

On Monday, October 3, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., the City of Wauchula Commission met for a special meeting and regular scheduled workshop in the City of Wauchula Administrative Building at 126 S. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Wauchula.

**Nadaskay called the workshop to order.**

Commissioners present were Mayor Keith Nadaskay, Mayor Pro-Tem Neda Cobb, Russell Smith, Commissioner Sherri Albritton and Gary Smith.

Also present were City Manager Terry Atchley, Deputy City Manager Olivia Minshew, Assistant City Manager/Police Chief John Eason, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Sandee Braxton, Communication Coordinator Katie Wheeler, CRA Director Jessica Newman, City Attorney Kristie Hatcher-Bolin and City Clerk Holly Smith.

**Open Special Meeting**

**Resolution 2022-27 - Extending the State of Emergency for Hurricane Ian**

Atchley addressed the Commission and explained Resolution 2022-27. Atchley stated the State of Emergency was required to be extended every seven days per Florida Statute.

Cobb motioned to approve Resolution 2022-27, seconded by G. Smith.

With no discussion, Nadaskay asked for all in favor, all responded aye.

Motion carried.

**Closed Special Meeting**

**Closed Commission Workshop**

**United Healthcare/Albritton Insurance Discussion**

Agenda item was postponed to a later date.

**City Manager Evaluation**

Agenda item was moved to October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Event Application for 90's Reunion**

Newman addressed the Commission and explained the event application for the 90's reunion. Newman the insurance was pending.

**Event Application for Palooza in the Park**

Newman addressed the Commission and explained the event application for Palooza in the Park.

**Event Application for Shop Small Saturday/Brunch in the Park**

Newman addressed the Commission and explained the event application for Shop Small Saturday/Brunch in the Park.

**Closed Commission Workshop**

**Open CRA Workshop**

## **CRA Impact Study**

Agenda item postponed until October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## **RFP – Crews Park Pavilion**

Newman stated the RFP was not ready.

## **RFP – Auditorium AV**

Newman explained the RFP for the Auditorium AV.

## **Main Street Wauchula Funding Agreement**

Newman addressed the Commission and explained the Main Street Wauchula Funding Agreement. R. Smith asked if the funding amount changed. Newman stated the price increased to pay for police services.

## **Updates**

- **Peace River Park** – Newman stated the park was currently underwater, however the contractor was due there this week. Newman explained plans had been submitted and material had been ordered.
- **R. Riveter Parking Lot** - Newman stated minor changes had been made and should go out to bid shortly. Albritton asked about the retail space. Newman stated they were moving forward.
- **Farr Field** – Newman stated she had received and updated draft. Newman explained the plans were changed due to existing water lines.
- **Main Street** - Newman explained the upcoming Main Street events.

Atchley gave a brief outline of Hurricane Ian.

Minshew gave an update on the electrical distribution system. Minshew explained the mutual aid crew from Fairhope, Alabama arrived Friday and began working immediately. Minshew discussed the restoration process and stated 85% had been restored. Minshew added Riverview Subdivision was still in question due to extensive flooding. Nadaskay commended the hard work of the line crew and the mutual aid crew. Minshew discussed the water main break behind the old Junior High. The break was due to a fallen tree. Minshew talked about garbage pick, the washout on Louisiana and sewage backups.

Braxton discussed the support to the employees and advised they were being taken care of and being fed. Braxton informed the Commission of the employees that had received damage to their homes and the ones that had lost everything.

Eason gave a public safety update. Eason stated the WWTP was inches away from devastation due to flooding. Eason explained months prior the City had submitted a mitigation grant request for a tiger dam, which was denied from FEMA because it was not a permanent structure. Eason explained Paul Siddall our regional Emergency Management Coordinator saw the projected rise of the river and submitted a mission request to the State EOC for a tiger dam. Eason stated he received a call on Tuesday that we had been approved for the tiger dam and the National Guard would be bring it that afternoon. Eason explained to the deterioration of the weather the National Guard was unable to bring the tiger dam until Thursday. Eason described the condition at the wastewater plant and the challenges they faced installing the 10,000 feet of tiger dam. Eason explained problems with Chatham Point he had received. Eason explained where the food distribution sites were. Eason discussed the incident at Valencia Gardens and explained how his

department went to the apartment complex during the hurricane and got families out of the burning building.

Wheeler explained she was working with the EOC and was keeping the residence updated on what was taking place within the County.

Minshew advised the Commission the WWTP was up and running.

Atchley gave a few closing remarks. Atchley discussed the food distribution, the shelter moving to the Health Department and the visit from Governor Ron DeSantis, Senator Ben Albritton, Senator Marco, Rubio, and Representative Greg Stuebe. Atchley thanked the Commission for allowing staff to do the jobs they were hired to do.

**With no further business to discuss, Nadaskay adjourned the Workshop at 6:37 p.m.**

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Mayor Richard K. Nadaskay, Jr.

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City Clerk Holly Smith