

MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CAPE CORAL CITY COUNCIL

March 18, 2019

Council Chambers

4:30 p.m.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Coviello at 4:32 p.m.

Invocation/Moment of Silence – Councilmember Stokes

Pledge of Allegiance – Savanna Burnett – Skyline Elementary School

Roll Call: Mayor Coviello, Council Members Carioscia, Cosden, Gunter, Nelson, Stokes, and Williams were present. Stout was excused.

CHANGES TO AGENDA/ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mayor Coviello stated Ordinance 35-18 and Ordinance 4-19 have been withdrawn for the time being, so there is no public hearing for them at this meeting. There were no other changes to the agenda.

Councilmember Stokes moved, seconded by Councilmember Gunter, to adopt the agenda, as presented.

Council polled as follows: Stokes, Williams, Carioscia, Cosden, Coviello, Gunter, and Nelson voted "aye." All "ayes." Motion carried 7-0.

RECOGNITIONS/ACHIEVEMENTS

Presentation of Award of Merit - Fire Department

Fire Chief Lamb recognized Fire Engineer/Driver Todd Clark with the first ever Cape Coral Fire Department Award of Merit for exceptional service during incident #18016215 and going beyond the call of duty.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting – March 4, 2019

Councilmember Williams moved, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, to approve the minutes for the March 4, 2019 regular meeting as presented. Voice Poll: All "ayes." Motion carried.

BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT - CONSENT AGENDA

No speakers.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Carioscia pulled item 8(B)(10).

- 1) Resolution 30-19 Authorize the Charter School Authority to enter into a 60-month Operating Lease Agreement with Mail Finance Inc., a Neopost USA Company Inc. for two (2) Mail Processing Equipment (postage/mailing machines) at a monthly cost of \$244.67 for an annual lease cost of 2,936 for a five-year total lease of \$14,680 and authorize the execution of the lease agreement and

renewal periods; Department: Charter School; Estimated Annual Dollar Value: \$2,936; (Charter School General Fund)

- 2) Resolution 47-19 Award Bid# ITB-UT19-14/KR to Gulf States Electric, Inc. of Naples, FL as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, to provide construction services for the Palm Tree Control System Upgrades for work that includes upgrading the electrical system, instrumentation controls and radio monitoring for \$512,500 plus a 10% City controlled contingency of \$51,250 for a total project cost of \$563,750 and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the contract, amendments, change orders and purchase orders; Department: Utilities; Dollar Value: \$563,750; (Water and Sewer Fund)
- 3) Resolution 48-19 Award ITB-UT19-23/KR forty-two inch (42") force main replacement and install a new waste activated sludge (WAS) main and new PVC/HDPE fiber optic conduits - Phase 2 to Giannetti Contracting Corporation of Pompano Beach, FL to perform infrastructure upgrades for the City's sewer systems that distribute raw sewage and sludge to the Southwest Water Reclamation Facility for treatment, as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder in the amount of \$2,125,535 with a City controlled contingency of 10%, \$212,553 for a total \$2,338,088 dollars and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the contract, amendment and change orders; Department: Utilities; Dollar Value: \$2,338,088; (Water and Sewer Fund)
- 4) Resolution 49-19 Approve staff cost proposal (SCP) SCP AI-06 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for professional services to determine compliance with National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for stationary reciprocating internal combustion engines (RICE) for a total not to exceed fee of \$73,266 and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the agreement; Department: Utilities; Dollar Value: \$73,266; (Water & Sewer Fund)
- 5) Resolution 50-19 Award ITB-UT19-31/KR Galvanized Pipe Replacement Program, Section 2B to Andrew Sitework, LLC of Fort Myers, FL to replace approximately 9,650 linear feet of existing galvanized pipe along specific streets, generally bound on the west by Del Prado Blvd. S; on the south by the Moody Canal; on the north by Cabot Canal and on the east by the Caloosahatchee River, as the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, in the amount of \$1,362,304 with a City controlled contingency of 10%, \$136,230 for a total \$1,498,534 dollars and authorize the City Manager or designee to execute the contract, amendments, change orders required to complete the work; Department: Utilities; Dollar Value: \$1,498,534; (Water and Sewer Fund)
- 6) Resolution 51-19 Approval of a Uniform Collection Interlocal Agreement between the City and Lee County Property Appraiser for the Fire Protection Assessment; Department: Finance; Dollar Value: N/A; (Fund: N/A)
- 7) Resolution 52-19 Approve agreement with Tetra Tech, Inc. for the Request for Proposal (RFP) RFP-UT18-89/KR to provide professional design services for new irrigation storage tanks and high service pumping station in the amount of \$1,084,569 with a City controlled contingency of 10% (\$108,457) for any additional services, for a total project amount of \$1,193,026 and authorize the City Manager or Designee to execute the agreement and change orders; Department: Utilities; Dollar Value: \$1,193,026; (Water and Sewer Fund)
- 8) Resolution 55-19 Approve acceptance of FY 2019-20 Lee County Tourist Development (TDC) Beach and Shoreline Grant for Beach Park Facility Maintenance for the Yacht Club Community Park Beach, Four Mile Cove Ecological Park, Sirenia Vista Park, and the Glover Bight Boardwalk (\$140,000), and for the purchase of a vehicle (\$35,000) and two utility carts (\$36,300) for use at all four parks; authorize the City Manager or Designee to execute contracts,

purchase orders, and all required documents; Department: Parks and Recreation; Grant Dollar Value: \$211,300 (No matching funds required) (Fund: N/A)

- 9) Resolution 57-19 Approval of Contract for Purchase of Lots 36 and 37, Block 3025, Unit 43, Cape Coral Subdivision, 1218 Wilmington Parkway, Cape Coral, for the Festival Park project for the purchase price of \$11,000 plus closing costs not to exceed \$1,500; Department: Financial Services / Real Estate Division; Dollar Value: \$12,500; (Parks Capital Project Fund) Note: Trade offer rejected by Seller.
- 10) Resolution 58-19 Approval of Contract for Purchase of 1308 NW 25th Street, Cape Coral, an improved property located on Lots 71 and 72, Block 3003, Unit 43, Cape Coral Subdivision, for the Festival Park project for the purchase price of \$290,000 plus closing costs not to exceed \$4,300; Department: Financial Services / Real Estate Division; Dollar Value: \$294,300; (Parks Capital Project Fund) Note: Trade offer rejected by Seller.
- 11) Resolution 59-19 Approval of Contract for Purchase of Lots 15 and 16, Block 2159, Unit 32, Cape Coral Subdivision, 1128 NE 22nd Terrace, Cape Coral, for the Lake Meade Park Expansion project for the purchase price of \$12,950 plus closing costs not to exceed \$1,500; Department: Financial Services / Real Estate Division; Dollar Value: \$14,450; (Parks Capital Project Fund) Note: Trade offer rejected by Seller.
- 12) Resolution 60-19 Approval of, and authorization for the City Manager to execute, a License Agreement with Freeman & Hasselwander Resort Properties, LLC for the temporary use of portions of 6095 Silver King Boulevard and 6179 Black Marlin Lane, for event parking, spectator viewing and vendors attending the Sounds of Jazz & Blues Festival on March 30, 2019; Department: Financial Services / Real Estate Division; Dollar Value: N/A; (Fund: N/A)

Councilmember Stokes moved, seconded by Councilmember Cosden, to approve items 8(B)(1), 8(B)(2), 8(B)(3), 8(B)(4), 8(B)(5), 8(B)(6), 8(B)(7), 8(B)(8), 8(B)(9), 8(B) (11), and 8(B)(12), as presented.

Council polled as follows: Stokes, Williams, Carioscia, Cosden, Coviello, Gunter, and Nelson voted "aye." All "ayes." Motion carried 7-0.

City Manager Szerlag mentioned that it was his understanding that the property purchase in 8(B)(10) was incorporated in the Resolution of Necessity years ago as one of the parcels to be utilized for Festival Park.

Property Broker Andrews responded that the fact stated by the City Manager was correct. She noted that this was a residential property which is the reason the price is higher than the lots we have been purchasing. She displayed a photo of the property which is located on the water. She stated that Festival Park consists of 517 individually strapped parcel numbers. It is bordered by Gator Slough on the north, Zanzibar Canal on the east to the end of NW 25th Street, runs along North Wind Canal to the intersection of NW 14th Avenue, up to 27th Street connecting to Gator Slough.

Councilmember Carioscia questioned the property line ending at Kismet Parkway.

Property Broker Andrews stated Kismet was to the south. There would be an entrance on Wilmington Parkway from Chiquita and at the eastern end which would egress off Wilmington continuing to the east to connect to Nelson (four lane road). She displayed another photo and explained where traffic would go when the park is developed.

Mayor Coviello questioned if there were other private residences inside Festival Park.

Property Broker Andrews responded in the affirmative. She explained the events that occurred when the purchases began in 2003. There were numerous properties being built by First Homes which the City had purchased, and there were some under construction. The City purchased ten other houses which have been razed at this point. There are three properties left, two on a canal, and the property being discussed at this meeting. She noted another off-water house which was foreclosed; an appraisal has been obtained, and we're working on a negotiated price right now.

Councilmember Carioscia moved, seconded by Councilmember Gunter, to approve item 8(B)(10), as presented.

Council polled as follows: Stokes, Williams, Carioscia, Cosden, Coviello, Gunter, and Nelson voted "aye." All "ayes." Motion carried 7-0.

CITIZENS INPUT TIME

Robin Dawn Ryan, owner of Robin Dawn Academy of Performing Arts, appeared to discuss the purchase for her own building. She noted the zoning case delay was affecting her property purchase. She was not sure the bank would wait for the zoning to happen. She would rather keep her business in Cape Coral than go to Fort Myers.

Renee Schiele appeared to discuss her seawall issues. Her entire seawall was taken out after Hurricane Irma but had two previous issues directly after the dredging of her canal. She had complained after the dredging but was never told why her seawall went in except that it had something to do with the storm drain. She requested an answer from the City why this is still happening.

Councilmember Williams questioned if there was a resolution for Ms. Ryan.

DCD Director Cautero stated this happens occasionally to people when they are purchasing property. Staff usually writes letters to title companies to explain the situation. He stated he will check the current and proposed zoning. He stated he discussed the location with Ms. Ryan, and he will speak to her lending institution.

Councilmember Cosden suggested Ms. Schiele to contact her councilmember and the City Manager for a resolution to her issue.

City Manager Szerlag stated in both cases he will have Mr. Cautero get involved and have City Council be copied on the disposition. He will direct Public Works Director Clinghan to be in contact with the resident on the seawall storm drain issue and report to Council on the status.

Mayor Coviello requested that Mr. Clinghan give Ms. Schiele his business card.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

None.

PETITIONS TO COUNCIL

None.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS / COMMITTEES / COMMISSIONS

Charter School Governing Board - 2 Vacancies

Interim City Clerk Bruns announced there were two vacancies due to term expirations. Action Item One is specific to a member from the business community with a term expiration of 3/22/2022. Action Item Two is specific to a member from the community at large with a term expiration of 3/22/2022.

Interviews for a member from the business community

Guido Minaya – present
Susan Mitchell – present
Nicole Williams – present

Interim City Clerk Bruns polled Council for their choice:

Stokes – Minaya, Williams – Minaya, Carioscia – Minaya, Cosden – Minaya, Coviello – Minaya, Gunter – Minaya, Nelson – Minaya

Interim City Clerk Bruns stated there were seven for Minaya.

Councilmember Nelson moved, seconded by Councilmember Cosden, to appoint Guido Minaya to the Charter School Governing Board for the member from the business community seat (Term expiration of 3/22/2022).

Council polled as follows: Stokes, Williams, Carioscia, Cosden, Coviello, Gunter, and Nelson voted “aye.” All “ayes.” Motion carried 7-0.

Interviews for a member from community at large

Diane Jackson – not present
Kristifer Jackson – present
Melissa Meehan – present
Susan Mitchell – present
John Omundsen – not present
Nicole Williams – present

Interim City Clerk Bruns polled Council for their choice:

Stokes – Mitchell, Williams – Meehan, Carioscia – Meehan, Cosden – Mitchell, Coviello – Mitchell, Gunter – Mitchell, Nelson – Mitchell

Interim City Clerk Bruns stated there were five for Mitchell and two for Meehan.

Councilmember Nelson moved, seconded by Councilmember Stokes, to appoint Susan Mitchell to the Charter School Governing Board for the member from the community at large seat (Term expiration of 3/22/2022).

Council polled as follows: Stokes, Williams, Carioscia, Cosden, Coviello, Gunter, and Nelson voted “aye.” All “ayes.” Motion carried 7-0.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Resolution 46-19 (VP 18-0012*) Public Hearing

*Quasi-Judicial, All Persons Testifying Must be Sworn In

WHAT THE RESOLUTION ACCOMPLISHES:

A resolution providing for the vacation of plat for a portion of Bimini Canal right-of-way and the underlying public utility and drainage easements located adjacent to Lots 1 and Part of Lot 2, Block 154, Unit 4, Part 2, Cape Coral Subdivision; providing for the vacation of plat for public utility and drainage easements associated with Lot 1 and Part of Lot 2, Block 143, Unit 4, Part 2, Cape Coral Subdivision; property located at 218 Bayshore Drive. (Applicant: OBIR Rental, LLC)

Hearing Examiner Recommendation: The Hearing Examiner recommended that City Council Approve the application for the requested vacations, subject to the conditions set for in VP HEX Recommendation 2-2019.

City Management Recommendation: City Management recommended approval of all vacation requests subject to conditions.

Interim City Clerk Bruns read the title of the Resolution and administered the oath.

Planning Team Coordinator Struve explained the purpose of the Resolution. He displayed the following slides:

- Resolution 46-19, applicant, requests, location
- Site Map
- Current Zoning Map
- Background
- Aerial of Site
- Requested Vacations
- ROW Analysis (LUDR, Section 8.11)
- Easement Analysis
- Recommendations
- Correspondence – Three informational phone calls, one in support

Public Hearing opened.

No speakers.

Public Hearing closed.

Councilmember Gunter moved, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, to approve Resolution 46-19, as presented.

Council polled as follows: Stokes, Williams, Carioscia, Cosden, Coviello, Gunter, and Nelson voted "aye." All "ayes." Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance 9-19 (VP 18-0006*) Public Hearing

*Quasi-Judicial, All Persons Testifying Must be Sworn In

WHAT THE ORDINANCE ACCOMPLISHES:

An ordinance providing for the release of the right-of-way easement within the Quit Claim Deed recorded in Official Record Book 2219, Pages 2248-2249 of the Public Records of Lee County, and authorizing the Mayor to execute a release of said easement; providing for the vacation of plat for a portion of Gator Slough right-of-way and the underlying public utility and drainage easements located adjacent to Lot 46, Block 4317, Unit 61, Cape Coral Subdivision; providing for the vacation of plat for public utility and drainage easements associated with Lot 46, Block 4317, Unit 61, Cape Coral Subdivision; property located at 1823 Old Burnt Store Road. (Applicants: John Dewey Polt and Doris Jean Polt)

Hearing Examiner Recommendation: The Hearing Examiner recommends that City Council approve the application for the requested vacations, subject to the conditions set forth in VP HEX Recommendation 1-2019.

City Management Recommendation: City Management recommends approval of all vacation requests subject to conditions.

Interim City Clerk Bruns read the title of the Resolution and administered the oath.

Planning Team Coordinator Struve explained the purpose of the Ordinance. He displayed the following slides:

- Ordinance 9-19, applicants, requests, location
- Site Map
- Current Zoning Map
- Background
- Aerial of Site
- Analysis (LUDR, Section 8.11) Request to Vacate ROW of "Quit Claim" Area
- Request to Vacate Underlying Easements of the "Quit Claim" Area
- Request to Vacate Platted Easements Along the North Property Line of Lot 46
- Request to Release Easements Associated with the "Quit Claim" Area
- Recommendations
- Correspondence – one informational phone call

Public Hearing opened.

Scott Hertz, authorized representative for the applicants, appeared to discuss his clients' agreement for the proposed Ordinance.

Ed Ramos stated he concurred with the recommendation from the Hearing Examiner and staff to approve this Ordinance.

Public Hearing closed.

Councilmember Williams questioned if they were planning on getting a seawall in order to cut the erosion.

Mr. Hertz explained that has already occurred; there is a seawall all the way around the perimeter of the property.

Councilmember Stokes moved, seconded by Councilmember Gunter, to adopt Ordinance 9-19, as presented.

Council polled as follows: Stokes, Williams, Carioscia, Cosden, Coviello, Gunter, and Nelson voted "aye." All "ayes." Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance 10-19 Public Hearing

WHAT THE ORDINANCE ACCOMPLISHES:

An ordinance declaring a tract of land located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 20, Township 44 South, Range 23 East, Lee County, as unusable municipal surplus real property not projected to be used for municipal purposes; authorizing the conveyance of the surplus property to Sandoval Community Association, Inc., pursuant to Section 2-155 of the Code of Ordinances; property is located at 2780 Pine Island Road. (Applicant: Brought forward by Sandoval Community Association and City Management.

Interim City Clerk Bruns read the title of the Ordinance.

Property Broker Andrews appeared with Public Works Planning and Permitting Manager Zambrano to explain the purpose of the Ordinance. The following slides were displayed:

- Ordinance 10-19
- Site Maps
- Provides public access to/from SR-78 to adjacent properties
- Request by Sandoval Community Association
- Staff Analysis
- Recommendation
- City-owned property (Public Right of Way), Portion to convey to Sandoval Community Association
- Portion to convey to Sandoval Community Association
- Questions

Public Hearing opened.

Joe Mazurkiewicz, President, BJM Consulting, Inc., appeared on behalf of the Sandoval Homeowners Association. He noted they have been working with staff since June to address this issue to meet both the needs of the development, along with maintaining access to the adjoining properties to the north of the development. The HOA agreed with the conditions associated therein and that this was a good deal for both them and the City.

Public Hearing closed.

Councilmember Williams moved, seconded by Councilmember Stokes, to adopt Ordinance 10-19, as presented.

Council polled as follows: Stokes, Williams, Carioscia, Cosden, Coviello, Gunter, and Nelson voted "aye." All "ayes." Motion carried 7-0.

WITHDRAWN - Ordinance 35-18 Second and Final Public Hearing

WHAT THE ORDINANCE ACCOMPLISHES:

An ordinance repealing Articles I - X AND XII and amending Article XI of the City of Cape Coral Land Use and Development Regulations; Adopting Articles 1 - 10, 12 and 13 of the new City of Cape Coral Land Development Code Incorporating Article XI, as Amended, into the new City of Cape Coral Land Development Code; providing Severability and an Effective Date. (Applicant: Brought forward by City Management.) Planning & Zoning Recommendation: At their January 9, 2019 meeting, the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of Ordinance 35-18 with a 6-0 vote, as amended by Staff.

City Management recommendation: City Management recommends approval with amendments.

WITHDRAWN - Ordinance 4-19 (ZA 18-0013) Second and Final Public Hearing

WHAT THE ORDINANCE ACCOMPLISHES:

An ordinance amending the City of Cape Coral Official Zoning District Map by rezoning approximately 9,819 acres to be consistent with the changes to the Future Land Use Map, the Comprehensive Plan, and the upcoming Land Development Code. (9,819 acres) (Applicant: Brought forward by City Management)

Hearing Examiner Recommendation: The Hearing Examiner recommends approval of the application for rezoning

City Management Recommendation: City Management recommends approval of the application for rezoning.

INTRODUCTIONS

Ordinance 1-19 (LU 18-0005) Set Public Hearing Date for April 1, 2019

WHAT THE ORDINANCE ACCOMPLISHES:

An ordinance amending the Future Land Use Map from Single-Family Residential (SF) to Multi-Family Residential (MF) for property described as Lots 16-21, Block 350, Unit 7, Cape Coral Subdivision; property is located at 1632 - 1640 SE 46th Street. (36,462 square feet) (Applicants: Garnet M. Bratberg, Trustee, and DABIDA, LLC)

Planning & Zoning Recommendation: At their January 9, 2019 meeting, the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval of Ordinance 1-19 with a 5-2 vote.

City Management Recommendation: City Management recommends approval.

Interim City Clerk Bruns read the title of the Ordinance.

The public hearing was scheduled for April 1, 2019 in Council Chambers.

Principal Planner Boyko stated there would be a presentation at the public hearing and was available if Council had any questions.

Ordinance 13-19 Set Public Hearing Date for April 1, 2019

WHAT THE ORDINANCE ACCOMPLISHES:

An ordinance amending Ordinance 87-00, as amended by Ordinance 88-04 and Ordinance 40-11, which established the City of Cape Coral Investment Policy for Surplus Funds, by adopting an amended City of Cape Coral Investment Policy. (Applicant: Brought forward by City Management.)

Interim City Clerk Bruns read the title of the Ordinance.

The public hearing was scheduled for April 1, 2019 in Council Chambers.

Financial Services Director Bateman stated she was available if Council had any questions.

Ordinance 14-19 (ZA 18-0012*) Set Public Hearing Date for April 1, 2019

*Quasi-Judicial, All Persons Testifying Must be Sworn In

WHAT THE ORDINANCE ACCOMPLISHES:

An ordinance amending the Official Zoning District Map by rezoning property described as Lots 29-30, Block 774, Unit 24, Cape Coral Subdivision, from Multi-Family Residential (R-3) to Professional Office (P-1) zone; property is located at 805 SE 10th Street. (.23 acres) (Applicant: HBLB Properties II, LLC)

Hearing Examiner Recommendation: The Hearing Examiner recommends that the City Council grant the requested rezoning.

City Management Recommendation: City Management recommends approval of the proposed rezone request.

Interim City Clerk Bruns read the title of the Ordinance.

The public hearing was scheduled for April 1, 2019 in Council Chambers.

Planning Team Coordinator Daltry stated he was available if Council had any questions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

WATER QUALITY – UPDATE

Public Works Director Clinghan stated the Army Corps of Engineers continued to release approximately 1,800 cfs to the west while releasing approximately 500 to the east and approximately 2,400 cfs to the south. There have been no major concentrations of red tide.

Mayor Coviello questioned the relocation of the Cardboard Boat Regatta to Crystal Lake and if there were any water quality issues in the Bimini.

Director Clinghan stated the recent testing in the Bimini looked pretty good. Because it was moved from Bimini Basin, we were testing Crystal Lake this week.

Mayor Coviello inquired why it was moved.

Director Clinghan stated he read in an email that there were only 12 boats participating.

Parks and Recreation Superintendent Avellino explained that in some of the discussions regarding the water quality at Bimini, they wanted to make sure that this event takes place and did not want to have to cancel it in the event the water quality was bad at Bimini. The Rotary was fine with the relocation.

Director Clinghan stated in speaking with the City Manager's Office, staff decided that we should test Crystal Lake and testing is being continued at Bimini.

FOLLOW UP ITEMS REQUESTED BY COUNCIL

Mayor Coviello inquired of Council if there were any follow up items. There were none.

Hiring Council Office Assistant - Councilmember Cosden (continued from the March 4, 2019 Meeting)

Mayor Coviello turned the floor over to Councilmember Cosden regarding this item.

Councilmember Cosden stated an email was sent to Councilmembers with the job description from Human Resources based upon the discussions at the last meeting. It

was a junior level Executive Legislative Assistant. She inquired if a motion was appropriate at this meeting to move forward to create the position today.

Mayor Coviello agreed although he stated he did not see a pay range.

Councilmember Cosden noted the pay range needs to be provided.

Mayor Coviello stated this should be pushed to the next meeting.

Councilmember Cosden stated we will get a pay range and put it on a meeting agenda as a voting item. She noted a third person is absolutely necessary.

Mayor Coviello requested a consensus if this was a good way to move forward.

Councilmember Gunter stated he was in support of moving forward with this once the pay range is provided.

Human Resources Director Sonego stated the pay range will be provided once Council agrees with the job description which was based on similar positions and Council's needs.

Councilmember Williams questioned the need to create a new position. This was more of a reclassification of the existing position which would not add another FTE to Council's staff.

Councilmember Cosden questioned if we can change the classification.

City Attorney Menendez stated Council had the ability to do that by Resolution if they are comfortable with making that change. HR was intending to bring it to Council for a formal approval process.

Mayor Coviello confirmed that this was a reclassification of an existing position.

Councilmember Nelson supported this position from a coverage standpoint and also from cessation planning.

Mayor Coviello stated we just need to tie in compensation with the job description and put it on a future meeting agenda. **Consensus agreed.**

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 54-19 Accept proposal of Bank of America, NA for a term loan to finance GO Bond improvements; Department: Finance

Financial Services Director Bateman stated this was to approve the bank loan for the GO Bond. This \$10.2 million is needed for the first year. Next year, we intend to come back with another 15-year loan for approximately \$20-25 million, and the following year another 15-year \$20-25 million loan. The rate will be about 2.75% which is today's rate. If this is approved, we intend to do the closing on Friday. We accepted the proposal from Bank of America because it locks in the rate versus the other proposals which were a higher cost or they had pre-payment penalties. Staff recommended the loan from Bank of America.

Councilmember Gunter moved, seconded by Councilmember Nelson, to approve Resolution 54-19, as presented.

Councilmember Williams inquired if the interest rate was fixed or variable.

Director Bateman stated it was a fixed rate for 15 years and discussed the rates of the last few days.

Council polled as follows: Stokes, Williams, Carioscia, Cosden, Coviello, Gunter, and Nelson voted "aye." All "ayes." Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilmember Stokes – Topics: No Report

Councilmember Stout – Excused

Councilmember Williams – Topics: No Report

Councilmember Carioscia – Topics: No Report

Councilmember Cosden – Topics: No Report

Councilmember Gunter – Topics: Attended the CRA meeting, Planning and Zoning Commission meeting, Council for Progress meeting regarding issues on multi-family residential low and medium density, and the opening of Sun Splash where he was pleased with the method for the sale of alcohol there.

Councilmember Nelson – Topics: Attended the Taste of the Cape last weekend and will be attending the Grande Dames Tea at the PACE Center for Girls next Thursday. She stated she sent an email last week through Connie asking if any Councilmember would be willing to sit on the Audit Committee. She noted the meetings were difficult for her to attend due to her workday and until we get remote accessibility to these meetings, they will continue to be a challenge for her. She also noted that the Audit Committee Chair was uncomfortable with her role on the Charter School Governing Board in addition to being on the Audit Committee.

Mayor Coviello asked if anyone was interested. He suggested maybe one of the Councilmembers would be willing to trade committees with her.

Councilmember Nelson stated she could trade for a morning meeting.

Mayor Coviello stated there may be a possibility that Councilmember Stout could switch the Budget Review Committee with her.

Councilmember Nelson stated she would bring it up again. She noted that she asked the City Attorney if there was any legal conflict sitting on both the Audit Committee and the Charter School Governing Board, and she was told there was none.

Mayor Coviello stated to wait until the next meeting to bring this up when Councilmember Stout is present.

Mayor Coviello: Topics: March 5th attended the American Heart Association Go Red for Women Event, March 5th also a guest speaker at the MBS Boat Club, attended the Chicago Play at the Cultural Park Theater, 1970's Decade Party for the Animal Shelter, Judge at the Taste of the Cape, guest speaker at the Cape Coral Social Club, issued the PACE Proclamation, CCCIA Dinner Meeting, Southwest Chapter Florida AFL-CIO Labor Board, Gathering of the Giants Air Show at Seahawk Air Park, guest speaker at the Democratic Club. Will issue proclamation tomorrow, Mayor's Scholarship Fund Theater Night on Thursday, March 21st, Gulf Coast Symphony on March 24th, will attend Grande Dames Tea, invited the public to the Army Corps of Engineers Public Informational Meeting on March 26th at Cape Christian Fellowship at 6:00 p.m., Cape Coral Firefighter Recognition Ceremony on March 28th, and Sounds of the Jazz and Blues on March 30th.

Mayor Coviello stated about two months ago he asked staff to look into putting signage behind the Council dais with the logo of Cape Coral. He stated an email went to

everyone today. He realized this decision could be made by the City Manager based upon the cost, but he also wanted to get input from Council about the size of the sign and design.

Councilmember Cosden appreciated the Mayor bringing this issue up. She was in favor of the ten-foot size.

Councilmember Gunter agreed that we needed something to identify Council. He agreed the ten-foot size was the best for that area. His recommendation would be to try to keep it up as high as possible.

Mayor Coviello stated he did not have the exact cost but recalled it was somewhere between \$4,000 to \$5,000.

City Manager Szerlag stated he did not have the exact cost, but it was in his purview of authority to expend.

Mayor Coviello requested a motion to authorize the City Manager to purchase the signage and have it installed behind the dais.

Councilmember Nelson moved, seconded by Councilmember Gunter, to have the City Manager purchase the signage and have it installed behind the Council dais.

Motion maker and Second agreed on the 10-foot size.

Council polled as follows: Stokes, Williams, Carioscia, Cosden, Coviello, Gunter, and Nelson voted "aye." All "ayes." Motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS OF THE CITY ATTORNEY AND CITY MANAGER

City Attorney: Topics: No Report

City Manager: Topics: Diverted the sign for the future home of Lake Mead Park, getting to rock on this matter, and Quarterly Reports will start coming in at the end of March.

Mayor Coviello questioned if there would be a sign for every neighborhood and community park. City Manager Szerlag stated it would be for every larger park that we have as far as the existing parks.

Mayor Coviello recalled that it would be about ten. City Manager Szerlag stated he would research that and provide that information to Council.

TIME AND PLACE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

A Committee of the Whole Meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

Submitted by,



Kimberly Bruns, CMC
Interim City Clerk