

MINUTES
City of Cocoa
City Council Priority Planning Workshop

December 3, 2020

A City Council Priority Planning Workshop was held on Thursday, December 3, 2020, at Fire Station #1, located at 1740 Dixon Boulevard, in Cocoa, Florida 32922, as publicly noticed.

- I. Mayor Blake called the Workshop to order at 4:30 p.m.

Chief Lamm provided the invocation and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PRESENT:	Michael C. Blake	Mayor
	James Goins	Deputy Mayor
	Rip Dyal	Councilmember
	Lavander Hearn	Councilmember
	Lorraine Koss	Councilmember
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney
	Stockton Whitten	City Manager
	Carie Shealy	City Clerk

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Matthew Fuhrer, Assistant City Manager; Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Mike Cantaloupe, Chief of Police; Jonathan Lamm, Fire Chief; Bryant Smith, Public Works Director; Rebecca Bowman, Finance Director; Nancy Bunt, Community Services Director; Rob Beach, Chief Technology Officer; Kristin Eick, Assistant City Attorney, John Hankins, Police Commander; and Samantha Senger, Assistant to the City Manager/PR Specialist.

II. WORKSHOP ITEMS:

Mayor Blake welcomed everyone and City Manager Whitten explained why the workshop was being held.

City Attorney Garganese provided an overview of the Sunshine Law and the many hats of City Council members. He mentioned the Code of Conduct/Civility Resolution No. 2002-08. The City Clerk agreed to print the addendum for all of Council to sign.

City Manager Whitten discussed the Council/Manager Form of Government and Ms. Senger discussed public information and media relations.

City Clerk Shealy provided an explanation of the different portions of the City's agenda processing software Granicus. She further provided the agenda processing timelines and explained the different sections of the City Council agenda.

Mayor Blake laid out the format of Council meetings and mentioned that he would like to move Reports back to the end of the agenda. He stressed that Roberts Rules of Order would be followed and any councilmember wishing to speak must request to do so by turning on their light at the dais.

All Council members were in favor of moving the Reports except for Councilmember Koss who would like it to remain where it is at currently and she pointed out she would always vote for transparency.

Mayor Blake thanked the Police Department for the phenomenal job they did in the recent protest situation.

City Manager Whitten began discussion on issues on the horizon beginning with the Chief of Police selection. He explained the process of this in detail and asked each Council member to select one person from their district to sit on a selection committee. The City Manager would select two people for a total of 7 members.

Secondly, he spoke about the waste collection contract and advised that it expires September 30, 2021. Discussion was held on this and there was a **Consensus** on the possibility of doing green waste collection in house. An RFP would also be brought back to Council.

Lastly, parking in Cocoa Village was discussed in detail as well as the 5-acre site on Rose L. Jones and Florida Avenue.

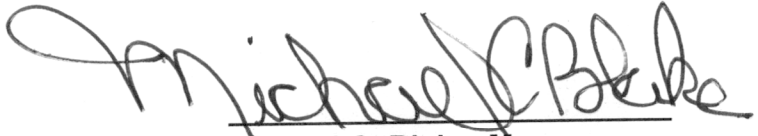
In regards to the Bank of America site, City Manager Whitten mentioned that he and Mayor Blake had met with a developer regarding this and explained what was being proposed in that location.

Deputy Mayor Goins feels that the lighting in the Village is terrible and there is not enough police presence, but the Village was changing and was open to different ideas. Councilmembers Dyal and Hearn agreed.

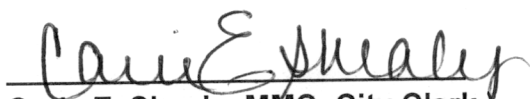
Councilmember Koss requested a workshop be held in regards to the nightlife in the Village.

It was determined that a second workshop would be held in the near future in order to continue discussion on future items.

The Workshop of December 3, 2020 adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Michael C. Blake, Mayor

ATTEST:


Carie E. Shealy, MMC, City Clerk

