



**APRIL 18, 2017
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

ATTENDEES:

Ray Bagshaw, Mayor
John Dowless Council President
Lee Chotas, Council Member
Susan Fortini, Council Member
Richard A. Horn, Council Member

ABSENT:

Pam Henley, Council Member

STAFF

Bea L. Meeks, City Clerk
Chris Francisco, Police Chief
Sgt. John Freeburg
Sgt. Vince Jackson
Sandy Repp, Administrative Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Dowless called the April 18, 2017 regular City Council meeting to order. Council President Dowless asked for a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. City Clerk Meeks announced a quorum even with the noted absence of Council Member Henley.

Council Member Chotas made the Motion to excuse Council Member Henley's absence; Seconded by Council President Dowless. Approved (4/0).

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review and Approval of Minutes
 - March 21, 2017 Regular City Council Minutes

- Sunrail Combined Operational Assistance And Voluntary Cooperation Mutual Aid Agreement 2017.
- Appointment of Wade Fischer to the Planning & Zoning Board

Council Member Fortini made the Motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented; Seconded by Council Member Horn. Approved (4/0).

EPRESENTATIONS

- **2015/2016 Annual Audit – Holland & Reilly, CPA**

Tom Holland, CPA, opened the presentation with positive comments regarding the assistance provided by City Clerk Meeks and McDermit-Davis' staff particularly, Lindsey Rock; noting they were both very helpful during the audit fieldwork. He explained the delay in completing the audit due to the requirements of GASB 68.

Mr. Holland gave a PowerPoint presentation to explain the audit process and the results of the audit.

Council Member Chotas questioned defined benefits and the liability associated with them. Mr. Holland explained the process determining liability based on the legislative requirements of GASB 68.

Mr. Holland confirmed that the audit revealed that the City is in compliance with the City's Charter requirement that the unrestricted reserve shall not exceed 75% of gross annual revenues.

There were no public comments or questions regarding the audit.

Council Member Chotas made the Motion to accept the 2015/2016 financial audit; Seconded by Council Member Fortini. Approved (4/0).

- **Tyronne Smith, Senior Administrator, Facilities Planning, Orange County Public School**

Mr. Smith said the purpose of the Orange County Public School's (OCPS) presentation is to walk Council through the design elements for the "coming about of a school". He introduced the following who were also in attendance on behalf of OCPS:

- Kat Gordon (District 5 School Board Member)
- Jessma Lambert (Construction Planning)
- Laura Kelly (Facilities Attorney)
- Harold Jenkins (Real Estate Management)
- Richard LeBlanc (OCPS Program Management)

- Jeremy Anderson (Hanlex Group - Civil Engineer)
- Nathan Wolfe (Hanlex Group - Civil Engineer)
- Mohammed Abdallah (Traffic & Mobility Consultants)

School Board Member Kat Gordon addressed the Council. She gave a brief history of District 5 and its boundaries. She said she would like to see “this school” in Edgewood. She asked that Council look at the need of the community.

Mr. Smith introduced Jessma Lambert from Construction Planning, who gave the PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Lambert also provided a handout titled “Facilities Highlights” to Council.

Questions/Answers/Comments

1. Mr. Smith confirmed for Council Member Fortini that the School Board is moving ahead to purchase property on Holden Avenue.
2. Council Member Chotas asked “How do you make sure the traffic doesn’t interfere?”. Mr. Smith said a traffic study will be done with the hope it will provide some excellent assumptions. He said OCPS will coordinate with Orange County as it relates to traffic. Council Member Chotas pointed out there is already some resistance. Council Member Chotas said he wants to make sure the Mayor is aware of all the decisions.
3. In response to Council Member Chotas, Mr. Smith said he cannot say if any Elementary Schools will be closed. He said student growth has increased since he began his tenure with OCPS. Mayor Bagshaw pointed out that Pine Castle is being closed because of the cost to repair and maintain the school. School Board Member Kat Gordon said there will be some repurposing of schools. She suggested that the City talk to Linda Kobert, the School Board representative who represents Edgewood residents on the east side of Orange Avenue. She said there is a need for K-8 schools. School Board Member Gordon reminded everyone that there is now School Choice.
4. Mr. Smith confirmed Elementary schools accommodate 830 students.
5. In response to Council President Dowless, Engineer Wolfe explained the preliminary traffic measurement and the location of the study. He said they didn’t measure the time it took for a car to get from Hoffner to Holden. Council President Dowless asked that a copy of the study be provided to the City.

6. In response to Council President Dowless, Mr. Smith said that a school resource officer has to be provided. He said a discussion has been held with Chief Francisco and the Chief was excited for the opportunity.
7. In response to Mayor Bagshaw, Mr. Smith said there is potential for a church service to be held at the school. However, he said there is a required process.
8. In response to Council President Dowless, Mr. Smith said there is no certain traffic threshold and that OCPS is not held to traffic concurrency.
9. Engineer Wolfe explained how traffic is addressed in particular, the queuing process. He said OCPS does not have to widen the road. Mr. Smith said that traffic improvements will be made; decel and turn lanes, if needed. He said OCPS encourages pedestrian safety.
10. In response to Council Member Horn, Mr. Smith said the majority of the students will be coming from District 5, and he named three schools west of the Orange Blossom Trail (a/k/a 441).
11. Resident Sandy DePorter said she saw cameras mounted on City signage and did not think Wednesday was a good day to do a traffic study. Engineer Wolfe said the study was done on Thursday. Resident DePorter said the study was completed by mid-morning.
12. It was confirmed for Resident DePorter that ten portables will be in place for growth.
13. It was confirmed for Resident Les Slesnick that OCPS' goal is to open August of 2021.
14. Mr. Smith said that notices will be provided to property owners within 1500 feet of the school.
15. Resident Jack Hickey asked about the trees and what will happen to them. Mr. Smith explained that OCPS consider the trees during the site plan process. He said OCPS will try to save trees.

Having no further questions or comments, the presentation was concluded.

- **Mayoral Proclamations**

Mayor Bagshaw acknowledged the signing of two Proclamations; one, recognizing Letter Carriers' Food Drive Day, and one recognizing Fibromyalgia, Myalgic Encephalomyelitis and Multiple Chemical Sensitivity Awareness Day.

ORDINANCES

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (ORDINANCES – SECOND READINGS & RELATED ACTION)

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. City Contracts

City Clerk Meeks referred the Mayor and Council to her memo provided in the agenda packet. She confirmed that staff is happy with the services currently being provided by the City Attorney, Engineer and accounting services. *Council agreed that the City has complied with the provision of the City Charter that requires an annual review of contracts.*

J. GENERAL INFORMATION (No action required)

None

K. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

L. BOARDS & COMMITTEES

No report.

STAFF REPORTS

City Attorney:

No report.

Police Chief:

Sgt. Jackson gave the Police Department's monthly report. Chief Francisco reported on the home invasion/death that occurred today. He said it is an ongoing investigation.

City Clerk:

City Clerk Meeks reported that Mayor Bagshaw will be running for Vice President for the Florida League of Cities Board of Directors.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

- **Mayor Bagshaw**

No report.

- **Council President Dowless**

No report.

- **Council Member Powell**

No report.

- **Council Member Henley**

No report.

- **Council Member Chotas**

No report.

- **Council Member Fortini**

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business or discussion the City Council meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.



John Dowless
Council President



Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM, CBTO
City Clerk

Approved in May 16, 2017 City Council meeting.