

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
November 09, 2015

The City Commission met this date in regular session in the Commission Chambers. The Invocation was given by Commissioner Hamilton after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Mayor Arnold. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM with the following in attendance.

Mayor	:	John B. Arnold, Jr.
Commissioners	:	Heyward H. Strong, Jr.
	:	Kay Hamilton
	:	Clark (Tom) Browning, IV
City Clerk	:	Tammy Johnson
Police Chief	:	Joe Hart
Fire Chief	:	Mark Norris
City Attorney	:	Hayward Dykes
City Engineer	:	Roy Petrey
City Administrator	:	Carl Scott
General Manger VBCS	:	James Butler
Recorder	:	Amber Elledge

Not in attendance: Commissioner Joe Morgan. Others in attendance: (Not inclusive) Amber Elledge(camera), Mike Griffin (Bay Beacon reporter), Rachel Furlong, Krystal Early, Christopher Crouse, Louise Graham

Mayor Arnold welcomed the audience and stated that the Commission was interested in hearing their thoughts and welcomed any comments. He asked that anyone wanting to make any comments should raise his/her right hand to be recognized and use the microphone at the podium to address the Commission. Commissioner Morgan is absent this evening.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes

COMM. STRONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 12, 2015. COMM. BROWNING SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION 4 TO 0.

1. CITIZENS' CONCERNS (non-agenda items) Resident

Citizens' Concerns

Christopher Crouse, 170 Grandview, voiced his appreciation for having had communication with Commissioners Hamilton, Browning, and Morgan in regards to the chicken ordinance which is being drafted. Mayor Arnold asked him if he was working with Commissioner Morgan on trying to come up with an ordinance. He stated the Commission had originally had a draft reading scheduled for this evening but Commissioner Morgan was unable to attend tonight's meeting. He said we will postpone the first draft until the December meeting and if the Commission concurs there will be a final draft in January.

1. CITIZENS' CONCERNS (non-agenda items) Non-Resident

There were no non-resident comments.

1. ACTION ITEMS – Added Agenda Items

There were no added agenda items.

Resolution No. 12-11-09-15 Water Const. Rates

2. ACTION ITEMS – Resolution No. 12-11-09-15 Water Construction Rates
COMM. STRONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 12-11-09-15 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. COMM. BROWNING SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION 4 TO 0.

Resolution No. 13-11-09-15 Amend Budget

3. ACTION ITEMS – Resolution No. 13-11-09-15 Amend Budget
COMM. BROWNING MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 13-11-09-15 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET DUE TO AN INCREASE IN UNFORESEEN EXPENDITURES; AUTHORIZING REVISIONS TO THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. COMM. STRONG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION, 4 TO 0. Commissioner Hamilton asked how much money from grant revenue and how much money from the street cash fund would be used here because it would impact the overall budget. Mrs Johnson stated the money used for this resolution would come from the Florida DOT grant money and this is for the FY 2015 budget.

Res. No. VCA 13-11-09-15 Amend Budget

4. ACTION ITEMS – Resolution No. VCA 13-11-09-15 Amend Budget
COMM. STRONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 13-11-09-15 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 BUDGET OF THE VALPARAISO CABLE AUTHORITY; DUE TO AN UNFORESEEN INCFREASE IN EXPENDITURES; AUTHORIZING REVISIONS TO BE MADE TO THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. COMM.

BROWNING SECONDED THE MOTION. Commissioner Hamilton wanted to know how this would leave the reserve account for the commission, which at one time was created via the pole attachment fee. She wanted to know what the guarantee is that we would not see cable costs go up, since Valparaiso broadband must be a self-sustaining enterprise. Mrs. Johnson informed her that the price per channel last year had gone up more than had been foreseen. Comm. Hamilton remarked “pole attachment fee can’t magically change to reserve.” She wished to go on record as saying she is not in favor of that activity. THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY A COMMISSION VOTE OF 3 TO 1, WITH COMMISSIONER HAMILTON VOTING IN THE NEGATIVE.

5. ACTION ITEMS –CDBG Committee Appointments

Carl Scott advised that for the Committee to continue it must have a quorum of at least five people. He asked for nominations and stated that they must be put on the committee list within a week in order to keep the Committee active. The Commission listed Gary Herring, his wife Arlene Herring, Pearl Hearn, Danny Barfield, Marion Cassell, Tony D’Aquila, and Adam DeGrace as potentially willing committee members to be added to the list, pending salary requirements be met. COMM. STRONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADDITION OF THESE NAMES. COMM. BROWNING SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION, 4 TO 0.

CDBG
Committee
Appointments

6. ACTION ITEMS – Resolution No. 14-11-09-15 Appointing Planning Comm

A resolution appointing a volunteer to the Valparaiso Planning Commission and providing an effective date. This resolution named Christopher Crouse as being added to the Planning Commission. COMM. STRONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 14-11-09-15 AS READ. COMM. HAMILTON SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION, 4 TO 0. Comm. Hamilton thanked Dr. Crouse for volunteering.

Resolution No.
14-11-09-15
Appointing
Planning
Comm
Member

1. OLD BUSINESS – ORDINANCE NO. 669 MUNICIPAL ELECTION DATE

Mayor Arnold stated the first reading of this ordinance had been on October 12, 2015 and that this second reading would take place this evening, on November 09, 2015. He said we have proof of publication from the Northwest Florida Daily News, dated October 30, 2015. COMM. STRONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 669 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO REVISING ARTICLE XII ELECTORS AND ELECTIONS, SECTION 7, OF THE VALPARAISO CODE OF ORDINANCES AND PROVIDING FOR (1) FINDINGS, (2) SEVERABILITY, (3) REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, AND (4) AN EFFECTIVE DATE. COMM. BROWNING SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION, 4 TO 0. Reporter Mike Griffin asked which seats will be open in the coming elections. Mayor Arnold informed him that Comm. Hamilton’s and Comm. Morgan’s seats would be open.

ORDINANCE
NO. 669
MUNICIPAL
ELECTION
DATE

1. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS – TPO/DOT

The Mayor informed us that Comm. Morgan usually provides this update for us but that he is absent tonight.

2. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Stormwater

Mr. Scott stated we haven’t had but a couple issues recently, including a new construction on Bayshore Dr and one little issue on Okaloosa Ave.

Stormwater

3. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Legal Activities

Mr. Dykes stated there was nothing new to report.

4. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Doolittle Park Update

Mayor Arnold said all flags are up, the national anthem is up, all work around the main portion is done, and lighting is complete. He said the POW/MIA flag was on order and should arrive in the next week or so. He said the final phase would perhaps be completed in a year or so, to include parking. He commended Mr. Scott for his hard work. Chief Hart also wished to commend Mr. Scott and the City crew for their hard work and effort.

Doolittle Park
Update

5. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Community Liaison Report

Comm. Hamilton informed us that Gina at the Heritage Museum is working with The Christmas Lady so that the latter may decorate all of Perrine Park, not only for the lighting of the Christmas tree and carols, but for the whole month of December. She stated the COC/Military Affairs Committee had been working hard to recognize veterans by obtaining \$10 gift cards from different businesses, to hand out to uniformed forces in passing. Comm. Hamilton informed us that Team Eglin was organizing a cookie fundraiser with a December 15, 2015 pickup date. Mayor Arnold advised perhaps a pickup point at City Hall would be possible.

Community
Liaison Report

6. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Community Development Block Grant

Mayor Arnold advised the Commission had already talked to this earlier.

CDBG

7. **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Veteran’s Day Ceremony, Wednesday, November 11, 2015**

Mrs. Johnson advised the ceremony would be held on November 11, 2015 at 11:00

AM.

8. **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Public Info Meeting**

Mayor Arnold stated that everyone had copies of disbursements.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to be brought before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Adjourn

John B. Arnold, Jr.
Mayor

Heyward H. Strong, Jr.
Chair, VCA

ATTEST:

Tammy Johnson, CMC
City Clerk

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The DVD labeled November 09, 2015 contains the audio and video of this meeting and will be kept as a permanent part of these minutes.