

The City Attorney said that they are talking about three reasons for a study. One, are they charging twice for the mobility fee? Do they need to update it because things have changed in the City, making it necessary to provide the same service at the facilities as initially adopted? Third, it includes the garage space, as it will now be habitable. They can all be done at the same time.

Mayor Brooks asked if that could be paid for out of the impact fees they have collected. Director Silver said she would need to research it more. There are also administrative costs. She did not see any specifics on the costs or amount. The Mayor said it would be easier to spend the impact fee money they collected on the study rather than using funds from another source. It would be easier for her to vote yes if that were the case.

Commissioner Ghovae asked if they could use the Pinellas County impact fee table for the calculations. They have done the studies and the work. The City Attorney said that it is for transportation and the other categories.

Director Silver said they will bring that back. They will determine if they can utilize those funds and discuss with Kimley-Horn the possibility of them conducting the study. She will set up meetings with the City Attorney.

5. BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A. 2026 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule – Draft

Mayor Brooks requested changes to the February BOC meetings, scheduling them for February 4th and 11th, and to change the second meeting in April to be held on April 29. If it does not work for everyone, they can leave it unchanged. Commissioner Tagliarini said it was too early to know if he had any schedule changes. The Board had no conflicts with the meeting date changes.

Mayor Brooks opened to public comment. There were no public comments.

B. Ceremonial Items – participation, selection

The City Manager said the item is based on the last meeting. The Board discussed how they would like to bring ceremonial items forward for consideration.

Vice Mayor Kerr asked if the Board would bring up a nomination, and if it would be submitted at a workshop or prior.

Commissioner Ghovae said he was thinking of creating opportunities for residents to get involved to make something good happen.

Mayor Brooks asked that they address each category in Exhibit A in the policy.

- **PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Brooks said they already do proclamations.

- BUSINESS AWARD

Mayor Brooks said they have not done a business award she is aware of since being there. She read the policy for presenting business awards:

"The City Clerk will contact the Mayor and/or members of the Board of Commissioners on a rotating basis to submit their nominations for a business, nonprofit, or religious institution, with assistance provided by the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce. Upon receiving the information regarding the nominee, the City Clerk will prepare the award and follow up with an invitation to the nominee to the Board of Commissioners meeting at which the award will be presented by the nominator."

Mayor Brooks said if they followed that, how often would they want to recognize a business? Would they want to do it on a regular rotation, and how often? If they just allow things to be whenever they want, they get lost. They need to decide if they want it once a year, once a quarter, or once every six months. Every month would be a little challenging and a little much.

Commissioner Ghovae suggested quarterly. Mayor Brooks said that because they have so few businesses, presenting it twice a year would be impactful, and then they could celebrate that business for six months. They would follow the process in the policy.

Commissioner Ghovae asked what they would have to do to be nominated. The City Clerk suggested having an application process, advertising it on the website, and having the Commission vote. The Mayor suggested that the community nominate and the Board vote on who they want to be the nominee and present the award.

The City Attorney said in the City of Oldsmar, each Commissioner gets a slot. They make a recommendation for a particular business to receive the Business of the Year award, and then it comes to the Commission to acknowledge it. Then the next time up, it would be another Commissioner to make the nomination. Each Commissioner can nominate a business, thereby preventing businesses from competing for the award. They can do that for the Business Award, the Certificate of Recognition, or any other award.

Commissioner Tagliarini asked if it would be incumbent for each Commissioner to explore the businesses or identify a business they feel would qualify. The City Attorney agreed and noted that in some situations in Oldsmar, when a council member was unfamiliar with a business, they would ask the Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce to recommend who they thought should be recognized, based on the Business's contributions to the City, community, or other relevant factors. The Chamber of Commerce would give some recommendations, and they would choose from those. There are other options. If the Commission member has someone, they run with it; if they do not, they could ask for some assistance. They do not have to recognize a business for something in particular; they would be recognizing a business. The Mayor said it would be the Commissioner on rotation who decides who receives the award; the Board would not be voting on it. The City

Attorney said in Oldsmar, the council member would go to the podium, read a little about the business that stood out, present the award, take a photograph, and then the businessperson would say a few words.

Commissioner McGeehen and Commissioner Tagliarini thought the City Attorney's suggestion was a good idea. Mayor Brooks said she was not opposed to that. They would want to consider rotation to ensure that every Commissioner has the opportunity to award during their term. Commissioner Tagliarini suggested doing it sooner because if it is every six months, someone would rotate out and not have the opportunity to present an award. The Mayor said they could do one this year, the first of the year, and at mid-year. That would keep it on a six-month rotation, and it would work. Because Commissioner Tagliarini and Commissioner Kerr would be up for reelection, they could go first.

Commissioner Ghovae said that if they were to market the idea of recognizing businesses that are most active and giving, etc., then many businesses would want to participate, rather than a Commissioner just knocking on somebody's door and letting them know they want to nominate them.

Mayor Brooks opened to public comment.

Chuck Dillion, 129 Lillian Avenue, suggested that they let the public decide, and the Board decide who they feel would be the best to receive the award. Oldsmar is huge, and it has lots of businesses.

Mayor Brooks said she agreed. The City Clerk said they could do that after the application process. Commissioner Ghovae said they could nominate and let the public make the final decision. Mayor Brooks said the public would nominate and the Board would vote on who would get it.

Vice Mayor Kerr said they could advertise that they are seeking nominations and do so on an annual basis, choosing the time for that. They could announce it at their Thanksgiving meeting, letting everyone know they would like to celebrate their businesses and that they are seeking nominations from the public and residents. The nominations can be listed in the agenda. They would all be recognized for being nominated. The City Clerk said they could fill out a form explaining why they would like to be nominated, and then the Board would choose from that.

Mayor Brooks said that when they did the mural at Archibald, it was posted on Facebook. The City Manager said a couple of thousand voted on it. The Mayor said that if they do a big thing, the City is looking to recognize a Business of the Year, or whatever, and the community nominates the person. That makes it easy. They would follow the procedure in the policy. The Board thought it was a good idea.

- KEY TO THE CITY

Mayor Brooks said if any Commission member wishes to nominate someone for a Key to the City, they should provide the information to the City Clerk, who will then bring it to the Board for a vote, either yes or no. She feels strongly that if they are going to nominate someone to get a Key

to the City, that person should have done something very substantial for their City and gone above and beyond.

Vice Mayor Kerr said it would be embarrassing to vote for someone nominated to not get the award. Commissioner Tagliarini said they could not discuss it on their own before the meeting. The Mayor said everything must be in the Sunshine or it would be a Sunshine violation. The City Attorney said that in the last 35 years, he has only seen the Key to the City given away a couple of times in all the cities he represents. It is not something that happens very often, and there is usually no process for it. Once a nomination was made by one of the Commissioners, there was no vote.

Commissioner Ghovae said that years ago, someone had turned 100, and he asked that the City give them a Key to the City, which they did. Vice Mayor Kerr asked how it was presented, and Commissioner Kerr said he thinks it was from the podium. Mayor Brooks said that would not be a controversial issue.

The City Attorney said they have already adopted the policy. Mayor Brooks said the policy is the process they voted on.

Commissioner Ghovae asked if they could give a Key to the City to a state legislator. Mayor Brooks said her opinion on that would be that they have done a lot for the City, specifically because not all their state legislators have done anything for them. Some have pushed bills that worked against the City. She would not be inclined to give anyone in that position a key because they have not gone above and beyond. Their job is to legislate for the City, and if they are not doing that, then why would they want to reward them? Awarding a Key to the City is a special honor. Commissioner Tagliarini agreed. That would be more controversial than a 100-year-old resident.

- CERTIFICATES OF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION

Mayor Brooks said that anyone can receive a certificate of recognition and appreciation. They do that now.

- CITY COIN

Mayor Brooks said it is self-explanatory that each of them gets three coins to present.

- CONGRATULATORY LETTERS

Mayor Brooks said they have already issued congratulatory letters.

Mayor Brooks said the policy reminds them that they have the authority and the ability to say what they want to do and to do them. They go right through the City Clerk to make it happen.

The City Clerk said she has written many proclamations for 100th birthday celebrations, graduations, and other events. The City Clerk's Office would contact the family to obtain more

information when they were given the name of the individual they would like to receive a proclamation. She would write the proclamation.

6. CITY ATTORNEY

A. Scott Holcomb Request for Special Magistrate Lien Reduction – 572 Johns Pass Avenue

City Attorney Tom Trask gave the background of the item. There was a total of \$92,044.07 of associated fines. The property came into compliance on November 13, 2024. The property owner asked the City to waive the entire fine. It was not something City staff could support, but they would support a reduction to \$46,022.04. Because the lien on the property was recorded, the Special Magistrate cannot reduce the fine. It has to be considered by the Board of Commissioners.

Mayor Brooks opened to public comment.

John Scott Holcomb, 572 Johns Pass Ave., explained that the City informed his contractor that they would not require a permit for the outdoor kitchen because it is not a permanent structure, and there was already electricity and plumbing in place. He gave a copy of an Affidavit signed by his contractor to the City Clerk. The contractor asked the City for a copy of the video showing he had the conversation, but was told it was not available. He thought there were ongoing conversations between the contractor and the City to resolve it, so he would not have to tear down a \$60,000 kitchen. He understood that the fine of \$250 per day was due to not having fencing around the pool, not the kitchen. The fencing was put in, so he did not think there was any fine.

He was working with the City to figure out what they needed to do. He asked if the penalties could be delayed while he worked things out, but it was denied. He resides full-time in Tampa, and when he came back to the City, he found a notice of a hearing that had already taken place. He watched the video recording of the meeting and saw Attorney Trask add a certified letter signed by him to the record. Neither he nor his wife signed for a certified letter. Other things have happened throughout that process. It had always been his intent to come into compliance. He has emails from him and the City, as well as from him and the contractor, saying he needed to get it in compliance. He had asked what he needed to do.

In a letter about a year ago to Mr. Trask, he asked if the fine could be waived. Part of that was due to his conversation with Mr. Gomez about the issue that day, where he mentioned to Mr. Gomez that he did not sign the letter.

Deputy Siem from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office said he tagged the home for a warning yesterday for not maintaining the yard. The home appeared to be abandoned. Deputy Snyder said they had pictures taken yesterday to show the condition of the yard.

Vice Mayor Kerr said they have a neighborhood four doors down from Mr. Holcomb that had an outdoor kitchen. They were told it was in violation. They took it down before it had gone to the Special Magistrate. He does not understand why it is coming to the Commission after two years.