CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of the City Council Workshop held on November 30, 2016, at 1:30 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Kilsheimer
Commissioner Billie Dean
Commissioner Diane Velazquez
Commissioner Doug Bankson
Commissioner Kyle Becker
City Attorney Cliff Shepard
City Administrator Glenn Irby

PRESS PRESENT: John Peery - The Apopka Chief
Reggie Connell, The Apopka Voice

Mayor Kilsheimer called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

DISCUSSION

COPS Grant presentation:

Mike McKinley, Chief of Police, reviewed the COPS Grant and funding, as well as how they plan to proceed with implementation from a budgetary standpoint. He advised there is a match for the grant. The Apopka Police Department has been awarded a grant to hire five new police officers through the 2016 COPS Hiring Program (CHP). He stated the estimated federal funds to be awarded is $625,000 with a local match of approximately $339,800 over the three year grant period. He affirmed the City will be required to retain all sworn officer positions for a minimum of twelve months following the thirty-six month federal grant period. These retained positions must be added to the law enforcement budget over and above the number of locally funded positions that would exist in the absence of the grant. He explained that these five officers cannot be used to supplant the budgeted five officers approved during the budget process. He further affirmed five vehicles for the new positions will be financed along with the approved vehicle allotment for this fiscal year. The vehicle budget impact will be in FY 2017-2018. Chief McKinley said by staggered hiring, hiring the five grant funded officers in January, with a $75,485 match, and hiring the budgeted officers in March and June, there will be a personnel savings of $172,838.

Mayor Kilsheimer stated with no objections, the consensus of the Council is to direct staff to move forward with the COPS Grant.

John Land Statues:

Glenn Irby, City Administrator, discussed the two statues of Mayor Land that are in the process of being fabricated and delivered. He said the first statue to be delivered is to be placed on the front lawn of City Hall. The artist reviewed the grounds and provided suggestions of placement. One suggestion is to place the statue in front of the flags facing S.R. 441, and the other

suggestion is to the west side of the lawn facing east looking toward the flags and the area the Masonic Lodge is located. He explained staff concerns of placement in front of the flags due to the speed of vehicles and not being able to see the statue. He said staff suggested the west lawn area may be the better location. He explained with this location, there are two cedar trees that should be removed.

Discussion ensued regarding the two suggested locations as well as the type of base. It was the consensus of the Council that the Land family should be contacted regarding their preference.

Recreation Master Plan:

David Burgoon, Recreation Director, provided a review of the Recreation Master Plan. He stated the Mission statement is:

> "*To provide a variety of safe, wholesome, innovative, and diverse recreation programs, activities and facilities to enrich the quality of life for citizens and visitors of Apopka, through quality leadership, fiscal stability, and responsible planning."*

In addition, the Vision statement is:

> *"Our vision is to provide recreational facilities and programs that are inclusive, affordable, diverse, and nurture a healthy lifestyle. We will embrace and build upon the city's history and natural assets as a leader in recreation and outdoor activities. We will offer services that enhance quality of life. We will promote the equitable distribution of resources throughout the Apopka community."*

Mr. Burgoon advised the Master Plan involves a long term document that establishes community goals and visions for the future. The 2030 Comprehensive Plan requires a Parks and Recreation Master Plan to be completed by Policy 3.3 of the Recreation and Open Space Element. He reviewed the existing recreation facilities and explained they were broken down into three classifications to include Neighborhood Parks, Community Parks, and Special Use Facilities. He reviewed a map showing where all of the Parks are located within the Apopka area. He advised the next step is to determine what we need. He explained the current level of service standards are set by Policy 1.1 of the Recreation Open Space Element and the adopted level of service is 3.0 acres per 1,000 residents. The current population of 45,587 gives us a level of service for 136 acres. Our current park acreage is 233.56 which is approximately 96.8 acres above our level of service standard. He declared to keep in mind that 78% of the park acreage is at the NW complex. He reviewed future park recommendations and existing plans for the same. The master plan recommendations for all parks is to improve landscaping and beautification, increase the number of benches, picnic and grilling options, use consistent signage, bench tables in other facilities to create a sense of place, and a brand for Apopka parks, use materials that promote a theme for Apopka as a leader in outdoor recreation. He reviewed specific recommendations for Alonzo Williams Park, and a plan for creating a centralized park area at Kit Land Nelson, Edwards Field, and Fran Carlton. Program recommendations include Adopt a Park, Playful City, and Get Active.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of Council for staff to continue working on a central park concept, but to receive input or feedback from the community. Mayor Kilsheimer said they could have formal input at a Council meeting, however, the Council can take informal input

individually. The consensus was to maintain the splash pad as an item on the next workshop meeting and be prepared to vote at a future Council meeting.

Council recessed at 3:09 p.m. and reconvened at 3:19 p.m.

Recreation Impact Fees:

Henry Thomas, PRMG, reviewed a PowerPoint presentation to provide an overview of the analysis for the recreation impact fee study. It was recommended to do away with the hotel/motel recreation impact fee as the study does not show a lot of major growth in this area for the near future. He affirmed the current fees have been in place since 1991. The recommendations in 2006 were not adopted at that time. The existing rates are $241.05 for residential impact fee and $50.00 for hotel/motel impact feel. The proposed rates are $1,060 for residential impact fee, and making the hotel/motel impact fee not applicable. He advised staff proposed impact feel levels at 80% of the full fee level, which would be $848 for the residential parks and recreation impact fee. He advised the fees can be incrementally phased-in to the full level over time.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Council to provide direction to staff to move forward with 100% of the proposed fee amount, as well as the full proposed fee amount for police and fire impact fees.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:07 p.m.

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Joseph E. Kilsheimer, Mayor

ATTEST;

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Linda F. Goff, City Clerk