

On Monday, October 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., the City of Wauchula Commission met for its regular scheduled workshop.

Nadaskay called the workshop to order.

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

Also present were City Manager Terry Atchley Police Lieutenant Matthew Whatley, Finance Director Sandee Braxton, Community Redevelopment Agency Director Jessica Newman and City Clerk Holly Smith. Assistant City Attorney Jason Searle and Assistant City Manager Olivia Minshew attended the meeting virtually.

Code Enforcement Updates

Bergens addressed the Commission and discussed Code Enforcement activity from February 2020 – October 2020. Bergens stated there had been twelve minimum maintenance cases opened and eleven were closed. Thirty-six lot maintenance cases had been opened and thirty-three had been closed. Thirty-three nuisance accumulation cases had been opened and twenty-eight closed. Four Christmas light cases opened and all were closed. Five cases of 911 numbers had been opened and four had been closed. Three commercial vehicle cases and all were closed. 1 unsafe dilapidated building case had been opened and it was closed. Bergens stated the number of cases this year was ninety-four and ten still remain open. Atchley informed the Commission that after the first of the year staff will be back before you to discuss the next step with code enforcement and do, we need to change the policy and ordinance.

Resolution 2020-16 – Legislative Priorities

Minshew discussed Resolution 2020-16.

City Manager's Evaluation

Nadaskay briefly discussed Atchley's evaluation and commended him on receiving a perfect score and a job well done. Atchley thanked the Commission for their vote of confident and support. Cobb commended Atchley on his recent appointments and Home Rule Award winner.

Final Decision on Trick or Treat

The consensus of the Commission was to allow Trick or Treat, October 31st from 6pm-9pm and encouraged social distancing.

Discuss Fall Festival

Newman addressed the Commission and discussed the annual fall festival. After some discussion the consensus of the Commission was to allow the fall festival, October 31st from 4pm-7pm and encouraged social distancing.

Atchley discussed a letter of encouragement for the IDA regarding the property next to Historic City Hall.

With no further business to discuss, Nadaskay closed the Commission Workshop and Opened the CRA Workshop

Project Updates and Extension Requests

Newman addressed the Board and stated Utilitech received their CO and the project was complete.

Newman stated the project extension expired in July and were again extended until September 30th. The extension had expired and another extension was being requested for Palmetto 8 and the Cobb project.

Newman presented the update for the Palmetto 8 project to the Board. Newman noted the property owner of Palmetto 8 had an estimated completion date for the end of 2020.

Newman stated the Cobb project was waiting on the CO. Newman noted the grant agreement stated a CO was needed before funds would be released, however the commercial spaces were build to suit spaces. Newman asked the Board if they would consider releasing the funds with just a CO for the residential part of the building. Newman stated the IDA was on board with the release of funds once a CO was received for the residential spaces.

Newman addressed the Board and explained the bid recommendation letter for CRA RFQ 20-03 and 20-04 for Engineering and Planning Services. Newman stated staff's recommendation was to award both services to Kimley Horn and Associates.

Project Updates

Newman gave project updates on Crews Park, Peace River Park and the In-Fill Housing. Discussion was had on future in-fill housing projects. Newman stated two grants were submitted for rehabilitation of the auditorium.

Main Street Update

Newman gave an update on Main Street events.

With no further business to discuss, Nadaskay adjourned the Workshop at 6:06 p.m.

Mayor Richard K. Nadaskay, Jr.

City Clerk Holly Smith