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### WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

Alfonso Gereffi Room

June 12, 2017

5:00 PM

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hazelle Rogers called the June 14, 2017 Commission Workshop to order at 5:03 p.m. in the Alfonso Gereffi Room, located at 4300 N.W. 36th Street, Lauderdale Lakes, Florida 33319.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

##### PRESENT

Mayor Hazelle Rogers  
Vice-Mayor Veronica Edwards Phillips  
Commissioner Sandra Davey  
Commissioner Beverly Williams

##### ABSENT

Commissioner Gloria Lewis

##### ALSO PRESENT

City Manager Phil Alleyne  
City Attorney James Brady  
City Clerk Sharon Houslin  
City Staff  
Members of the Public

#### 3. DISCUSSION

##### JUNE 13, 2017 AGENDA REVIEW

This discussion item serves to review the June 13, 2017 Commission Meeting Agenda.

City Manager Phil Alleyne reviewed the June 13, 2017 Commission Agenda with the City Commission as follows:

There were no items pulled to be discussed from Ordinances on second reading or Resolutions on the Consent Agenda.

Item 10A - RESOLUTION 2017-073 RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S FILING OF THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2017, PERIOD 7 (APRIL) FINANCIAL ACTIVITY REPORT.

Susan Gooding-Liburd, Financial Services Director presented the April, 2017 Financial Activity Report and responded to questions from the Commission. Discussion ensued regarding homes owners in the Colonies Townhome complex who are having a difficult time financially and cannot afford to maintain the common area and stormwater needs.

#### **4. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE(S)**

##### **A. UPDATE ON THE CITY'S CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

This is an update on the City's Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for FY 2017.

Ronald Desbrunes, Director of Public Works provided a PowerPoint presentation on the City's Capital Improvement Program for FY2017 projects. Mr. Desbrunes highlighted the high priority projects and the cost associated, as well as projects that have been completed. The presentation included before and after picture of certain projects. Mr. Desbrunes advised that most of these projects are being completed in-house without the use of consultants.

Commissioner Beverly Williams thanked Mr. Desbrunes for his response to the sinkhole issue yesterday; commented on residents who were satisfied with the canal bank restoration; thanked Mr. Desbrunes for the Willie Webb update; and spoke regarding residents using too much fertilizer and suggested that a caution message be placed in the Code Books; and spoke regarding trees on the swale area.

Commissioner Sandra Davey asked for clarification on the NW 41 Avenue Street Entryway and the two options presented; and thanked Public Works for the improvements in the City.

Vice Mayor Veronica Edwards Phillips asked when will the pool be completed. Mr. Desbrunes responded June 28; Vice Mayor Edward Phillips thanked Mr. Desbrunes for his speedy response to the sinkhole situation.

Mayor Hazelle Rogers stated that she wants to know the County scheduled to fund the City with infrastructure. City Manager Alleyne advised that there is a schedule for the City's infrastructure and he will share it with the Commission in the morning.

#### **5. ADDITIONAL WORKSHOP ITEMS**

##### **A. PRESENTATION ON THE CITY'S NEW WEBSITE**

This is a demonstration of the City's newly designed website.

Marna Mobley, Public Information Specialist, provided a demonstration of the City's newly designed website. Ms. Mobley demonstrated how the e-services portion of the website operates and highlighted important areas of the website that provides information to residents.

Vice Mayor Veronica Edwards Phillips and Commissioner Beverly Williams commented that the new website is easier to use.

Ardra Davis, city resident stated that she would like to see the City's contact information and non emergency phone numbers on the front page of the website.

Commissioner Sandra Davey commented that she would like to see information regarding "See Something, Say Something" and "Keep our City Clean" added to the website.

##### **B. DISCUSSION REGARDING CENTRAL CHARTER SCHOOL BOND ISSUANCE**

This is a discussion related to the issuance of Bonds related to Central Charter School.

Mayor Hazelle Rogers asked if an explanation can be provided for the difference between Assistance Unlimited, Inc. and Central Charter School. Mr. Ed Chan explained that Assistance Unlimited is the name of the nonprofit 501C(3) that does business as Central Charter School.

Hugh Jarret, President and CEO of Central Charter School introduced Central Charter School Board Members, Attorney Levi Williams, Attorney Ed Chan, and the son of the Founder, Gene Lawson.

Attorney Ed Chan explained the Bond. Mr. Chan stated that the bonds would not be issued by the City of Lauderdale Lakes, and the City would have no obligation, moral or otherwise with respect to the bond. Mr. Chan stated that the City Commission would have to approve the bond and requested that the City hold a public on July 11, 2017. Attorney Chan provided background on the Central Charter School.

City Attorney Brady explained the public hearing process and stated that the project is being overseen by Bond Council. City Attorney Brady commented that his only responsibility is to ensure the Resolution gets on the Agenda and the cost for advertising will be placed on Central Charter, not the City.

Mayor Rogers asked what will the funds be utilized for. Attorney Chan responded that the funds will rehab the school facilities, purchase equipment and install additional classrooms.

Mayor Rogers asked if the school fails, who owns the property. Attorney Chan responded that Assistance Unlimited owns the property and that the school has never been in default with their loan and the school was inherited from Phyl's Academy.

Vice Mayor Edwards Phillips commented on what she read: And how does that alleviate jurisdiction from the City of Lauderdale Lakes. Attorney Levi Williams explained that all those questions are dealt with from the Bond Council and the Investors. Mr. Williams stated that certain members would not be in attendance if they did not feel that the school was profitable.

Mayor Hazelle Rogers explained that liability is more than money, and that the City image has to be a consideration.

Commissioner Beverly Williams expressed that she can only rely on information from the City Attorney.

Commissioner Davey asked the City Attorney what is the Public Finance Authority. City Attorney Brady explained that it is a corporate body that issues public bonds.

Mayor Rogers wants it outlined in the Resolution what happens if the school folds. Mayor Rogers asked why is the City of Lauderdale Lakes being asked to approve the board and if there is outreach to the School Board.

Mr. Gene Lawson commented that one of the benefits for the State of Florida is that Charter Schools are not required to have the capital expenditure that the School Board has.

Mr. Brady explained that the bond could be approved by the County or the State but there is a timing aspect to the bond.

Commissioner Davey expressed that she feels there should have been more backup information for the Commission to review.

Attorney Chan stated that another draft of the Resolution will be provided by next week.

City resident, Zarline Scott stated that she supports what the Commission is saying and feels that City residents need more information.

Susan Gooding-Liburd, Financial Services Director responded that she would like to see a model.

#### C. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT

This is a discussion regarding how the United States withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement will affect Lauderdale Lakes.

Commissioner Sandra Davey advised that of the 170 Countries that participated in the Paris Climate



Agreement only Nicaragua, Syria and the United States pulled out. Commissioner Davey stated that other cities have been coming up with legislation to assist with climate control and would like to know if the City could do something. Commissioner Sandra Davey asked what can the city do about emission control, recycling, and temperature control to assist the residents.

Vice Mayor Edwards Phillips commented on emission control from the State and asked if the City could regulate emission.

Mayor Rogers suggested that Commissioner Davey look at what other Cities are doing and outline what she would like to see the City support.

**D. UPDATE ON THE CITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN**

This is an update on the City's FY 2018 Strategic Plan for Elected Officials.

Susan Gooding-Liburd, Financial Services Director stated that she received an update from the Consultant and she was disappointed that staff has not responded to the questionnaire. Ms. Gooding-Liburd stated that the questionnaires needs to be turned in by Friday.

Mayor Rogers advised that the Strategic Plan is the City leadership visioning section where the Commission provides direction to the staff.

**E. DISCUSSION REGARDING MEMBERSHIP FOR THE MILITARY AFFAIRS BOARD**

This is a discussion regarding establishing membership for the Military Affairs Board.

City Manager stated that the nominees are being requested for the Military Affairs Board to be added to the Resolution. The Commission provided names as follows:

Mayor Hazelle Rogers - Levoyd Williams  
Vice Mayor Veronica Edwards Phillips - Louis Roberts  
Commissioner Beverly Williams - John Davis  
Commissioner Sandra Davey - Willie Jones

City Manager Alleyne stated that we will contact Commissioner Gloria Lewis for her appointment.

**F. UPDATES FROM CITY ADVISORY BOARDS**

This is an update from the Beautification Advisory Board, Economic Development Advisory Board and Historic Preservation Advisory Board. Each Board will be allotted five minutes to discuss their goals and initiatives.

Advisory Board Members provided updates on the goals and initiatives of their boards as follows:

George Davis, Chairperson, reported on behalf of the Beautification Advisory Board and provided information related to cleaning of canals and waterways.

Mayor Hazelle Rogers asked the Board members to provide updates on what the Boards are doing to advance the City Commission.

Marilyn Davis, Chairperson of the Economic Development Advisory Board updated the Commission on the Chamber of Commerce; questionnaires from business owners; coordinate a business forum, establishing a bravo team to invite business owners to EDAB meetings; welcoming new businesses; and the micro business loan program. Ms. Davis stated that EDAB members are very passionate about their role to help bring economic development to the City and that the board met with Code Compliance to get a better understanding of code related issues.

Tycie Causwell, Chairperson, Caroline Fyffe, Vice-Chairperson, and Zarline Scott, Board Member provided an update on the Historic Preservation Board. Ms. Causwell expressed her appreciation towards the Mayor for engaging the Advisory Boards and spoke regarding past projects such as the "Then and Now" video and the Bill Clark Alzheimer's room. Ms. Causwell also spoke about

Historical Markers; the Pioneer Program and the Samuel S. Brown Memorial Room.

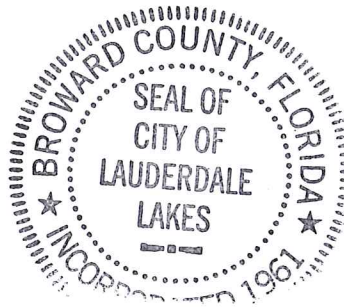
**6. REPORTS**

Commissioner Beverly Williams asked if the City can get information for the scholarship program earlier so the City can provide information to the Schools before the school year end.

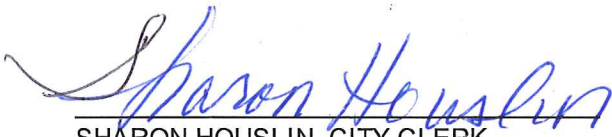
Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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HAZELLE ROGERS, MAYOR



ATTEST:

  
SHARON HOUSLIN, CITY CLERK