



Minutes
Crystal River City Council
Regular Council Meeting
March 22, 2021 5:30 p.m.
Council Chamber, City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Meek called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Council members present: Council Member Brown, Council Member Holmes, Council Member Guy, Mayor Meek

Council members absent: Council Member Fitzpatrick

Staff present: City Manager Ken Frink, City Attorney Rob Batsel, City Clerk Mia Fink, Assistant City Manager Jack Dumas, Finance Director Michelle Russell, Public Works Director Beau Keene, Special Events and Marketing Director Leslie Bollin, Human Resources Director Jasmine Leitner, Visitors Services Director Andrea Hullstrung and Planning and Development Services Director Brian Herrmann

B. Invocation: Council member Holmes led the invocation.

C. Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Meek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. Recognition of Elected Officials in Attendance

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Made by Council Member Holmes; Seconded by Council Member Brown.
Motion CARRIED

3. PRESENTATIONS

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. PUBLIC INPUT

Ray Jones- 10 NE 4th Street- Spoke regarding right to an appeal a decision, requests Council review and submits documents to City Clerk (available upon request).

Mike Engiles- Homosassa- Waterfronts Advisory Board- Introduces Ken Spillios, Vice President of the Citrus County Audubon Society who presents an original poster created for the Kings Bay Park kiosk, as requested by Waterfronts Advisory Board.

Council member Brown further discussed the Waterfronts Advisory Board project and overall role and recognized members in attendance, including Phillis Rosetti.

Margaret Williams- Crystal River Women's Club- Introduces Mary Lee Johnson, who presents information on the Crystal River “City of Kindness” Poster Contest, requesting Council support of the project and use of logo.

Consensus was reached by Council to grant requested support and use of logo.

Phil Cote- Calusa Point- Indian Waters Subdivision- Spoke in opposition to the NW 3rd Avenue boat ramp relocation proposals, discussed negative impacts, petition collection efforts and Chronicle editorial supporting the proposed project.

City Manager Frink confirmed that survey results could be found on city website.

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Motion to approve minutes of the City Council meeting held March 8, 2022
- B. Motion to approve setting of two (2) Budget Workshops and an Executive Session meeting for the FY2021-2022 budget process
- C. Monthly Departmental Report Summary for the Month of February
- D. Motion to accept with regret the resignation of Scott Gant from the Waterfronts Advisory Board, Regular Resident Seat No. 3 and announce vacancy

**Made by Council Member Guy; Seconded by Council Member Brown.
Motion CARRIED**

7. PUBLIC HEARING

8. CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Batsel provided an update regarding efforts related to the 579 SE US Highway 19. *He also confirmed that colleague W. James Gooding would be serving in his place for the remainder of the meeting.*

9. CITY MANAGER

A. Youth Programs Update

City Manager Frink discussed the health status and recent homecoming celebration of Vice Mayor Fitzpatrick.

He then provided a brief verbal update on the solicitation of a “Supervised General Recreation, Summer and After School Youth Programs” provider (3 proposals received), discussed

development of RFP No. 21-RFP-04, requested Council consensus for Council member Brown to serve on the review/selection committee (which was reached) and discussed next steps.

Council member Brown requested clarification regarding potential conflict of interest, which was provided by Mr. Gooding.

B. Motion to approve a waiver of open container for the First Fridays event in May and June

City Manager Frink provided an overview of the item, noting typical placement of consent agenda and need to facilitate Council discussion on larger city events moving forward.

Ms. Bollin discussed upcoming First Fridays events and sought general discussion and consensus on holding on future large scale events, specifically Fourth of July, noting plans to restructure to promote social distancing and Main Street partnership.

Mayor and Council members Meek spoke in favor of moving forward with larger events and development of an ordinance to allow for an open container (“wet zone”) in a certain section of downtown, requesting staff to move forward.

**Made by Council Member Holmes; Seconded by Council Member Guy.
Motion CARRIED**

10. CITY COUNCIL

A. Motion to direct staff to publicly advertise the creation of a Charter Review Committee and solicit eligible residents to serve thereon

City Clerk Fink presented on the upcoming Charter Review process and Mr. Gooding addressed Council questions regarding the process and current status of the City Charter.

**Made by Council Member Brown; Seconded by Council Member Holmes.
Motion CARRIED**

B. Discussion regarding S.B. 284 "Building Design Preemption Bill"

Council member Brown discussed the purpose of “Home Rule” authority, concerns regarding proposed legislation, and requested staff to send letters opposing S.B. 284 and corresponding House Bill to Senator Simpson and Representative Massullo. Beneficial attributes of the proposed legislation were also noted along with potential exclusion of PUDs, CRAs and Historic Districts.

City Manager Frink requested that Council to make a motion to direct staff to send letters of opposition to S.B. 284 and H.B.55 and to work with the City’s lobbyist to potentially modify some of the proposed bill language.

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11. COUNCIL MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Mayor Meek

Discussed recent homecoming of Vice Mayor Fitzpatrick.

B. Vice Mayor Fitzpatrick

C. Council member Holmes

City Clerk Fink reported on recent Keep Citrus County Beautiful meeting activities and Council member Holmes reported on attendance to the FWC Kids Fishing Clinic on behalf of Keep Citrus County Beautiful and encouraged involvement and membership.

Mayor Meek also reported on his recent attendance to the MPO meeting during which a feasibility study for the ‘Turkey Oak By-pass’ project was approved.

D. Council member Brown

Reported on WRWSA activities, commending City Manager Frink for ensuring access to local withdrawal permit information for the various communities. He also reported on Main Street activities, and their support of “opening up” and discussed upcoming Manatee Festival. He also remarked on status of the Crosstown Trail repairs, noting areas still closed, and availability of COVID 19 vaccines in Orange County.

E. Council member Guy

Reported on recent Tourism Development Council meeting, including discussion on live concerts downtown, and a fishing tournament organized by Sodium.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

13. PUBLIC INPUT

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Meek adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

City Clerk