

MINUTES

CITY OF COCOA DISTRICT 3 TOWN HALL MEETING

June 21, 2016

A Town Hall Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2016, at Lost Lakes Clubhouse, 140 Lost Lakes Drive, Cocoa, Florida, as publicly noticed.

I. OPENING MATTERS:

Deputy Mayor Boisvert called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Chief Prince provided the invocation and Assistant City Manager Fuhrer led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Deputy Mayor Boisvert welcomed all.

He introduced Councilmembers to those in attendance.

Present:	Henry Parrish	Mayor
	Don Boisvert	Deputy Mayor
	Michael Blake	Councilman
	John Titkanich	City Manager
	Matt Fuhrer	Assistant City Manager
	Angela Ferguson	Assistant City Clerk

Absent:	Tyler Furbish	Councilman
	Brenda Warner	Councilwoman

City Manager Titkanich introduced staff members present:

Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director; Michael Cantaloupe, Chief of Police; Yvonne Martinez, Public Information Officer; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Gene Prince, Fire Chief; Steve Belden, Community Services Director; Ed Wegerif, Public Works Director; Samantha Senger, Public Relations Specialist; Jonathan Lamm, Deputy Fire Chief; and Chris Perry, Desktop Support Tech.

Councilman Blake introduced Alexis Adkins, the City Clerk's office intern.

II. Discussion Topics

1. Fire Station Location Presentation

Chief Prince provided a presentation¹ of the Fire Station Location Analysis Report.

Chief Prince informed everyone where the current stations 1, 2, and 3 are located in addition to County station 44. He explained that the City looked at where they needed to be to provide services and stated the importance of a four minute response time, which should be able to be attained 90% of the time.

An analysis was compiled taking into account the current runs, city growth, and what station location would provide the most coverage. Those proposed sites were on S.R. 524 across from the Sunoco station, Brunson Boulevard north of the old police department, and the Dixon Boulevard/Clearlake Road location behind the ABC store.

Chief Prince discussed the spatial needs of the fire stations indicating that some of the fire stations were built prior to ADA regulations and gender need. More storage was also needed for equipment and the new engine. He provided a rundown of which each new station was given noting that the Headquarters station would include space for a future EOC.

Floor plans and building elevations were discussed.

Additionally, Chief Prince provided the production design schedule, the work highlighting specific milestones, budget, and probable costs for the project.

Chief Prince concluded the presentation and opened the floor for questions.

A citizen inquired if Station #2 would be used for an EOC and in response, Chief Prince indicated that for now, the EOC at City Hall would be utilized.

A question was asked regarding which station would service the Lost Lakes community and Chief Prince advised that the closest available unit would respond highlighting the mutual aid agreements between the County and City. He further indicated that the response time to the front gate of Lost Lakes is about four minutes.

Chief Prince thanked all in attendance.

.2. Citizen Input

Ron McGowan, a resident of Lost Lakes spoke of flooding issues in the area during the hurricane season. He was concerned about the wetlands in his area

¹ Exhibit A: Fire Station Location Analysis Presentation

and wanted to make sure that they were protected from inadequate drainage and future construction.

In response, City Manager Titkanich advised that if the property would be developed it would have to be mitigated, taking in to account the wetlands. He stressed no wetlands were given away. The Port had purchased some property for a cargo logistics center and advised they had a very conceptual site plan that included adequate drainage facilities.

A further discussion was held on the potential Wal-Mart project which would include traffic control. A study was currently underway and four-laning of the road in the area is possible and alternate designs are being looked at. Work between FDOT and the state are ongoing.

A citizen asked about the Krispy Krunchy Chicken at the old feed store on Friday Road. They were concerned that food was being sold there and not adhering to code. City Manager Titkanich advised that code enforcement would visit the location and that they work alternating Saturdays.

A Lost Lakes resident noticed a sign at the Shell station east of 95 displaying that a truck stop was coming and was concerned about overdevelopment. City Manager Titkanich advised that there was expressed interest, but clarified it was A Flying J, not a Shell. He also mentioned that Wal-Mart does not want the area overdeveloped either.

Deputy Chief Boisvert introduced Chief Cantaloupe.

Chief Cantaloupe introduced the new Community Resource officer, Chris Haddaway, noting that he will soon be setting community watch meetings up with citizens.

Mr. Haddaway, indicated he had been working with the City regarding providing lock boxes so that the police department and fire department can gain entry into homes in an emergency. A wait list is available.

Ron McGowan, a Lost Lakes resident, indicated that the police reports contain a lot of drug calls.

Chief Cantaloupe clarified that there are drugs in certain areas, but that the department is working diligently to alleviate the problem and stressed that drugs are a national problem, not just a local issue. Furthermore, he indicated that Cocoa tends to get blamed for issues outside of the city limits, such as when they occur in the County areas of Canaveral Groves, Port St. John and West Cocoa.

Councilman Blake thanked everyone for coming out to share thoughts and concerns and if they liked the mood of the community to keep the Mayor and Deputy Mayor in mind. He mentioned the pancake breakfast that was held with Lost Lakes in the past and advised it was a great way to keep the lines of communication open in the community.

Mayor Parrish stated it was an honor to be in Lost Lakes and that a lot of companies were moving to Cocoa and that FDOT was throwing a lot of money to the City. He expects to see a four lane road by the Wal-Mart property.

He further advised that staff works very hard, that they have vision and sound policy making. The citizens are smart, Cocoa is looking good. The budget looks good and the government is stable. Mayor Parrish indicated he is humbled and the bad stuff presents the opportunity to make changes.

A citizen asked why the City turned down the parking lot project at S.R. 524.

Mayor Parrish affirmed that it had been turned down but that four or five companies are currently looking at it.

City Manager Titkanich posed the question if the residents wanted more than just a park and go. He felt there would have been more traffic but that the City wanted something better for the community and the park and go would have provided minimal benefit to the local residents. With this being the first year population growth in taxable property value, he believed that people are seeing Cocoa as a viable location for business.

A citizen question the stress on the water system with the growth in the County.

In response, Mr. Walsh advised that there is a growth plan in place that includes 10, 20, and 30 year projections.

A Lost Lakes resident asked what was going on and who was living at the old Ramada Inn.

Chief Cantaloupe said it is zoned multi-family/apartments and they are in the process of working with the management company in regards to who they are renting to and hopefully they can get it under control. He advised while the police department cannot do background checks, the management company has the right to do so.

He agreed while there was issue with drugs and a shooting but that the people involved were not occupants, they had just used the location to meet.

City Manager Titkanich added that have kitchenettes and are lawfully used for family use. He stressed that the City is listening and the police department and

code enforcement can continue to monitor the location but they have to make sure they do not violate the rights of the occupants. Security was hired to mitigate and minimize the illegal activity.

Mayor Parrish indicated there was no room in the city for it and the thugs were getting a headache from being arrested.

A citizen asked when the Wal-Mart project breaks ground. In response, City Manager Titkanich indicated the project was not final and no site selection had been made but if so, the "ship date" would be between February and September of 2018. If selected, the City would move as fast as they can to get the roadways done.

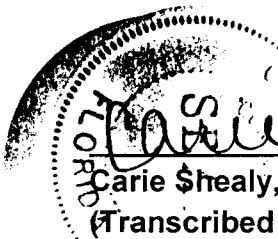
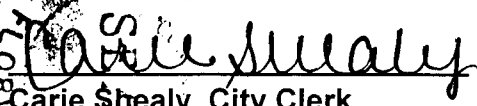
Deputy Mayor Boisvert thanked all for attending.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

- * **The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.**


Henry U. Parrish III, Mayor

ATTEST:



Carrie Shealy, City Clerk
(Transcribed by A. Ferguson, Assistant City Clerk)

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