

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
October 12, 2015

The City Commission met this date in regular session in the Commission Chambers. The Invocation was given by Commissioner Morgan after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. 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.
	:	Joe Morgan
	:	Clark (Tom) Browning, IV
	:	Kay Hamilton
City Clerk	:	Tammy Johnson
City Administrator	:	Carl Scott
Police Chief	:	Joe Hart
Fire Chief	:	Mark Norris
City Attorney	:	Hayward Dykes
Recorder	:	Amber Elledge

Others in attendance: (Not inclusive) Amber Elledge (camera), Kim Putney, Ron Putney, Evan Putney, Dawson McGregory, Zach Goraum, Marion Cassell, Chris Crouse, Jody Stockman, Joseph Stockman & Family, Beth Brubaker, Scott Brubaker

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.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

COMM. STRONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 9, 2015. COMM. MORGAN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION 4 TO 0.

Minutes

COMM. STRONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 14, 2015. COMM. MORGAN NOTED A TYPO ON PAGE 5, LINE 13, WHERE "EMERALD COAST REALTORS" SHOULD READ "EMERALD COAST BOARD OF REALTORS". COMM. BROWNING SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION 4 TO 0.

COMM. STRONG MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 22, 2015. COMM. BROWNING SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION 4 TO 0.

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

Ms. Marion Cassell, 173 Highland, said that while some places around town are well kept, many need to be improved via code enforcement. Mayor Arnold informed her that Carl Scott had sent out several letters recently and assured her we will take care of this.

Citizens'
Concerns

Ron Putney, 314 Washington, shared frustration in an overabundance of stray cats and referenced that owners get fined for the City having caught their dogs but there is no accountability for cat owners. Mayor Arnold informed him it is more difficult to catch stray cats and more difficult to identify owners.

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

There were no non-resident comments.

1. ACTION ITEMS – Added Agenda Items

Comm. Morgan wanted to add a vote for someone to attend the Emerald Coast Transportation Symposium on November 12th and 13th. Mayor Arnold informed him they did not need the Commission's approval for such an attendance; rather there are training and transportation dollars for that.

2. ACTION ITEMS – Ordinance No. 669 – Municipal Election Date

COMM. BROWNING MADE A MOTION FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 669, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VALPARAISO REVISING ARTICLE XII ELECTORS AND ELECTIONS, SECTION 7, OF THE VALPARAISO CODE OF ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR (1) FINDINGS, (2) SEVERABILITY, (3) REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, AND (4) AN EFFECTIVE DATE TO BE READ AT THE UPCOMING NOVEMBER MEETING. COMM. STRONG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION 4 to 0.

Ord 669
Election Date

OCPLC
Interlocal

3. **ACTION ITEMS – Okaloosa County Public Library Cooperative**
COMM. HAMILTON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SIGNING OF THE COOPERATIVE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT. COMM. MORGAN SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION 4 to 0.

Disposal of
City Assets

4. **ACTION ITEMS – Disposal of City Assets**
Public Works Director James Valandingham submitted a request for the Commission to approve disposal of surplus vehicles, to include a 2002 Sterling Rear Load Refuse Collector, a 1989 Ford F350 Bucket Truck, a 2008 Isuzu Tymco Street Sweeper, a 1999 Dodge 1500, and a 1971 Clark Lift Truck. COMM. STRONG MOTIONED TO DECLARE ALL THE ITEMS REQUESTED SURPLUS. COMM. BROWNING SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE COMMISSION 4 TO 0.

Ord 670 -
Urban
Chickens

1. **OLD BUSINESS – Ordinance No. 670 - Urban Chickens**
The following residents Beth Brubaker, 385 Jasmine, Emily Stockman, 403 James Avenue, Chris Crouse, 170 Grandview, Ron Putney 314 Washington Avenue and Kim Putney 127 Judith, spoke in support of the ordinance. Comm. Browning asked for clarity in terms of who may have chickens and within what type of zoning district. He stated that, as written, the Ordinance would allow for chickens in R1 and R1A zones. Chief Hart confirmed this is what is currently said and Comm. Morgan apologized and stated that it is not supposed to be for multiple family zones. Chief Hart asked Mr. Dykes if a Homeowners Association’s rules would trump City rules. Mr. Dykes advised that Homeowners Associations’ rules would apply. Mr. Scott stated if it is not allowed in multiple family zones it would not be allowed in Indian Shores which is zoned R2. Mayor Arnold proposed a first draft reading of the refined Ordinance at the upcoming November 9th meeting and said if they follow through then, the Commission would make the December Commission meeting the second and final meeting for this issue.

TPO/DOT

1. **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS – TPO/DOT**
Comm. Morgan referenced sending someone to attend the Emerald Coast Transportation Symposium. He stated that their meeting this week yielded the work plan for FDOT fiscal year 2017-2021 and also project priority for fiscal year 2017-2021.

Legal
Willingham

2. **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Stormwater**
Mr. Scott said nothing to report this evening.
3. **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Legal Activities**
Mr. Dykes had a Willingham update that the appeal is set for oral argument the first week of January 2016. He also said the CAJTDM case is set for trial the second week of March 2016.

Median
Beautification
Update

4. **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Median Beautification Update**
Comm. Morgan said that while the beautification project was considered complete, some plants had needed to be replaced. He said we have been waiting until cooler weather prevailed so this week they would begin replacing dead plants and trees.

Doolittle Park
Update

5. **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Doolittle Park Update**
Mayor Arnold asked Mr. Scott for an update. Mr. Scott stated that the center ring was complete and the sidewalk area was done. He said he would be setting the monument back up and setting flag posts this week. He said we could expect the flags up by Friday.

Fire
Prevention
week

6. **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Community Liaison Report**
Comm. Hamilton advised there was nothing to report at this time.
7. **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Etc.**
Mayor Arnold informed us that the DOT had cleaned the mold off the median on the Tom’s Bayou Bridge.

CDBG
Update

8. **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Fire Prevention Week**
Chief Norris Advised his team held an open house where around 100 people visited. He said they also visited four daycares and two schools, reaching approximately 358 persons at those locations.
9. **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Update**
Mayor Arnold advised we did not make the cut off. Comm. Hamilton added we can try again and Mr. Scott instructed we could try again in December.

10. **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Okaloosa County**
League of Cities Update

Mayor Arnold informed us that the League of Cities would be meeting in Crestview this coming Thursday.

11. **REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS – Disbursements**
Mayor Arnold said everyone had copies of disbursements.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to be brought before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 6:56 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 October 12, 2015 contains the audio and video of this meeting and will be kept as a permanent part of these minutes.