

MINUTES
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CITY OF COCOA
DISTRICT 4 TOWN HALL MEETING

October 20, 2020

The District 4 Town Hall Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at the Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science, 2201 Michigan Ave., Cocoa, Florida, as publicly noticed.

I. OPENING MATTERS:

Mr. Ben Brotemarkle called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm.

Present:	Jake Williams, Jr.	Mayor
	Alex Goins	Deputy Mayor
	Lorraine Koss	Councilmember
	Stockton Whitten	City Manager
	Matthew Fuhrer	Assistant City Manager
	Monica Arsenault	Assistant City Clerk

Absent:	Don Boisvert	Councilmember
	Brenda Warner	Councilmember
	Anthony Garganese	City Attorney

Other staff members present:

Bryant Smith, Public Works Director; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Michael Cantaloupe, Police Chief; Jonathan Lamm, Fire Chief; Samantha Senger, Assistant to the City Manager/PR Specialist; and Rachel Horst, Digital Communications Coordinator.

II. Meeting Topics

1. Presentation on Storm Preparedness and City Updates by District 4 Councilmember Koss and City Staff

Mr. Ben Brotemarkle, Executive Director for the Florida Historical Society, gave a brief introduction and provided a short history about the museum.

Councilmember Koss mentioned the successful Joe Lee Smith Center ribbon cutting event that took place over the weekend. She also pointed out that there are

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two vacancies left for the upcoming class of the Citizen's Academy if anyone is interested in applying.

Additionally, she introduced Jennifer Riggs, Chairperson of the Sustainability Advisory Committee, Greg Stoll, Primary member to the Space Coast TPO Citizen's Advisory Committee, Rip Dyal, Candidate for District 3, Jennifer Kenny, Candidate for District 2 District 3, Allen Cowart, Candidate for Mayor and her husband, Lawrence Koss.

Councilmember Koss shared a map of Cocoa and information about District 4, which is the educational hub of the City. She encouraged everyone to subscribe to her newsletter which will include more information about topics such as the YMCA and Eastern Florida State College.

Furthermore, Councilmember Koss discussed several topics and shared information regarding algae control and marine life along the shoreline. She talked about developing the resiliency plan and shared information about the sea level increases. She pointed out the City's vulnerabilities, and shared FEMA designated flood zones and a map.

She mentioned the three-year grant that the City was awarded along with two other cities in Florida to protect the City's urban canopies. She talked about low impact design and the triple bottom line approach for a safe, clean and prosperous Cocoa.

Ms. Riggs gave a presentation on Cocoa's Sustainability Plan which began back in 2017. She discussed what sustainability means and what the plan involves, including major challenges and advantages. She shared sample recommendations for "built environment" as well as equity and empowerment. Ms. Marlene Weiss, a Sustainability Committee member, shared sample recommendations for health and safety. She also talked about "seed to table" education and encouraged everyone to get involved in the community.

Assistant City Manager Fuhrer provided project updates regarding the new promenade in Cocoa Village, access to Bracco Pond and access to Mud Lake and the pavilion.

Mr. Bryant Smith, Public Works Director, discussed the Stormwater Master Plan. He shared information regarding Horseshoe Pond, the City's new streetsweeper, the oysters that will be installed at Lee Wenner Park and the Stormwater Credit Policy.

Mr. Jack Walsh, Utilities Director, spoke about the City's resiliency measures. He shared information on the Pineda Causeway project, the Dyal Plant project, adding sewer on Michigan Avenue and the Solar Energy Program.

Mr. Jonathan Lamm, Fire Chief, talked about the CEMP (Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan) and noted that it needs to be updated five years. He discussed the updates that were included in the plan and he also mentioned the importance of the City's EOC (Emergency Operations Center).

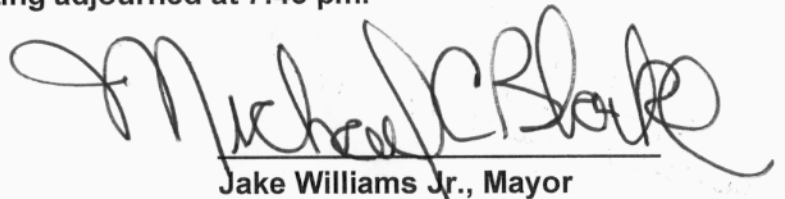
Ms. Nancy Elliott, a Cocoa resident, asked who she could speak to about the oyster program. In response, Councilmember Koss offered to speak with her about it.

Mr. Norris Park, a Cocoa resident, asked about the financial plan to get residents out of non-ad valorem taxes, because although these plans and things are important there is only so much residents should be responsible for because the non-ad valorem taxes keep increasing.

Discussion was held regarding annexations and annexing the properties located in the middle of the City, particularly around the Lake Drive area.

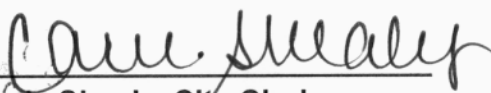
III. **ADJOURNMENT:**

- * **The District 4 Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.**



Jake Williams Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Carrie Shealy, City Clerk
(Transcribed by Monica Arsenault, Assistant City Clerk)



