

MINUTES
CITY OF COCOA
DISTRICT 2 TOWN HALL MEETING

June 18, 2019

The District 2 Town Hall Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at the Boys & Girls Club, 814 Dixon Blvd., Cocoa, Florida, as publicly noticed.

I. OPENING MATTERS:

Deputy Mayor Brenda Warner called the meeting to order at 6:06 pm. Chief Cantaloupe led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:	Jake Williams, Jr.	Mayor
	Brenda Warner	Deputy Mayor
	Don Boisvert	Councilmember
	Alex Goins	Councilmember
	Lorraine Koss	Councilmember
	John Titkanich, Jr.	City Manager
	Matt Fuhrer	Assistant City Manager
	Monica Arsenaault	Assistant City Clerk

Other staff members present:

Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Jonathan Lamm, Deputy Fire Chief; Nancy Bunt, Community Services Director; Rebecca Bowman, Finance Director; Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director; Samantha Senger, Assistant to the City Manager/PR Specialist; Tony Jones, Fleet Manager; Courtney Jackson, Recording Secretary; and Mike Cantaloupe, Police Chief.

II. Meeting Topics

1. District 2 Updates

Chief Cantaloupe shared the June 1, 2018- June 1, 2019 Crime Statistics¹ for District 2. Introduced the Cocoa Police Department's Victim Advocate Program and encouraged anyone who has been a victim of a crime, no matter how severe, to speak to one of their victim advocates. Chief Cantaloupe also discussed several programs Cocoa PD is involved in and explained their significance, including the Community Camera Program, Night-

¹ Exhibit A: Cocoa Police Department District 2 Incidents & Cases Reports Stats

Hawk Program, Drop-A-Dime, and See-Something-Send-Something. He reminded everyone to lock their cars and to close their garage doors at night.

A citizen asked Chief Cantaloupe if he knew the ratio of arrests to residents. In response, Chief Cantaloupe stated that he did not have that specific data on hand.

Deputy Mayor Warner mentioned Cocoa PD's non-profit organization, Cocoa Community First, along with the Cops & Kids Program, their toy-drive fundraiser, Neighborhood Watch programs and summer camps. She announced on October 12, 2019 Cocoa PD will host their K-9 Competition at Cocoa High School Stadium at 1pm which is free to the public.

Deputy Fire Chief Lamm briefly discussed developments on the new Space X facility and expressed his excitement for the outlook on new jobs coming to the area as a result. He announced the City of Cocoa Hurricane Preparedness Expo² and details on the event. He also discussed Resiliency Plans and expressed his confidence in the City of Cocoa's preparedness in the event of a hurricane. He reminded everyone of water safety and to make sure to have pool alarms or door alarms set to protect young children from falling into the pool. Lastly, he mentioned to not only have the alarms but teach young children to swim and to be mindful of their surroundings.

A citizen pointed out that individuals with blood pressure issues can go to the Fire Department to do a free blood pressure check. She also asked what the best way is for citizens with medication and allergies to alert first responders of their conditions in the event of an emergency. In response, Deputy Fire Chief Lamm replied that a medical bracelet and/or having a printed and posted word document with a list of their medications and allergies are a big help as they are trained to look for those in emergency events. Having those items helps citizens too because they do not have to remember anything and can just focus on being treated.

Another citizen mentioned that thanks to a generous donation from Invisible Fence of Florida³, the Fire Department now has oxygen masks for pets.

Deputy Mayor Warner reminded everyone to consider water safety for pets too.

Jack Walsh, Utilities Director, discussed two (2) upcoming water line infrastructure projects. One of the projects is Pineda Crossing which is sixty percent done in design and is projected to be finished in November and will save the city one million dollars. The second is a multi-phase security measure project titled "CC-Rip" and he mentioned

² Hurricane Preparedness Expo Flyer

following through with the recommendations from Homeland Security about exploring different ways to push out water.

A citizen asked Mr. Walsh about what caused the sink hole by ABC Liquor. In response, Mr. Walsh explained it was a water main break.

Mayor Williams asked if neighborhoods that end in cul-de-sacs have their water is flushed frequently.

Mr. Walsh noted that they are but it also depends on the design.

Nancy Bunt, Community Services Director, presented new developments including Adamson Creek which is a ninety-four lot subdivision that just received final subdivision approval. This is part of a PUD approved in 2005 for four hundred thirty-one units on one hundred seventy-five acres. She further shared that Summer Breeze will have thirty-three sites off Breezy Point Lane just south of Canaveral Groves. Lakeside Palms East will have one hundred three lots and Cocoa Grand will have three hundred twelve apartment units. She mentioned the Diamond Back Manufacturing Expansion, London Cove Commercial Development, Cottages of Cocoa Village, the Preserves project, the Dr. Joe Lee Smith Community Center, and the Hotel project. She briefly discussed the Settlement Implementation Agreement between Virgin Trains USA Florida, LLC which would be approximately two hundred forty-six acres at the northeast corner of State Road 528 and Interstate 95.

A citizen raised a concern for the construction regarding the traffic by her house. She asked if it is possible to take into account the traffic and widen the roads during construction. In response, City Manager Titkanich pointed out that widening the roads are in the works and added that staff takes traffic impact into consideration with other construction projects as well.

Councilmember Koss asked if any low-income housing or affordable housing is being put in or if they are marketing towards moderate-income and high-income housing. In response, Ms. Bunt explained that it will be moderate to high-income housing. There will be no low-income housing, however City Manager Titkanich added that the development on SR 520 is adding a provision for work force housing that is affordable.

A citizen asked where the train will go once put in place. In response, City Manager Titkanich replied there will be sixteen trains and Cocoa is one of the top 3 sites being considered. The trains will assist those traveling from Port Canaveral to Disney and Orlando and back. He stated that the trains are catering to cruise guests who are wanting to visit Disney.

Mayor Williams noted that there are some Section 8 homes with deplorable conditions and asked who is accountable for the deteriorating conditions. In response, City Manager Titkanich explained that Housing Authority is in charge of doing an annual check on the conditions of the homes. Furthermore, Code Enforcement is working on doing more in between the annual check by assigning more Code Enforcement officers to the area who can be well-informed of the housing situations. He agreed that there is more that needs to be done.

Tony Jones, Fleet Manager, discussed upcoming projects such as the storm water project, the Dr. Joe Lee Smith Center and the new Civic Center, as well as the progress on the paving project in Downtown Cocoa.

A citizen asked if they would consider filling in the sidewalk gaps in certain neighborhoods. In response, City Manager Titkanich discussed possible projects to implement filling in the side walk gaps.

Mayor Williams pointed out that there are some neighborhoods where residents voted to not have sidewalks installed for privacy.

Mr. Jones announced the upcoming Fiscal Sustainability & Budget Workshop on June 27th at Cocoa City Hall at 6pm that is open to the public.

City Manager Titkanich announced that June 1st is the start of the fertilizer ban.

Mayor Williams asked Chief Cantaloupe why there are not any Cocoa officers on police bikes. In response, Chief Cantaloupe explained that the department is switching over to segways but he would like to bring back the bikes and expand the VCOP program.

A citizen thanked Chief Cantaloupe for everything the department has done to keep crime down and asked what he can do about controlling the fireworks that are set off during the Fourth of July. In response, Chief Cantaloupe stated that Cocoa PD does their best to handle the situation and they will be putting information up on their website to bring awareness about being courteous to your neighbors.

Troy Stephan, 105 Brevard Ave., asked about a parking garage being developed in Cocoa Village. In response, City Manager Titkanich explained the process in which to have a parking garage in a historic village such as Downtown Cocoa.

Ms. Bunt announced there will be a special Planning & Zoning meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at 6pm inside Council Chambers at Cocoa City Hall.

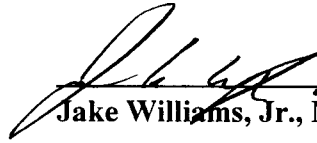
Mr. Stephan inquired if Cocoa Village could model their parking garage after Cocoa Beach's parking garage. In response, City Manager Titkanich stated that if a parking garage

was developed in Cocoa Village it would not resemble that of Cocoa Beach's parking garage because of geographical and city policy differences.

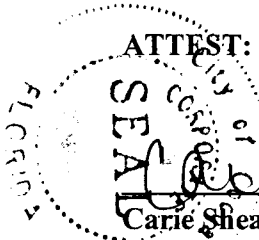
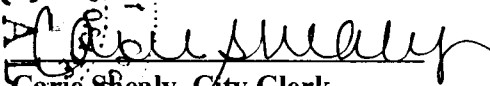
A citizen asked what is being done about implementing affordable housing. In response, City Manager Titkanich mentioned the city has obtained some land and shared plans for implementing affordable housing.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

*** The Town Hall Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.**



Jake Williams, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Carrie Shealy, City Clerk
(Transcribed by Courtney Jackson, Recording Secretary)

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