

**CITY COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING - VIRTUAL
STRATEGIC BUDGET WORKSHOP**

MINUTES

April 23, 2020

10:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

GOOD OF THE ORDER

PRESENT:

Al Johnson, Mayor
Doug Izzo, Vice Mayor
Chris Graus, Commissioner
Ward Friszolowski, Commissioner
Melinda Pletcher, Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT:

Alex Rey, City Manager
Vincent Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager
Andrew Dickman, City Attorney
Keri Ferenc Nelson, Executive Assistant
Mike Clarke, Public Works Director
Jennifer McMahon, Director, Parks & Recreation
Jim Kilpatrick, Fire Chief
Adam Poirrier, District Chief
Michelle Gonzalez, Transportation & Parking Director
Brett Warner, Assistant Public Works Director
Brandon Berry, Planner I
Andrew Butterfield, Operations Manager
Colette Graston, Human Resources Manager
Ginny Keeter-Bodkin, Deputy City Clerk
Joanne Boland, Permitting Administrator
Kathy Kapusta, Procurement Manager
Kelly Intzes, Fire Marshal
Lynn Rosetti, Senior Planner
Mandy Edwards, Parks Supervisor

Sarah Laracuenta, Public Information Officer
Sheila Dalton, Accountant
Tyler Waggoner, Recreation Supervisor

1. Fiscal Year 2021 Strategic Budget Planning Workshop

Alex Rey, City Manager, provided an overview of the workshop and order of the presentations.

- Vincent Tenaglia, Assistant City Manager, reported on the fund balances of the FY 2019 budget. He presented potential short, medium, and long-term financial impacts to the City budget due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.
- Mr. Rey and Mike Clarke, Public Works Director, presented a spreadsheet showing the current status of the approved capital improvement projects from the FY 2019 budget and explained which projects are completed, on-going, awaiting contracts, or are on-hold and awaiting funding.

The meeting went into recess from 11:47AM until 12:30PM.

Mr. Rey introduced the team leaders of the city strategic planning initiative.

- Jennifer McMahon, Director, Parks & Recreation, presented the results of the Economic Development working group. The group identified tourism and development, aesthetics/beautification, branding, and business retention and expansion as four focus areas to economic development.
- Mr. Tenaglia, discussed the results of the Internal Operations working group. The group identified staff leadership, fiscal strength, city services, and technology as the focus areas of internal operations.
- Adam Poirrier, District Chief, presented the Resiliency Element and the three focus areas of the working group: maintain who we are, invest in vital infrastructure, and to mitigate environmental changes.
- Jim Kilpatrick, Fire Chief, reported on the Community and Neighborhoods working group goal by focusing on the small-town vibe, beach and boating recreation, heritage/change in the community, and strong neighborhoods.
- Michelle Gonzalez, Transportation and Parking Director, presented the Transportation Element of the strategic planning sessions. Goals of the group include: maintaining quick access to metro areas; continued growth of small trolley transit and to expand and support user-friendly mass transit; improving parking for the beach, shopping and dining; to improve pedestrian and bike safety and create a walkable community; and to maintain and improve traffic flows.

Mr. Rey outlined the Capital Development program and management of capital assets including force mains, dune walkovers, seawalls, and piers. Seven new capital projects were discussed: the renovations of Fire Station 22 and the Public Works storage yard, new designs for parks on Pass-a-Grille, wastewater resiliency initiatives, reclaimed water usage, and energy efficiency.

Mayor Johnson opened the floor to comments from the Commissioners

- Commissioner Friszolowski inquired about establishing priorities and the next steps for implementing the Strategic Plan initiatives.
- Mayor Johnson commented on parking along Pass-a-Grille.

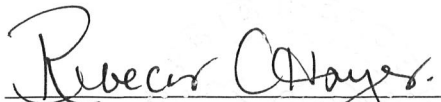
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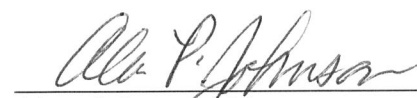
- Betty Rzewnicki, 3260 S. Maritana Drive - Mayor Johnson read into the record her comment regarding the cost of permits for updating older structures. Ms. Rzewnicki also called-in and commented on repairs to seawalls.
- Mark Grill, 6454 2nd Palm Point - commented on prioritizing city projects.
- Michael Noetzel, 109 12th Ave, Pass-a-Grille - Executive Assistant, Keri Nelson, read into the record his comment regarding the loss of City revenue due to Coronavirus. He later called-in and spoke about adding large scale attractions that would add revenue to the city.

2. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Alan Johnson, Mayor

Minutes approved on: 5/26/2020