

CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF WILDWOOD, FLORIDA
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 24, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER

The City Commission of the City of Wildwood, Florida met in Regular session January 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Present were: Mayor Wolf, Commissioners Bivins, Clark, Allen and Strickland. Also present were: City Manager Smith, City Clerk Jacobs, City Attorney Blair, Assistant City Clerk Roberts, Police Chief Reeser, Senior Planner/CRA Grimm, Parks & Rec Coordinator Hargrove and AVT Law.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Wolf with Commissioner Allen giving the invocation and the audience joining in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

1. TIMED ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
None

2. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INPUT

- SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Sumter County Administrator to provide update of Sumter County Fire and Lake Sumter EMS Services (Attachment)

Bradley Arnold, County Administrator provided an update on fire and EMS services in the County. Fire department operations changed as of October, 2010. Currently have 30 full time fire service employees who now are on 24/7 shifts. There are approximately 120 reserve (volunteer) fire fighters. The full time employees serve the highest call volume areas – Wildwood, Lake Panasoffkee, and Bushnell. The reservists make up whatever is needed in the combination format.

Grant application approval was received in 2010 to make upgrades to two fire stations and a new fire station. The new station is West Bushnell Station located west of I-75. This is a prototype station, which will be used in building any new stations. Second new station is in the southern section of Wildwood, although it is called the Coleman Fire Station and is a modular building, but will be a prototype station when building actually takes place. Wildwood Station is planned to be upgraded through the grant, but prices came in very high, above the budget. Have gone back and worked on value engineering to bring in more reasonable. Hope to provide a notice to proceed to Emmett Sapp Builders, February 9. Service to Wildwood will be provided from the Royal Fire Station during the upgrade. Oxford Fire Station is not part of the grant, but because of additional funds the County has, County is proposing to move the project forward and have completed by September 7, 2011. The bay area can still be utilized, but the living quarters need serious upgrades.

Ambulance Service – BOCC entered into an interlocal agreement with Lake County, which is very vague. When LSEMS requested additional funding from Sumter County, they were asked to provide the performance standards that LSEMS hold to, and there are not any. Have been working with LSEMS to set response times and performance standards to provide accountability. First endeavor with LSEMS has been to establish response times. Provided to LSEMS the County's RFP that went out to private providers to have a gage of what would be realistic as to response areas and response times and

costs associated with that. Received two proposals - one from Rural Metro and one from American Medical Response, but national companies. LSEMS management did participate in regard to being present as the responses and presentations were made. The County wanted LSEMS to understand that at a national level this is what private companies adhere to - specific response times, and within the RFP and ultimately would be in the contract are penalties for failure, which is the accountability component. Will be presenting to the BOCC on January 25, is not the final decision to switch service providers, but because LSEMS is still working on developing the necessary information in regard to how they are going to meet performance requirements and the format that will be in. Is it going back into the Lake-Sumter interlocal agreement, is it going to be within the bylaws of LSEMS, and if so how are the Counties going to know that the management is going to be held accountable by Sumter County or Lake County. If the level of service has to be increased - what is the cost? Will place before the board a request for the board to begin negotiation with Rural Metro. If the board does award and gives direction to negotiate the contract, that that will run concurrent to the ongoing discussion with LSEMS. There is a final decision date of March 22. Mr. Judge of LSEMS has been informed that the final information in regard to performance measures and how they will meet those standards, how they have analyzed deployment in Sumter County to insure ambulance coverage, insure they will meet performance criteria and what is the subsidy at the County level. That way on March 22 the Board has more of an apples to apples comparison. If they make the decision to go with the private provider, then part of the motion would have to be the termination of the interlocal agreement with Lake County to be effective September 30, and the new company coming in October 1.

Knowing that some Sumter County residents work for LSEMS, and without it being the in RFP, both private companies put in that they would help with the transition of any displaced LSEMS employee to their corporation, to the extent that they talked about giving them first opportunity even before existing employees in their own corporation or putting it out. They have talked about bringing them in at the same salary, same seniority. They have made the commitment for dispatch center to be located in Sumter County for other transportation issues. They are presently located in Lake County.

Mayor Wolf disclosed that he is a board member of the LSEMS, as City representative from Sumter County. He had never heard any complaints about LSEMS in the 10 years they have been in business. Have reviewed response times and they seem to be within parameters. Bradley Arnold - when he came to Sumter County and LSEMS asked for an increase in the subsidy, he asked on what basis. The report that LSEMS provides came about because he has worked with LSEMS to bring about more transparency within their management and how they are making decisions. Is it in the best interest of Sumter County? Is it in the best interest of Lake County, or is it looking at both?

CA Blair - noted it seemed like there was a financial aspect in having an EMS interlocal agreement. Bradley Arnold - not sure what she is referencing, however Lake County has a municipal taxing service unit but Sumter County does not. Noted there have been complaints of not having ambulances available in Sumter County and response times. Mr. Judge has been provided the information. The question is how does the County demonstrate to the citizens that there is accountability if there are no performance measures at all? Mayor Wolf - asked if the private companies provided ambulances for athletic events like LSEMS has provided in the past, noting he did not have to pay for the service, but could have changed since he has been out of the school system. Bradley

Arnold – indicated there are event rates. CM Smith – expressed gratitude to Mr. Arnold for making the presentation to the City Commission, since there have been emails and newspaper articles.

a. City Manager

- 1) FYI – Ribbon Cutting/Dedication Ceremony for the Gamble Street Park and the New Police Cars (Program Attached) Thanks to the Commission and those who attended.
- 2) FYI – Bill Gregory’s donation of loads of clay for Millennium Park Ball Fields (Attachments) There is enough clay for the new Softball field and also to refurbish the other ball fields. Mayor Wolf – noted that Mr. Gregory is a product of the local schools and local recreational league and it is good to see someone paying it back.
- 3) FYI – Quarterly Report from Gene Kornegay, Public Works Department (Attachments)
- 4) FYI – Budget Analysis Report for December 2010 (Attachments)
Some revenues are down, but others are up so there are no red flags. Will give a six months assessment in April.
- 5) FYI – received the property from DEP for the Tot Lot. Will begin soliciting organizations to assist in funding, and will be doing site work. Approval of the plan will be going through the Parks & Rec Board as well as the Beautification Board. Dave is the liaison for the Beautification Board and they will be working on the Tot Lot and US 301. Will be bringing back to Commission at a later date.
- 6) First Teen Court last Thursday. Had over 20 teens to participate. Some were required, some not required. Feels that once word gets out more teens not required to participate, will participate.
- 7) Met with IMS, technology provider, this morning. Trying to update for all departments to talk to each other, and get all on the same software. Looking to improve financial software. Steve of IMS will be providing costs information, which will be brought to Commission at future workshop.
- 8) Met with Susan Fleming of DEP today. Has given the go ahead on the grant. Can move forward with negotiation of grant administration. This is for the Pitt & Stone, Osceola and 232 projects.

b. City Attorney
None

c. City Clerk
None

d. Commission Members

Mayor Wolf – has the Lower Aquifer report been completed. CM Smith – will be part of workshop in February.

- e. Public Forum (10 minute time limit)
- 1) Norvell Scott and board members of the Wildwood Community Development Center Inc – expressed thanks to Commissioner Bivins, Commissioner Allen for support of MLK event, even though parade was rained out. Has been rescheduled for February 19. Presented plaque to Mayor Wolf and CM Smith. CM Smith requested that Mr. Hannah provide the information for the parade on February 19.
 - 2) Patty Morelli resident of the Villages of Parkwood. Was provided a flyer by a friend from Lady Lake, which states that for \$900 you can rent in the Villages of Parkwood. She had to provide a down payment to purchase. If she had wanted to live in a rental community she could have without a down payment. Contacted the County and City and Mayor Wolf told her haven't you ever heard of "buyer beware". Have concerns that the development is not following through with what those who purchased their residences were led to believe, because they are now renting units. She has just found out that there are 0 lot lines, and when a fence was to be installed found that the property behind her house is not hers. There are no sidewalks in the community and no playground, although one is planned in the far back of the development. No place to walk, unless you walk in the streets. There are no Handicap provisions. Asked how the development got approved with only one entrance/exit. Would like to have the names of those who were on the board at the time of approval and wants assurance that this won't happen again. CM Smith – will provide card after the meeting to schedule at meeting with Ms. Morelli to discuss all the concerns. This was approved by the County and was annexed into the City for utility purposes. The playground is where the package plant was to go if the City didn't provide utilities. Will discuss any changes to the development that have come about since being annexed into the City, and improvements that the City has made in its development policies and design standards.
 - 3) Sonia Stern resident of the Villages of Parkwood. She was told from day one that everything was custom built and the builder was a custom builder. Believes the Commission would understand if they put your money into a community where you were promised that you would be living with people who were going to be owners. Owners care more about what is going on. Asked why the building department of the City was closed and CM Smith indicated it was consolidated with the County for cost savings, better level of service, better customer service, and that permit costs to residents went down. Ms. Stern indicated that if you speak to the vast majority of the home owners you will find that everyone has been put through certain things with no disclosure from the developer. When she called the City trying to find out who did the inspections, one name kept coming up – Don Dixon. She would request a return call and never got one back. Then preceded to find out who was picking up the permits from the City for the builder, and it was the same last name. When she inquired about any relation, there was silence. It ends up that the person picking up the permits was Don Dixon's wife. She sees this as a conflict of interest. Would like this checked into. CM Smith – indicated he will also meet with her and possibly could meet in their

community center with anyone who wanted to attend. Ms. Stern indicated there are many things she would like to disclose but not in this meeting, even through she got no disclosure. She was told she was purchasing two lots and given the idea it was a big two lots and thought her house could be situated in the middle of the two lots. But the house is on one lot against the another home. CM Smith to provide his contact information at the end of the meeting.

- f. Notes, Reports, and items for the file as attached

3. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION REQUIRED

- a. MINUTES

- 1) Minutes of Regular Meeting held on January 10, 2011 (Attachments – Staff recommends approval)

Motion by Commissioner Strickland, second by Commissioner Allen to approve the minutes as typed. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- b. ORDINANCES FIRST READING ONLY (READ ONLY – NO VOTE)

None

- c. RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:

- 1) Resolution No. R2011-01, a resolution vacating alleyway for the purpose of expansion of building) (Attachment – Staff Recommends Approval)

CM Smith and SP Grimm explained that the alley way being vacated is on the west side of the store, between the store and Jackson Street. One property owner owns the properties on both sides of the alley.

Motion by Commissioner Strickland, second by Commissioner Clark that Resolution No. R2011-01: A Resolution Of The City Commission Of The City Of Wildwood, Florida, Vacating An Alleyway For Expansion Of Building Located Between Lots 4 And 5 Of Barwicks Addition To Wildwood; Providing For An Effective Date: be adopted. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- d. APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Annual Appointment to Fire Advisory Board (Attachment)

By Common Consent the Commissioner Appointed CM Smith to the Fire Advisory Board.

- e. CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

None

- f. FINANCIAL

- 1) Bills for Approval (Attachments – Staff Recommends Approval)

Motion by Commissioner Clark, second by Commissioner Bivins to pay the bills. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- g. GENERAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1) Schedule date for Commission Workshops to discuss various issues and receive development and administrative updates in February and March (Calendar Attachments – Board Option)

Motion by Commissioner Bivins, second by Commissioner Allen to approve the workshops in February and March. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 2) Schedule Mid Year Budget Analysis Report Workshop for April (Calendar Attachment – Board Option)

By Common Consent the Commission approved the Workshop in April.

- 3) Review/approval of Proposed Budget Preparation & Workshop Schedule (Attachments – Board Option)

Motion by Commissioner Allen, second by Commissioner Strickland to approve the proposed budget preparation and workshop schedule. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- 4) Review/discussion of a proposed “new” City logo (Attachment)

By Common Consent the Commission approved to open to the City and schools suggestions for a “new” City Logo.

- 5) Oxford Park survey – quiet title issue (NO Attachment)

Motion by Commissioner Clark, second by Commissioner Bivins to authorize CA Blair to dispose of quiet title regarding Odd Fellows. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CA Blair asked if the City knows for sure that all the parcels of Park turned over to the City from the County were clear.

Mayor Wolf – an issue has been brought to his attention regarding an alley way between the Oxford Community Center and the church. There was a parking issue and could be because they don't know where the boundary is.

Commissioner Allen suggested that a boundary survey be done of the Oxford Community Center property.

CM Smith – will check our records first for a boundary survey and if not have one done.

4. ADJOURN:

Upon a motion by Commissioner Allen, second by Commissioner Bivins the Commission Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Wolf reconvened the Commission as members of the CRA.

5. RECONVENE AS MEMBERS OF THE CRA (Community Redevelopment Agency)
 - a. Review/discussion regarding the City Hall LED sign (Attachments)

CM Smith – Commissioners at different times have talked about a means to advertise meetings, elections, etc. There are funds available in the CRA funds.

SP Grimm – came up with a prototype design and asked for quotes. Three quotes were received with Mid-Florida Signs being the low quote at \$23,700. Staff recommends approval of Mid-Florida Signs.

Commissioner Allen questioned the price on Mid-Florida quote – spelled out it reads Twenty Two Thousand Nine Hundred, but numerically it reads \$23,700. SP Grimm indicated that Mid-Florida had not quoted back lighting on the lettering, and when they included the back lighting it raised their price from \$22,900 to \$23,700, but they did not change the amount spelled out before resending the quote.

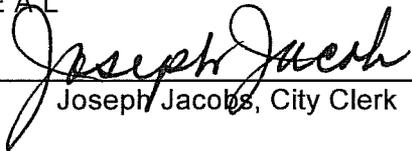
Motion by Commissioner Allen, second by Commissioner Strickland to authorize use of CRA funds and award to Mid-Florida Signs. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

6. ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Commissioner Allen, second by Commissioner Strickland the CRA meeting was adjourned.

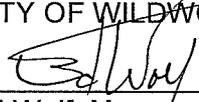
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ATTEST:



Joseph Jacobs, City Clerk

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Ed Wolf, Mayor