

**CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA
NOVEMBER 19, 2019 3:00 P.M.
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

The invocation was given by Pastor Randy Bryant of Ryanwood Fellowship.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Neville led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call

Mayor Tony Young, present; Vice Mayor Laura Moss, present; Councilmember Robbie Brackett, present; Councilmember Joe Graves, present and Councilmember Rey Neville, present **Also Present:** Monte Falls, City Manager; John Turner, City Attorney and Tammy Bursick, City Clerk

2. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular City Council Minutes – November 4, 2019

Vice Mayor Moss made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2019 City Council meeting. Mr. Brackett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A. Agenda Additions, Deletions, and Adoption.

Mayor Young moved item 8-A) up on the agenda to be heard after item 4A-3).

Mr. Graves requested to add a few items under item 5-A), City Council Matters, New Business. He felt that they needed to address the issue with the Canvassing Board meeting that took place yesterday. In reviewing the unofficial minutes, the Canvassing Board actually adjourned before the motion to Certify the Election results was made and voted on. The second thing is that during the course of the seating of the City Council when the City Attorney was in charge and the Mayor had not been elected, Mr. Brian Heady approached the dais to make a public comment and was called out of order and ultimately removed from the meeting. He said that he has been reviewing this and under Chapter 286.0114 of the Florida Statutes, it is his view that Mr. Heady had the absolute right, as well as any other public citizen, to make comments prior to the Election of the Mayor and the Vice Mayor. Therefore, they need to address these issues under New Business.

Vice Mayor Moss questioned if they could put this under City Attorney's Matters.

Mr. John Turner, City Attorney, asked Council if they would be interested in discussing these two (2) issues at this time. The City Council agreed.

Mr. Turner felt it was appropriate and would recommend they discuss this right now so they can clear this up. He thanked Mr. Graves for bringing these matters up. He reported that the Canvassing Board adopted the Resolution after the Canvassing Board moved to their seats on the dais. There was a motion and a second to adjourn, but their review of the procedures indicate that it was appropriate and that the actions taken were lawful at that time. The Canvassing Board did adopt the Resolution and the Certification of the Election Results had already been made by the Supervisor of Elections and there was no issue as to the outcome. As an abundance of caution, the Canvassing Board has scheduled a meeting on Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m. to readopt the Resolution for the record. However, their opinion is that this does not adversely impact any of the actions taken on Monday.

Mr. Graves said in looking at the draft minutes, the Canvassing Board adjourned at 10:06 a.m. and it wasn't until after the adjournment of the Canvassing Board that the motion to adopt the Resolution Certifying Election Results was made and voted on. Therefore, the Canvassing Board had adjourned.

Mr. Turner said he indicated that there was an adjournment and then the Resolution was adopted. He said that procedure, although it would have been better had the Resolution been adopted before the adjournment, does not adversely impact and make what was done improper or illegal. But, they are going to proceed as an abundance of caution.

Mr. Graves asked how does an adjourned Board vote on something.

Mr. Turner explained that it was a continuation of the process. He said Mr. Graves is correct that there was an adjournment, but there was a continuation of the process.

Mr. Graves disagreed. He said he is glad that the Board decided to re-notice the meeting and the vote.

Mr. Turner said the second matter has to do with does a citizen have the right to address Council, which that particular instance because of the actions of this citizen and his disruptive nature, he was escorted out of the meeting and was not given or afforded the opportunity to comment at that time. He said that under the interpretation of the Florida Statute, if the citizen is given an opportunity at a subsequent meeting, that will cure any alleged prejudice the citizen has and that citizen will be invited to address those issues with the Council today.

Mayor Young said both of those actions is what he was expecting to take place today.

Mr. Graves said being a lawyer and having looked at the case law on how to cure this, he felt they would have to set aside the Election of the Mayor and Vice Mayor, re-notice it, and then hold a Re-Election of the Mayor and Vice Mayor. It would be his position that Mayor Young be appointed Acting Mayor and Vice Mayor Moss be appointed Acting Vice Mayor until they can re-notice, hold the Election, allow public comments, and then have a Council vote.

Mayor Young said that he believes the intent established at that time is reflected in the proceedings, but he is open to discussion.

Vice Mayor Moss said we have a tendency here to do everything twice. We ran for Election twice; we ran in November of 2018, and for those who might recall, we ran again in February of 2019, and it was the same three (3) candidates who were elected after spending \$25,000 of taxpayer's money. She said that she is not a big fan of doing everything twice. If the City Attorney tells her that what occurred yesterday fulfills the legal requirements, she is fine at letting it go at that. She thinks and she will try to be politic in saying this, but probably one (1) attorney for City Council is enough and she means that with all due respect. She said we don't want to get into legal battles at every meeting.

Mr. Graves said that he doesn't want to get into trouble so he is going to read the Statutes, look at the Statutes, and do what he is supposed to do as a Councilmember in what he views is abiding by Florida law. He said that he read the Statute and the case law interpreting the Statute and to him, the only appropriate manner is to set aside the Election and re-vote with public comment.

Mayor Young feels that is understood.

Mr. Brackett said that he thinks they need to get this right. He said that he was also a candidate at the time, but he will follow the same wishes that was the wishes of the Council earlier, but he thinks they need to get it right. He said that he is sure they will come up with the same results.

Mayor Young said so the understanding would be that the same outcome will be there and that they want to proceed a second time.

Mr. Brackett said that he knows what the wishes of the Council are and he will honor them.

Mr. Graves felt if they make statements like that into the record, that gets into a problem with the cases that interpret the Statute. He said they have to have an Election where they will have opportunity for public comment, and then hold the Election. He understands how they voted and he doesn't expect that to change. However, they have to be open to public comment and listen to what the public has to say about the Election before they cast their votes.

Mr. Brackett felt that he might have been misunderstood. He explained that he was open to having the Election again; to have public comment, notice it correctly and do it the right way.

Mr. Neville said they need to follow the rules and do it correctly.

Mr. Turner said staff will re-notice at the direction of the Council the Re-Election of the Mayor and Vice Mayor. He asked the City Clerk for the date.

Mrs. Tammy Bursick, City Clerk, reported that the meeting would be held on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Turner asked Council if that would be amenable. The City Council agreed.

Mr. Graves made a motion to set aside the Election results of the Mayor and Vice Mayor that was previously held and to appoint Mr. Young as Acting Mayor and Councilwoman Moss as Acting Vice Mayor and to re-notice the Election for Thursday at 9:00 a.m. before the Steering Committee meeting. Mr. Brackett seconded the motion.

Mr. Brian Heady said basically what this is about is public comment and the first thing that he wants to say is to Mr. Graves. He thanked Mr. Graves for an extremely reasonable approach that doesn't cost the taxpayers a lot of money. For the rest of the Councilmembers, the legal principle is abinitio from the very beginning. He said you can't Elect a Mayor when you first don't have a correct meeting. He said that he stood up and tried to tell the Council that they need to stop and tell them what they were doing was wrong and while he was doing that they had the Chief of Police pushing him out the door. He said on the tape you can hear the hollering. He was taken into custody and told to get out of the building. He said that he wore the jacket that he has on today to specifically point out the torn shoulder on the jacket. He said that he often wears clothes that mean something. The reason the shoulder is torn is because one (1) of the times an Officer took him into custody the Officer took this jacket off, threw it on the floor, and stomped on it and rubbed it out like it was a cigarette, which destroyed the shoulder of the jacket. He said that he is tired of being arrested and taken into custody for daring to ask that citizens get public input and for daring that the citizens of our community have explanations on how their money is being spent. He said that after yesterday's episode, he is concerned about his wellbeing and he is not saying that lightly. They can tell by the tone of his voice that he is annoyed. He is thankful that they have at least one (1) Councilmember that understands the principles of law. He said no, one (1) extra attorney on the Council is not too much especially when they have a reasonable attorney who wants to come to reasonable conclusions to save their community and he appreciates it. He said abinitio; void from the beginning. It is not advertised on the agenda, but he thinks it's the right thing to do to take a vote right now and have Mr. Young installed as a Temporary Acting Mayor. However, the principle of abinitio pretty much voids everything else that happened before that point. It is null and void. It is gone as if it never happened. He said at the time they were deciding to vote on the Mayor he would

have had some comments about who he thought would be Mayor and had at the time some good reasons and some good things to say about Mr. Young. He said that he is glad that he didn't say them and that it is not a public record. He is not going to say them now because he is upset with Mr. Young. He said they have a couple problems; who is the Mayor and whether he is lawfully the Mayor, which they are going to do something about at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday. But, the other problem they have is that they have a City Attorney that was perfectly willing to do things that he should have known were a violation of the law. He said taking a vote outside of the meeting was just one (1) of the things he did that was clearly improper. He said after the City Council took their seat he tried to approach the Councilmembers. The City Attorney was no longer in charge. He read from the agenda, adjournment of the Canvassing Board stating at that point the City Attorney is no longer in charge of the meeting. Apparently prearranged, he had the Chief of Police take him out of the building. He said you can hear the screaming on the tape because he was mad and still is mad. He said prior to today's meeting he made sure that the Police Officer who is at today's meeting knew that he wasn't armed because he is concerned. He said when you do things like what happened yesterday and allow that to happen to citizens, that is a concern. If they think he doesn't have any concerns to take a look at his jacket. He said they have locked him up in this community more than once because his voice went up because he was annoyed and aggravated about what Elected Officials were doing to the citizens and to the community. He thanked Mr. Graves for his reasonableness in this matter and for bringing this up.

Mayor Young closed public comments on this item at 3:19 p.m., with no one else wishing to be heard.

The City Clerk began to take the vote on the motion, with Mr. Neville voting yes, Mr. Graves yes...

Vice Mayor Moss asked for the motion to be repeated.

Mrs. Bursick stated that the motion was basically to set aside the Election results from the Canvassing Board meeting held yesterday and to appoint Mr. Young as Acting Mayor and Mrs. Moss as Acting Vice Mayor and to hold a Canvassing Board meeting on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. before the Steering Committee at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Brackett asked after hearing the reread of the motion, which Election results are they setting aside.

Mr. Graves said the motion he made is the Canvassing Board Resolution, the Election of Mayor and Vice Mayor, and the third part of the motion was to make Mr. Young Acting Mayor and Mrs. Moss Acting Vice Mayor until a properly noticed Election is held on Thursday.

Vice Mayor Moss said this is why people are afraid to run for office.

Mr. Brackett asked if they set those aside, do they have a three (3) person Council here today.

Mr. Turner answered yes. He said if they set aside the Resolution by the Canvassing Board then they would have a three (3) member quorum for tonight's meeting.

Vice Mayor Moss asked so then does Mr. Graves and Mr. Neville need to leave the dais if they do this and it would be the three (3) of them. She asked is that what they are doing.

Mr. Turner answered yes.

Vice Mayor Moss said alright. Well, that's what was requested.

Mr. Turner said it was not his understanding that Mr. Graves' motion included the Resolution until he restated it and he doesn't know if the other Councilmembers were clear on that point until Mr. Brackett brought it up. He said if they set aside the Resolution that they adopted yesterday then there is no ...

Vice Mayor Moss said that is fine with her, let's get it right. She said that she is voting yes and let's keep going.

Mr. Graves questioned even though the Election has been certified.

Mr. Turner said the results of the Election has been Certified by the Supervisor of Elections, yes.

Vice Mayor Moss said that doesn't always matter. That's okay. She is voting yes.

Mr. Graves said so it is your (Mr. Turner's) opinion that because this vote was taken after the Canvassing Board adjourned that we (Mr. Graves and Mr. Neville) can't sit up at the dais for the rest of the meeting.

Mr. Turner said if they set aside the Resolution, which in our (the Canvassing Board's) opinion the Resolution should stand and should not be set aside. However, in an abundance of caution they will readopt it Thursday morning.

Vice Mayor Moss said she voted yes.

The City Clerk continued to take the vote on the motion with Mr. Brackett voting yes, Vice Mayor Moss yes, and Mayor Young yes. The motion passed 5-0.

Acting Vice Mayor Moss said okay, so it's the three (3) of them. She felt that they better do everything by the letter of the law.

Mr. Graves agreed.

Mr. Brian Heady said this is absolute insanity and if they are going to take these kinds of legal opinions from this gentleman then they really need to think about who they have as their City Attorney. He said this is absolutely totally crazy for Mr. Graves and Mr. Neville to be forced to leave their seats. It is insanity.

Mr. Graves asked Mr. Turner what is the legal authority that they have to leave.

Mr. Turner said that he doesn't have the case law.

Mr. Graves asked is there a Statute.

Mr. Turner said if they are saying that the Resolution, which is the basis for the two (2) Councilmembers being Elected and appointed to sit on this Council, and they do away with the Resolution then that Resolution has to be readopted. If that is what they want then he thinks at the abundance of caution ...

Mr. Graves said that he wants to know what the legal authority is that he (Mr. Turner) is basing his opinion on.

Mr. Turner said it is his legal opinion.

Mr. Graves asked is there a Statute. He said the Supervisor of Elections certified the Election results.

Mr. Turner said yes, the Supervisor of Elections certified the Election results and there is no issue in any Election activity at all.

Acting Vice Mayor Moss said it doesn't matter. She said the Supervisor of Elections certified the Election in November of 2018, and they had an entire separate Election costing \$25,000.

At this time, Mr. Turner asked for a 10-minute recess.

The City Council took a 10-minute break at 3:25 p.m.

The meeting was called back to order at 3:35 p.m.

Mr. Turner reported that staff reviewed the Ordinances that would apply to the Elections and the requirements of such a Resolution to be adopted by the Canvassing Board and determined that all the requirements of the Charter have been met, that a Certificate of the results of the Election has been duly prepared, and that the Resolution is more of a formality and is not required. Therefore, it is their opinion that the newly elected members stand duly elected and participate fully in the proceedings. He requested that the maker of the motion amend to remove or redact the portion requiring that the Resolution be set aside.

Acting Mayor Young said the understanding from the City Attorney is that the certification of the results are unchanged. What is of consequence was the Resolution. Being that as it is, then the Certification of the Election stands and then the Resolution will be rectified by the meeting on Thursday morning.

Mr. Graves said then it makes no difference that the motion that was passed yesterday was a formality.

Mr. Turner said that is correct.

Mr. Graves said the motion has already been passed so to him if it is just a mere formality and doesn't affect the ability of the new Councilmembers to sit at the dais then he doesn't see the need for such a motion.

Acting Vice Mayor Moss asked so what are they doing.

Acting Mayor Young explained that in light of the research that was done, the understanding is that the certification for the Election of Mr. Neville and Mr. Graves stands and to proceed forward with the meeting on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. of the Canvassing Board to take public comment and then once again confirm the Mayor and Vice Mayor. He asked do the three (3) Councilmembers need to make a motion to amend the original recommendation.

Mr. Turner did not think that would be required. He said the issue came up when Mr. Graves raised the third point, which was would that result in the two (2) new Councilmembers being excluded and it is his legal opinion that they should not be excluded based on the status of the Resolution.

Mr. Neville asked if he understands it correctly that they need to have a temporary election for a Temporary Mayor and Vice Mayor.

Mr. Turner said that would be fine, yes. He said they may proceed with all their discretion to have a Temporary Mayor and Temporary Vice Mayor and to reconfirm on Thursday morning.

Mr. Neville made that motion (to appoint Mr. Young as Acting Mayor and Councilwoman Moss Acting Vice Mayor. Mr. Graves seconded the motion.

Mr. Brian Heady felt that the City Clerk needs to schedule two (2) meetings. She needs to schedule a Canvassing Board meeting and then schedule a Special Call City Council meeting. He said they won't be able to appoint a permanent Mayor if they don't have a Special Call meeting. He felt that Mr. Graves would concur.

Mr. Graves concurred.

Acting Vice Mayor Moss asked for the motion to be repeated.

The City Clerk reported that the motion is to appoint Mr. Young Acting Temporary Mayor and Mrs. Moss Acting Temporary Vice Mayor and the meeting will be confirmed on Thursday morning at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Neville asked doesn't that require them to nominate the Acting Mayor and Vice Mayor or can they do that by motion.

Mr. Turner said they can do that by motion.

The motion passed 5-0 with Mr. Neville voting yes, Mr. Graves yes, Mr. Brackett yes, Acting Vice Mayor Moss yes, and Acting Mayor Young yes.

Acting Mayor Young said having resolved the matter in regards to the Canvassing Board and the preliminary discussion of public comment by Mr. Heady, the recommendation was to continue with the changes to the agenda, which would be to have the City Manager's comments following the Ordinances.

Acting Mayor Young opened and closed public comment on changes made to the agenda at 3:41 p.m., with no one wishing to be heard.

The City Council unanimously agreed to the changes made to the agenda.

B. Proclamations and recognitions by Council.

- 1. Ms. Centennial to be presented with a plaque for the services that she provided to the City during the Centennial Year.**

Acting Vice Mayor Moss recognized Ms. Centennial (Anna Valencia Tillery) and presented her with a plaque. She thanked Anna's husband who accompanied her to many events, as well as her son who also attended many events and helped with the tree planting.

- 3. CONSENT AGENDA (include amount of expense)**

None

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A) ORDINANCES

- 1) An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Vero Beach, Florida, abandoning a certain portion of Atlantic Boulevard right-of-way upon the Plat of Poinsettia Park as recorded in Plat Book 1, page(s) 14 and that**

portion of Tract A of Poinsettia Park Plat, declared as right-of-way per City of Vero Beach Ordinance 2015-18, as recorded in Plat Book 2878, Page(s) 499, all being part of the public records of Indian River County, Florida; Providing for Conflict and Severability; Providing for an Effective Date. – Requested by the Public Works Department

The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.

Mr. Monte Falls, City Manager, explained that this right-of-way is adjacent to Nino's Restaurant and the Flamingo Laundry on the corner of State Road 60 and 43rd Avenue. He reported that in the last six (6) months the parking lot was improved, which was done in joint participation with Indian River County in advance of the intersection project. He reported that the owners of that property petitioned to abandon that right-of-way, which will place the land in private ownership and relieve the City of any maintenance and liability responsibilities and all the new improvements will fall within the right-of-way that is to be abandoned. Staff recommends approval.

Acting Mayor Young opened the public hearing at 3:45 p.m.

Mr. Jim Taylor said that he is the Attorney representing the owner of Nino's Restaurant. He said if they haven't seen what has been done there they should take a trip out because it is very nice. He reported that they are very much in favor of the project. They have also entered into a global agreement with Mrs. Smith, the owner of the Flamingo Laundry property, which is adjacent to Nino's Restaurant, that by its terms will deal with all the maintenance and parking issues. Therefore, the City is affectively giving up land, but are giving up land and placing it into the hands of these landowners who then have the responsibility of maintaining it. He said it is a positive change and looks beautiful. They support what staff supports and encourage the City Council to approve the abandonment.

Mr. Brandon Handle, Attorney representing Mrs. Smith of Flamingo Laundry, said this is currently a piece of property that is not making any income and has been improved. He said they have entered into a global agreement to manage the property. He said they have started to make improvements to the property and there would not be any changes on how the property is used. They encouraged the City Council to approve the abandonment.

Mr. Brackett made a motion to approve.

Mr. Graves asked what is the City losing by abandoning the right-of-way.

Mr. Falls said the land was currently being used for parking and what the City would be losing is the liability associated with having that right-of-way. He reported that the appropriate right-of-way is being granted to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to further the State Road 60 improvements that will bump up against this parcel and when completed it will be to the benefit of the public for the State Road 60 project and the property owners for their use and benefit of the use of the right-of-way.

Mr. Graves asked is there any cost associated to the City.

Mr. Falls said it would be a cost savings because the City would not be doing the maintenance any longer.

Mr. Graves seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 with Mr. Neville voting yes, Mr. Graves yes, Mr. Brackett yes, Acting Vice Mayor Moss yes, and Acting Mayor Young yes.

- 2) A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vero Beach, Florida, relating to False Alarms; Adopting a Schedule of False Alarm Fees for the Vero Beach Police Department; Providing for an Effective Date. – Requested by the Police Department**

The City Clerk read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Falls reported that this Resolution adopts the rates to the False Alarm Ordinance recently passed and the rates basically remain unchanged.

Acting Mayor Young opened and closed the public hearing at 3:50 p.m., with no one wishing to be heard.

Mr. Neville made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mr. Brackett seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 with Mr. Neville voting yes, Mr. Graves yes, Mr. Brackett yes, Acting Vice Mayor Moss yes and Acting Mayor Young yes.

- 3) An Ordinance of the City of Vero Beach, Florida, related to the Budget for the City of Vero Beach, Florida, for the period beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019; Providing and Establishing Revisions to said Budget based on Revised Revenue, Expenditure and Transfer Estimates; Providing for an Effective Date. – Requested by the Finance Director**

The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.

Ms. Cindy Lawson, Finance Director, reported that this is the final budget amendment to the fiscal year 2018-2019 budget. It represents preliminary estimates of fiscal year 18-19 revenues and expenditures, pending the final fiscal year closeout and the preparation of audited financial statements. Total revenues in the General Fund were projected to be \$1.18 million more than the original adopted budget of \$23.8 million (an increase of 5.0%). This was due primarily to revenue from utility taxes (\$640,000) and interest earnings on investments (\$310,500) that was higher than the original estimates. She said there was a total of \$496,700 in unanticipated expenditures related to Hurricanes Matthew, Irma and Dorian. There was a total increase of \$131,208 in operating expenses. The combination of higher revenues and higher expenditures as outlined in the memo provided an estimated increase in projected total fund balance of approximately

\$550,000 as of September 30, 2019. The fiscal year 2019-2020 Electric Utility revenues and expenditures in the proposed budget amendment are primarily cash basis transactions, which have taken place as result of the sale of the electric utility. These estimated revenues and expenditures are in line with the financial analysis of the residual cash presented during the FY19-20 budget adoption process. The projected year end revenues for the Water & Sewer Utility Fund have been increased by \$1.0 million. In addition to increased revenue from metered water sales and sewer service charges, the Fund received \$460,000 in additional interest earnings on investments.

Acting Mayor Young asked if this was the standard process. Ms. Lawson answered yes.

Acting Mayor Young opened and closed the public hearing at 3:52 p.m., with no one wishing to be heard.

Mr. Brackett commended Ms. Lawson and her staff for all they do.

Mr. Graves agreed with Mr. Brackett's comments and said how lucky they are to have Ms. Lawson as their Finance Director.

Mr. Brackett made a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Mr. Neville seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 with Mr. Neville voting yes, Mr. Graves yes, Mr. Brackett yes, Acting Vice Mayor Moss yes, and Acting Mayor Young yes.

Item moved up on the agenda

8-A) Approval of Florida Department of Emergency Management (DEM) Offsetting Invoice and Closeout – Hurricanes DR-1561 (Jeanne) and DR-1545 (Frances)

Ms. Lawson reported that in early 2011, the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) conducted an audit of public assistance funds awarded to the City associated with Hurricanes Frances and Jeanne. In total, the OIG audit findings released in May 2011 questioned \$2.6 million in costs associated with Hurricane Frances and \$1.3 million in costs associated with Hurricane Jeanne. In March 2012, the City received notification from FEMA that it intended to de-obligate funding for various projects totaling \$2.3 million for Hurricane Frances and \$1.4 million for Hurricane Jeanne. The City appealed these notices in May 2012. In March 2013, the City received notice from the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) that the insurance coverage issues had been resolved with the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust (FMIT) and its consultants; and provided an additional \$1.6 million in insurance proceeds directly to the State on behalf of the City to replace funds de-obligated by FEMA. Despite the continuation of the appeal process, the State DEM notified the City that it was required to reimburse the State for funds de-obligated by FEMA. The State DEM agreed that the funds would be returned to the City if the appeals were successful. On November 21, 2016, the City received FEMA's final determination on the second appeal, and the State reimbursed a portion of these funds in April 2018. In total the City received \$671,000 of the funds restored by the second appeal. At this time the DEM staff indicated that there would be no further consideration

of this matter and in the absence of any mechanism to force further review at the State or Federal level, the City considered the issue to be closed. Ms. Lawson recommended approval for the City Manager to close out Hurricanes DR-1561 (Jeanne) and DR-1545 (Frances) with an offset of outstanding funds due to the City.

Mr. Brian Heady agreed that the best thing for Council to do was to put this to bed. He recalled after the hurricanes he went through a lot of backup material and discovered that the City Manager at that time took some people to Hooters for lunch. Maybe not a great choice restaurant to go to lunch. He said now they have an honest City Manager.

Mr. Brackett made a motion to authorize the City Manager to close out Hurricanes Jeanne and Frances with an offset of outstanding funds due to the City per DEM Invoice #VBCO-DR1561-R87R90 dated September 18, 2019. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

B) RESOLUTIONS

- 1) A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Vero Beach, Florida, approving the Execution of the Indemnity Agreement attached hereto marked “Exhibit A” with Corporate Air, Inc. for Construction and Operation of a User Fee Facility at Vero Beach Regional Airport for U.S. Customs and Border Protection; Providing for an Effective Date – Requested by the City Attorney**

The City Clerk read the Resolution by title only.

Mr. Turner reported that this Resolution is for approval of the Indemnity Agreement with Corporate Air for construction and operation of the User Fee Facility (UFF) at the Airport with U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The Agreement requires Corporate Air to pay for the construction and operation of the customs facility on leased property and indemnify and hold the City harmless on the costs. It also requires Corporate Air to produce a \$100,000.00 performance bond with the City for a minimum of four (4) years. He asked the Council to accept the Resolution.

Acting Mayor Young opened and closed the public hearing at 4:05 p.m., with no one wishing to be heard.

Mr. Neville made a motion to approve the Resolution. Acting Vice Mayor Moss seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 with Mr. Neville voting yes, Mr. Graves yes, Mr. Brackett yes, Acting Vice Mayor Moss yes, and Acting Mayor Young yes.

Mr. Heady suggested moving up item 5B-1) “Kick-off Presentation and Selection of Steering Committee for Three Corners Planning & Design Process” and hear it now. He said the citizens that are at the meeting for that item would appreciate that.

Acting Mayor Young said his intent was to move that item up on the agenda.

Acting Vice Mayor Moss expressed that is why she would like to have public comment moved up on the agenda and heard at the beginning instead of the end of the meeting. She wanted the public to know that she has put that as one (1) of her items under New Business and it will be discussed today.

Item moved up on the agenda -

5B-1) Kick-off Presentation and Selection of Steering Committee for Three Corners Planning & Design Process

Mr. Jason Jeffries, Planning and Development Director, reported that the kick-off presentation will provide an overview of the planning process for the “Three Corners Site,” and review the community outreach and civic engagement website for the project and provide more details on the development of the five (5) scenarios. The City contracted with DPZ CoDesign to provide a facilitate planning and design charrette process that involved the engagement and participation of the community in the creation and evaluation of alternative development scenarios for the three (3) city-owned properties. The planning process includes an extensive community outreach with a dedicated website for the project. The community outreach is designed to involve not only citizens already engaged in Vero Beach community issues and planning for this site, but also members of the community that are not currently engaged in community issues. The development of the five (5) scenarios will occur at a weeklong charrette in January 2020 at the Community Center, where the community will be invited to participate in the design process.

Acting Vice Mayor Moss referred to the Press Release that went out on November 7th concerning this project. She asked for a show of hands of people that saw the Press Release. There were two (2) people that raised their hands. Acting Vice Mayor Moss asked in the future that these notices also be sent to the City Clerk for distribution.

Mr. Andres Duany, President of DPZ CoDesign, commented that one (1) of the five (5) sceneries is to do nothing. He needs to know what the positives and negatives are for this project going forward. The whole community needs to be involved, especially the youngest members of the community because it is really for them. However, they usually don’t show up to meetings. But, they have an outreach method being engaged for young people to get involved. He wants to meet with the City Council, the Steering Committee, and staff to get their ideas. He also will give the public what he thinks is a good idea for the property. There will be a blend of ideas. He said the site is very large (approximately 38 acres). There are great possibilities because this is the last site on the waterfront and has an asset of incredible value because of the Power Plant. It is an extraordinary place inside the Power Plant. He felt that the process needed to be managed and remain “fun.” There will be a very thorough outreach to the community. The website went live this afternoon and already has received many hits. He said of the respondents 30% of them were born after 2005. He thought that was kind of interesting.

Mr. Xavier Iglesias, DPZ CoDesign Senior Project Manager & Director, went over a Power Point presentation (attached to the minutes).

Acting Vice Mayor Moss invited the public to attend the Steering Committee meeting on Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

Ms. Irina Wolfe, Marketing Representative for DPZ CoDesign, reported on the marketing process of the project. She said that social media will be used to get the word out. She put the Press Release out, but said they don't gain the interest of people the way they used to. She said a lot of people heard about today's meeting because of her outreach or saw something on facebook. She encouraged Council to go look at their website at SpeakUpVeroBeach.com and register to be heard, which some people are hesitant to do. She said they have sought out the most effective way to reach people and have a transparent site. She briefly went over the website and said that they already had 129 people look at it.

Acting Vice Mayor Moss asked why are people hesitant to register.

Ms. Wolfe said that someone doesn't have to register on the website in order to see the context. When registering they will be able to make comments.

Mr. Neville asked if it would be appropriate for Council to sign in and make comments.

Mr. Turner suggested reserving their comments and making them at open meetings.

Council took a break at 4:45 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 4:55 p.m.

Mr. Brian Heady talked about the Steering Committee and about the charrettes held before when Mrs. Nancy Cook served on one of the Vision Committees. He does not agree with a new City Hall going on the three (3) corners site or affordable housing for teachers being placed there. He doesn't want his tax dollars being used for people that make more money than he does. He talked about the website and accessing it by registering. He has a problem accessing public records by having to register. If someone wants to go in and look at something they should be able to. He expressed the importance of public records.

Mr. Neville explained that the examples sited by the consultant are ideas given to him by citizens of the town and not his ideas.

Ms. Beth Casano, applicant for the Steering Committee, withdrew her application. She understands the Council wanting to be on the Steering Committee because they set policy. But, questioned wouldn't it be nice if they let the public do the research. She is withdrawing her application because she does not want to be involved in politics. She said let the company pick the people to be on the Steering Committee and Council continue setting the policy.

Mr. Ken Daige asked if the website is being paid for by the money they allocated for this design work and if it is being paid by tax dollars will that funnel through the Clerk's office for access. He wanted to see a list of who they (consultant) contacted and what the discussions were about. He had some questions he will be sending to the City Clerk for answers.

Mr. Jeffries said that he understands the documents on the website are public records. The City is not paying the consultant by the hour to develop this plan. He said these conversations took place in leading up to the RFP that was put out.

Mr. Falls mentioned that DPZ had a booth set up at the Centennial event, which generated information for the public.

Mr. Jeffries said the Press will be a part of project as they move forward.

Acting Vice Mayor Moss commented that it is their goal to keep this process transparent. She asked if the meetings that are being held are being logged in to keep the Council informed about them.

Mr. Jeffries felt that the Steering Committee should be coming up with ideas.

Mr. Graves wanted to make sure that the people that the consultants are talking to are transparent, as well as the ideas that they are giving.

Mr. Brackett felt that was one (1) of the duties of the Steering Committee. They will be following the charrettes that are held and will not formulate their own plan, but what the public wants to see be put on this property needs to be part of the plan.

Acting Mayor Young expressed that tomorrow each Councilmember will be given the opportunity to meet one on one with the consultant and give their concerns. He said that controversy promotes interaction.

Mr. Jeffries commented that the website was a great place to see what is happening with the project and people can participate by registering.

Acting Mayor Young agreed that the website was one conduit for input.

Mr. Neville expressed that ideas live on their own.

Acting Vice Mayor Moss wanted to hear the ideas that will be coming from the community.

Mr. Jeffries said that they are paying for those ideas and the consultant will put them in a report.

Mrs. Sharon Gorry commented that you can go to the website and register and select your zip code. She said that County people can participate. There are about eight (8) comments on the website right now. She did not see anything about teachers. It was explained to her that teachers and affordable housing is one of the ideas mentioned by the consultant that had come from the public.

5. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS

A) NEW BUSINESS

1) Discussion on Stormwater – Councilmember Joe Graves

Mr. Graves suggested talking about stormwater utility at the workshop that will be held in January.

2) Discuss Challenging Indian River County concerning the Tourist Development Tax – Requested by Councilmember Joe Graves

Mr. Graves commented that tourist tax is a big issue. He has looked at the State Statute on it and carried it around with him during his campaign. He has read the Statute and what is puzzling to him is that there is not a remedy within the Statute if the City doesn't agree with how the taxpayer's funds are utilized by the County when 50% of the taxes are accumulated within the City. He said this seems somewhat unfair. He said what he would like to do is have a Resolution by the Council to direct the City Attorney to write them an opinion as to whether or not there is any remedy available to them (City of Vero Beach) with regards to how the tourist tax or the bed tax is allocated by the County.

Acting Vice Mayor Moss felt that could be done, but just so Mr. Graves knows she has been pursuing this for the last few years and actually she thinks that she is making some progress. She spoke to the County Commission at one of their meetings and they did agree that the County Attorney would meet with the City Attorney and herself to discuss tourist tax. They could have that conversation first and see what comes out of that. She agrees with what Mr. Graves is saying and does not have any problem with it.

Mr. Graves said he was aware of the good work that Acting Vice Mayor Moss has done on this issue. He agreed with trying to keep this non-adversarial, but entering into a negotiation or understanding what their options are will give them some leverage. They should have a plan of what could occur if they are not able to reach a resolution with the County.

Acting Vice Mayor Moss did not object to do that. She said that the City generates enough tourist tax in District 1, which is for the City of Vero Beach and District 2, is every place else other than the City of Vero Beach more than half of the tourist tax in their 13 miles. According to the State Statute as Mr. Graves was saying they could buy the lifeguards the command center that they need to ensure public safety. She said that they have the money, but what is standing in the way is the State Statutes allows money

to be spent on Beach Park facilities. The City gives the money to the County and the County has passed Ordinances that stand in the way on them spending money on Beach Park facilities although the State allows it. She said that is where contention comes in for the lifeguard station.

Mr. Graves stated that there is actually an Attorney General Opinion (AGO) that does not allow this tax for lifeguards. But, there are a multiple of different things within their budget they are paying for that they could use to offset their budget.

Acting Vice Mayor Moss wanted to make it clear she was not talking about life guard salaries. She was talking about lifeguard structures (Beach Park facilities).

Mr. Turner explained that the AGO opinion was addressing lifeguard salaries. He said tourist tax as a whole is always a hot topic. The specific allocation and statement for payments under the Statute has been interpreted to be that those are the exclusive areas that tourist tax dollars can be used for. He said it is not a general application and anything specific. He would like an opportunity to prepare a "white paper" maybe not in the immediate future depending on how discussions might go, but would like that opportunity and look forward to delivering an opinion to Council on that.

Acting Mayor Young stated his understanding was that one (1) of the concerns that they have is the availability of revenues and the other concern may well be the distribution.

Mr. Turner said it will be more than just what they can spend the money on. It will be how it is being divided.

Mr. Brackett liked the idea that Mr. Graves brought up about having some type of a vehicle in which they can solve the situation in an amicable way. He thinks it is also very important to understand that they need to do this as a group and they all are not bombarding the County Commission and it is done in a civil way.

Mr. Graves stated that he just envisioned having the legal opinion in their back pocket. He said from his discussion with some of the County Commissioners, that how it has been approached has been an issue.

Mr. Brian Heady commented that he has approached the City Council on multiple occasions and asked that the 50% bed tax raised in the City come back to the City. It would be fair for the County to collect some, but not get all the money. He said a Resolution needs to be sent to the County saying that the City just wants their fair share. There is no reason why the County Commission couldn't do that without looking greedy.

Acting Vice Mayor Moss felt that there was a real possibility of getting something at this point. She thinks in the past they were not united as a Council to go forward and pursue the tourist tax. It appears now that they are and that will be a big help.

Mr. Ken Daige commented that the tourist tax issue is a big issue with the people of this community. The City will have to make a case to the County saying that they feel it is unfair how the County is spending money and not giving it over to the City to be spent on infrastructure. He said to find out what the County is using the money for. This is the process to take the next step. He said there is a mechanism in how the City can appeal this.

Acting Mayor Young asked how could they move this forward on this in an orderly manner.

Mr. Brackett commented that the City Attorney mentioned giving an opinion on this in the near future and wondered if this was something they could bring up at the workshop meeting.

Mr. Turner stated that is what he was going to suggest, that they discuss this in a little more detail at their January workshop meeting. He will provide Council with a good outline.

3) Changing the time of the City Council Meetings – Requested by Councilmember Joe Graves

Mr. Graves brought up changing the time and day of their meetings. He said that he is open to Wednesday or Friday (days that are best for him).

Acting Vice Mayor Moss said that she was fine with morning meetings. She said that Tuesday is a good day to have their Council meetings because a lot of the other organizations that they are a part of don't meet on Tuesdays so they can attend those other meetings.

Mr. Neville commented that the reason they have night meetings is so people that work can attend the meetings.

Mr. Brackett agreed with keeping their meetings on Tuesday and any time was fine with him.

Acting Mayor Young preferred having the meetings in the morning.

Acting Vice Mayor Moss commented that historically the meetings have been held on the first and third Tuesday with one being in the morning and one in the evening. But, what she has observed is if someone has an item that they are interested in they show up to the meeting.

Acting Mayor Young suggested that they meet at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning. If they see the need to modify it then they will modify it.

Mr. Brian Heady stated that would be the same time that the County Commission meetings are being held. He suggested having the meetings at noontime.

Acting Mayor Young said that people are still able to attend County Commission meetings because they meet at 9:00 a.m. and they meet every Tuesday.

Mr. Ken Daige asked that whatever time that they decide on would they please keep it the same time for the entire year.

Mr. Graves made a motion to move the time of the meetings to Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. (first and third Tuesday). Mr. Brackett seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- 4) **Return “Public Comment” to a position early on the Agenda. For the convenience of all, relevant background materials are attached as follows:**
 - a. **Minutes from City Council Meeting of 03/19/2019 pages 15-18 regarding moving “Public Comment” to the back of the Agenda.**
 - b. **Minutes from City Council Meeting of 04/02/2019 pages 6-8 regarding moving “Public Comment” to the back of the Agenda (approved 4-1 vote).**
 - c. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2017-32; ADOPTING AN AMENDED ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND RELATED SUPPLEMENTAL RULES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**
 - d. **Minutes from the City Council Meeting of 01/03/2017 pages 32-33 regarding moving “Public Comment” to the beginning of the Agenda.**
 - e. **Minutes from City Council Meeting of 04/04/2017 pages 9-11 regarding moving “Public Comment” to the beginning of the Agenda (unanimous vote to approve).**
 - f. **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA, REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2016-07; ADOPTING AN AMENDED ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS AND RELATED SUPPLEMENTAL RULES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT AND SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Requested by Councilwoman Laura Moss

Acting Vice Mayor Moss expressed that today is an interesting day to be talking about public comment as they had DPZ here to talk about their work and their task is to get public comment to reach out to the community and find out what the wishes are with regard to the three corners property. In addition to that they are redoing the Organizational meeting due to the lack of public comment. So they can't have too much public comment. She discussed the problem with having public comment later in the meeting. She recalled in 2017 when she was the Mayor, public comment was at the end of the meeting and then they moved public comment forward and tried it for several

months and voted unanimously to have it forward on the agenda. Then two (2) years later in April 2019 the Council voted 4-1 to move public comment to the back of the meeting. She said they sometimes have long meetings and are quashing public comments when it is at the end of the meeting because most of the public has left the meeting by then. She said think about the people who want to speak. Granted they take public comment as they move through the meeting, but open public comment when it is at the end of the meeting people don't know how long they will have to wait to speak for only three (3) minutes. She observed this first hand before she was even elected. When she was Chairwoman of the Utilities Commission she came to the City Council meeting to speak and recalled a member of the public had to wait for six (6) hours to speak for three (3) minutes. She said that is wrong and should not be that way. They don't have any more important business than the people. The people are their business. They would have no business without the people. She hoped Council would consider moving public comment forward again to number two (2) on the agenda. She said if they look at the agenda for today's meeting it is number 10.

Mr. Brackett commented that this is a two edge sword. He agrees that public comment is important. But, he hates to have an engineer or attorney who is here on a business meeting having to have to sit three (3) hours before they are heard and their client is having to pay that fee. He preferred that they get through the business of the agenda first and then hear public comment.

Mr. Graves agreed with Acting Vice Mayor Moss. He said tonight's meeting showed that they need to do everything that they can to encourage public comment. He said asking a person to sit for three (3) hours so they can come in and talk to Council about something is not right and he agrees that public comment should be moved to the front of the agenda.

Mr. Neville asked if it was possible to set aside an hour for public comment at the beginning of the agenda and then also having the remaining people wanting to speak under public comment heard at the end of the meeting.

Acting Mayor Young commented that what he has witnessed and has probably been the case more than not is that they have always taken the opportunity at the beginning of the meeting to see if there is something that needs to be moved forward and heard. He said in looking at the agenda would they want to move public comment up to number five (5) on the agenda and have it heard before New Business.

Acting Vice Mayor Moss suggested trying that for a few months and then formalize it with a Resolution if it is working. She said this is not cast in concrete and it is always possible to rearrange the agenda on the day of the meeting.

It was the consensus of the Council to move public comment forward and have it become number five (5) on the agenda. They will try this for a period of time and if everyone is happy with it then they will formalize it with a Resolution.

Mr. Turner brought up future workshops and said that there would be no public comment and no voting at those workshops. He asked if that was acceptable to Council.

Mr. Neville asked about the Council attending the charrettes. He asked if there were any Sunshine issues on that.

Mr. Turner said you may attend those charrettes, but not participate in discussions.

Acting Vice Mayor Moss said that this is the same as being on speakupverobeach. They can take a look at the website, but not participate.

Mr. Brackett requested that the City Clerk notify everyone on the Steering Committee that they are under the Sunshine law.

Mr. Brian Heady brought up the suggestion that there be no public comment at a workshop. He felt that Mr. Daige would tell them that the City Council he was on and the City Council that Mr. Heady was on that they were able to get a lot of work done at workshops. However, the public had the opportunity to speak. He said to rule the public out of a workshop meeting is crazy. He said please allow the public to comment at the workshop meeting.

Mr. Turner commented that some jurisdictions allow limited public comment. The whole point of the workshop is the interchange between the Council and to discuss ideas and each other's suggestions. If they want to consider public input that is fine. He recommended that they keep it to a limited input, but it is basically for the members of the Council to express their concerns so that staff can hear those concerns.

Acting Mayor Young stated that the intent would be to have City Council discussion and they have the availability to allow public comment if they want to.

Mr. Graves agreed that they need to allow public comment in order to listen to their constituents.

Mr. Ken Daige commented that in the past when Council met and they had their workshops it was limited input from the public. The reason they allowed public comment was to make sure that they were heading down the right path in what the community wanted.

Mr. Turner asked for a motion on this item. He said that they need to include that there will be an agenda, they will have the topics listed, will request that anyone from staff or Council who wishes to have an item on the agenda keep it limited to three (3) or four (4) items at the most and that they get their items to the Clerk at least a week ahead of time. He said public comment will be allowed at certain times either at the end of the meeting or as each issue is being addressed and they will be allowed three (3) minutes. He would like this in the form of a motion. Mr. Neville made the motion to approve it.

Mr. Graves wanted it made clear that public comments would be made at the end of each discussion as it is being addressed by Council and that was the consensus of Council. Mr. Graves seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 with Mr. Neville voting yes, Mr. Graves yes, Mr. Brackett yes, Acting Vice Mayor Moss yes, and Acting Mayor Young yes.

B) OLD BUSINESS

1) Kick-Off Presentation and Selection of Steering Committee for Three Corners Planning & Design Process

6. PUBLIC NOTICE ITEMS FOR FUTURE PUBLIC HEARING

7. CITY CLERK MATTERS

A) City Council Committee Appointments

The appointments to City Council Committees were made. They are as follows:

Treasure Coast Council of Local Governments – Councilmember Rey Neville
Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council – Vice Mayor Laura Moss
County Economic Development Council – Councilmember Robbie Brackett
Tourist Development Council – Vice Mayor Laura Moss
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) – Vice Mayor Laura Moss, Councilmember Joe Graves, Councilmember Rey Neville
Treasure Coast League of Cities – Mayor Tony Young
Beach and Shores Preservation Advisory Committee – Councilmember Robbie Brackett
Elected Officials Oversight Committee – Councilmember Joe Graves
County Affordable Housing Committee – Vice Mayor Laura Moss

B) Steering Committee Appointments

At this time, the City Council announced who their appointees were on the Steering Committee. Mr. Neville appointed Mr. Mike Johansen; Mr. Graves appointed Ms. Alma Lee Loy; Mr. Brackett appointed Mrs. Linda Moore; Acting Vice Mayor Moss appointed Dr. Richard Baker and Acting Mayor Young appointed Mr. Mark Tripson.

The Council appointed Ms. Vicky Gould to serve as the Member at Large and Mr. John Cotugno as the Alternate Member to serve on the Steering Committee. Tabulation votes are on file in the Clerk's office.

C) Cancellation of December 17, 2019 City Council meeting because of the Christmas Holidays

It was the consensus of Council to cancel the December 17, 2019 City Council meeting.

D) Setting a Workshop Meeting in January 2020

The Council tentatively set their next City Council workshop for Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.

**8. CITY MANAGER MATTERS (include amount of expense)
(Staff/Consultant special reports and information items)**

**A) Approval of Florida Department of Emergency Management (DEM)
Offsetting Invoice and Closeout – Hurricanes DR-1561 (Jeanne) and DR-
1545 (Frances)**

This item was heard earlier in the meeting.

9. CITY ATTORNEY MATTERS

Mr. Turner recalled that at a couple of City Council meetings ago there was a lien reduction case that was brought to the Council. Council reduced the lien to \$11,000 and asked the property owner to make \$10,000 of improvements to the property. He was happy to report that the lien has been paid and the improvements to the property are being made.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute time limit)

Mrs. Linda Hillman thanked everyone who worked so hard on the Centennial.

Mr. Ken Daige thanked all of the people who worked on the Centennial Committee. He asked with the Steering Committee if they are under the Sunshine Law and do they have to fill out a financial disclosure form.

Mrs. Jennifer Kudus (spelling may not be correct), asked Council to revisit Azalea Lane and the action that took place at a previous City Council meeting.

Mr. Turner advised the Council not to comment on that.

Mr. Brian Heady told the Mayor this was a good meeting and it was almost finished in three (3) hours and 17 minutes. The Mayor conducted this meeting without being rude to other Councilmembers and without being rude to the people at the podium. The Police did not have to escort anyone out of the meeting. He said Council meetings don't have to be contentious. He told Mr. Graves that at his second meeting, he has shown the concern and willingness about the City and the City residents.

11. COUNCILMEMBER MATTERS

A. Councilmember Joe Graves's Matters

Sponsored presentation items by the public (10-minute time limit)

B. Mayor Tony Young's Matters

Mayor Young commented that on December 11th it will be the one (1) year anniversary of selling the City utilities to Florida Power & Light (FPL). He said that FPL representatives will be attending their December 3rd City Council meeting to give an update on how things are going. He then read parts of a letter entitled "The Enemy Within," which is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Sponsored presentation items by the public (10-minute time limit)

1) Mr. Richard Lewis to talk about "Wreaths Across America."

Mr. Rick Lewis who is a former City employee commented that he started a new career in 2018 and met Mr. Joe Krowley and his wife who were involved with Wreaths Across America. They started the Wreaths Across America in Indian River County at Crestlawn Cemetery and Memorial Island. This year they will be including the Sebastian Cemetery. This is being done to remember and honor those who served our Country. They collect donations for wreaths throughout the year. He invited everyone to come out as a volunteer and take a wreath to a grave and read the description on the grave and say that individuals name out loud and as they lay the wreath on the headstone they are honoring that individual. The first year they raised enough money to have over 900 wreaths.

Mr. Joe Krowley stated that on Saturday, December 14, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. they will lay the wreaths at Crestlawn Cemetery. Then at 11:30 a.m. they will lay the wreaths at Memorial Island and at 12:00 p.m. Colonel Tony Young will be the speaker at the ceremony. He thanked Mr. Falls for helping them with this project. He also thanked the Council and the community for their support with this project. Their website is wreathsacrossamerica.org and it will ask you for a location and you can press Crestlawn Cemetery to sponsor a wreath for \$15.00. He said if someone buys a wreath under his name or under Mr. Lewis's name they will get three (3) wreaths for the price of two (2).

C. Vice Mayor Laura Moss's Matters

Sponsored presentation items by the public (10-minute time limit)

1) Ms. Suzanne Jones to speak on Hispanic Women's Equal Pay Day, November 20, 2019

Acting Vice Mayor Moss explained that due to the length of the meeting the person that she had sponsored to speak on Hispanic Women's Equal Pay had to leave so she will invite her to speak at their next meeting.

- 2) **Pelican Island Audubon Society’s third annual “Transforming Landscapes for a Sustainable Future” Conference on Saturday, 01/25/2020. Details attached for the convenience of all.**

Acting Vice Mayor Moss invited the public to attend Pelican Island Audubon Society’s third annual “Transforming Landscapes for a Sustainable Future” Conference on Saturday, January 25, 2020. She said information about the event is on their website. She attended the Conference two (2) years ago and was totally inspired by everything that was said that day.

- 3) **Veterans Art Program at Vero Beach Museum of Art. For veterans only. No charge. “The Power of Photography” begins Tuesday, 01/07/2020. Details attached for the convenience of all.**

Acting Vice Mayor Moss talked about the “The Power of Photography,” which is a photography class for veterans. The class meets on Tuesdays, January 7 – February 4, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. More information is available on their website. She complimented Acting Mayor Young on his creative work. He participated in the previous class.

Acting Mayor Young invited the public to view this piece of art work done by a bunch of veterans. It is displayed at the Museum.

D. Councilmember Robert Brackett’s Matters

Mr. Brackett commented that he attended a Beach & Shores Advisory Committee meeting and reported that sand was starting to be put down on the beach as early as last week.

Sponsored presentation items by the public (10-minute time limit)

E. Councilmember Rey Neville’s Matters

Mr. Neville wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He encouraged everyone to be generous with their local charities and mindful of the ones that don’t have the things that many of them enjoy.

Sponsored presentation items by the public (10-minute time limit)

12. ADJOURNMENT

Today’s meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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