CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of the City Council workshop held on January 26, 2018, at 9:00 a.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

PRESENT:	Mayor Joe Kilsheimer Commissioner Billie Dean Commissioner Diane Velazquez Commissioner Doug Bankson City Administrator Glenn Irby
ABSENT:	Commissioner Kyle Becker
PRESS PRESENT:	Teresa Sargeant - The Apopka Chief Reggie Connell, The Apopka Voice

INVOCATION: - Mayor Kilsheimer introduced Pastor Mark Lowry of Grace Point Church, who gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Kilsheimer led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION:

1. Kit Land Nelson Park proposed Splash Pad options presented by Freeport Fountains, LLC.

Mayor Kilsheimer said we were here to meet in a workshop session to have a presentation from Freeport Fountains, LLC on the proposed Splash Pad.

Glenn Irby, City Administrator, said this project has been out to bid three different times. He stated we finally came to a good accord with Freeport Fountains, LLC. Staff has spent time evaluating what they can bring to the table and they were willing to bring a presentation before Council this morning. He advised there is a budget on this project of $613,090 and of this $544,000 is budgeted for the Splash Pad. He reported certain items have been pulled out such as tables, trash bins, and benches that the city can purchase directly with a savings, and there is also demolition of the tennis courts net at $18,000. He affirmed there was money in contingencies should they run into something they are not aware of.

Jon Vollet, President of Freeport Fountains, LLC, said they were based in Sanford and do work throughout the state as well as throughout the world. He advised they have been doing this type of work for 35 years, creating different fountains and water features and they are very versed and focused. They have in house engineering services and like to do a turnkey construction. He stated they have been working with the committee who made some selections based on information they provided. The committee selected a couple of themes and asked Freeport Fountains to put together options on two of the themes.

Mr. Vollet reviewed the first option which was the Ocean and Seashore theme. This theme had a lot of play structures that drop and spray water with fish sculptures and sea creatures. This and the other themes have the dumping bucket that fills and drops water as the central feature. This theme

has a cannon that sprays, and all have ground sprays. He advised that option one had a total of 30 elements and the saturation is 204 gallons per minutes which would allow 40 persons on the pad. The second option is similar, but the theme changes to a nature theme. Again, it has the large dumping bucket with other elements that are nature pieces such as leaves, flowers, spraying tubes and a snail. This option has 29 pieces of spray and play elements. The saturation is 194 gallons per minute.

Mr. Vollet advised they prepared a third option. This option has less play structures and more in ground sprays. It does have the dumping bucket like the other two options, four bazooka sprays, a spray zone with ground sprays in a circular pattern and other small buckets that fill and dump over. This option has more in the hydraulic system, has a total of 32 elements, and it has a saturation of 301 gallons per minute that allows 60 persons on the pad.

In response to Commissioner Bankson inquiring about hours of operation and if the sprays were triggered by play in action, Mr. Vollet advised the hours of operation can be between dawn to dusk and hours can be set by the City. He stated there had to be specified lighting in order to operate at night. He advised that each operation has a swipe that turns the feature on so that the entire system is not running all day long and a time clock would keep it from coming on at night. The filtration system does run 24/7. He also said the years of service would depend on how good the maintenance is to the system, stating some pumps last 15 to 20 years. He advised the deck coating is acrylic, similar to the deck of swimming pools.

Mayor Kilsheimer said the third option is a blend of the other two with more sprays.

Commissioner Velazquez said while she was at an elementary school yesterday reading to students, she took a poll. The students went for option three because of the amount of water.

In response to Mayor Kilsheimer inquiring about the leaves dropping from the oak trees, Mr. Vollet said staff will need to blow the leaves every day during the fall. He said they should not clog the filter or drains.

Discussion was held regarding maintenance and Jessica Pugh, Administrative Assistant to the City Administrator, advised there was a maintenance schedule provided, they would just need to break down the cost affiliated with it.

Lorena Potter inquired if the splash pad is operated seasonally, can the system be shut down for lower maintenance. She inquired what other municipalities do.

Mr. Vollet advised other areas that run seasonally lock the gate, but allow the system to circulate. He said in Florida it could be open year round. He advised this would require the water to be tested at least daily. This is not required by a certified technician and can be conducted by staff. There does have to be a certified pool operator or a licensed pool contractor to do the overall maintenance.

Discussion pursued regarding whether to fence the area as well as charging for use.

Mayor Kilsheimer said there would not be a vote today, but he is hearing that option three is the favored option. He also said if construction is to begin in the spring, there is a major event in Kit

Land Nelson Park the final weekend in April and he asked that they maintain safety so that the festival is a successful event.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

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Joseph E. Kilsheimer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda F. Goff, City Clerk