is really just general. If the City Council wants him to place emphasis on public safety, on improving the Marina, on more hours for the lifeguards, etc., he wants the City Council to let him know.

Mr. Sykes said items that he has listed are: the Lagoon Legacy Project; the stormwater projects that are encompassed in the utility proposal from Mr. Rob Bolton, Water and Sewer Director; the relief canal runoff; seasonal parking meters and parking in general; applying for grants; the traffic situation and the school police officers. He said if possible, they would like to do all of these things without raising taxes.

Councilwoman Moss said that she has an overarching concern with regard to infrastructure. She said she mentioned that earlier and that touches upon a very broad range of things. Not only today with the stormwater, but they've dealt with talking about the Marina, Leisure Square, they had the water pipe burst a year ago, and they had a sewage pipe break recently. So, in a multitude of ways they have been discussing infrastructure, but she would appreciate it if there are other things that they should be aware of now. She said maybe they should just have it as an agenda item, to just call it infrastructure and staff can bring to their attention other infrastructure issues preferably before they happen. She felt it would be wonderful if they could spend some money in advance of some of these problems coming to light.

Mr. O'Connor said there is a way to do that and it will be reflected in the budget. He said the respective Department Heads will be bringing before them some projects, such as Mr. Monte Falls will be bringing before them some stormwater projects. He noted that the City Council has seen a lot of these projects and they have been put on the back burner.

Councilwoman Moss said that Mr. Falls prioritized the projects last year.

Mr. O'Connor said that is correct and they will do that again.

Councilwoman Moss asked can they not wait until the July budget hearings and discuss infrastructure at one (1) of their meetings in April. She said they don't have to attach numbers to everything. She asked Mr. O'Connor to share with the City Council, as the City Manager, his overview on what he sees as potential emerging problems with regard to infrastructure.

Mr. O'Connor said that he would be happy to do that.

Councilwoman Moss said that she would really appreciate it.

Mayor Howle said street paving, upkeep and maintenance have been brought up for a couple years in a row.

Mr. O'Connor said they have taken a lot of the infrastructure money from the roads and they have also put infrastructure money into the roads. He said it was about three (3)

years ago that they really had the shortage for road money. He said hopefully some of these things they will be able to address when they close on the electric system. He said at that time they will know the accounting of what has been transferred to the City and what they have to work with.

Councilwoman Moss said this will be the first year that will be factored in.

Mr. O'Connor said that is correct. He said staff passed a plan through the Finance Commission, which they agreed with staff, and he hopes they will be able to implement that plan.

Mr. Sykes asked Mr. O'Connor to educate the City Council on the potential of future road infrastructure projects using the permeable asphalt verses impermeable.

Mr. Young said his budget priorities are first to seal the deal. He thinks that the City has the responsibility to assist in the transition to FPL. He knows that impacts a whole host of areas, so they should understand what that means to the budget. His second priority is to recommend that they place the stormwater utility on the November ballot as a referendum item because he thinks they need to fund the stormwater improvements and feels the public has voiced a concern. His third priority is that he thinks they should double spend in the Lagoon Legacy initiative. His fourth priority is that he feels they need to begin cyclical testing in the Lagoon at the main canal and the Bethel Creek area for bio discharge.

Mr. Sykes said that ties in with the relief canal runoff. He said one (1) of the things they continually overlook, because they always discuss nitrogen and prosperous, is the rampant use of herbicides and pesticides that are making their way into the Lagoon.

Mr. Mark Mucher said they have all suggested some ways to spend money and Mr. O'Connor was asking for ways to save money. He felt that they needed to have the Finance Commission work on this. He said the big elephant in the room is replacing the money from their "cash cow" (Electric Utility). He said that he would like to see if somehow they can't do something to offset some of the new ways they want to spend money because otherwise they are just going to double their tax budget.

Councilwoman Moss reported that the Finance Commission does have a meeting scheduled for April 18, 2018 and they will be discussing ramifications of the sale. She thought the Finance Commission reviews the City's finances every year. She didn't think the City Council needed to tell them. It is her understanding that they do discuss the budget every year. She said there is not a lot of free cash and when Mr. Mucher is finished with his comments she is going to ask Ms. Lawson to give them an overview.

Mr. Mucher felt that the Finance Commission needed to meet more often and focus not only on the electric issue, but other budgetary issues as well.

Mr. Sykes appreciated Mr. Mucher's suggestion. He suggested that if the Commission doesn't already have that direction that they ask them to look at any potential ways to alleviate some pressure in the budget.

Councilwoman Moss asked Ms. Lawson to discuss with the City Council the ramifications of the Electric sale just to give them the big picture that there is not that much free floating cash unless they raise taxes.

Ms. Cindy Lawson, Finance Director, said the Finance Commission has already looked at, and will be looking at it again at their April meeting, a plan suggested by staff for how to use the proceeds from the sale, as well as their residual cash to alleviate some of the issues with the budget in several different areas including the first year after the sale and the hole that will be left with the revenues, including the money the City has left for infrastructure. She said the Finance Commission had a great discussion about this at their last meeting and now are bringing it back for a formal vote. But, on a preliminary basis they did reach a consensus that staff's proposal for mitigating some of their budget issues with residual cash was a good idea. She reported that the Finance Commission as a matter of course looks at the budget every year after staff puts it together and they will do the same again this year. She said as they think about the budget, there are three (3) things that she wants the City Council to keep in mind. There are two (2) different kinds of funds and they have two (2) very distinct issues with them. They have the General Fund, which is the general government activities that are in the General Fund because they are not self supporting so they have to consider a set of priorities in terms of what they think the best use of the Fund is. The other pieces of the budget are all Enterprise Funds, which generate their own revenue sufficient to cover their operations and capital investments. Therefore, the priority there tends to be related to efficiencies, rates, and capital improvements. She reported that 84% of the budget in the General Fund is people and people related expenses, such as health insurance, so the only way to make cuts in that budget is to cut people.

Mr. O'Connor noted that if they cut people that would also cut down what they can apply for and execute.

Ms. Lawson said the infrastructure challenge in the General Construction Fund is they have really one (1) revenue source, which is the one-cent sales tax sharing, which is spread very thin. The Enterprise Funds are designed to be self supporting and there are ways through user fees and charges, etc., to keep them self sufficient. She said either raise taxes or reduce staff, which is really their only two (2) choices.

Mayor Howle said it is always tough for them, the City Council, because when they get the budget it is; here is what you have, here is where they plan to spend it, etc.

Ms. Lawson said in construction they have a limited amount of money and last year they showed the City Council the list of projects that didn't make the cut so they could see what was pulled out to balance the budget during the budget hearings.

Mr. O'Connor said it is important to remember that 80% of the General Fund budget is employees and today they just talked about adding more police officers. That is the issue of trying to control the cost in the General Fund. He said they will be putting the budget together and talking to the Finance Commission about it. They will again this year, build a list of items that are removed and the things that are in the budget and the City Council can set the priorities.

Ms. Lawson said the difficulty every budget season and every budget workshop are that there are so many different priorities that they have to sort through when they have limited amounts of funding or limited amounts of resources to cover the priorities.

Councilwoman Moss agreed. She felt the key decision of the City Council will be the spending or holding in reserve of the revenue that they have coming in from the electric sale. She said how that money will be used is the key question.

Mr. O'Connor said the key is how long do they want that transition to go from an electric City to a non-electric City. That is the only buffer they are going to have so they need to think long term. He said staff has been thinking between five (5) to seven (7) years.

Mayor Howle said perhaps there are future opportunities for creating a greater tax base.

E) Proposed Purchase of USPS Vero Beach Main Office

Mr. O'Connor reported that the City Council is going to have a Resolution come before them to declare the property where the Post Office is located as surplus. If they do this, under the Code he has the right to go out and negotiate a contract to bring back before the City Council for their consideration. He reported that they do have a company that is interested in purchasing that property for \$1.2 million and that would be a clear \$1.2 million in that the company would pay all the closing costs, etc. This company contacted the City. The City did not contact them. He said the City currently has a contract with the Post Office and the company interested specializes in Federal agencies with an emphasis in post offices. They own many post offices throughout the Country. He said that he told them the City would like to retain the Post Office on its current site. He explained that the company would be taking over the lease the City currently has, which in the lease the Post Office has to give the City notice of 365 days and they can vacate the property. He said there are about two (2) years remaining on the first five (5) years and the Post Office has the option to exercise for a second five (5) years and the lease terminates at that point. There has been a lot of conversation as to is the Post Office going to stay or is it going to go. He explained that is totally the Post Office's decision. They work within the parameters of the lease whether the City owns the lease or the new owner of the property owns the lease. Whatever it is, the lease would prevail under those conditions. The City would sell it with those conditions. Therefore, the Post Office issue as to if they stay or if they go is going to be a decision of the Post Office. The question is, can they as a City, do more to encourage the Post Office to stay than someone who leases to Post Offices on a National scale and he asked himself that question. He came to the conclusion that the City is not a good landlord and they are not

good at encouraging people to stay. He said the company they are talking to specializes in Post Offices and Federal groups. In his conversation with a gentleman who is sort of the spokesman for the company said that Post Offices are what they like to have, but the Post Office is to make their decision, so he said what they would try to do is put another Federal type agency in there. He said that he wanted the City Council to know what the discussion is about, which gives them the background so when this comes before them as a Resolution they will know where the emphasis is going. He said that he is still working on the premise of at one (1) time the Chairman of the Finance Commission and the City Council made a list of all the properties that the City owns and if there are properties that the City is not using and has no future use for it if they could sell those properties for revenue stream to come back to the City. He thought this was a good deal, which is why he is bringing it before the City Council.

Mr. Sykes said he appreciated that Mr. O'Connor is following through on this.

Mr. Young said that he has a lot of reservation on this. He has no confidence in this corporation putting the interest of Vero Beach as number one. His heart is to make sure that if they go down a road to find someone else to acquire a piece of property from the City that the process takes into account an exploration of all potential buyers and then scrutinizes them closely to determine if they align with the qualities and priorities that Vero Beach has. He said in a quick discussion with people prior to today's meeting, they want to retain historic Vero Beach the way it is and to move forward for a one (1) time sale versus annual revenue, which the City receives right now, is not something that is a driver for him. That is one (1) piece of the equation and the other piece is that he thinks the Post Office is a significant element of Downtown Vero Beach and should be retained if possible.

Mayor Howle said when the City owns property they also have potential maintenance and upkeep of the property. The other side of this, as the City Manager mentioned is that currently the Post Office makes the decision whether they are going to stay there or not. Whether the City has the lease or another company has the lease, the Post Office could opt to leave.

Mr. Young said then the question comes down to who are they potentially looking at selling the property to.

Councilwoman Moss asked are they a "Vero friendly" entity to coin a term.

Mr. O'Connor reported that the company is out of Virginia. He doesn't know if they have been to Vero Beach.

Mr. Young said they have about 400 Post Office units across the United States.

Mr. O'Connor said when the Post Office was ready to leave his recommendation to the City Council at that time was to sell the property because the City would be stuck with a

50-year old building with half a parking lot. He noted that this only includes the parking lot to the north of the building. It does not include the south parking lot.

Mr. Sykes said that he looks at this in that the proceeds from the sale is more than a quarter of the unfunded stormwater projects.

Mr. Young said if they put this out for a general bid he felt there would be other people who would be interested that could potentially give the City more money.

Mr. O'Connor said they would entertain anyone. He said that he spoke with a developer today and he would agree if they did an appraisal even with a lease, \$1.2 million is still on the high side. He said the only thing the City Council would be doing is declaring the property surplus and at that point staff would try to get the best contract they could and bring it back before the City Council for their consideration.

Mr. Sykes said that he would be willing to do a 30-day period where they ask for bids.

Mr. O'Connor said that he would hesitate in asking for bids, but anyone who wants to propose a contractual agreement to purchase would be better. He said this would be on the April 17, 2018 City Council agenda for their consideration.

Mayor Howle asked what the revenue is for the building.

Mr. O'Connor reported \$110,000 a year.

Mayor Howle said if the Post Officer leaves the City will be stuck with a 50 year old building.

Mr. Sykes said that cannot be the full revenue because the City has costs.

Mr. O'Connor said they have not spent that much on the building. They do have issues coming up with the air conditioning.

Ms. Lawson reported that they did do a net present value analysis on the revenue stream on the current lease, as well as removing the ongoing maintenance and the air conditioning a year out from now. She did a discounted present value of the lease in five (5) year increments to give the City Manager a feeling for where the numbers should fall. She said this number is in that space between going all the way to the end of the current lease and renewal of five (5) years beyond that.

Mr. Young asked Mr. O'Connor in his view, what is the potential likelihood that the Post Office would try to terminate the lease.

Mr. O'Connor said that he has no feel for that because it is his opinion that the Post Master here doesn't really care to run three (3) different post offices within a City of 15,000 people. In discussion, with the people who work at the Post Office, their building

at the K-Mart shopping center is large enough to accommodate the needs of the City of Vero Beach. One (1) thing they do have in Downtown that is an advantage is that customers have the post office boxes that they have had for a long time. He said they tried to close the Post Office on the beach several years ago and that was not received very well from the public.

Mr. Young wondered how sensitive the Post Office is to public pressure because that Downtown Post Office is an icon.

Mr. O'Connor said his problem is when a decision is made in Washington, D.C. sensitivity is not a big component. He said when they were negotiating the lease agreement with them a few years ago he didn't get any real feeling of sensitivity of that Post Office. That is why they don't have a 20-year lease.

Mr. Mark Mucher thinks that it's good that the parking remains with the City, but if it was out on the open market that parking is going to be valuable to someone that might want the parcel; a non-post office person would want the whole thing. He said this whole topic reminded him of what he has wanted to say to them for long time, which is that he strongly encourages them to put the Dodgertown Golf Course property back on the market. He said they promised to do that about a year ago and he wishes that they would. He said it is not a lot of money, but it is some. He guessed there was some behind the scenes discussions, which didn't sound very encouraging, but he thinks they should list that property again.

Mr. Ken Daige said they were discussing the Enterprise Funds earlier and he wanted everyone to be clear that they do contribute to the operations of the City. Regarding the Post Office situation, the island side Post Office is owned by a local investment company so if the Post Office wanted to close that down, they would get a lot of pushback from the local community. He said the people who put forth to purchase the main Post Office are from out of town and we don't know what they would do in the future and they don't know if the Post Office moved out how the company would develop the property. Currently the City owns it and if the Post Office moved out they could sell the land. They have market value in the downtown area. In another few years that market value is going to increase because they will have more things going on downtown. He said they need to think about the future. In the event the Post Office moves out and the land comes up for sale, if they look at the way the downtown area is being developed there is the possibility that they are going to need parking. He said they could have a shared agreement with a development company where they could have a parking garage, retail, etc. There are all kinds of things that they could do in this area. Therefore, there are other uses that could be done with that property. He understands the City Manager's concern in that he was given direction a few years ago that whatever wasn't nailed down in the Charter to unload it. To sell off as much as they possibly can as far as City owned property. Currently the Post Office lease contributes to the City's General Fund and it doesn't sound like there is too much heavy maintenance on the building that they are required to do. He said this is an asset, not a liability for the City. He asked that they not be so quick to hurry up and sell this stuff off. All the City Councils' up until now,

including this City Council, told everyone in the City including his County friends that after the sale of the Electric Utility they would have ample money to do what they need to do for the City for at least five (5) years. He said most other cities have income producing assets to offset their taxes. Going forward someone is going to have to raise the taxes. He said there are other fees that they, the residents of the City, are going to have to pay. Going forward with their budget, they are going to have some budget constraints. It is his hope that they don't cut people from the Police Department or the Public Works Department. He asked going forward that they be a little patient. He knows that the City Manager is in a hurry to get this property off the books, but asked that they please take their time.

Mayor Howle said parking is needed downtown now and this contract has two (2) more years to go, which makes him question two (2) things. One (1) is, are they going to tear down the building to make a parking lot in two (2) years because it is needed and the second is whatever goes on the property will create a tax base.

Mr. Daige said with the way they are growing they could be very creative where they could have a parking garage with office space and retail in the area unless as a City they decide once the Post Office leaves to put it out to bid. He said if later down the road they want to sell the property, sell it but sell it, when they could get a better return on the money. At this time where the market stands it is not that beneficial to the City. The long term is what he is looking at for the future of their downtown and the future of other generations. He asked that they think about this before they rush into this. They don't need to do this right now.

Mr. Joe Cataldo, member of the Economic Development Zone Committee, stated that this topic came up at their meeting yesterday and he was asked to speak to the City Council. He said that he is highly concerned and did not know this was in the works. He owns several properties downtown and has been a Real Estate Developer for over 30 years. He believes that the Post Office property is as important or as prominent, if not more, than the Diesel Plant was. He said this property is the centerpiece of the entire downtown district. To sell it to an investor from out of State that probably does own a lot of Post Office facilities that they should let the Post Office decide if they are going to stay or go. Not the owner of the building. He said they need to decide what is best for the City if the Post Office was to go.

Mayor Howle said that he could see where Mr. Cataldo was coming from, but he could tell him right now that if the Post Office was to leave and the City owns the property, 10 years from now it will be the same argument, that the City needs to hold onto it, they need to wait for a later date, they need to wait to figure out the best use for the property, etc. He said if this does happen the City is going to be stuck with a 50 year old building, which is going to need some maintenance.

Mr. Cataldo agreed, but the problem is the Post Office can terminate within 365 days and the day they give notice the City will have a year to figure out what to do with it and the Post Office has not given notice. He felt that the way they were looking at it was

completely backwards. He felt this was a great investment and a great return for the City. He said it probably wouldn't appraise at the \$1.2 million offer because of the impediments. It is a 50 year plus old building and there is probably no plan in the future for it to stay there that makes sense. He said as a property owner downtown and as a member of the Economic Development Zone Commission, this is the last thing they need. Also purely on the investment side, the real estate taxes generated by a million dollar property is one (1) thing. That could be worth 10 times as much. Using the old Diesel Plant as an example, that property is in downtown and could have a lot of value as a redevelopment. The taxes alone could be hundreds of thousands of dollars. He said there are many options.

Councilwoman Moss thanked him for the points made on controlling what sits there. She said that is a strategically placed piece of property and it is valuable in that regard, which in a sense is beyond money. It is related to the financial value, but in a sense it is beyond that.

Mr. Cataldo felt financially it is in the best interest of the City not to sell it. He said if the City really wants to sell it he is a player. He felt there would be other players as well. He said this was not well publicized and this is a key piece of property. Today the City has all the control, a good income stream, and a guarantee by the government that they don't have to act quickly.

Mr. O'Connor told Mr. Cataldo if he wants to purchase the property that he please give the City a proposal.

Mr. Cataldo said that he would, but also wearing the hat of a Commission member he would say that it is probably not a good idea to put it in private hands so quickly. He asked that they consider what the use would be in the afterlife.

Mr. Sykes appreciated the public comments that were made on this matter. He said that he feels similar about this location as he would for whatever the future of the Power Plant site as to the highest and best use. He does think that he would be very interested, and he is not opposed to selling the property, but he would like to find the highest and best use.

Mrs. Deborah Daige said this is a good opportunity because with the Visioning Plan there were always ideas where the notion was in place that things would be moving forward and changes so they want to be aware of that and see how things fit in. To her, the Post Office is an institution. She felt that government should be talking to government. There should be an open line of communication with the postal service as to how people feel about having a Post Office downtown.

Mr. O'Connor reported that on the April 17th meeting they will have representatives of FPL, FMFA, and Attorney Nat Doliner in attendance and they need to have the time of the meeting for advertising public hearings, etc. He asked Council what time do they want to hold their Council meeting on April 17th.

Mayor Howle said they have paid counsel coming in, FMPA, and FPL so it is prudent to have the meeting during normal business hours for a normal company. Also, the meeting could go longer than anticipated.

The City Council agreed that the April 17th meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m.

9. CITY ATTORNEY MATTERS

None

10. COUNCILMEMBER MATTERS

A. Mayor Harry Howle's Matters

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

Mayor Howle asked the Council to provide a wish list of things that they would like to see accomplished in the City regardless of the cost.

Mr. O'Connor commented that Dr. Zudans has a lot of ideas on how to control parking in central beach.

Mayor Howle wanted to have a parking discussion and felt that they should. Mr. O'Connor suggested waiting until Dr. Zudans was present and that they may want to set up a workshop.

Mr. Young suggested that if they have a workshop to give Dr. Zudans at least a month notice (referring to his work schedule).

Mayor Howle agreed that they might want to have a workshop.

Mr. Sykes suggested when they know when they are going to have the discussion of parking take place that Council could keep the number of presentations down to a minimum.

Mayor Howle reminded everyone to attend Up with People on March 22nd or March 23rd at the Intergenerational Recreation Center. He then thanked the Police Department for a safety operation they executed near Indian River Boulevard and Royal Palm Boulevard.

B. Vice Mayor's Lange Sykes's Matters

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

Mr. Sykes reported that Mr. Mark Tripson, of Save our Shores, is holding a meeting on Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., at the Hampton Inn and Suites. He brought up a few things that he would like to put on a future agenda. He would like to have a discussion with Council about what they can do to improve the run-off coming from the relief canal. He realizes there are three (3) major ones in this community that are not all within the City limits, but they are all an issue for their water in the City. He said for the general public Council didn't make a lot of comments about the stormwater utility. But, he is a huge supporter of the projects that are proposed in the scope of work for "stormwater utility." It has always been his goal to find an alternative funding source and a better way to fund those projects that was not a progressive tax. He has some ideas and will probably be bringing those ideas up at the April 17th meeting. He addressed the parking issue again because it is a priority for them to address.

Councilwoman Moss said that is one (1) of the considerations with evening meetings. She said that they have been hesitating to put things on the agenda. She doesn't think that they should shy away from issues. She is willing to put anything on the agenda and stay until it is done.

Mr. Sykes commented that the first hour of the meeting is taken up with Proclamations, which he agrees are necessary, but it would be nice to find a way to streamline the process. They need to be focusing on the real issues that people come to the meetings for.

Mayor Howle expressed that the business of the City is what these meetings are for. He has observed the way other cities handle their meetings, which is sticking with the business and getting it done.

Mr. Sykes stated that if they are going to place a time limit on public comment then people speaking under Proclamations need to be limited as well.

- C. Councilmember Laura Moss's Matters**
 - 1. Correspondence**
 - 2. Committee Reports**
 - 3. Comments**

Councilwoman Moss showed a guitar on loan from the Vero Beach Museum of Art. She said what the Museum is doing is they have a new space for children called "Art Zone" and they tie into whatever the exhibit is at the Museum. She said one of the current exhibitions had to do with guitars. She invited the community to observe this new space that the Vero Beach Art Museum has created. She said it is beautiful and they offer a number of different programs for children. She said one of the classes is called Art Babies, where you can bring your babies who are younger than two (2) years old. Another is Toddler Tours for two (2) to four (4) year old children. She invited the public to go to the Vero Beach Museum of Art's website at Vero Beach Museum.org. She said if someone goes on the website and then goes to *program* and then under *families* all the

classes will be listed. In closing, she said if you do go to visit the Art Zone then you will receive a crown. She asked Mr. Young to read what the crown says, which he did.

D. Councilmember Anthony W. Young's Matters

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

Mr. Young commented that Sunday is Palm Sunday, and the City's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday at Mulligans. He thanked Representative Grall and Senator Mayfield for their hard work with House Bill 2673, which is to fund a study to address the concerns they all have about All Aboard Florida and Brightline. He expressed his thanks to the people who supported the Cal Ripkin Foundation. He said that these private organizations make this community what it is. He reported that the Ruck March took place. He thanked the Historical Society for hosting the 100th Year Celebration for the Halstrom House. He thanked Vice Mayor Sykes for his suggestion and the City Clerk in preparing the application for funding for the Centennial, which will be heard before the Tourist Development Council in May. He mentioned that they did lose a number of service members who supported them out at the Patrick Airforce Base. His condolences went to the family of a local Vietnam Veteran who recently passed away.

E. Councilmember Val Zudans's Matters

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

12. ADJOURNMENT

Today's meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

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