



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

City of Greenacres, Florida

Wednesday, February 01, 2023 at 6:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers | 5800 Melaleuca Lane

MINUTES

Mayor and City Council

Joel Flores, Mayor

John Tharp, Deputy Mayor

Peter A. Noble, Councilmember, District II

Judith Dugo, Councilmember District III

Susy Diaz, Councilmember, District IV

Paula Bousquet, Councilmember, District V

Administration

Andrea McCue, City Manager

Glen J. Torcivia, City Attorney

Quintella Moorer, City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Flores called the meeting to order at 6PM and City Clerk Moorer called the roll.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion made by Councilmember Dugo, Seconded by Councilmember Bousquet to approve the Agenda.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Tharp, Councilmember Noble, Councilmember Dugo, Councilmember Diaz, and Councilmember Bousquet.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Comprehensive Plan Evaluation and Review (EAR) Workshop:** In accordance with DEO requirements, the City must transmit its EAR-based Amendments no later than September 1, 2023. The process started almost a year ago with numerous actions being taken since including the hiring of consultants to assist City Staff with this project, holding of stakeholders and community meetings, and obtaining input from the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals. Late last year, the Development and Neighborhood Services Department provided an update to the City Council on the progress of the Comprehensive Plan Review and Amendments. During that presentation, the City Council asked for a Workshop to provide input early in the EAR Amendment process. - Caryn Gardner-Young, Zoning Administrator.

Mayor Flores read the workshop title into the record.

Ms. Gardner-Young stated the intent was to seek the Council's input, ensure Staff was proceeding correctly.

She stated the actions taken place was community engagement which included meetings and surveys, expertise support including input from appropriate outside agencies and then the work begun with consultants' support and staff review of consultant work.

She stated the timeline was from March 2022 to August 2023, the City was on target. The deadline was September 1, 2023.

Ms. Gardner-Young stated the elements were grouped into four elements and included, goals, objective and policies.

Ms. Gardner-Young reviewed all of the elements that would be discussed such as Land Use and Annexation, Conservation, Economic Development, Healthy Communities, Housing, Recreation and Open Space, and Transportation.

As it relates to the Land Use and Annexation element the Council agreed to round off the borders of the City which included annexing South to Lantana, North to Summit, West to Turnpike and East to Military Trail.

The Council agreed to creating a greener City which would include more education, sustainable investments such as charging stations, septic to sewer, encouraging solar panels, and creating community gardens as it relates to the Conservation Element.

Ms. McCue mentioned the City was currently using various greener options such as LED lighting and charging stations.

Economic Development was the next element to discuss. Some recommendations were to perform a marketing study, and ways to get businesses to come into the City.

Mayor Flores stated a walkable or downtown area would be nice, he felt an investment to create the vision would be nice.

Ms. McCue stated the City was currently working towards creating road mods, roundabouts and some updates from the marketing alliance from 2019. She also stated City incentives were needed for redevelopment in the City.

Councilmember Dugo wanted the City to help new businesses stay in compliance so they may succeed in the City. Deputy Mayor Tharp felt the City needed to be able to support the initiative financially and he agreed with the Mayor the City needed a destination area.

Ms. Gardner-Young stated the next element was Healthy Communities and the subcommittee felt the City should focus on physical activity, obesity, and mental health.

Mayor Flores discussed implementing complete streets. Ms. McCue stated the City received a \$150 thousand dollar grant to develop a comprehensive strategy to develop a plan to review complete street opportunities.

Mayor Flores felt as it related to mental health it would be important for the City to engage more with the local schools.

Councilmember Noble suggested cooking classes for better diets and designating certain roads for biking. He also recommended more senior programs.

Councilmember Diaz echoed complete streets and the need for safety on the roads for students and assisting the elderly as it relates to mental health.

Ms. Gardner-Young and the Council continued to discuss the pros and cons of complete streets.

Ms. Gardner-Young moved into the Housing element. She stated the committee discussed mix use development which was inclusive of commercial, warehouse and residential and attainable housing.

Mayor Flores and Deputy Mayor Tharp suggested increasing the height of City buildings. Councilmember Bousquet suggested incentivizing redevelopment in the City.

Recreation and open space was the next element of discussion. Mayor Flores mentioned adding roofs for the courts and play areas and increasing parking. Deputy Mayor Tharp felt the coverings were a great idea due to the heat and he also suggested misting stations to cool off.

Deputy Mayor Tharp said he would love to add a dog park to the City. Councilmember Diaz suggested looking into a splash park for kids.

Councilmember Noble suggested adding more volleyball courts and acquiring more land.

Mayor Flores said a venue for events would be nice with parking.

Transportation was the last element discussed. The Council talked about mobility, congestion, pedestrian/bike traffic and school drop off and pick up traffic, signal coordination, and better street lighting

Councilmember Diaz and Mayor Flores thanked Staff for a great presentation.

Ms. Gardner-Young stated they would be working with the consultant to finalize the goals and data. Staff would return with the final results and then submitted to State and back to Council for the last final results. Residents and Council would still be able to submit concerns or questions.

ADJOURNMENT

8:02PM.

Joel Flores
Mayor

Quintella Moorer, CMC
City Clerk

Date Approved: _____