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Special Commission Meeting

MINUTES

Friday May 17, 2024

6:30 PM, Town Hall

- I. Call to Order: 6:31 PM
- II. Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mayor Ditty
- III. Roll Call: present were Commissioners Anderson, Muzzone, Perrine, Yorio, Vice Mayor Foster and Mayor Ditty.

IV. Old Business

- a) Painting HWCH (at table)

Tabled until the Commission meeting to be held on 5/28/2024.

- b) Resolution for New Rates – HWCH

Vice Mayor Foster made a **MOTION** to approve Resolution number 2024-02, new deposit rate of \$200. for Hester Wagner Community House along with the new cancellation fee: Cancellations received prior to 7 days of the event will be 100% refundable. Cancellations received between 7 days to 2 days (48 hours) prior to the event will be 50% refundable. Cancellations received less than 48 hours prior to the event will not be refunded. Commissioner Anderson seconded the **MOTION**. Roll call was taken. All the commission were in favor. **MOTION** was passed.

- c) Playground Quotes

Tabled until the Commission meeting to be held on 5/28/2024.

d) PW Electrical Quotes

Commissioner Yorio made a **MOTION** to approve Company A for the public works electrical work, with the condition that GFCI quad receptacles being confirmed before the contract is signed. Vice Mayor Foster seconded the **MOTION**. Roll call was taken. All the commission were in favor. **MOTION** was passed.

e) Sale of Police Car: Mayor Ditty confirmed the sale of the police car to a wholesaler for \$4500.

V. New Business

a) 2024-2025 BCSO Contract


Vice Mayor Foster expressed some concerns about the contract. She noted that Undersheriff Waller states in his email to our town attorney that they have not invoiced us for \$3886 for the past two years for communications/dispatch. She pointed out that the town has given BCSO two TMVPD SUVs and over \$30,000 in weapons and equipment and asked Mayor Ditty if they're planning to invoice us for this service for the coming years. Mayor Ditty stated they will not. Vice Mayor Foster noted that in the new contract, there is no cap on price increases going forward, and expressed concern that BCSO felt 5% was reasonable before agreeing to 4% as Undersheriff Waller stated "... due to the upcoming Village ballot concerning law enforcement services. She further stated that on 4-29-23, Mary Murphy asked in a Law Enforcement Workshop, "Does the service contract increase 4% each year?" and Chief DeMorat's response was, "Yes, that's year to year. Inflation is at 8%. 4% is in our contract and we feel that's modest. Things don't tend to go down in price. We provide a number so you can budget. It would be more concerning to not have it in the contract" and now it's not in the contract. Vice Mayor Foster stated her concern is that this new contract brings BCSO services to \$750 per day and that this level of increase is not sustainable. Commissioner Perrine agreed that this is not sustainable. Mayor Ditty stated she feels it's sustainable for about 15 years. Vice Mayor Foster replied that that 15-year number is only accurate at 4% increase, and they just attempted to raise us 5% before agreeing to 4% since they anticipate a referendum. She added that we should be further reducing the millage rate well below its current point. Mayor Ditty stated we still have infrastructure needs, but she anticipates a millage reduction. Vice Mayor stated that in the contract on Page 3, Section 5(a) they've removed "police protection services" from the services they will perform. Mayor Ditty stated she will discuss with Attorney Carey. Vice Mayor Foster stated that in the contract on Page 3 there is also an error in item (d) which should say six years, not four since it said four years two years ago. Commissioner Anderson made a **MOTION** to approve the 2024-25 Brevard County Sheriff Office Contract with the 4% increase. Commissioner Muzzone seconded the **MOTION**. Roll call was taken. All the commission were in favor. **MOTION** was passed.

- b) Founder's Day recap: For the most part, everything went great. A few things to note for next year: public works to receive a calendar for guidance of when certain things need to be done, set-up, etc. We will be researching vendor alternatives, including bands. Additional chairs and tables for vendors will come from HWCH after the Ice Cream Social. We will be purchasing four (4) extra parachutes for extra shade as well.

VI. Adjourn 8:19 PM

If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the Town Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, a record and transcript of the If an individual decides to appeal any decision made by the Town Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, a record and transcript of the proceedings will be required and the individual will need to ensure that a verbatim record and transcript of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based and will be acceptable in a court of law (FS286.0105). Such person must provide a method for recording and transcribing the proceedings verbatim as the Town does not provide such a record or transcript. In accordance with the Americans Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons needing special accommodations for this meeting shall, within a reasonable time prior to the meeting contact the Office of the Town Clerk (321) 723-8300.

ATTEST:


Heather Roberts, Town Clerk


Susan Ditty, Mayor