

MINUTES

CITY OF COCOA DISTRICT 2 TOWN HALL MEETING

June 5, 2018

The District 2 Town Hall Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at the Boys and Girls Club, 814 Dixon Blvd., Cocoa, Florida, as publicly noticed.

I. OPENING MATTERS:

City Manager John Titkanich, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:21 pm.

Present:	Jeri Blanco	Deputy Mayor
	Clarence Whipple, Jr.	Councilman
	Brenda Warner	Councilwoman
	John Titkanich, Jr.	City Manager
	Matt Fuhrer	Assistant City Manager
	Monica Arsenault	Assistant City Clerk

Absent:	Henry U. Parrish III	Mayor
	Don Boisvert	Councilman

Other staff members present:

Ed Wegerif, Public Works Director; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Gene Prince, Fire Chief; Jonathan Lamm, Deputy Fire Chief; Karen Hamilton, Community Services Director; Lora Howell, Interim Finance Director; Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director; Mike Cantaloupe, Police Chief; and Samantha Senger, PR Specialist.

II. Discussion Topics

City Manager Titkanich invited Port Commissioner Wayne Justice to provide an update on the Port.

Port Commissioner Wayne Justice noted that the construction of the new Cruise Terminal #3 is underway. He mentioned that this is a one hundred and fifty million (\$150,000,000) dollar project. Disney Cruise Lines will also be bringing in bigger cruise ships to the Port. The Oasis cruise ship will be replaced by a newer and larger ship called the Harmony. He stated that road updates will be completed due to an increase in traffic to and from the Port.

Deputy Mayor Blanco inquired if the road signs on S.R. 528 will be updated. Port Commissioner Justice replied affirmatively.

Port Commissioner Justice explained operations at Port Canaveral. He noted that there are approximately sixty to seventy trucks that pick up crushed stone from the Port per day in order to transport it for the I-4 construction.

Additionally, he briefly spoke about real estate and the demand for deep water docks.

Councilman Whipple asked about the Port's connection with the Space Center. In response, Port Commissioner Justice explained that there are large drone ships, also known as barges, that leave the Port to recover rocket boosters.

Port Commissioner Justice talked about LNG fuel, also known as Liquefied Natural Gas. He stated that it is safe, clean, and made in the USA. He explained that Port Canaveral will be investing in LNG and it will be transported from Savannah, Georgia as the state of Florida does not have the capacity to create it yet.

Port Commissioner Justice discussed recreational activities by the Port. He mentioned Jetty Park, several restaurants and fishing tournaments. Ms. Senger asked if anyone had bought Milliken's Reef. In response, Port Commissioner Justice shared that the restaurant had been leased by a national brand, but he is unable to share more details at this time.

Councilman Whipple inquired about the Port's rating. In response, Port Commissioner Justice shared that Port Canaveral is rated number two behind Miami as the second busiest cruise port.

Lastly, he pointed out the Port's connection with Orlando. He explained that the Port works closely with Orlando airport in regards to making sure customs and other procedures are running smoothly.

Ms. Angelique Rinaldi, Senator Hukill's assistant, expressed their pleasure in holding an office in Cocoa Village. She also made an announcement regarding the Hurricane Preparedness Tax Free week which began on June 1, 2018 and runs through June 7, 2018.

Mr. Rip Dyal, an alternate member of the Board of Adjustment, inquired about the lack of meetings being held this year. In response, Ms. Hamilton explained that even though the Board has not met much so far this year an update will be sent out via email to all of the Board members to inform them of what is going on in the City.

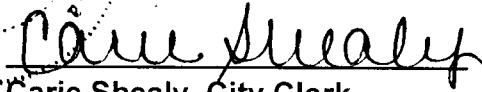
Councilwoman Warner shared that Councilman Boisvert was unable to make the meeting due to a surgery he had last week. She thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

As there were no further questions or discussion to be held the meeting was adjourned.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

- * The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.




Carrie Shealy, City Clerk

(Transcribed by Monica Arsenault, Assistant City Clerk)


Henry U. Parrish III, Mayor

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