

MINUTES

CITY OF COCOA DISTRICT 3 TOWN HALL MEETING

August 20, 2019

The District 3 Town Hall Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at the Lost Lakes Clubhouse, 140 Lost Lakes Dr., Cocoa, Florida, as publicly noticed.

I. OPENING MATTERS:

Councilman Boisvert called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. He led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:	Jake Williams, Jr.	Mayor
	Brenda Warner	Deputy Mayor
	Don Boisvert	Councilmember
	John Titkanich, Jr.	City Manager
	Matt Fuhrer	Assistant City Manager
	Monica Arsenault	Assistant City Clerk

Absent:	Alex Goins	Councilmember
	Lorraine Koss	Councilmember

Other staff members present:

Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Nancy Bunt, Community Services Director; Rebecca Bowman, Finance Director; Samantha Senger, Assistant to the City Manager/PR Specialist; Abby Diaz, Assistant City Engineer; Gene Prince, Fire Chief; and Mike Cantaloupe, Police Chief.

II. Meeting Topics

1. City Manager Update

City Manager Titkanich shared the upcoming meeting dates in September pertaining to the budget. He mentioned information about the changes in stormwater and the way the bill is collected. He explained that the change will provide equity and will ensure that everyone pays their fair share.

He mentioned the rate study analysis and added that it will be discussed at the August 28th and September 11th Council meetings.

City Manager Titkanich noted that Adamson Creek received approval for their extension. There is also a Development Agreement that was approved for property across from Eastern Florida State College to develop two hundred and forty-nine (249) multifamily homes. The development will provide a parking lot and a trail to the Cocoa Conservation Area.

He also shared information regarding Virgin Trains Florida and pointed out that Cocoa is being considered as a potential location for a station.

City Manager Titkanich provided an update on the Walmart Distribution Center and shared that there are at least eighty (80) positions left that need to be filled. The average salary per year is forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000.00). This provides Cocoa residents an opportunity for employment.

He discussed the downtown Cocoa Village area and the damage caused by Irma. He provided an update on the restoration, the promenade and the t-docks. He mentioned that Brevard Zoo will also be coming in to install oyster beds along the shoreline. Oysters filter pollution and will do so for the Indian River Lagoon.

Lastly, City Manager Titkanich shared that there will be a Citizen's Academy coming soon, possibly in November.

2. Police/Fire Department Update

Michael Cantaloupe, Police Chief, shared the January 1, 2019- July 31, 2019 Crime Statistics¹ for District 3. He reminded everyone to lock their vehicles and to make sure no firearms are left behind. He discussed several programs Cocoa PD is involved in and explained their significance, including the Community Camera Program, Night-Hawk Program, Drop-A-Dime, and See-Something-Send-Something.

Chief Cantaloupe talked about traffic enforcement on SR 524 and encouraged anyone who is interested in the V-Cop program to speak with Rip Dyal. He briefly addressed the traffic issue exiting I-95 and merging onto SR 524. Furthermore, he added that DOT is making a change on August 25, 2019 for no trucks to be allowed in the left lane on I-95 in Volusia and Brevard County.

Chief Cantaloupe shared various contact information for the Police Department and mentioned some of their upcoming events such as the Space Coast Police K9 Competition which will take place at Cocoa High School on October 12, 2019.

Gene Prince, Fire Chief, shared the January 1, 2019-August 1, 2019 statistics for District 3. He shared that the new station on SR 524 is servicing the area instead of Brevard County.

¹ Exhibit A: Cocoa Police Department District 3 Incidents & Cases Report Stats

Additionally, he encouraged everyone to attend the Citizen's Academy as well as the 9/11 Stairclimb on September 7, 2019 at Cocoa High School. He pointed out that all proceeds will go to the National Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial.

Ms. Sheri Ervin, Cocoa citizen, commented on the flashing yellow traffic light by I-95 on SR 524. She explained that there is traffic traveling east and then there is traffic traveling west trying to get onto the on ramp to get on I-95 and the traffic light can be very confusing. In response, City Manager Titkanich acknowledged Ms. Ervin's concerns and suggested that citizens attend the upcoming DOT workshops and ask these types of questions and point out concerns they may have.

A citizen raised a concern about water backing up due to the two hundred and forty-nine (249) unit development on SR 524. In response, City Manager Titkanich explained that as part of the City's policy, the development must accommodate the previous impact in addition to the impact of their development. He added that they will also have a retention pond on-site.

Another citizen raised a flooding concern from Coventry of Cocoa to Cocoa Pines. In response, City Manager Titkanich shared that DOT is working on the issue.

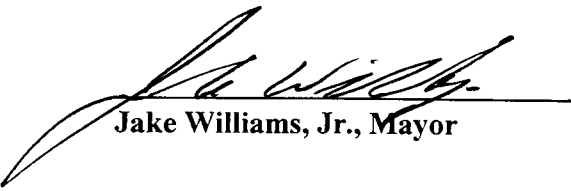
A citizen thanked staff for the work they did at the intersection at Friday Road. She also raised a concern about a homeless camp that has developed on Lake Drive. In response, City Manager Titkanich shared that is an issue impacting the community, however the camp is located on property that is in the County. He noted that unfortunately the City can't fix the issue alone, and it is not as simple as just building a shelter. He added that there are first amendment rights, however if they are aggressively bothering people or panhandling the City has an ordinance that addresses these types of problems.

A citizen shared that there will be a Virgin Train meeting at the Merritt Island library on Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 11am.

A citizen raised a concern about his property. He explained that twenty-three (23) years ago he was told by Code Enforcement that he couldn't have coquina rock lining his driveway so he laid mulch instead. He shared that now he has code violations for it and doesn't know what to do. In response, City Manager Titkanich stated he would speak with him separately.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

* The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.



Jake Williams, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Carrie Shealy

Carrie Shealy, City Clerk

(Transcribed by Monica Arsenault, Assistant City Clerk)

2018 District 3 Town Hall Meeting

Jan1,2019 to July 31,2019

1,848: citizens-initiated incidents

3,863: officer-initiated incidents and

315: Cases reports

56: arrests

Total CFS for District 3: 5,720

Total CFS for the City: 35,450 (includes Ofc initiated)

We continue to work toward a Community Policing/Problem Solving Policing philosophy for the agency.

Patrol:

- Lock your vehicles (vehicle settings)
- Cameras/Business (Reg. Program, Ring)
- Lights (motion)
- Traffic Enforcement SR.524 and throughout the neighborhoods
- Merging onto SR. 524 from south bound I95.
- Addition of a School Resource Officer (Cambridge Elem)
- Additional personnel added to VCOP Program. Assisting with directing traffic and Parking Enforcement.
- Addition of three SUV's to Patrol
- Internet exchange at Cocoa PD
- Space Coast Police K-9 Competition (Cocoa High School)

2018 District 3 Town Hall Meeting

- CCF1 Rocking Halloween Cocoa Village (Pat Travers, Savoy Brown and Fog Hat. Family event prior to.
- This is just a reminder of the truck lane restrictions on I-95 "No Trucks Left Lane in Brevard & Volusia Counties". The appropriate signage will go up on 8/25/2019 by FDOT.

The Community is our largest Resource

Ways to communicate

- See Something Send Something
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Next-door Neighbor
- Drop-a-Dime
- Constant Contact

*25 Registered Sex Offenders residing at 900 Friday rd.