

MINUTES

City of Cocoa
District 3 Hall Meeting

August 21, 2018

A District 3 Town Hall Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at the Lost Lakes Clubhouse, 140 Lost Lakes Drive, Cocoa, Florida, as publicly noticed.

I. OPENING MATTERS:

City Manager Titkanich called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Present:	Henry U. Parrish III	Mayor
	Jeri Blanco	Deputy Mayor
	Don Boisvert	Councilman
	Brenda Warner	Councilwoman
	Clarence Whipple, Jr.	Councilman
	John Titkanich, Jr.	City Manager
	Matt Fuhrer	Assistant City Manager
	Colleen O'Donnell	Records Technician

Councilman Boisvert announced before the introductions that there will be "No Political Campaigning" on city time. Councilman Boisvert then proceeded to introduce the members of Council.

Assistant City Manager Matt Fuhrer introduced staff members present:

Ed Wegerif, Public Works Director; Gene Prince, Fire Chief; Michael Cantaloupe, Chief of Police; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Karen Hamilton, Community Services Director; Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director and Trevius Folston, Helpdesk Support Technician.

II. Discussion Topics

1. Department Updates

Chief Cantaloupe provided statistics on the amount of citizen-initiated and officer-initiated incidents the Police Department has received from January 1, 2018 thru August 1, 2018 for both District 3 and the rest of the city.

He pointed out the following in regards to the statistics he provided.

- Only 10% of all incidents became cases.
- 63% of all cases were generated from non-emergency Citizen calls.
- There was a total of 72 Theft cases. This is 18% of all cases that were generated in District 3.

Chief Cantaloupe mentioned the Police Department's Internet Exchange Program which offers two locations at the Police department to provide a safe place for citizens to meet to exchange goods that they purchased online.

Furthermore, he stated that the community is their largest resource, and the many ways that citizens can communicate with the Police Department such as Facebook, Twitter, Next-door Neighbor, Constant Contact, and See Something Send Something.

Chief Cantaloupe stated that as of mid-year, overall crime is down by 16.5% and crime overall is trending down. Cocoa schools are secured with a School Resource Officer (SRO) which is a special detail for schools. Additionally, he expanded on ways to help avoiding being a victim, (such as locking vehicles and residence and installing cameras and motion lights).

Chief Cantaloupe announced the promotion of one Sergeant in 2018, which will result in appointing a Corporal. The department also recently acquired first female K-9 named Kyra, who will be replacing K-9 Cairo.

In closing, Chief Cantaloupe mentioned of the upcoming Space Coast Police K-9 Competition to be held at Cocoa High School on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 1 p.m.-7 p.m.

A citizen inquired about the lock program and if it was still available. Chief Cantaloupe stated that the program is still running and he would be able to assist her in applying.

Chief Cantaloupe stated he will be around after the meeting for anyone who has further questions.

Chief Prince announced that all three new fire stations are up and running and that Fire Station #3, which services the Lost Lake Community has a response time of five minutes. Also, Chief Prince spoke on the importance of house numbers being reflective and how helpful they are to Police and Fire when responding, especially in a community with very little lighting.

A citizen asked if Fire Station #3 is the only one responding to the Lost Lakes location. Chief Prince informed the citizens that sometimes Brevard County will also respond to the same call, but most of the responses will be from Fire Station #3.

Chief Prince reminded everyone to always practice an exit drill in case of an emergency. It is very important that everyone in the home is aware which way they are going to exit in case of an emergency. Once everyone is out of the home then 911 should be called.

In closing, Chief Prince mentioned the upcoming 911 Memorial Stair Climb on September 15, 2018 at Cocoa High School.

City Manager Titkanich provided a presentation on the City. He provided brief history of the City from 1990 thru 2000, noting a loss of 7.6% of its population. Moving forward to 2000 thru 2018, the City had an increase of 17.6% in population due to major projects such as: Adamson Creek Phase II, Lake Side Palms, Walmart Distribution, Wawa, Mike Erdman and Flying J.

He also stated with the growing of residential homes it stabilizes our property taxes and puts less pressure on City Council in regards to millage increases. He pointed out that our present City Council had one millage decrease in the past five years.

City Manager Titkanich spoke on the relocations of our three new fire stations and the importance of why they were relocated, which was to serve our citizens and our growing population effectively.

City Manager Titkanich showed future plans concerning Lee Wenner Park and the reconstruction of the water front due to the damage from Hurricane Irma. The plans show the relocation of the Cocoa Civic Center over-looking the water front in Lee Wenner Park.

In closing, City Manager Titkanich thanked everyone for coming and reminded the community of how important it is that the City keep growing and moving forward in order to maintain its sustainability.

Mayor Parrish thanked everyone for coming. He stated that it has been a pleasure being their Mayor for the past six years.

In conclusion, each Council member thanked everyone for having them and for attending the meeting.

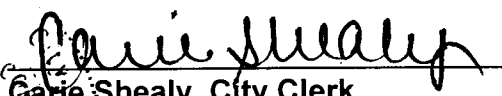
Councilman Boisvert thanked everyone again for the wonderful turn out and adjourned the meeting.

III. ADJOURMENT:

The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm.


Henry U. Parrish III, Mayor

ATTEST:


Carrie Shealy, City Clerk

(Transcribed by Colleen O'Donnell, Records Technician)

