

**ORMOND BEACH CITY COMMISSION MEETING
HELD AT CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS
July 6, 2010 7:00 p.m.**

Present were: Mayor Fred Costello, Commissioner Lori Gillooly, Commissioners Ed Kelley, Troy Kent, and Bill Partington, City Manager Joyce Shanahan, Assistant City Manager Ted MacLeod, City Attorney Randy Hayes, and City Clerk Veronica Patterson.

A G E N D A

- 1) Meeting call to order by Mayor Costello.
- 2) Invocation by Reverend Bill Owens, First United Methodist Church of Ormond Beach.
- 3) Pledge of Allegiance.

4) **PRESENTATIONS:**

- A) Employee-of-the-Quarter award to Larry Rivera, Civil Engineer.
- B) Police Department Awards to Officer Jay Brennan and Mr. David Sarro.

5) **AUDIENCE REMARKS:**

6) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** of the June 22, 2010, meeting.

7) **CONSENT AGENDA:** The action proposed is stated for each item on the Consent Agenda. Unless a City Commissioner removes an item from the Consent Agenda, no discussion on individual items will occur and a single motion will approve all items.

- A) Resolution No. 2010-84 of the City Commission of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, authorizing the execution of Modification Number One to that agreement between the City of Ormond Beach and the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management, providing funds from a federally funded subgrant to change the commencement date of the agreement to a date certain. (350 Cumberland Avenue) (Senior Planner)
- B) Resolution No. 2010-85 authorizing a one and eleven hundredths percent (1.11%) increase in compensation to be paid to the Volusia County Sheriff's Office for the provision of police and fire dispatch services pursuant to an agreement between the City of Ormond Beach, the Volusia County Sheriff's Office, and the County of Volusia. (Police Chief)
- C) Resolution No. 2010-86 authorizing the approval and execution of a Purchase Authorization (Requisition #0000007050) for the purchase of one (1) seven-reel mower under State of Florida Contract Number 760-000-10-01. (Leisure Services Director)
- D) Resolution No. 2010-87 accepting a bid from CWB Contractors, Inc., for construction services regarding the South Distribution Water Main Phase II project, under Bid No. 2010-08; authorizing the execution of a contract and payment therefor; rejecting all other bids. (Acting City Engineer)
- E) Resolution No. 2010-88 authorizing the execution of a Release and Satisfaction of Special Master Administrative Fine/Lien for code violations on property located at 194 Fleming Avenue (Parcel ID 4242-06-02-0100), Ormond Beach, Volusia County, Florida. (Neighborhood Improvement Manager)
- F) Use of Continuing Services Contract with McLane Excavating for Services Relating to Grant Funding from the USDA for Ditch Cleaning. (Public Works Director)

DISPOSITION: Approve as recommended in City Manager memorandum dated July 1, 2010.

8) **PUBLIC HEARING:** Ordinance No. 2010-35 authorizing the execution and issuance of a Second Amended Development Order for "Ormond Park Plaza" Planned Business Development (PBD) on a site located at 500 West Granada Boulevard; amending the list of scheduled uses to include uses allowed in the B-9 (Boulevard) zoning district, or retail wine store, or Restaurant Type "A" or "B"; ratifying and affirming the Development Orders; establishing conditions and expirations of approval. (Second Reading) (Senior Planner)

9) **FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES:**

- A) Ordinance No. 2010-36 amending Chapter 22, Water and Sewers, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Ormond Beach, by amending Article I, Water, Division 1, Generally, by amending Section 22-19, Definition, and Article II, Sewers, Division 1, Generally, by adding Section 22-69, Definitions; providing definitions. (Finance Director)
- B) Ordinance No. 2010-37 relative to unsafe buildings; amending Chapter 8, Buildings and Construction Regulations, Article I, In General, of the City of Ormond Beach Code of Ordinances, by naming the previously reserved Section 8-4, "Unsafe Building Abatement" and by adding provisions for closing, repairing, and demolition of unsafe or unfit structures, notices and orders, emergency measures, liens, fines and enforcement, and appeals; by repealing Section 8-4.1, Elimination or Repair of Unsafe Buildings, and reserving said section number for future use. (Chief Building Official)

- 10) **REPORTS, SUGGESTIONS, REQUESTS:** Mayor, City Commission, City Manager, City Attorney.
- 11) **CLOSE THE MEETING.**

Item #1 – Meeting Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Costello at 7:01 p.m.

Item #2 – Invocation

The invocation was giving by Reverend Bill Owens.

Item #3 – Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Costello.

Item #4A – Employee-of-the-Quarter

City Manager Joyce Shanahan announced that Larry Rivera, City Engineer, was Employee-of-the-Quarter for the third quarter of Fiscal Year 2010. She stated Mr. Rivera had been with the City since January, 2008, as a civil engineer. She stated prior to coming to the City, he was employed by federal, county and state agencies, serving five years overseas in Saudi Arabia. She stated his extensive experience and working relationships with other agencies had been instrumental in his ability to provide assistance to the City in many projects undertaken during his tenure. She stated his positive attitude, perseverance, and adaptability were the cornerstone of his success as a project engineer.

Item #4B – Police Department Awards

Police Chief Osterkamp stated Officer Jay Brennan was awarded the Medal of Honor, which was awarded to a department employee who had exhibited extraordinary gallantry during the performance of duty in an incident that involved a threat to the nominee's safety, while preventing the loss of life or serious injury to another. He stated Mr. David Sarro, a retired Boston firefighter, was being presented the Chief's Commendation Award, which was awarded to a City employee or member of the community for the same service as the Medal of Honor recipient. He described the related incident that involved a motor vehicle crash at the intersection of SR40 and Tymber Creek Road, in which a pickup truck broadsided a sedan, causing the sedan to spin out and trap the driver in the vehicle as it burst into flames. The Chief explained that Mr. Sarro stopped to offer aid as Officer Brennan arrived on the scene; with Mr. Sarro's experience as a firefighter he recognized the driver was in eminent danger from the possibility of the vehicle exploding, and along with Officer Brennan, the two gentlemen extricated the driver from the vehicle at the risk of their own safety. Chief Osterkamp stated the driver was alive today due to the actions of Mr. Sarro and Officer Brennan. The Chief thanked them both for their heroic actions.

Item #5 – Audience Remarks

Amaral Plaza Sign

J. Bandorf, 18 Village Drive, stated he was before the Commission regarding a problem at Amaral Plaza with the merchants not being able to get signs. He stated he spoke with Senior Planner Steven Spraker and requested he come to Amaral Plaza to explain to the merchants why they had no signs. He stated it seemed to be unclear as to whether or not the property owner had requested signage for the plaza. He expressed frustration for lack of information as to why the merchants could not get sign approval.

Mayor Costello stated Mr. Spraker would provide a report after meeting with the merchants and requested Mr. Bandorf email him following the meeting with Mr. Spraker.

Ted Padgett, 1370 N. US1, a merchant at Amaral Plaza, stated he had been fined \$650 in the last 90 days for special event permits and signs due to a competitor calling the City. He stated there could have been some leniency on the part of the City and the City needed to look at the situation.

Mayor Costello stated the City had a reactive code enforcement policy, which meant that when a complaint was received it was investigated; but the code enforcement department did not actively seek out violations due to a limited number of staff.

Independence Day Celebration

Joe Lipscomb, 22 Shadow Creek Way, stated he had a great time at the Independence Day Celebration; it was an outstanding affair. He stated the event had become a truly family event with plenty for everyone to enjoy. He commended all who worked on the affair for a wonderful job.

Mayor Costello thanked Mr. Lipscomb for his comments. The Mayor stated he felt pride when the Star Spangled Banner was played, and he suggested that next year the mayor introduce several patriotic songs before the fireworks.

Daytona Beach Young Professionals Group Annual Event

Damien Richards, 19 Cherokee Trail, representing the Daytona Beach Young Professionals Group, stated their annual governmental affair was scheduled for August 2, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the News-Journal Center, in conjunction with Daytona State College. He stated Daytona Beach, Ormond Beach, Port Orange and Volusia County officials had been invited to participate. He stated an informal panel discussion was scheduled with Mayor Costello, Mayor Green, Mayor Ritchey and Chairman Bruno discussing how young professionals could get involved to make a difference in their community, such as advisory boards.

Solar Energy Project

Roger King, 12 Iroquois Trail, stated he was a teacher at DeLand High School, where he had his students work on a project involving ideas for alternative energy; and they discovered the Department of Energy had announced a national initiative to convert brown fields into renewable energy sites. He stated a solar panel installation had been created at the Space Coast with 60 acres/10 megawatts/35,000 panels in a joint effort between NASA and FPL where sunpower trackers were installed to rotate during the day to maximize the benefit. Mr. King discussed Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREB), which provided income tax credit to bondholders and no interest to a municipality, as a possible funding source. He suggested a 25 acre project for the City at a cost of \$25,000,000 resulting in 5 MW. He offered his assistance to the City should the Commission choose to pursue the idea.

Mayor Costello stated the City was not in a position to fund such a project at this time, but he would like to see Ormond Crossings as a renewable energy center. The Mayor stated he did not want to mislead Mr. King into believing the Commission was ready for the project, but suggested if Mr. King did the legwork for the project and showed it to be a financially viable program, the Commission would consider it because renewable energy was the way of the future.

Item #6 – Approval of the Minutes

Mayor Costello advised the minutes of the June 22, 2010, regular meeting had been sent to the Commission for review and asked for any corrections, additions, or omissions.

Commissioner Gillooly stated under Audience Comments, the name “Bonnie Coleman” needed to be changed to “Bobbie Coleman.”

The Mayor stated the minutes were approved as corrected with no objections.

Item #7 – Consent Agenda

Mayor Costello advised the action proposed for each item on the Consent Agenda was so stated on the agenda. He asked if any member of the Commission had questions or wished to discuss any item separately.

Commissioner Kelley moved, seconded by Commissioner Gillooly, for approval of the Consent Agenda.

Call Vote:	Commissioner Gillooly	yes
	Commissioner Kent	yes
	Commissioner Kelley	yes
	Commissioner Partington	yes
Carried.	Mayor Costello	yes

Mayor Costello stated the City had been on the Volusia County Sheriff’s consolidated dispatch system since 2007 and with only a 1.11% increase, which was evidence the Sheriff was working diligently to keep costs down.

#8 – 500 West Granada Boulevard

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-35

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND ISSUANCE OF A FIRST AMENDED DEVELOPMENT ORDER FOR “ORMOND PARK PLAZA” PLANNED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT (PBD), ON A SITE LOCATED AT 500 WEST GRANADA BOULEVARD; AMENDING THE LIST OF SCHEDULED USES TO INCLUDE USES ALLOWED IN THE B-9 (BOULEVARD) ZONING DISTRICT, OR RETAIL WINE STORE OR, RESTAURANTS TYPE “A” OF “B”; RATIFYING AND AFFIRMING THE DEVELOPMENT ORDERS; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS AND EXPIRATIONS OF APPROVAL; AND SETTING FORTH AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Costello stated this was a public hearing, and no one had requested to speak. The Mayor reported the Planning Board had unanimously approved to recommend Ordinance No. 2010-35.

Commissioner Kelley moved; seconded by Commissioner Partington, for approval of Ordinance No. 2010-35, on second reading, as read by title only.

Call Vote:	Commissioner Kent	yes
	Commissioner Kelley	yes
	Commissioner Partington	yes
	Commissioner Gillooly	yes
Carried.	Mayor Costello	yes

Mayor Costello stated without objection the public hearing was closed.

Item #9A – Amending Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-36

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22, WATER AND SEWERS, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ORMOND BEACH, BY AMENDING ARTICLE I, WATER, DIVISION 1, GENERALLY, BY AMENDING SECTION 22-19, DEFINITION; AND ARTICLE II, SEWERS, DIVISION 1, GENERALLY, BY ADDING SECTION 22-69, DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Kelley moved, seconded by Commissioner Partington, to approve Ordinance No. 2010-36 on first reading, as read by title only.

Mayor Costello stated he was pleased that when a maximum billing cycle of 35 days occurred and resulted in a consumer going into a higher usage category, they could call and staff would make an adjustment. He called it outstanding customer service and stated he was proud of staff.

Sean Daly, Northbrook, stated this issue had been ongoing for three or four years; it had been slow in getting repaired, but he commended the City Attorney who had been working on this since Mr. Daly brought up the issue. He expressed concern that a month could go up to 35 days, and he suggested anytime the billing cycle exceeded a month, the punitive charges be eliminated. He stated it would not matter when the water bill was generated at a flat rate for consumption, but it made a difference with the City’s conservation rates. He stated the established usage categories, with higher rates for higher usage, created a problem by not having a consistent billing period.

City Manager Shanahan stated it was not unusual for utilities to have a floating date for reading the meters, due to staff vacations, illness, etc. She stated a 35 days cycle was not unreasonable because it could not be determined on which day the threshold was crossed. She stated if a consumer had an issue with their bill, staff was always willing to discuss the charges with them and make any needed adjustments. She stated that consumers within the conservation level of under 4,000 gallons were rarely impacted.

Mayor Costello asked Finance Director Kelly McGuire for a report in three months as to how many consumers went over the limit due to an extended period of days between the meter readings. He suggested a program be promoted that if a customer disputed the amount of their bill to call.

Mr. Daly stated he was fine with that suggestion and appreciated the City’s efforts.

Commissioner Kent stated this was an issue that bothers him, and he agreed the City needed to promote the idea that consumers could call if they disputed their bill due to an extended billing cycle.

Commissioner Kelley stated he always looked at the previous year’s bill for comparison when he received a bill; and he noticed an extended billing period could make a \$20 difference in his bill. He expressed appreciation that staff recognized the problem and had a way to resolve the issue so consumers were not penalized due to additional days in a billing cycle.

Commissioner Gillooly asked that customers be advised in advance of a billing cycle with an extended number of days.

Kelly McGuire stated the billing cycle was determined a month in advance, and a notice could be included in the utility bill when the billing cycle was over a certain number of days.

Mayor Costello asked the highest number of days set in a billing cycle.

Ms. McGuire stated the attempt was made to stay within two days of the actual number of days in that month; for a 30 days month, the cycle would be 32 days maximum.

Mayor Costello suggested for a 32 or 33 day billing cycle, a notice could be included in the bill stating if the consumer had not exceeded the usage threshold previously, but had exceeded the threshold on that particular bill, they would be directed to contact the Finance Department to discuss an adjustment.

Call Vote:	Commissioner Kelley	Yes
	Commissioner Partington	Yes
	Commissioner Gillooly	Yes
	Commissioner Kent	Yes
Carried.	Mayor Costello	Yes

Item #9B – Amending Section 8-4.1 of the Code of Ordinances

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-37

AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO UNSAFE BUILDINGS; AMENDING CHAPTER 8, BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION REGULATIONS, ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, OF THE CITY OF ORMONDBEACH CODE OF ORDINANCES, BY NAMING THE PREVIOUSLY RESERVED SECTION 8-4, “UNSAFE BUILDING ABATEMENT” AND BY ADDING PROVISIONS FOR CLOSING, REPAIRING, AND DEMOLITION OF UNSAFE OR UNFIT STRUCTURES, NOTICES AND ORDERS, EMERGENCY MEASURES, LIENS, FINES AND ENFORCEMENT, AND APPEALS; BY REPEALING SECTION 8-4.1, ELIMINATION OR REPAIR OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS AND RESERVING SAID SECTION NUMBER FOR FUTURE USE; REPEALING ALL INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Kelley moved, seconded by Commissioner Gillooly, to approve Ordinance No. 2010-37 on first reading, as read by title only.

Bill Partington, 1284 Fernway Drive, stated the proposed ordinance must be an improvement, but there was a fairly long notice period before the issue came to a hearing. He stated he occasionally received a notice from Daytona Beach regarding a property he owned, and he realized the time period allowed for compliance started when you picked up the certified notice. He asked how long the time period could be before the situation was resolved in a non-emergency. He mentioned the situation at 232 S. Beach Street was resolved quickly; and he asked if the owner was not available, would the City act before contacting the owner.

City Attorney Randy Hayes stated, generally speaking, absent an emergency situation, there were due process considerations, but he had not done any actual calculations on the potential time period.

Commissioner Kelley stated it was six to eight months.

City Attorney Hayes stated in a bankruptcy situation there was a public safety exception, but there was still the bankruptcy process, which needed to be completed. He stated it was not a quick process, as evidenced by the recent Surfside Motel situation.

Mayor Costello asked if there was anything that could be improved with the ordinance in case an owner was unavailable.

City Attorney Hayes stated the improvements in the ordinance would not be evidenced until it had been tested several times and the process reviewed, but it was certainly an improvement.

Commissioner Kelley inquired as to why the Chief Building Official could deem a 20 day period on an order to repair or close, instead of 30 days as with all the other violations.

Chief Building Inspector Joe Levrault stated the international property maintenance code was used to determine the time line for repairs, and the proposed time lines were actually shortened. He explained that when the property was owner occupied, a 20 day period for repairs was set to expedite the repairs.

Commissioner Kelley inquired if the terms “vermin” or “rat infested” would cover raccoons and other creatures.

Mr. Levrault stated they could be flexible with that issue. He explained that regarding the situation at 232 South Beach Street, it did not matter where the owner was; with a threat to public safety, he could have ordered the demolition.

Commissioner Kelley stated the time line was roughly six months; if it went to an appeal of the Special Master order, it could be a year or more. He stated the ordinance appeared to be better.

Commissioner Gillooly asked for confirmation that a demolition order or condemnation to be issued for a historical structure would go before the Historical Society for their review.

Mr. Levrault stated historic structures were addressed under a different ordinance, and that ordinance was still in effect for structures built before 1950, that directed an order to repair be sent. He explained that if the structure presented a hazard to public safety, an order to repair or demolish would be issued. He stated the property would be reviewed by the Historical Society.

Call Vote:	Commissioner Partington	Yes
	Commissioner Gillooly	Yes
	Commissioner Kent	Yes
	Commissioner Kelley	Yes
Carried.	Mayor Costello	Yes

Item #10 - Reports, Suggestions, Requests

Pill Mills

Commissioner Partington stated South Daytona had enacted an ordinance that prevented “pill mills,” and he would be willing to consider the issue, if needed. He related he had numerous clients whose lives were destroyed by prescription drugs.

City Manager Shanahan stated staff had already investigated this issue and was watching the issue carefully, but she did not feel the City required any legislation at this time.

Mayor Costello stated he would rather be pro-active than reactive and asked staff to present options to the Commission.

Fireworks

Commissioner Partington stated he had enjoyed the fireworks in the City since he was a little boy, and every year the community had come together for the fireworks. He complimented Leisure Service Director Robert Carolin for a great event, which gets better each year.

Commissioner Gillooly thanked Mr. Lipscomb for his opinion of the fireworks event; it was a testament to everyone who worked on the event. She stated it was great to see everyone come together for a wonderful event.

Commissioner Kent stated it was a great event that was important for the community. He agreed the Mayor or Deputy Mayor should speak to the gathering in the future.

Commissioner Kelley stated he had heard nothing but great comments about the event, which was a fantastic event. He stated many cities around the country had been forced to cancel their fireworks display on July 4th, due to budget considerations, but it would be tragic for the City to cancel the fireworks. He stated that if he was on the Commission next year, he would promote the patriotic music, as well as the other suggestions.

Mayor Costello stated the event should always happen in the City as a time for patriotic display and as a focus for the community in difficult times. He stated that although there were negative comments about money being spent on the park before Rockefeller Gardens Park was completed, since completion, he has heard nothing but positive comments.

Receipt of Magazine Subscriptions

Commissioner Partington asked staff to request he receive an electronic copy of the American City and County magazine. He stated it was a free publication that presented both sides of issues in a fair and thought provoking manner.

Mayor Costello asked it be sent electronically to all the Commission members.

Volusia County Roadway Funding

Commissioner Gillooly stated there was a meeting with the County regarding their roadway funding last month. She suggested the City send a letter to the County in support of the Hand Avenue extension.

City Manager Shanahan reported a letter had been sent, but another letter would be sent.

Sign/Code Enforcement

Commissioner Gillooly stated there were laws to protect standards for the City. She stated the Commission had decided to relax the sign ordinance due to the economic hardships for businesses, but all of the Commission members had received complaints. She stated she wanted to revisit the issue.

City Manager Shanahan stated the only rule relaxed was to allow temporary signs in front of businesses; but people were still prohibited from waving signs. She stated violations were handled on a reactive basis, but the temporary sign issue could be brought back to the Commission for consideration.

Commissioner Gillooly stated code enforcement violations should come back to the Commission as a discussion item, because it was not just commercial areas, but residential areas as well. She stated there were several issues in Zone 1. She suggested discussions be held to discuss making the system move toward being more proactive. She stated she heard from constituents that they did not want to be responsible for calling in complaints about their neighbors.

Mayor Costello stated he told people who were aware of code violations to call him and he would report the violation, allowing them to remain anonymous. He suggested to individuals that if they see three temporary signs when only one temporary sign was permitted, they should pick up the extra signs. He stated he was willing to accept someone putting out a sign during business hours, if they removed the sign when they were closed for business.

Commissioner Gillooly pointed out that the City had no way of knowing if the business owner brought in the sign after hours.

Mayor Costello stated the City knew by people calling and letting someone know they were bothered by the violation.

City Manager Shanahan stated numerous complaints were received in the last several months, and not all complaints were deemed valid after an investigation was performed; but all were investigated.

Mayor Costello stated he was not opposed to having another discussion, but that was how he was handling the situation, because there were no funds to hire more staff to be as proactive as some wished staff to be.

Commissioner Gillooly stated that in the future, maybe the Commission should consider spending more money on Neighborhood Improvement to be more proactive, because that was the department responsible for maintaining the standards for the community. She stated there should be a balance between money spent on beachfront parks and events, and making sure the community standards were maintained.

Commissioner Kent stated he heard from people who were unhappy with the City's code enforcement efforts. He stated the Commission needed to hold a workshop to discuss illegal signs. He agreed with Commissioner Gillooly that the City needed to be more proactive in enforcing the City's code with code enforcement officers out of the office and on the streets, except for 30 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the afternoon before the end of the workday. He stated the problem for businesses was not the lack of signage, but the lack of funds Americans had to spend, and it required patience until the economy improved. He stated the City standards should be upheld, and any situation of code violation needed to be fixed.

Mayor Costello clarified he made the calls to Neighborhood Improvement for others as an individual, not as Mayor. He expressed support for a workshop to hold further discussion on the issues.

Chief Osterkamp

Commissioner Gillooly congratulated the new Police Chief, and she stated the process with the resulting selection of Chief Osterkamp was a credit to the City.

Commissioner Kent added his congratulations to Chief Osterkamp. He stated he had told City Manager Shanahan this was some of the best news he had heard in a long time; the outpouring of support from the community for Chief Osterkamp was extremely impressive.

Commissioner Kelley stated staff did a fantastic job with the process, and complimented City Manager Shanahan. He expressed he was looking forward to great things from Chief Osterkamp, someone the City was very proud to have as Police Chief; and he thanked the Chief.

Mayor Costello congratulated Police Chief Osterkamp on his appointment.

Birthplace of Speed

Commissioner Kent stated the article in the newspaper about Daytona Beach as the birthplace of something related to speed, had highly enraged one of his constituents, and she wanted to make it clear that the event happened in Ormond Beach, not Daytona Beach. He suggested the writer should have checked his facts.

Commissioner Kelley stated the article referred to "the Daytona Beach area" as a way to cover the issue. He stated Dan Smith's article was excellent; calling Daytona Beach "the birthplace of racing" was acceptable, but not, "the Birthplace of Speed."

Rentals

Commissioner Kent stated one of the problem houses in his neighborhood had been sold to the owners' parents to avoid an accumulation of violations under the same owners, causing them higher fines. He stated the owners had the tenants contacting the Commission members to say they were not renters, but guests staying free. He stated he did not believe that, and the situation was a code violation. He reported the parents had visited his home twice, unannounced, to tell him he was creating this problem for their daughter. He expressed disbelief that the owners' were blaming him when it was their fault for not doing the research before purchasing the houses to determine that they could not have a short term rental as a business in a residential neighborhood. He stated he was not going to be bullied; and he would not stop until the problem was solved, because it was an unsafe situation, as well as illegal.

City Antique Cars

Commissioner Kent requested an update on the City's replica cars. He suggested the cars should be retrieved and showcased in the City, as well as cared for by the City for preservation purposes.

Mayor Costello stated Randy's Auto Body Shop was in the process of totally rebuilding the replica cars.

Commissioner Kent stated the City needed a plan to preserve these cars for the community.

Chamber of Commerce Breakfast

Commissioner Kelley congratulated and thanked Joe Mannarino for a great job with his presentation regarding economic development and how essential it was to the community. He stated the City should do whatever it could to assist businesses in these difficult times. Commissioner Kelley stated there were reasons, such as a business friendly community, why businesses wanted to be in the City, and it was not because of a person waving a hot dog sign.

He reminded everyone that businesses increased the tax revenues to the City and reduced the burden on the individual taxpayers.

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Air Traffic Controllers Award

Commissioner Kelley stated that out of 242 towers, the airport tower received the Willie F. Card Contract Tower Service Award. He stated that there had not been a single incident since 2004, and he stated Airport Manager Stephen Lichliter had done an outstanding job.

Budget Workshop

City Manager Shanahan reminded the Commission of the Budget Workshop on July 19 at 5:30 pm at the Senior Center, which would continue on July 20, if necessary.

Beachfront Park

Mayor Costello stated he was at a booth at the Independence Day Celebration to encourage voters to vote on the August 24 Special Election. He reported information would be available at the July 20 City Commission meeting regarding the contract with the Trust for Public Lands for the purchase of the land for the beachfront park; and the Commission would vote on a contingent contract.

Item #11 – Close the Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

APPROVED: July 20, 2010

BY: Fred Costello, Mayor

ATTEST:

Veronica Patterson, City Clerk