

CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF WILDWOOD, FLORIDA
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBER
MARCH 21, 2012 - 6:00 P.M.

The City Commission of the City of Wildwood Florida met in Special Called Session, March 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Present were: Mayor Wolf, Commissioners Bivins, Clark, Allen and Strickland. Also present were: Interim City Manager Jacobs, City Attorney Blair, Assistant City Clerk Roberts, Police Chief Reeser, Human Resource Coordinator Cox and AVT Law.

The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Wolf.

1. TIMED ITEMS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS
2. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INPUT
No Special Input at the time:
 - a. City Manager
 - b. City Attorney
 - c. City Clerk
 - d. Commission Members
 - e. Public Forum (10 minute time limit)
 - f. Notes, Reports, and items for the file as attached
3. NEW BUSINESS – ACTION REQUIRED
 - a. MINUTES
None
 - b. ORDINANCES FIRST READING ONLY (READ ONLY – NO VOTE)
None
 - c. RESOLUTIONS FOR APPROVAL:
None
 - d. APPOINTMENTS
None
 - e. CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS
None
 - f. FINANCIAL
None
 - g. GENERAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION
 - 1) CITY MANAGER INTERVIEWS:
6:00 PM - Applicant Richard Gestrich

Mayor Wolf announced that Applicant Richard Gestrich had withdrawn. HRC Cox indicated he has taken a position in Pennsylvania.

A discussion of each applicant interviewed followed with each Commissioner ranking the three interviewed.

Commissioner Strickland noted he would consider two for the position. Mr. Cannon interviewed very well, has a lot of City Manager experience and some of the things he

was able to accomplish will transfer well to the City of Wildwood. Thought he would be the best choice for the citizens and employees. Mr. Cottrell would be the second choice for a lot of reasons. The only hesitations have to do with his managerial style with employees and the handling of employee problems. Don't know that expecting everyone to hold a certain level of professionalism is the right answer to how would you handle a problem. If it came down to number three I would say start over. Mayor Wolf concurred on number three.

Commissioner Allen his two of the three would be Mr. Cottrell and Mr. Cannon. Liked the way Mr. Cottrell interviewed. Question mark with Mr. Cannon would be the possible "buy out" of his contract. Mr. DeCandis being his third choice.

Mayor Wolf noted Mr. Cannon would be his first choice and Mr. Cottrell his second. Mr. Cottrell interviewed well, but he had concerns about Mr. Cottrell's discussion of previous contracts. Mr. Cannon made the eye contact during his interview. Likes the fact that he came from a private sector then helped his father before moving into the City government. He seemed to be the better fit for what he sees as Wildwood and seems to be more of a blue collar type of person. Mr. Cannon would be first choice and I wouldn't negotiate too much on the \$15,000. He knows what the City offered and that problem could be his. We would decide on a salary and whoever it is we will negotiate with them. Probably need to start at lower end of the range and negotiate an increase for six months if everything works out.

Commissioner Bivins noted her selection would be Mr. Cannon first and Mr. Cottrell as second. If neither of those worked out, then go back to the drawing board. Likes that Mr. Cottrell does put everything in a contract, but concerned about his level of professionalism for us and feels he would have to tone it down a little. He could probably work into the City of Wildwood but had concerns about some of the things he said in dealing with employees. He was vague at times. Liked how Mr. Cannon interacted with the Commission and made eye contact. Felt his sincerity and desire to be part of the community, and think he presented that very well. Her concern is that if he is selected that he doesn't get in here and every one becomes his child and buddy. As to the \$15,000, that is his concern. Do not see Mr. DeCandis as a fit for Wildwood at all.

Commissioner Clark indicated Mr. Cannon would be his first choice and feels he would really get involved in the City if he is true to what was said during the interview. He would best fit the citizens of Wildwood. More laid back like the citizens of Wildwood but with the ability and experience of his past to handle situations. Mr. Cottrell would be the second choice, but looking at his work history has moved around quite a bit. Mayor Wolf noted his reason for leaving at least one position was change in the Commission.

General discussion included \$15,000 buyout, moving costs, auto allowance, salary and contract. Noted that Mr. Cannon's wife will be working to June 30, before her move to Florida. Mayor Wolf suggested not mentioning the \$15,000 when Mr. Cannon is contacted. Commissioner Strickland suggested offer of \$85,000 plus up to \$5,000 for moving.

Commissioner Allen suggested that CA Blair contact and negotiate with Mr. Cannon. CA Blair to take her notes to draft a contract to include residency within the service area within six months.

Mayor Wolf requested that he contact Mr. Cannon and CA Blair then negotiate the contract based on discussion.

By Common Consent the Commission approved to make offer to Mr. Cannon as their first choice contingent upon being able to negotiate a contract with Mayor Wolf to contact Mr. Cannon on Thursday and request that Mr. Cannon contact City Attorney Blair to begin negotiation.

Commissioner Bivins – at the Martin Luther King Park the kids are playing ball until 10. She was told, but didn't check, that the sign says the park closes at 10. Knows the Commission said all parks closed from dusk to dawn, but the kids have been using the park and she has not heard of any problems. Asked if Commission could allow them to play basketball until 10. The lights are working at this time. Also with the kids in that area it keeps them out of the more congested area of Clark Park. This is not organized basketball.

PC Reeser noted the police department was called with a complaint about noise in the area and it was well passed dark. The officer went out and told them he would give them another hour. Previously the discussion was to have the parks closed dusk to dawn, but the question came up, then why have the lights. With MLK Park doesn't see why the kids couldn't play until 10. Commissioner Strickland noted that the dusk to dawn came up because of the park near Wildwood Townhomes. PC Reeser requested that the Parks & Recreation Coordinator check all the parks to designate what hours of operation and signs will be appropriate for each park.

Motion by Commissioner Bivins, second by Commissioner Strickland to amend the agenda to include Hours of parks. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Commissioner Bivins, second by Commissioner Clark to approve extension of hours of operation at the MLK Park to 10 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mayor Wolf requested ICM Jacobs notify PRC Donovan that it is time to fertilize and need to get on fertilization program.

Mayor Wolf need to have a workshop regarding Developers having to pay sewer fees on construction water. ICM Jacobs indicated that was reversed. His understanding is that a Developer is wanting credit for previous payments made. Commissioner Clark asked if the moratorium was still on irrigation meters. Mayor Wolf noted that a workshop is needed with the new Utility Director. Need a workshop on the developers wanting to build on two lots instead of one and need to look at how that will be done. City should look at giving credit for moneys paid, if money will be owed back to developer at the end.

ICM Jacobs noted that the developer doesn't want to replat because of costs, but could possibly give credits, but not refunds.

ICM Jacobs noted that USDA representative has indicated a Public Hearing for the new grant is needed and there must be a 10-day notice before the public hearing. Requested direction for special meeting.

PC Reeser noted that representative is concerned if Public Hearing isn't held until the next regular meeting on April 9. The beginning of April is when USDA allocates the money.

By Common Consent the Commission agreed to a special meeting on April 2 or 3 contingent upon advertisement being published on March 23.

Mayor Wolf noted information from Katie regarding agreement between the Villages and Lady Lake for the new town center in Spanish Springs. Need to bring it up with Mr. Lester and maybe they would fund the new officers for Brownwood. Noted call from DSD Peavy letting him know that the Villages have pulled a permit for a billboard saying Welcome to Brownwood. He suggested the Commission get a sign just east of that saying Welcome to Wildwood the home of Brownwood.

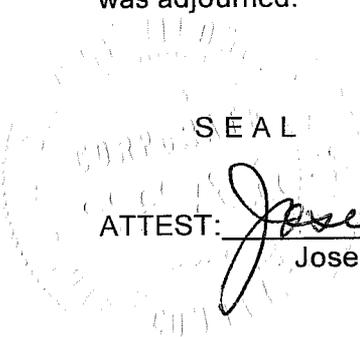
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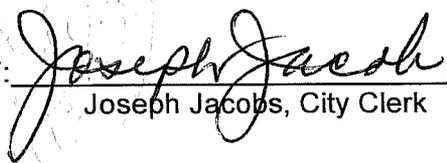
Upon a motion by Commissioner Allen, second by Commissioner Bivins the meeting was adjourned.

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Ed Wolf, Mayor



ATTEST: 

Joseph Jacobs, City Clerk