



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City of Greenacres, Florida

Monday, June 07, 2021 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

Jonathan G. Pearce, 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

PRESENT

Mayor Joel Flores

Deputy Mayor John Tharp

Councilmember Peter Noble

Councilmember Judith Dugo

Councilmember Johnathan Pearce

Councilmember Paula Bousquet

The Mayor requested a Moment of Silence for the late Mr. George Irving, Greenacres Code Enforcement Officer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Tharp, Seconded by Councilmember Bousquet.

Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Tharp, Councilmember Noble, Councilmember Dugo, Councilmember Pearce

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC FOR AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

SPECIAL BUSINESS

- 1. Presentation:** Legislative Update. - The Honorable Representatives David Silvers and Matt Willhite.

Representative Silvers, House District 87, thanked the Council for allowing him to speak. He spoke briefly regarding a few passed legislations regarding the university governed public records, which prevents cheating and dishonesty. He also mentioned he was proud of HB1233 Genetic Counseling Patient Protection Act.

Representative Willhite thanked the Council for welcoming him. He mentioned the State of Florida passed the largest budget during the session. He mentioned they were advocating for growth, development, and tourism in Florida. Representative Willhite stated the last election was very safe, successful, and brought out millions of voters. The new bills in place would only make the voting process better. He was very proud of the new prescription bill relating to hospital discharging, the Purple Alert bill, and the Wellington fireworks bill. He continued to mention other great accomplishments.

- 2. Presentation:** Lobbyist Legislative Update. - Joseph R. Salzverg, Gray Robinson.

Lobbyist Salzverg thanked the Council for welcoming him. He thanked the City's Staff for being great partners. He highlighted the septic to sewer project, grants, and creating guidelines to secure funding. Lobbyist Salzverg stated he was advocating for grants, fire stations, and youth development facilities.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Councilmember Bousquet, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Tharp.
Voting Yea: Deputy Mayor Tharp, Councilmember Noble, Councilmember Dugo, Councilmember Pearce, Councilmember Bousquet

- 3. Official Minutes:** City Council Meeting Minutes, May 17, 2021. - Quintella Moorer, City Clerk.
- 4. Resolution 2021-24:** Approving a Professional Services agreement for pressure cleaning services; authorizing the appropriate City Officials to execute the agreement; providing for an effective date. - Monica Powery, Purchasing Director.
- 5. Resolution 2021-26:** Approving a Professional Services Agreement for construction of volleyball courts; authorizing the appropriate City Officials to execute the agreement. - Monica Powery, Purchasing Director.
- 6. Resolution 2021-27:** Approving the 2021-2022 Statewide School Readiness provider contract between the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County and the City of Greenacres; authorizing execution of the contract; and providing for an effective date. - Jowie Mohammed, Youth Programs Director.
- 7. Resolution 2021-28:** Approving the 2021-2022 Children's Services Council provider contract between the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County and the City of Greenacres; authorizing execution of the contract; and providing for an effective date. - Jowie Mohammed, Youth Programs Director.

- 8. RFP No. 15-003:** Extending Financial Auditing Services with Nowlen, Holt & Miner, P.A. extending the current agreement to August 31, 2021. - Monica Powery, Purchasing Director.

REGULAR AGENDA - None.

DISCUSSION ITEM

9. Proclamations - Andrea McCue, City Manager.

Ms. McCue stated she needed some guidance and feedback regarding the City's Proclamations process.

Councilmember Dugo stated she preferred not to read the entire Proclamation. She felt reading a brief description of the Proclamation, and a limiting the amount of proclamations per meeting would suffice.

Councilmember Pearce suggested extending a hold on Proclamation presentations until October 1 and placing the Proclamations on the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember Bousquet disagreed with Councilmember Pearce. She felt Proclamations were important to the Citizens and felt they deserved recognition.

Deputy Mayor Tharp agreed with Councilmember Bousquet.

Councilmember Noble thought Councilmember Dugo's suggestion was favorable, but he also agreed with Councilmember Pearce on the temporary hold.

Mayor Flores stated Proclamations were standing traditions and displayed a sign of respect and honor of a cause. He hoped the City would not move away from the Proclamation tradition as he felt all read Proclamations were worthy of the Council's time. Mayor Flores mentioned his dissatisfaction of rushing meetings and not wanting to present Proclamations. He felt embarrassed of the Council for not desiring to want to say thank you through Proclamations. He stated any vote against Proclamations would be embarrassing.

Councilmember Pearce felt the Mayor was a filibuster and stated the Proclamations would be recognized on the Consent Agenda. He felt disrespected by the Mayor's comments. Councilmember Pearce stated safety and business was first.

Councilmember Bousquet mentioned she felt safe at meetings and did not wish to shorten Council meetings. She stated the Council are paid to carry out the people's business.

Councilmember Dugo stated Councilmember Pearce took the words out of her mouth. She felt her opinion did not warrant a reprimand. She stated time was not the question; the question was the amount of Proclamations per meeting.

Ms. McCue explained the process of adding Proclamations to the agenda and processes of other cities and the County.

Councilmember Noble mentioned the previous Mayor handled Proclamations differently and he acknowledged the Mayor's concerns. He questioned the photo process and suggested shorter meetings.

Motion made by Councilmember Noble to limit Proclamations to two per meeting, selected by the City Manager and duration of ten minutes maximum. Seconded by Councilmember Dugo.

Ms. McCue asked for direction relating to selecting Proclamations. Council further discussed options to select various Proclamations.

Motion made by Councilmember Dugo, to place all Proclamations on the Consent Agenda until October 1, 2021 and photos taken prior to the meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Noble.

Voting Yea: Councilmember Noble, Councilmember Dugo, and Councilmember Pearce.

Voting Nay: Deputy Mayor Tharp, Councilmember Bousquet.

Mayor Flores confirmed taking photos prior to the meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Kathy Dippolito, Lake Worth resident and volunteer with the Palm Beach County Chapter of Moms Demand Action. She said they fight for responsible gun ownership and safety. She mentioned in 2018, Mayor Flores provided a Proclamation of support for gun violence awareness. The request was denied in 2021. She thanked Mayor Flores, Deputy Mayor Tharp and Councilmember Bousquet for their support. She noted for the records Councilmembers Dugo, Noble, and Pearce rejected the request as they deemed it political. Ms. Dippolito stated gun violence was not political.

Ms. Chrystal Rambarath read the 2021 Proclamation Declaring June 4, 2021 "National Gun Violence Awareness Day" into the record.

Ms. Andrea Trainor, Lake Worth resident read a statement from Ms. Maxine Greenwich, which stated she was dedicated to reducing gun violence and that June 4, 2021 was recognize by many as National Gun Violence Awareness Day and was completely nonpartisan. She requested the Council endorse the proclamation. Ms. Trainor stated twelve other cities supported the proclamation.

Ms. Wynna Donmyer stated the National Gun Violence Proclamation was not a political issue but simply a request to reduce gun violence. She named various cities whom supported the Proclamation. She mentioned her disappointment of nonsupport and encouraged a stand for gun violence.

Pastor Cassandra Williams thanked the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for their support. She said her family members were killed due to gun violence. She was upset that Councilmembers felt proclamations were too long to read. She stated election lines were long, but citizens stand in them to vote for elected officials. Pastor Williams agreed with Mayor Flores that the comments from some of Council was embarrassing.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – None.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT – None.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORT

Councilmember Bousquet: Suggested research regarding a Gun Buy Back Program in the City.

Councilmember Noble and Pearce disagreed. All other Council agreed.

Mayor Flores: Thanked Staff and Councilmember Bousquet for Bankshot concept and the unity box wrapping.

Deputy Mayor Tharp: Stated the volunteers tonight said it all, he thanked them.

Councilmember Noble: Felt subject matters were out of context and mentioned he did not endorse violence.

Deputy Mayor Tharp said Council should show ownership of their vote.

Councilmember Dugo stated none of Council support violence and should not feel villainized for opposing.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Deputy Mayor Tharp, Seconded by Councilmember Bousquet.

Joel Flores
Mayor

Quintella Moorer, CMC
City Clerk

Date Approved: 6-21-2021
