

**CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA
APRIL 17, 2018 9:30 A.M.
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

The invocation was given by Father Josh Gritter of Trinity Episcopal Church followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Councilwoman Moss.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Mayor Harry Howle, Vice Mayor Lange Sykes, present; Councilwoman Laura Moss, present; Colonel Tony Young, present 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 – April 3, 2019

Mr. Young made a motion to approve the minutes of April 3, 2019. Mr. Sykes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Agenda Additions, Deletions, and Adoption.

Mayor Howle requested that item 5A)-1 be moved up on the agenda and heard after the presentations being made under item 2-D)-1 with the last presentation being made by Florida Power & Light (FPL).

Councilwoman Moss made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Mr. Sykes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

C. Proclamations and recognitions by Council.

1. Guardian Ad Litem Month – April 2018

Mayor Howle read the Proclamation.

2. Arbor Day – April 27, 2018

Councilwoman Moss read and presented the Proclamation.

D. Staff/Consultant special reports and information items.

1. Status of full sale of Vero Electric to Florida Power & Light (FPL):

Councilwoman Moss commented they said it could never be done and they almost were right. To put this day in perspective, less than two (2) years ago, in May of 2016, the sale was at a complete standstill. Mr. Dylan Reingold, Indian River County Attorney, sought at that time to bring the parties together. She said that she would let him tell the story by reading a short excerpt from his memorandum to the Indian River County Commissioners dated April 25, 2016, *“The City of Vero Beach and FPL have entered into an agreement for the City to sell the City’s Electric Utility to FPL. On two (2) occasions the voters of the City approved Referenda supporting the sale of the City’s Electric Utility to FPL. Since that time the negotiations between the Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA), Orlando Utilities Commission (OUC), the City, and FPL have stalled.”* She said that is where they were at that time. She said that Mr. Reingold sought to set up a meeting with Florida Power and Light (FPL), Indian River County, the City of Vero Beach, Indian River Shores, OUC, and FMPA. The outcome would be that the parties were not able to meet. They were not able to be in the same room and they were not able to be on the telephone. It was quite a situation. She said as Chairwoman of the Utilities Commission at that time she chaired a joint Utilities Commission/Finance Commission meeting on May 2nd of that year to discuss the partial sale and given Mr. Reingold’s position she was trying to support him on that and she made the following motion, and this is a direct quote, which she read from the minutes of that meeting *“In order to honor the will of the voters who approved Referenda supporting the sale of the City’s Electric to FPL that the Utilities Commission advise the City Council to join in discussions with FMPA, OUC, FPL, Indian River County, and the Town of Indian River Shores regarding the sale of the entire system.”* She said that Mr. Mechling seconded that motion. She said that she had to withdraw the motion through lack of support as it was characterized as premature. She said it is with great pleasure today to see the very dramatic changes that occurred in a relatively brief period of time, less than two (2) years, that has brought them to this point. On October 24th of last year the City signed a contract for the full sale of Vero Electric to FPL and on March 23rd of this year FMPA unanimously voted to allow the City not only to be released from their existing power contracts with them, but to take the City’s power entitlements. Remember, that had been a stumbling block because the City’s power entitlements had to go to another municipal power provider, which they are and by that she means FMPA. She said it is with great pleasure that she welcomes four (4) people, each of whom she felt played a very important role in this journey, Mr. Jacob Williams, Mayor Brian Barefoot, Attorney Nat Doliner, and Mrs. Amy Brunjes, as well as recognizing everyone at the dais who have supported this effort, and Senator Debbie Mayfield, State Representative Erin Grall, County Commissioner Tim Zorc, and present today Mr. J. Rock Tonkel, Vice Chairman of the Utilities Commission, and last but hardly least, the members of our community for their ongoing support. Today, as two (2) symbols, she is wearing the FMPA pin and the FPL pin side by side because in her opinion that is the only way success is every secured is working side by side. It has been her pleasure to do that.

Mayor Howle added not to forget Dr. Stephen Faherty and Mr. Glenn Heron. Councilwoman Moss added Mrs. Pilar Turner, etc. He said a lot of people have been involved in this.

-Mr. Jacob Williams, CEO & General Manager, Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA)

Mr. Jacob Williams, CEO and General Manager of FMPA, thanked the City Council for the opportunity to be present and addressed them one last time. He reported that their CEO, Mr. Mark Larsen, passed away last night. He said when he came on board with FMPA a year and a half ago it was clear in meeting with the member cities that FMPA hadn't always done the best job of reaching out to the individual member cities, understanding their needs, and serving them well. He said there was concern expressed by many cities and Councilwoman Moss and Mr. O'Connor expressed their concerns right away. He said that was the case in several cities around the State, that they needed to do a better job in certain areas and FMPA took that challenge on. He said the issues in Vero Beach were probably to the extreme. He has been going over the past 10 years on the relationship of Vero Beach with FMPA. So, they knew they needed to address that. He said when he met with Councilwoman Moss, the first week of December or the last week of November.

Councilwoman Moss said that she had just been elected. She had been in office for one (1) week and Mr. Williams had been with FMPA for four (4) months.

Mr. Williams said they needed to deal with the concern of trust and that needed to be corrected. Part of what they set about doing was to strike a balance to where the City of Vero Beach could achieve the goals they wanted to achieve and strike that balance with FMPA's other members because they had concerns that needed to be addressed. He said they were happy to be able to provide a situation where the City of Vero Beach could have an offer to buy out of the contract and leave FMPA in order for the City to sell the Utility. That had to be done on the condition that no member city would pay more for their power than they would have and that they wouldn't take on any risk that they wouldn't be compensated. He said they struck a deal that they all believe met that balance. He said that FMPA went to each member city and received approvals from all of them. They sat through many City Council meetings and met with each Councilmember individually to prepare them. This went on from the Fall through the Winter. He said they were able to achieve this by attending probably 50 or 60 City Council meetings and pre-meetings. There was a lesson learned for FMPA along the way, which was that they got to learn what all their members really wanted because in each of those conversations the cities expressed what they would like to see FMPA do. Some things they had to see FMPA do immediately before they would approve this. They are happy that they were able to bring all the cities together and get their approvals in the February, early March timeframe and have the vote of FMPA to take over assignment of the City's contracts. They are delighted that they followed through on their commitment to the City. He said the Team here worked very hard. Particularly, Councilwoman Moss's efforts in working with the communities, with the FMPA Board

in that without her efforts it would have been much more of a challenge. He said that she met with all the cities in the Board meetings and was one (1) of them, which helped tremendously in the process. He thanked Councilwoman Moss. He said they are happy for Vero Beach in that they are moving to where they want to go. He said many people have said this is going to do things and they are going to save money, but he was not sure about that. But, that is not the point today. He said FMPA's wholesale rates are as low as FPL's rates and the rates continue to move lower. If his team does their job well, which is what they are hired to do, their rates will be lower than FPL's rates when this is all said and done. He said the City of Vero Beach made the decision they made and he congratulates them for it. But, they are not hanging their heads. Their members are happy with the pricing and the services FMPA is providing and if they do their job well they will continue to be that way and they will all walk away stating that they all have won in that the members got what they wanted and the City of Vero Beach got what they wanted. He thanked the City Council for the opportunity to address them and hopefully they have met the City's needs and their members' needs.

Mayor Howle thanked Mr. Williams and Mr. Jody Finklea for all the efforts they put forth. He said they put a lot of miles over a short period of time and they did exactly what they said they would try to do. He could not thank them enough. He said that he was sorry for their loss and asked that he extend the City Council's condolences to the rest of the staff of FMPA.

Mr. Sykes thanked Mr. Williams for all his time and effort.

-Mayor Brian Barefoot, Town of Indian River Shores

*Please note that Mayor Brian Barefoot, Town of Indian River Shores, spoke after Attorney Nat Doliner.

Mr. Brian Barefoot, Mayor of the Town of Indian River Shores, thanked the City Council for inviting him today. He said that he shares their enthusiasm for being where they are today. He knows this journey began a long time ago and he could not be more pleased with the outcome for the community. He said the community will benefit substantially. He reported that today, the rate differential between FPL and the City of Vero Beach is 26%. He said percentages don't mean a lot unless they are applied to a base number and the base number is around \$16 million. He said that money goes back into people's pockets, into the coffers of the businesses, etc. He said imagine what the economic impact of \$16 million can be over the future of the greater area of Vero Beach. He said initially it was Indian River Shores, but it has always been about the community. It has always been about seeing that everyone had the benefit of lower rates. He said that Mr. Williams' job was not easy. He asked them to image negotiating and trying to juggle 19 different parties all of whom have slightly different agendas and concerns. He said anywhere along the line one (1) of the 19 cities could have said no and they would be right back at it again and that would not be satisfactory to anyone. He thanked Mr. Williams and FPL. He said this has been a Team effort. It wasn't a Team when they

started, but they certainly are a Team today. He thanked the City Council for their support.

Councilwoman Moss thanked Mayor Barefoot for caring about the entire community.

Mayor Howle said that Mayor Barefoot has shown great leadership. It is his understanding that he will be stepping down from his position as Mayor and he wanted to say that he appreciates everything that he (Mayor Barefoot) has done in working with the City. Mayor Howle said through this process he has made more friends than he ever expected to make and learned a lot more than he ever expected to learn. He thanked Indian River Shores for their part in this.

Mr. Sykes thanked Mayor Barefoot for being a great neighbor to them. He said that Mayor Barfoot's leadership was incredible and they appreciate it.

-Attorney Nathaniel Doliner, Carlton Fields

Mr. Nathaniel (Nat) Doliner, Attorney of Carlton Fields, said it is a pleasure to be here today. As Mr. Williams indicated, the Transfer Agreements between the City of Vero Beach and FMPA have been signed. They are working cooperatively with FPL as they put the final touches in the contract to be ready for a closing on October 1, 2018. He said they don't see any reason why that should not happen. He thanked the City Council for the opportunity to be of service to the City of Vero Beach.

Mayor Howle thanked Mr. Doliner and his firm for their services and expertise. He said it has been a pleasure dealing with them and he appreciates their expertise.

Mr. Sykes thanked Mr. Doliner and his firm for their representation.

-Mrs. Amy Brunjes, Florida Power & Light (FPL)

Mrs. Amy Brunjes, of FPL, said they are happy to be here today. They are present today to give an update from their perspective. She thanked the City Council, former Mayor Moss and the role that she played, Mayor Howle in the leadership that he has taken in getting them across the finish line with the last of the member cities, and the entire team. She said the key thing was that everyone wanted to get to "yes" for the first time, which is what made the difference. She said they all had the same goal. She said there is still more work to be done, especially on the part of FPL, and they have stared that work and are excited about it. She wanted to share with the City Council today where they are at this point in time, what they can expect to see between now and closing on October 1, 2018, and post closing as well.

At this time, Mrs. Brunjes and Mr. Matt Polawaski, of FPL, gave a Power Point presentation (attached to the original minutes).

Mrs. Brunjes reported that another difference that they will see is they are going to have a dedicated person, Mr. Bart Gaetiens who will be a point of contact for members of the City Council and City staff, for all things related to FPL. In addition, they will have a Government Account Representative, Mr. Jim Allbury (spelling may be incorrect), who will be the person for all electric issues for City buildings, street lights, etc.

Mayor Howle thanked FPL for being here. He said this is a beautiful rendering and looks a lot better than what they see on Indian River Boulevard today (referring to the Power Point presentation). He thanked FPL for giving the City employees the respect they deserve. The City has wonderful employees and FPL has done a fantastic job in giving them somewhere to go and insuring them that this is not a “see you later bye” situation. He said that he will keep in mind that there is bound to be a few hiccups here and there, but knows that FPL is at the pinnacle of technology so he expects that if there is a hiccup it will be quick and it will be minor.

Mr. Sykes thanked FPL for sticking with the City for as long as they have. He said they could not have gotten to where they are today without all the due diligence.

Councilwoman Moss said that she looked at the workshop time and place and suggested that they hold a workshop downtown at the Heritage Center because there are many businesses and the churches there that have a lot of questions. She felt it would be nice to have a workshop downtown earlier in the day.

Mrs. Brunjes said their plan is to do something separate for the smaller businesses because they do have many programs and services available specifically for businesses. She said it will be highlighted and showcased at these open houses, but they also wanted to do something specifically targeted at the business community. She said the Heritage Center is the place they had discussed.

Councilwoman Moss said with the timing of 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., the restaurateurs would not be able to attend.

Mrs. Brunjes said it would actually be a breakfast. The 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. seems to be the time for working and non-working people.

Mr. Young said it was impressive to be able to go to Juno and see FPL’s headquarters. He said that he is truly impressed. The investment FPL that has put into Florida gives him a lot confidence. He is surprised that they don’t have City Hall jammed because this is such a milestone event for the City. He asked does the 17th Street improvement play a factor for them in being able to development the site.

Mr. Polawaski did not believe so. He felt that it was completely independent of it.

Mr. Young asked how many employees are transferring to FPL.

Mr. Polawaski said they do not know at this time. He explained that they are still in the process of meeting with all of them. He said they plan to meet with the customer service employees in the next two (2) weeks. They should have a better idea in the next six (6) weeks or so.

Mr. Young noted that the City of Vero Beach is a Tree City USA. He asked does FPL have a person identified as a go-to person for vegetation management.

Mr. Polawaski noted that the contractor that currently works for the City of Vero Beach is Asplundh and they are one of FPL's main contractors so the people that are here currently are very familiar with the way vegetation is done in the City and it will be very easy for them to transfer information over, whether they have new crews or use the same crew going forward.

Councilwoman Moss said that she was out with Asplundh after the last hurricane and they knew pretty much everyone ones backyard after that storm.

Mr. Young said there are always concerns because of the vegetation management prior to storms so that they reduce outages, but that they don't annihilate the vegetation. He reported that FPL has been phenomenal in regards to helping with the City's Centennial.

At this time, the City Council went to item 5A)-1.

Requested by Councilwoman Laura Moss

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

F. Public Comment (3 minute time limit).

Mr. Brian Heady said there is no sense to give him his three (3) minutes. They just went through a public hearing as he was walking in. He said you people are unbelievable.

Ms. Lydia Schulman, of Date Palm Road, thanked the City Council for the stepped up enforcement, especially on Mockingbird Drive and Indian River Drive. She said there is still a lot of speeding cars that cut through on Eugenia Road and Date Palm Road. She said that she is present today to ask what has been done about expediting the lane lengthening. She assumed they would take this up.

Councilwoman Moss said yes.

Ms. Schulman said at a previous meeting a comment was made about adjusting the traffic lights for better flow.

Councilwoman Moss said that would be discussed as well.

Ms. Schulman said four (4) way stop signs were put up on Fiddlewood Drive and the reaction from the people that she spoke with on Eugenia Road and Date Palm Road was

that they want one too. The reason is because what they see happening is that people will favor Eugenia Road, Date Palm Road, and Cypress Road. She wanted to know what the procedure would be for them to get stop signs. She is hoping they would be addressing the backup issue at Eugenia Road with the lengthening of the turn lanes. She wondered if besides having the stop signs if there was a possibility of doing some sort of traffic calming. She said the 25 mph stop sign is a joke because people don't pay any attention to it. The only thing that slows down traffic on Eugenia Road and Date Palm Road is the big landscaping trucks because when people see them they either avoid the street or they slow down. She said they need physical obstacles.

Councilwoman Moss said that is right and she hadn't thought of it that way. She said that she lives in that neighborhood and she hadn't thought of the landscaping trucks as being traffic calming, but they are. She said that she would address Ms. Schulman's points when they get to that matter on today's agenda.

Mr. James Rock Tonkel, Grand Harbor, said that he is present today to create the celebration Mr. Young is looking for in terms of all the people who have been involved in this public political series of events over the last nine (9) years. He said it is a celebration for the ratepayers. However, he would like to make some comments about some people who have not been adequately recognized. He felt that Mr. O'Connor deserved a round of applause from everyone. He said that Mr. O'Connor has not only dealt with that issue, but has kept the City on a steady course with the obvious problems that any City Manager faces. He said the City is lucky to have him. That can also be said for Mr. Coment, Mrs. Bursick, and other Managers in the City who have had to deal with the emotions on the selling aspect. He felt that they were meeting their objectives and it looks as if the employees of the Utility will be taken care of. He feels that FPL clearly presents some great opportunities for them. He felt that they should give thanks for the wisdom of the residents of Vero Beach where the majority passed Referendums and elected people who are clearly supportive of the sale to FPL and they showed great wisdom and courage. He felt that this political process would not have been possible if they had not elected the people they see at the dais today.

Mrs. Linda Hillman said everyone has done a fabulous job. She thanked FPL, the City Council and the City Manager. She presented to the City two (2) checks. One (1) is for stormwater and the other is for the City's Centennial. She thanked everyone who stepped up to assist them with this year's Hibiscus Festival. She then handed out to the City Council photographs of the trees in her neighborhood (on file in the City Clerk's office). She said two (2) years ago she promised Mr. O'Connor that she would never request the City to trim their trees again. She asked for his assistance several times and he was very gracious to send out the Utility crew that trimmed the trees to go out and help them. The last time she called the City because one (1) of the tree limbs had cracked and she was afraid that it would fall on the wires. The gentleman told her that it was not the City's wire, but he would trim it for her because he knew how concerned she was about the trees. He noted that the trees were not any where near the utility lines and if she can maintained them they would be fine. The following day she called Mr. O'Connor and told him that they would maintain their trees and they do. They hired someone to take

care of the trees to make sure they were never near the utility lines. She said that she makes sure that the City right-of-way is kept beautifully. She went out of town on March 21st and returned on April 4th and was so upset about what had been done to their trees. She said there was no reason for it because they had them trimmed twice last year, once prior to the storm and once right after the storm. She has a gentleman who was coming out on Friday who was going to check all their trees and maintain them prior to hurricane season. She they have butchered her trees and she is very upset about it. She wanted someone to fix the damage done to her trees stating that she doesn't want to be the one to pay for it.

Mr. O'Connor said that he would have someone go out and look into this.

Mr. Young said as they go further down the road they will see that nothing was done to those trees. He said that road is a beautiful road and has always been well maintained. He was not sure who was on quality control for this service, but they need to be spoken to.

Mr. O'Connor said that he was not aware of this until now, but he would check into it. He reported that the City does contract out their tree service and he would check into it.

Mayor Howle suggested that they make Mrs. Hillman aware of what is going on prior to trimming the trees. He said the photos provided showed a few dead limbs and he asked that they send someone to take them down so they don't fall on the power lines.

Mr. Young said FPL is here so they can hear their sensitivity to that. He asked that they send their tree company the message that they need to pay attention. He understands storm preparation, but the way this was done was unacceptable.

Mr. Ryan Bass, Chairman of the Finance Commission, said that he came to the dais to tell them how unbelievable they are in a positive way. The City should be very proud to have Mr. Coment, Mr. O'Connor, and Mrs. Bursick. One name that he did not hear mentioned was Ms. Cindy Lawson, Finance Director, for the work that she has put into this from a finance standpoint, which he said is unbelievable. He wanted to publically thank them all and applaud them for doing what is right for the community. He said that he previously had the opportunity to provide some thoughts from the Finance Commission, which included a utility system market outlook and the changes in technology. He said joining FPL, a leader in the innovation, was absolutely the right decision. He applauded the City Council for that and for fighting and sticking through this. He felt that it was amazing what they have done for this community. He said that he is excited to talk tomorrow about the proceeds and what to do with it (referring to the Finance Commission meeting).

Mr. John Marr, of Live Oak Road, said that he is a long time resident and what he is hearing today on what went down with regard to the finalization of the FPL purchase is amazing. He congratulated the City Council.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- A) **Downey Grand Pavilion at Riverside Park – Hurricane Irma Replacement – Bid 080-18/JO – Recommendation of Award of Construction Contract – (Cost \$245,350.00)**
- B) **27th Avenue Headwall Outfall Repair – Final Pay and Acceptance – COVB Public Work Project #2014-10 – Bid No. 200-17/JO – Contract: C-9-2017 – (\$12,855.00)**
- C) **Water Treatment Plant Expansion – Recommendations of Final Acceptance and Payment – City of Vero Beach Project No. WSO9009 – Bid No. 270-15/JO – (\$129,320.80)**
- D) **Vero Beach Wine and Film Festival request permission to serve alcohol at Riverside Park June 7-10, 2018.**
- E) **Lease Amendment for Floss-Em, Inc., to Change from Commercial Lease to Fixed Base Operator Lease; and Consent to Sublease to Ketchel Aircraft Maintenance, Inc.**

Mr. Young recommended that they table item 3-A) until next month as it is his understanding that there will be further discussion with regard to Riverside Park and he felt they were related.

Mr. O'Connor was not sure that would be related to the Pavilion. He felt that in order to proceed and to still qualify for reimbursement from FEMA they would be replacing the Pavilion where it is.

Mr. Young felt to construct a building that would be an obstruction in the flow of what is being proposed would be wasteful of taxpayer's money.

Mr. O'Connor said that he has not seen a plan on what is going in there and it could be years off.

Mayor Howle said they have damaged structures now. He said any proposed plan should take into consideration what the construction of the Park is today. He said at one point in time they did have a lot of people who had a lot of interest in getting the Pavilions back in order because they use them on a regular basis.

Mr. O'Connor said the Downey family wants to see this restored and they have money set aside to do this.

Councilwoman Moss said that she walks by it almost every morning and it is not only an eyesore, but a safety hazard.

Mr. Young said that he is one-hundred percent behind the fact that it is a beautiful structure and what is there is in need of repair. His concern is if they spend this money and then propose subsequent activity there. He would hate to see the money spent now. He was not sure if they could move it being a permanent structure.

Mr. O'Connor felt that whatever is being proposed would have to adapt to what they have in the Park itself. He could not see putting off a project that is going to be reimbursable, also dedicated to a family, based on something that has been around for many years.

Mr. Young said his concern is that he understands what the proposals are that will be coming up so that it would not be conflicting with the Downey Pavilion.

Mr. O'Connor said that accommodation could be made elsewhere. He said whatever goes into that Park is open to the public.

Mr. Young asked is there a reason why they cannot wait two (2) weeks so that they have an idea of what is being proposed so they understand what the implication is.

Mr. O'Connor said the City Council can wait as long as they want to, but this is an order to get reimbursement. He said in two (2) weeks they are not going to see a site plan that they are going to approve, which is the key. He said they are putting something off and they are going to have a dilapidated building and he sees six (6) months from now they would still be talking about it because there is a lot of fundraising that will occur and they have to have approval from the City Council on what goes in there.

Mr. Young said waiting two (2) weeks is not going to compromise FEMA reimbursement of the funds to repair the pavilion.

Mr. O'Connor said they are receiving a lot of complaints about a dilapidated building in the Park.

Councilwoman Moss said it is potentially a danger, such as if a small child wanders over there.

Mr. O'Connor asked Mr. Young what does he expect to occur in two (2) weeks that they may or may not put the Downey Pavilion back.

Mr. Young said there was a proposal to integrate the Youth Sailing Association in that area. If that goes in there, there may be a concern to the money that is being spent to renovate the Pavilion.

Mr. O'Connor felt that the Youth Sailing Association could build around the facilities in the Park with the Downey Pavilion being one of those facilities.

Mr. Young questioned then he doesn't consider it a concern for the Pavilion.

Mr. O'Connor said no, he doesn't.

Mayor Howle said the Pavilions have been there for a long time and have been damaged for quite some time now. He said any plan that is brought before the City Council needs

to take into consideration the current construct of the Park. He would like to see the Pavilions repaired.

Mr. Young said that he wanted everyone to understand that he thinks the Pavilion is important and needs to be there. He said it is almost an icon. If that is the understanding then they are on the same page.

Mr. Sykes said that he is in favor of fixing it for safety reasons and it has been there a long time. He said if something comes up they can address it at that time.

Councilwoman Moss said there is a lovely history for those in the community who don't know it. She said that Mr. Dixon Downey built the Pavilions for his wife. She reported that they were married for 67 years and it is a very sweet story.

Mrs. Patty Howard, Assistant Recreation Director, noted that the City does rent the Pavilion for huge events and there are probably close to 100 events per year and they are currently losing out on that revenue. She said the quicker they get that up and running the quicker people can enjoy the Park again and have weddings, etc.

Mayor Howle said normally what they would do is go through the consent agenda and take comments on the City Council, from the public and take a vote. If he would like they can pull this item off the consent agenda for a separate vote.

Mr. Young said that is what he was trying to do.

Mayor Howle opened and closed public comment on the consent agenda with no one wishing to be heard.

Mayor Howle pulled item 3-A) from the consent agenda to vote on separately.

Councilwoman Moss made a motion to approve item 3-A). Vice Mayor Sykes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Vice Mayor Sykes made a motion to approve the balance of the consent agenda. Colonel Young seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. Sykes excused himself from today's meeting at 10:57 a.m. and the City Council took a 10-minute recess.

The meeting reconvened at 11:11 a.m.

4. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

A. New Business

1) Presentation by Councilwoman Laura Moss, Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Representative for the City of Vero Beach –

A1A Turning Lanes and Aviation Boulevard; Report on MPO Planned Road Improvements within the City; Lengthening of Turning Lanes at intersections of A1A/Barber Bridge and A1A/17th Street Bridge; Widening of Aviation Boulevard

Live Oak/Indian River Drive East

Report on Preliminary results of 30-day “increased enforcement” of speed limits on Live Oak/Indian River Drive East (requested by Councilwoman Moss at the City Council meeting of April 3, 2018 and implemented April 4, 2018).

Attached are the September 28, 2017 letter to MPO reiterating the request made by the then-Mayor Laura Moss at the June 14, 2017 MPO meeting to lengthen the A1A turning lanes and the subsequent email correspondence from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)/County Engineer in response.

Mayor Howle said as a reminder they specifically asked that no public member give a presentation today and he did not expect any presentations. However, Councilwoman Moss is a Councilmember and therefore she has the right. He asked that she keeps the presentation to 10 minutes.

Councilwoman Moss said that she will try to keep it to 10-minutes. What she has to say is probably less than 10-minutes. But at any rate, for the community, as she had said at their last meeting she is the City’s representative on the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Just to let the community know what that is, it was formed in 1993 and it is a legislative agency, which is responsible for transportation planning in the urbanized area in Indian River County. It has the power to develop and adopt plans and to set priorities for the programming of improvements to the County’s transportation system. There are 12 voting members representing local governments within the County and two (2) non-voting representatives and they are from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). She said there is an agreement between the FDOT and the MPO, which provides for the pass-through of Federal funds. She said the dollars are approved on an annual basis and the percentage of Federal, State, and local dollars varies from year to year. She said that she is the City’s representative with regard to the legislative side of things and Mr. Monte Falls, Public Works and Engineering Director, is on the Technical Advisory Committee and this Committee provides, as the name indicates, technical expertise to the MPO Board regarding matters to be considered by the Board. There also is a Citizens Advisory Committee and if anyone is interested in that they can contact the MPO. The meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Indian River County Administration Building, which is Building B. To bring them to the current question and that is with regard to speeding on Indian River Drive East, which segways into Live Oak Road, what the City Council decided to do at their last meeting, which was two (2) weeks ago, was to have a 30-day period of enhanced enforcement. In a few minutes she will ask Chief Currey to give the results of that. She said they also discussed at their last meeting the speed indicators

located at either end of that road. She thought that they have been very helpful. The trailer that is out there now states that the 25 mph speed is strictly enforced. She thanked Mr. O'Connor for that noting that it occurred before their last meeting. Mr. O'Connor had already installed them. She said that she walks there every day and she has seen a change. People do generally slow down, although a number of people have gotten tickets and Chief Currey will report on that in a minute. Not only has it been good for the health of the community in terms of less speeding, but it measures someone there jogging or walking so the cars go slower and she walks faster. She thanked the Vero Beach Police Department because they really do an amazing job. She said that she ended up spending three (3) days in a row with them and no, she was not under surveillance. She explained that she was at Fresh Market on Saturday during the power outage and Lieutenant Dan Cook was there. She said when the lights go out it is very nice to have an Officer on hand. That is how close they are to the community. The next day, on Sunday, Officer Chris Vasquez was at her church with his canine, and on Monday there were two (2) officers, Officer Casey Myers and Officer David Farquharson, who were doing their jobs and cooperating during a photo op. She said wherever you go they are there. They are so much a part of the community and are so friendly to everyone. It was beyond a sense of duty or sense of service. It is a higher, more important calling to really be part of the community. She said it is a beautiful thing. She thought Chief Currey had a story about the Airport where there was a delay and they ended up entertaining people who were waiting for their next flight. She asked Chief Currey to give the City Council the stats on the enhanced enforcement.

Mr. David Currey, Police Chief, thanked Councilwoman Moss for her kind words. He said it makes him very proud. He reported that this is his first ever job starting back in 1990 and he is very proud to be a part of this community and their Police Chief. He reported that Officer Farkensen was at the Airport when there was a delayed flight and he answered questions and entertained in that regard. He said the feedback like that makes him very proud. He said when they hire people they try to hire people of that character.

Councilwoman Moss said that she will never forget Chief Currey and Lieutenant Harrelson and two (2) other Officers during the night of the Hurricane when the bridges were closed and they thought someone might be in danger, that there might be a loss of life, on the barrier island. The Fire Department had evacuated so the Police Department drove across the bridge in the middle of the Hurricane. She said that she will never forget that story.

Chief Currey said this is a great community to live, work, and play and he is blessed to be their Police Chief.

Councilwoman Moss said we are blessed as well. She said this a 30-day period of enhanced enforcement that began after the last City Council meeting where there was consensus to do it. She said it began the very next day, but they already had something in place two (2) weeks prior, which he was telling her about on the telephone.

Chief Currey said they were discussing Fiddlewood Road at the previous City Council meeting. They were talking about the entire area, but specifically Fiddlewood Road, so they placed their speed trailer there for two (2) weeks, which ended on April 4th. Anytime they place out a speed trailer they follow up with enforcement, which they did. He reported that as of yesterday, April 16, 2018, they wrote 73 citations, 10 written warnings, and five (5) verbal warnings. The percentage breakdown was 39% of the traffic contacts were north of the barrier island; north of the City limits, 19% were on the barrier island and 18% in the County and 5% was out of the County. He said they will be there until May 4th, which will be 30 days.

Councilwoman Moss said yes, it is a 30-day test and the City Council will decide in the future what to do, but there has been discussion with the City Manager and the Police Chief about doing this again during the high season. That they will do it for a 30 days or 60 days period to send a strong message for 40 or 60 days so that people are aware of this situation in terms of not speeding and perhaps intermittently after that. She said they expect there won't be so much of a problem over the summer. They will see what happens, but that is what they are anticipating; that the problem will abate of its own accord. Then to come back to it later in the year and do it again for 30 or 60 days and intermittently after that. She said it is up to the City Council and they don't have to decide now. She said they are just two (2) weeks into the 30-days so they will look at it again after the 30-days and see what the numbers are.

Mr. O'Connor noted that they are going to do traffic enforcement there year-round so it's not that they are off and on, it is just that it is high intense right now.

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

Chief Currey said their whole goal is to change the driving behavior and he thinks that is working. He felt that what they want to do moving forward is to get back into the neighborhood at least a couple times a month and treat it the same way.

Councilwoman Moss said they are tracking very closely because one (1) of the things they are hoping to accomplish with this is not only to solve the immediate problem and the problem that is in a relatively small neighborhood, but to create a template if they are successful there, there are other places where there is cut-through traffic, such as McAnsh Park. This is a test and if they are successful then it can be applied to other areas within the City where there is a similar situation and a similar need.

Chief Currey said even though they will be there next season for comparison, their efforts now and throughout the year they hope will have a change on next season. He felt that their continued efforts could have an effect on next season.

Mr. O'Connor said they are getting good statistics on the average speed and the number of car counts in the area. He reported that they are still in the process of collecting the data.

Mr. Young said they also have a speed indicator on Route 60 westbound. He thanked Chief Currey. He asked has the increased traffic enforcement had any impact on his operational budget.

Chief Currey said currently they have two (2) Traffic Officers that are specifically dedicated to traffic enforcement and crash investigation and they were assigned to the 30 day detail in the morning and in the afternoon. When they are not there they utilize the Patrol Officers that are working those areas so these numbers reflect a total effort from all involved.

Mr. Young said so basically they shifted duties within the department.

Chief Currey said yes. He said they have a lot of the same areas where they get complaints and concerns throughout the year so they don't wait to receive complaints, but have a rotation and Indian River Drive and Live Oak Road is one of those areas. He said they address them throughout the year whether they receive a call or not.

Councilwoman Moss noted that the Officers are there for the safety of the community and to protect people. This is not a money making venture. She said the City only keeps \$20.00 from each traffic ticket.

Chief Currey said a moving violation is \$148.00 and the City receives \$20.00 of it and \$2.00 goes towards the Educational Fund for training of Law Enforcement so about \$22.00 comes to the City. He noted that there is a formula for every citation issued as to what goes where.

Councilwoman Moss said a huge portion of the money goes to the State and the Court House. It doesn't go to the City. She said that she wanted to make it clear that it is not a money making venture. They serve the City and are protecting everyone's safety. She thanked Chief Currey for that. She said to discuss the lengthening of the turn lanes and this came up at their last meeting, she will ask Mr. Falls to discuss the details as he has been involved in this as well, but she had requested this of the MPO almost a year ago, June of 2017, because they were already planning to study the two (2) intersections, and by that she means A1A and the traffic from the Barber Bridge and the 17th Street Bridge, they were studying the turning lanes in terms of going south on A1A and making a right hand turn to go west, so since they were already going to be at the intersections the timing was good because the traffic backs up when you cross the bridges heading east and make a left hand turn to go north, she requested that they study this since they are already going to be at those intersections and they agreed. She said it is a long process and these are long term projects. She said that she will let Mr. Falls address it specifically. She said the City also works with the County on this. She explained that one (1) thing that was done right away was the timing on the lights were changed at these intersections, which is something that the County helps the City with. So that is something they can do right now. When it involves funding from outside the City that is a little slower to have something occur. She said that is underway. The request was made almost a year ago and is in writing. She noted that the letter is attached to the

agenda for this meeting on the City's website at covb.org and the meetings calendar is always there and they can just click on today's date, the agenda comes up, and there is a link that will show them the letter. For those who are interested it also shows the series of emails that went back and forth in terms of adjusting the timing of the lights at the intersection. She said that a woman had asked earlier about that and she said that she would address it. She then asked Mr. Falls to explain it because it is very technical and he is the technical liaison.

Mr. Monte Falls, Director of Public Works, said they have been working in concert with FDOT at Councilwoman Moss's request and her letter to them to look at two (2) locations, which were Beachland Boulevard and A1A and 17th Street and A1A. He reported that they (FDOT) have made some recommendations in the interim and implemented the one (1) already at Beachland Boulevard and A1A where they have actually reduced the total cycle length of the signal. So, if someone was to come up to the signal and traffic was waiting on each approach, they reduced the amount of wait time by about 20 seconds. He said this seems to have moved traffic a little better. The study that Councilwoman Moss was talking about was to look at lengthening some turn lanes, which would give turning vehicles a little more storage and not create the backup on the through lanes. He reported that the study has not been completed yet, but once they do they will come up with some suggestions. He noted that these are big projects that they typically have to put through their long process and they can usually do those with a "push button" contract, which are smaller types of contracts that they could implement with other types of funding. He said that he would report back to the City Council as soon as they receive more information.

Mr. Young asked on the timing on the lights, is that going to be a permanent change.

Mr. Falls said they will have to modify the head locations on the signal mast arms. He explained what will be installed.

Mayor Howle felt the most reasonable and prudent way to solve some of the cut-through traffic is extending the turning lane on A1A.

Mr. Young asked is the sidewalk still on track to be installed on Live Oak Road.

Mr. Falls answered yes. He reported that staff passed out flyers to all the residents and they have had some telephone calls from residents, which staff did go out to those residents and pointed out to them where the sidewalk would be located.

Councilwoman Moss said to her neighborhood and this came up at the last meeting, and Councilmember Zudans also is in the neighborhood and is not always available, but she would be happy to meet a group of people if they want to meet to feel free to contact her. She said that they can always reach her at City Hall by telephone or by email at lmoss@covb.org. She asked that they feel free to contact her anytime. She said that she is usually out there and in fact people were actually pulling off the road on Indian River

Drive east to talk to her. She said that is the level of concern and she appreciates that. She said for them to feel free to speak with her at any time.

Mayor Howle said they were about 30 minutes into this presentation. He asked Councilwoman Moss if they were coming to an end on this or is there another subject to go through.

Councilwoman Moss said with all due respect sir, she is Elected by the people and if she has a matter that goes beyond 10 minutes, which she didn't think she has been speaking for 10 minutes, she has a little more to follow up on. She asked Mr. Coment, are they limited to 10 minutes.

Mayor Howle said that she is not limited to 10 minutes, but asked that she keep mindful of the time she is using because they had asked that there not be any presentations and there is one. He wanted to make her aware of the timeframe.

Councilwoman Moss thought there was one (1) more matter under the MPO and the traffic situation. She said they will be happy to hear that she will leave that for their next meeting. By the way, that's the widening of Aviation Boulevard and they are requesting the widening of Aviation Boulevard from the intersection of US1 all the way out to the City limits. She said this would be a huge help for the Airport and for the businesses located in that area. She has been working with Mr. Eric Menger, Airport Director, Mr. Monte Falls, Public Works Director and with the City Manager to accomplish this. She reported that she invited Mr. Phil Madsen of the MPO to join them at an upcoming meeting, hopefully in May. She said that she invited him, but has not yet set a date.

Mr. Mark Mucher went back to the cut-through issue in that he lives in the neighborhood near A1A. He said that he is not part of the gang that wants to close off the street. He does not have a big problem. He has actually slowed down from 28 mph to 25 mph. But, right after that first meeting everyone received a no-through traffic sign and within a few days after that those signs disappeared and every street received a 25 mph sign. He questioned if the no-through traffic signs were not enforceable. Then he heard that Chief Currey agreed with Mr. Young that McAnsh Park would be the next no-through traffic area. He said that he was confused about this and hoped that someone would reach out to him with an explanation.

Mr. John Marr said that he attended their last meeting when this was brought up and he is not a proponent of closing any of the roads. However, by the same token there is a serious problem and there has been for a long time. He said in his view they have confused two (2) different problems. There is a seasonal problem where they get a traffic backup at Beachland Boulevard and A1A so people go down the neighborhood streets. The other issue is the corner of Live Oak Road and Indian River Drive is considered to be a shortcut by a lot of north County residents regardless of the time of year. He handed out to the City Council a statement that is a reflection of the long standing problem with regard to the cut-through (on file in the City Clerk's office). He noted that in the last two (2) weeks the combination of the flashing signs plus the enforcement has made a huge

difference. He said the new sidewalk will make it more convenient for casual strollers, but it will not solve the fundamental problem.

Mr. Joseph Guffanti, of Holly Road, wondered why these people who are complaining are so concerned about cars passing by their house at any legal speed. He said they seem to be concerned about the number of cars going by their house. He said these are public roads and the roads were there when they purchased their house so they should respect the other people in the neighborhood who are content with the conditions that prevail. The last time he was before the City Council he pointed out that there were only four (4) accidents in that area in over a year. He said there is no real danger to the public. The problem is within the person's mind that they don't want cars going by their house. He said that he doesn't want them to put their little idiosyncrasy upon him and discomfort him and the others in the neighborhood. He said this is a non-issue other than the speeding problem, which the Police Department is taking care of that issue. He said that he doesn't even want to hear the word "speed bump."

Mr. John Marr hoped that none of the comments that he made suggested they were trying to reduce pass-through traffic. He said speed is the issue.

Councilwoman Moss said it is a safety issue and they understand that.

Mr. Bill Croak said that he recently purchased a home on Acacia Road. He understands everyone's issues in terms of the cut-throughs. But, what he is thinking of is data driven decisions in how they are getting to suggestions. He asked is there an underpinning to decisions, such as extending the turning lanes. He asked does the City and/or a combination of the City and the State, have some kind of underlying plan that defines the problem and what steps they feel would be best to address the problem. He said that he got the impression that doing something in one (1) area would cause a problem in another area. He said that he is raising the issue of a Master Plan that addresses the overall issue.

Councilwoman Moss said that will be the MPO. She said the turning lanes are within their purview, not the City's.

Mr. Croak asked what is the basis of that decision.

Councilwoman Moss said it would be voted on by the MPO, which is a legislative body.

Mr. O'Connor said when they do something on a State highway like this, it does come down to an engineering decision based on qualifications and meeting certain warrants to make that happen.

Councilwoman Moss noted that the emails from the County Engineer are attached to the agenda for today's meeting on the City's website.

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**

***Please Note: This item was heard earlier in the meeting.**

The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.

Mr. James O'Connor, City Manager, reported that the revenues generated from this are planned and programmed into the City's transition out of an electric City into a traditional City.

Mr. Young asked is there a time limitation on the franchise.

Mr. Wayne Coment, City Attorney, answered 30 years.

Mayor Howle opened and closed the public hearing at 10:29 a.m., with no one wishing to be heard.

Colonel Young made a motion to approve the Ordinance. Vice Mayor Sykes seconded the motion and it passed 4-0 with Colonel Young voting yes, Councilwoman Moss yes, Vice Mayor Sykes yes, and Mayor Howle yes.

B. RESOLUTIONS

- 1) 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.

Mr. O'Connor recommended that because there is only three (3) Councilmembers present that they defer this public hearing to the first meeting in May.

Mr. Young suggested this be heard at their second meeting in May because he would like to be present for the discussion.

Mr. O'Connor felt that all five (5) Councilmembers should be present.

Mayor Howle and Councilwoman Moss were in agreement.

Mayor Howle made a motion that they move 5B-1) back to be heard at their second meeting in May, which will be May 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. Councilwoman Moss seconded the motion.

Mr. Young felt this item should be heard during the day.

Mayor Howle said back in time the second meeting would have been an evening meeting and the first meeting in the morning. He said it doesn't matter to him if the meeting is held in the evening.

Councilwoman Moss asked Mr. Young if he was requesting that the second meeting in May be a day meeting.

Mr. Young answered yes.

Colonel Young made a motion to amend the motion so that the second meeting in May be held during the day at 9:30 a.m. Councilwoman Moss seconded the amended motion and it failed 2-1 with Mayor Howle voting no.

Mayor Howle said the vote was 2-1 and if he doesn't agree this is going to go around and around. He asked to call the vote again.

Mayor Howle called for the vote on the amended motion and it passed unanimously.

Mr. O'Connor asked for clarification on the motion.

Mayor Howle said it was an amended motion to hold their meeting at 9:30 a.m. on May 15, 2018.

Mr. Coment noted that was to amend the original motion so they still have a motion pending.

Mr. O'Connor said they are moving the Resolution to be heard at the May 15, 2018 City Council meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Young made the motion and Councilwoman Moss seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- 2) **A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vero Beach, Florida, Authorizing the City to enter into a Supplemental Joint Participation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for Airport**

Security Improvements (FDOT #4397-1-94-01) at the Vero Beach Regional Airport; Providing for an Effective Date. – Requested by the Airport Director

The City Clerk read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. O'Connor explained that this is to enhance security at the Airport in order to facilitate larger planes that they would use for their commercial aircraft. He reported that the project values at about \$1.2 million and there will be a requirement that they take \$116,000 from the Airport operating budget in order to honor the grant noting that it is an 80% match by the FDOT. Staff thinks they would have this covered under the budgeting process.

Mr. Young asked does this take away from the reserves of the Airport.

Mr. Eric Menger, Airport Director, said it would probably come from the Airport Reserve Fund. He noted that none of the funding would come from the General Fund.

Mr. Young asked what is the impact on the Airfield budget.

Mr. Menger said approximately \$117,000, but it should not be a major issue for them. If this is approved they would accept the State funding, which would double the size of the project that they had anticipated and would increase Airport funding by about \$117,000 for a total amount of the project of about \$247,000 that the Airport would be funding. He felt that this was necessary to move forward with Elite Airlines growth at the Airport. He reported that they had previously planned a security project for a lot less and now with Elite Airways they sometimes have well more than 70 people in the terminal building so they requested from the State that they be able to enlarge the security project and use the funding to increase the size of the secure site of the lobby in the Terminal property. The State agreed to fund 80% so once the project is complete the Terminal lobby will be large enough to handle 140 to 160 passengers. He said they have used the State's funding to their advantage with an existing grant to enlarge the Terminal building in addition to the security improvements.

Councilwoman Moss made a motion to approve the Resolution. Colonel Young seconded the motion and it passed 3-0 with Colonel Young voting yes, Councilwoman Moss yes, and Mayor Howle yes.

- 3) A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vero Beach, Florida, repealing Resolution No. 2667; Approving Airport Minimum Standards for Vero Beach Regional Airport; Providing for an Effective Date. – Requested by the Airport Director**

The City Clerk read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. O'Connor reported that this is an update on the Airport's policies and procedures on how the Airport operates.

Mr. Menger reported that these are the guidelines they try to set for the businesses at the Airport. He said that they currently have minimum standards, but the last time the City Council approved them was in the 1970's. He reported that the normal cost to have a consultant do this would be \$40,000, but they were able to do it for about \$2,000 by using an intern. He reported that it has been approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and by the City of Vero Beach Airport Commission.

Councilwoman Moss made a motion to approve the Resolution. Colonel Young seconded the motion and it passed 3-0 with Colonel Young voting yes, Councilwoman Moss yes, and Mayor Howle yes.

Mr. Menger invited everyone to the Vero Beach Airshow that will be held on April 21st and April 22nd.

6. PUBLIC NOTICE ITEMS FOR FUTURE PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing will be heard on May 1, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.

- 1) An Ordinance of the City of Vero Beach, Florida, Amending Chapter 60, Appendix, Definitions and Permitted Uses in the C-1A Zoning District of the Land Development Regulations; Providing for Codification; Providing for Conflict and Severability; and Providing for an Effective Date. – Requested by the Planning and Development Director**

The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only and reported that the public hearing for this Ordinance would be heard on May 1, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

7. CITY CLERK MATTERS

8. CITY MANAGER MATTERS

9. CITY ATTORNEY MATTERS

10. COUNCILMEMBER MATTERS

A. Mayor Harry Howle's Matters

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

Mayor Howle reported that the Vero Beach High School Marching Band received a great opportunity extended to them to participate in the Westminster Parade in London, England the first of the year. He reported that a group of people from London, England, visited Vero Beach and one (1) of them was the Immediate Past Lord Mayor of

Westminster who was very gracious and had a lot of nice things to say about Vero Beach. He reported that the Band is currently raising funds for the band members' travel expenses.

Mr. Young reported that the Veterans Council in appreciation to what the Band has done for them over the years is sending one (1) Band member to England by donating the cost of about \$3,500.

Mayor Howle reported that the Live Like Cole Foundation donated a check to them in the amount of \$5,000.

Mayor Howle thanked the Vero Beach Police Department stating that he thinks very highly of them. He reported that they had some people go around in his neighborhood was attempting to impersonate him and the Police Department has been very instrumental in helping to figure out who these people are. He wanted to make people aware that there are two (2) people in the neighborhood that are very suspicious and asking for money. He is confident that they will be caught, but wanted to ask everyone to be vigilant. He again thanked the Police Department for being on top of this matter.

B. Vice Mayor's Lange Sykes's Matters

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

C. Councilmember Laura Moss's Matters

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

Councilwoman Moss congratulated the people of the Dog Park on the beauty of the Park and for constantly upgrading it. She reported that last Thursday they had a fundraiser that they called a "Pawty." She congratulated Mr. Bob Joy, President, and Mr. Jim Wells, Father of the Dog Park. She said being at the Pawty the people there expressed the sentiment that they have just as much fun, if not more, than the dogs because they love getting together. In fact, one lady said to her that her dog doesn't want to go, but she does. She said it is a wonderful place and commended them on that. She said they all know the Airshow is this weekend, but the following weekend there will be a free Festival for children at the Vero Beach Museum of Art on Saturday, April 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. She said that it is a fun filled day. She said that she would not be there this year because she will be at a Florida League of Cities Conference in Tampa, but she has volunteered in past years and it is a lot of fun. She reported that they have live entertainment, the children work with clay, with paints, there are student art shows, etc.

Mr. O'Connor reported that Mr. Ted Fletcher has made contact with Mrs. Linda Hillman and will try to resolve the tree issue.

D. Councilmember Anthony W. Young's Matters

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

Mr. Young thanked Mayor Howle for allowing him to substitute for him at "Coffee with the Mayor." He thanked New Horizons who came and gave a presentation. He reported that there is a meeting scheduled tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. with the School District with regard to the Centennial Celebration. He thanked the School District stating that they will have a Tree Dedication and an Art Competition. He thanked the City Council for their support. He reported that he is aware the flag is down at Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary and Mr. Falls has assured him that they would have the flag back up. He said apparently a cable broke from the recent storm. He thanked the person who picked up the flag and took the flag to the Art Museum. He reported that he attended the Care-net Walk on Saturday and the Source was present and he wanted to highlight them. He said the Source is another one of the Social Services Outreach that makes the City who we are. He reported that he attended the Jackie Robinson Game. With regard to the Airshow on display there will be a B-17 Bomber that was in the film "Memphis Bell." The reason he brought this up was because there were two (2) local men who were B-17 crew members who lost their lives in World War II. Also the C-47 Cargo Plane will be on display. He said they lost a local young man who was a crewmember of a Cargo Plan during the World War II timeframe. He asked that as they go out to the Airshow that they check these planes out. He thanked Mr. Joe LaGuardia of First Baptist Church stating that he held a meeting last week "Hands Across Vero" where there were at least 40 social service organizations that came together with the faith groups to see how they can come together and improve their hometown.

Councilmember Val Zudans's Matters

- 4. Correspondence**
- 5. Committee Reports**
- 6. Comments**

12. ADJOURNMENT

Today's meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.