TAVARES CITY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2022 – 4:00 PM
TAVARES CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
201 EAST MAIN STREET, TAVARES

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Lori Pfister, Mayor
Walter Price, Vice Mayor
Amanda Boggus, Council Member
Sandy Gamble, Council Member
Troy Singer, Council Member

STAFF PRESENT

John Drury, City Administrator
Lindsay Holt, City Attorney
Susie Novack, City Clerk
Scott Aldrich, Community Services Director
Phil Clark, Utilities Director
Mike Fitzgerald, Community Development Director
Lori Houghton, Finance Director
Richard Keith, Fire Chief
Stoney Lubins, Police Chief
Mark O'Keefe, Public Communications Director
Bob Tweedie, Economic Development Director

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pfister called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. She asked those who wished to speak on an agenda item to complete and submit a Request to Speak form.

II. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Tab 1. Pastor John Carter, First Baptist Church of Tavares

Pastor John Carter, First Baptist Church, provided the invocation and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pfister recognized Bud Bucher in the audience and welcomed him to the meeting.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Pfister asked for changes to the Agenda. Mr. Drury said staff had no changes.

MOTION

Amanda Boggus moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Sandy Gamble. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

IV. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Tab 2. Tavares Chamber of Commerce Update

Erika Buigas, President/CEO of the Tavares Chamber of Commerce, provided an update on Chamber activities. Said the Chamber welcomed 145 visitors and calls in May 2022, reflecting interest in events, recreation programs, and the Splash Park.

Tab 3. GFOA Award – Excellence in Financial Reporting

Mayor Pfister made the following presentation:

> *The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City of Tavares by the Government Finance Officers' Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.*
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> *The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.*

Mayor Pfister presented the Certificate of Achievement to Ms. Houghton and the Finance Team.

Ms. Houghton thanked the Mayor, Council, City Administrator, and staff for their support.

V. SWEARING IN BY CITY ATTORNEY AND DISCLOSURE OF EXPARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Holt said one (1) quasi-judicial matter was before the Council; Tab 8, Ordinance 2022-03 [Conner Property – Rezoning of Approximately 2 Acres Located

South of Dora Avenue, West of Dillard Road], and swore in those who wished to provide testimony.

Attorney Holt asked the Council to disclose any exparte communications. Council Member Gamble said he met with Mr. Wicks, Wicks Engineering, regarding plans. No other disclosures were made.

VI. READING OF ALL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS INTO THE RECORD

Ms. Novack read the following Resolutions and Ordinances by title only:

RESOLUTION 2022-10

A RESOLUTION OF CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING A SECOND AMENDMENT TO SRF LOAN AGREEMENT DW350951 FOR THE LIFT STATION 49/LAKE FRANCES SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; SETS PROJECT COMPLETION DATE AND SETS COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR LOAN REPAYMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

RESOLUTION 2022-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE STATE REVOLVING FUND (SRF) LOAN PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING SRF LOAN AGREEMENT DW350961 FOR THE LAKE FRANCES WATER DISTRIBUTION AND PIPING REPLACEMENT PROJECT; APPROVES AMENDMENT NUMBER 2 OF THE LOAN, EXTENDING THE PROJECT TIMELINE; EXTENDING DATE FOR FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL LOAN REPAYMENT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2022-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES AMENDING ORDINANCES 2000-19 AND 2003-47 OF THE CITY OF TAVARES FOR APPROXIMATELY 02.00 ACRES LOCATED SOUTH OF DORA AVENUE, WEST OF DILLARD ROAD, SUPERCEDING ALL SAID ORDINANCES WITH A NEWLY STATED PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD) ORDINANCE; SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TAVARES COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2022-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR THE

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREA; SUSPENDING CERTAIN CITY WATER, SEWER, POLICE, FIRE AND PARK IMPACT FEES FOR A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME; SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TAVARES COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE 2022-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES REZONING APPROXIMATELY 220 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE WESTERLY END OF WOODLEA ROAD FROM RSF-A (RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY) TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD) WITH CERTAIN CONDITIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW AND PROVIDE GOVERNING REGULATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A 55 PLUS AGE RESTRICTED, ACTIVE ADULT COMMUNITY; SUBJECT TO THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND OBLIGATIONS ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TAVARES COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Pfister asked if anyone wished to pull an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion. There were no requests.

MOTION

Amanda Boggus moved to approve the Consent Agenda [Tab 4 – Approval of the June 1, 2022, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes], seconded by Troy Singer. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Tab 4. Approval of the June 1, 2022, City Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Approved on the Consent Agenda.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

Tab 5. Resolution 2022-10 – SRF Loan 350951 Amendment to Extend Term for Completion of Project (Lift Station 49/Lake Frances Sewer), and Change the Date for First Simi-Annual Loan Repayment

Ms. Houghton provided the following presentation:

Previously, the City Council Adopted Resolution 2018-24 authorizing the application, acceptance, and execution of loan agreement for State Revolving Loan Project DW350951 for Lift Station 49/Lake Frances Sewer Improvement Project. The original loan document was executed on November 6, 2018.

On November 1, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution 2020-14 approving Amendment One (1) to the Loan which finalized the disbursable amount at $6,624,350.

This amendment, Amendment Two (2) extends the project completion date for the project, and changes the date for the first semi-annual loan repayment from November 15, 2022 to February 15, 2023. (Changes are shown in italics.) Loan disbursable amount is $6,624,350

- *Loan disbursable amount is $6,624,350*
- *Capitalized interest (non-disbursable) amount is $29,100*
- *Estimated loan service fee is $132,487*
- *Establish the Loan Debt Service Account and begin Monthly Deposits no later than ~~May 15, 2020~~ August 15, 2022*
- *Semi-annual loan payments are estimated at $179,743*
- *The first semi-annual loan payment is due ~~July 15, 2022~~ February 15, 2023*
- *Loan term is Ten (20) years*
- *Annual loan interest rate is .57%*
- *Project Completion is estimated at ~~January 15, 2022~~ August 15, 2022*

Staff recommends Option 1, for the Council to move to approve Resolution 2022-10 which authorizes the Mayor to execute SRF Loan DW350951 Amendment Two (2) changing the loan project completion date, and changing the date for the first semi-annual loan repayment date for the loan to February 15, 2023.

Mayor Pfister asked for comments from the Council.

Council Member Singer asked for confirmation that the date was the only change made, and there were no cost or interest charge changes. Ms. Houghton confirmed.

MOTION

Amanda Boggus moved to approve [Resolution 2022-10], seconded by Sandy Gamble. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Tab 6. Resolution 2022-11 – SRF Loan 350961 Amendment to Extend Completion of Project (Lake Francis Water)

Ms. Houghton made the following presentation:

Previously, the City Council Adopted Resolution 2018-28 on December 19, 2018 authorizing the application, acceptance, and execution of loan agreement for State Revolving Loan Project DW350961 for Lake Frances Water Piping Improvement Project.

On August 5, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution 2020-18 approving Amendment One (1) to the Loan which finalized the disbursable amount at $864,532.

This amendment, Amendment Two (2), extends the project completion date for the project, and changes the date for the first semi-annual loan repayment from August 15, 2022 to February 15, 2023. (Changes are shown in italics.)

- *Loan disbursable amount is $864,532*
- *Capitalized interest (non-disbursable) amount is $13,300*
- *Estimated loan service fee is $17,291*
- *Establish the Loan Debt Service Account and begin Monthly Deposits no later than August 15, 2022*
- *Semi-annual loan payments are estimated at $24,770*
- *The first semi-annual loan payment is due February 15, 2023*
- *Loan term is Twenty (20) years*
- *Annual loan interest rate is 1.01%*
- *Project Completion is estimated at August 15, 2022*

Staff recommends Option 1, for the Council to move to approve Resolution 2022-11 which authorizes the Mayor to execute SRF Loan DW350961 Amendment Two (2) changing the loan project completion date, and changing the date for the first semi-annual loan repayment date for the loan to February 15, 2023.

Mayor Pfister asked for comments from the Council.

Council Member Singer asked for confirmation that the date is the only change with no additional finance charges. Ms. Houghton confirmed and said there were no other changes to the loan.

MOTION

Amanda Boggus moved to approve [Resolution 2022-11], seconded by Sandy Gamble. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

IX. ORDINANCES – PUBLIC HEARING

First Reading

Tab 7. Ordinance 2022-05 – Gorgeous Groves, Inc. – Rezoning of Approximately 220 Acres Located west of the Intersection of Woodlea Road and Lane Park Road

No discussion at First Reading.

Second Reading

<u>Tab 8. Ordinance 2022-03 – Conner Property – Rezoning of Approximately 2 Acres Located South of Dora Avenue, West of Dillard Road</u>

Mr. Fitzgerald made the following presentation:

> *The subject property consists of approximately 02.00 acres of vacant property located south of Dora Avenue, west of Dillard Road. The property is currently zoned as Planned Development (PD), and the applicant is proposing that the property be rezoned to a newly stated Planned Development (PD) that includes an adult-age restricted provision.*
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> *The proposed zoning of Planned Development (PD) is compatible with the surrounding zoning, which is a mixture of residential and commercial zoning. The property contains one (1) single family residence, and the applicant at this time envisions the construction of two (2) additional detached residential single family homes and eight (8) attached duplex units. The duplex units shall be adult-age restricted per the zoning provisions contained in Ordinance 2022-03. The proposed use is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan by ensuring the availability, quality, and sustainability of a mix of housing types in Tavares.*
>
> *The property owner is applying for school impact exemption for the age-restricted duplex portion of the development. The two additional single family homes will not be age restricted and have a negligible impact on school capacity.*
>
> *The environmental assessment submitted by Wicks Engineering Services, Inc. indicates no adverse conditions or environmental concerns with the property. Prior to any development, the property owner must comply with all Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission provisions as they pertain to threatened species.*
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> *The traffic generated by the proposed development will have a minimal impact on surrounding roadways and is exempt from a Tier 1 traffic study per the City's Engineer.*
>
> *Development of the property will be in accordance with the provisions of Ordinance 2022-03 and the City's Land Development Regulations. Prior to the issuance of any Building Permits for this property, compliance with all applicable regulations will be required.*
>
> *The future land use designation of the property is Low Density with an allowance of 5.6 dwelling units per acre, and this designation is not affected by the rezoning.*
>
> *At their May 19th meeting, the Planning & Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of Ordinance 2022-03.*

Staff recommends that City Council moves to approve Ordinance 2022-03 rezoning approximately 02.00 acres of property located south of Dora Ave., west of Dillard Rd. to a newly stated Planned Development (PD).

Mayor Pfister asked for comments from the Council. There were none.

MOTION

Troy Singer moved to approve Ordinance 2022-03, seconded by Amanda Boggus. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Mayor Pfister thanked the Planning and Zoning Department for their hard work and dedication.

Tab 9. Ordinance 2022-04 – City Impact Fee Waiver for Property Located Within the Community redevelopment Area (CRA)

Mr. Fitzgerald made the following presentation:

The City of Tavares established a Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) in 1995 with subsequent boundary expansions in 2006 and 2013. The City of Tavares recognizes the significance of the CRA as an area for tourism, professional offices, retail, dining, mixed housing choices, seaplane base operations, institutional, and cultural activity. The CRA is identified as a focus area for economic development through the adopted Community Redevelopment Plan, the Downtown Master Plan, and the Economic Development Strategy. The City's Comprehensive Plan promotes the implementation of incentives to encourage redevelopment and to attract business and industry. Promoting infill development within the CRA as a smart growth initiative serves to direct development towards the existing downtown core, utilizes existing infrastructure, and makes use of economically viable property. Quality infill projects can lead to neighborhood revitalization and a potential increase in property value, which are primary goals of the CRA. Within the boundary of the CRA there are approximately thirty (30) acres of vacant property with a mixture of land use and zoning classifications.

The City of Tavares is experiencing an influx of growth, as many communities in Florida are experiencing. However, there is limited development interest within the CRA boundary. Investment in an infill project can present some challenges for developers, including assembly of fragmented property, potential environmental cleanup, limited financing options, demolition cost, higher construction costs for commercial and multi-story buildings, and impact fees. In accordance with the Comprehensive Plan, the City of Tavares has the opportunity to consider an incentive program designed to encourage redevelopment within the CRA boundary. Ordinance 2022-04 proposes an incentive program that waives city impact fees for water, sewer, police, fire, and *parks for building permits issued to properties located in the CRA for a period not to exceed June 7, 2025.*

At their May 19th meeting, the Planning & Zoning Board voted unanimously to recommend approval of Ordinance 2022-04.

Staff recommends that City Council moves to approve Ordinance 2022-04, a temporary City impact fee waiver for property located within the Community Redevelopment Area (CRA).

Mayor Pfister asked for comments from the Council.

Vice Mayor Price asked if developers had approached the City regarding development and impact fee waivers for properties within the Community Redevelopment Area (CRA). Mr. Fitzgerald said no and stated the request was City initiated.

Council Member Boggus asked if most of the applicable properties within the CRA were commercial or residential. Mr. Fitzgerald presented a PowerPoint image of a pie chart reflecting property available within the CRA. He said more than half of the property was potentially commercial development, including Mixed Use, Downtown Commercial, and Industrial.

Council Member Boggus asked if the waiver would incentivize residents to improve their homes. Mr. Fitzgerald said if improvements to property trigger the requirement for an impact fee, then there would be a benefit. The waiver would not apply to maintenance or repair permits.

Council Member Singer asked for confirmation that many properties are blighted areas. Mr. Fitzgerald confirmed and said the CRA was created to eliminate blight.

Council Member Boggus inquired about the Façade Grant Program. Mr. Drury said the program continued and was working well.

MOTION

Amanda Boggus moved to approve Ordinance 2022-04, seconded by Troy Singer. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

X. GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Tab 10. Award Contract for the Construction of Wooton Wonderland and Splash Park Rehabilitation

Mr. Drury noted the Public Works Director was on emergency leave. He said Traci Anderson, Parks Operations Manager, would deliver the presentation for Wooton Wonderland. He thanked Ms. Anderson.

Ms. Anderson made the following presentation:

In January 2020, a Request for Proposal was advertised for the redesign of Wooton Wonderland Playground for an inclusive multi-generational playground that will provide a rich play experience as well as address the physical, sensory and social needs of all children and their caregivers. The "Design Element Guidelines & Play System Specifications" expectations specifically outline accessibility and inclusiveness, "Quality of equipment components, quality of design, play value, ADA accessibility, inclusiveness, universal integrity, cost and appropriateness to location.

DRMP, Inc. was awarded the contract for professional design services related to the improvements to Wooton Wonderland and they included the sub-consultant services of Manley Design, LLC to ensure the design complies with all applicable regulations, rules, and laws. The theme for the conceptual design is the imagination of adults and children will take flight with barrier-free accessibility. On May 19, 2021, representatives from DRMP and Manley Design presented to the Council the design concept for Wooton Wonderland and Council approved the schematic design and authorized the project for finalize design, bid construction documents, and advertisement for bids. An Invitation to Bid for the construction of Wooton Wonderland and the Rehabilitation of the Splash Pad (RFP No. 2022-0001) was opened on January 23rd, 2022, and closed on April 28th, 2022, resulting in the receipt of two (2) bids.

Ms. Anderson noted two slight changes to the staff report provided to the Council. She said the first change was the available budget for construction at $953,160.86.

The bids are as follows:

1st Bid

Marbeck Construction Base Bid Total: $955,800

Ms. Anderson said the second change to the staff report is the bid coming in slightly over budget by $2,640.00.

Marbeck Construction Total Additive Alternates: $284,865.70

2nd Bid

*S.A. Casey Construction Base Bid Total: $1,155,000 *Over Budget*
S.A. Casey Construction Total Additive Alternates: $245,000

It is recommended that Marbeck Construction Company be awarded the contract for the Wooton Wonderland Playground Construction and Splash Pad

Rehabilitation based on price and qualifications.

Staff recommends Option 1. Council moves to:

a) Award the Wooton Wonderland and Splash Pad construction contract to Marbek Construction Company in the amount of $955,800 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into all related contracts and
b) Discuss what alternates, if any, the Council would like to add to the project and identify its funding source.

The available budget for construction is $953,160.86, over budget by $2,640.00. There are sufficient funds in the amount of $16,000 in contingency to cover the $2,640.00 cost. The bid reference sheet provided to the Council would also need to be changed to reflect the reference changes as well as the $16,000 contingency amount and not the original 10% reflecting $95,580.00.

Mr. Drury recommended the Council first discuss and determine the base bid award, including using $2,640.00 out of Reserves for the project. The Architect could then review each alternate equipment option for Council's consideration. Should the Council choose any alternates, information was provided to the Council, including the most appropriate funding sources; savings from the Wayfinding Signs, History Museum, Police Vehicle Purchases, Bocce Ball Courts, Pickle Ball Courts, Cost of Issuance Debt, and Contingency. He said the total amount available for alternate equipment options was $157,547.

Mr. Drury noted that the Bocce Ball and Pickle Ball courts were on hold until the YMCA agreement was determined as Lake County may include the courts as a component of the regional park. Mr. Drury recognized Commissioner Kirby Smith in the audience. He thanked Commissioner Smith for attending the meeting and for his support and advocacy for the City and regional park at the YMCA.

Mayor Pfister asked for comments from the Council.

MOTION

Amanda Boggus moved approve the Marbek Construction Company base bid [Option 1, Award the Wooton Wonderland and Splash Pad construction contract to Marbek Construction Company in the amount of $955,800 authorizing the City Administrator to enter into all related contracts], seconded by Walter Price.

Council Member Singer stated his appreciation the project came in close to budget and noted the City received a $500,000 grant for the playground. He expressed excitement for the project to move forward.

Mayor Pfister asked Mr. Drury how long the City worked on the project. Mr. Drury said three (3) years.

The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Elizabeth Manly, Principal, Manly Design LLC, Architect, provided a PowerPoint presentation of Wooton Wonderland alternate design feature options including the following elements:

- Alternate 4: Music Play Equipment
- Alternate 16: Upgrade of Splash Pad Surfacing Design
- Alternate 2: Game Table Seating Area
- Alternate 10: Replacement of Splash Pad Equipment – Replace Existing with 'Circle Time 12'
- Alternate 15: Replacement of Splash Pad Litter Receptacles
- Alternate 6: Replacement of Splash Pad Equipment – Replace Existing with 'Gus the Gator'
- Alternate 7; Replacement of Splash Pad Equipment – Replace Existing with 'Snappy the Turtle'
- Alternate 11: Replacement of Splash Pad Equipment – Replace Existing with 'Mr. Tarter'
- Alternate 12: Replacement of Splash Pad Equipment – Replace Existing with 'Jeremiah the Bullfrog'
- Alternate 14: Replacement of Splash Pad Benches
- Alternate 8: Replacement of Splash Pad Equipment – Replace Existing with 'Tumble Bucket, L-Series, 2 Bucket'
- Alternate 3: group Spinner Play Equipment
- Alternate 5: Toddler Panel Play Equipment
- Alternate 13: Replacement of Splash Pad Equipment – Replace Existing with 'Buoy Geyser'
- Alternate 1: Storyboard Sign
- Alternate 9: Replacement of Splash pad Equipment – Replace Existing with 'Cool Tail'

Ms. Manly reviewed each alternate equipment option item with the Council. There was a consensus from the Council to refurbish existing playground elements as wear and tear would not impact the life of the equipment nor reduce the need for maintenance.

A discussion was held regarding a Story Board sign. Mr. Drury noted a Story Board could feature the history of seaplanes and would be an inspiration for children and future pilots. Council Member Singer said he would like a Story Board to recognize and honor the community and citizens who were instrumental in creating Wooton Wonderland. Ms. Manly said a Story Board would serve Wooton Park overall with a central walk location. The Council was in favor of developing a storyline and bidding out at a later date to save costs.

A discussion was held and the Council was in favor of moving forward with the following alternate equipment elements:

- Xylophone - $6,357.00
- Game Tables - $9,462.20
- Large Spinner - $19,454.00
- Splash Pad Trash Receptacles - $10,318.00
- Toddler Play Panels - $19,745.50

MOTION

Amanda Boggus moved to approve alternate options 2, 3, 4, 5, and 15, seconded by Sandy Gamble. The motion carried unanimously 5-0.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Pfister said she received comments from citizens who felt the number of events downtown impacted residents from enjoying the parks and downtown due to park and street closures. She noted a concern regarding adding more events and asked the Council to discuss the option of capping events to the existing number. Mayor Pfister asked how many events the City currently holds. Mr. Tweedie said 28; 17 private events and 11 City and County events. He said the only event gated with a fee is the Sunnyland Antique Boat Show, and patrons can visit all other events at no charge or different sections of the park during those events.

Mr. Drury said a waiting list could be implemented.

Mayor Pfister asked Ms. Rinck to the podium for comments.

Bylinda Rinck, 216 Fern Avenue, Tavares, said her family visits Wooton Park daily and recently had difficulty traveling from one side of the lakefront to the other side due to a boat ramp closure during an event. She said a recent event allowed scooters and golf carts to traverse walkways which impeded foot traffic. She said events should be reviewed closely, monitored, and inclusive to those who live in the City year-round.

Council Member Gamble asked if Sunnyland Antique Boat Show paid a fee to the City. Mr. Drury said no, and noted the event was an economic driver to the downtown, filling restaurants and hotels.

Mayor Pfister noted a concern for staffing and costs during events. She said the City is lean on the number of City employees, and overtime budgets were tight.

Council Member Gamble said he received complaints regarding charges to attend an event.

Council Member Boggus noted Sunnyland Antique Boat Show was a three (3) day event and Wooton Wonderland was open to the public.

Vice Mayor Price noted a concern about limiting events as Tavares is an event City, and events were an economic driver. He said the only citizen comment he received was regarding one event's entrance fee.

Council Member Singer said he received comments regarding street closures and access to restaurants.

Council Member Boggus asked to place a discussion regarding events on a future agenda to provide an opportunity for the Chamber of Commerce and local businesses to weigh in.

There was a consensus from the Council to agendize discussion regarding events in the downtown.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

Bylinda Rinck, 216 Fern Avenue, Tavares, stated safety concerns for golf carts turning right at the Circle K at Dead River Road. Ms. Rink asked when the Splash Park construction upgrades would begin. Mr. Drury said construction should start in October or November 2022. The contractor has thirty (30) days to provide a schedule. After a schedule was provided, sixty (60) days to mobilize, and after mobilization, ninety (90) days before demolition begins. Ms. Rink said she was not in support of CRA impact fee waivers.

Kristie Furman, 204 North Rockingham Avenue, Tavares, noted a new market event implemented within outdoor seating areas on Ruby Street at the Key West Resort. She said vendors and local businesses were hoping to attract foot traffic in the area and invited the Council to attend when they had an opportunity. She said the events were held the last Sunday of each month from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mr. Drury said he recently attended the outdoor market while downtown on a Sunday afternoon, which was a pleasant pop-up surprise.

XIV. REPORTS

Tab 11. City Administrator Report

Mr. Drury stated a recent Smart Growth Workshop to update the Land Development Regulations was held with many audience and Council members in attendance. He said the process for approving Land Development Regulations (LDRs) began three (3) years ago when the Council hired a professional planning consultant to develop the Comprehensive Plan. A committee of community stakeholders from Lake County and the City of Tavares businesses and residents held public meetings. The Planning and Zoning Board and City Council approved the Comprehensive Plan during public meetings with public input. The Comprehensive Plan took tremendous work to develop and would determine how Tavares will grow over the next twenty (20) years. The

Council decided to implement Smart Growth Workshops to update the LDRs. He said during the recent Smart Growth Workshop, most of the attendees were happy with the direction of the City and City Council. Comments received during the Workshop would be incorporated by the Planning and Zoning Department to create the LDRs for the next five (5) to ten (10) years. He said the City Council is transparent and has provided significant public input, and the people are deciding the future of Tavares through the processes the Council put in place. Mr. Drury commended the Council.

Mr. Aldrich noted the July 4th Celebration Parade would begin on July 4, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. He said one more judge is needed and asked the Council to contact him if they would be interested in participating.

Mr. Adlrich provided an update on recreation activities, including the Youth Basketball Camp with thirty-three (33) participants. He said the Babe Ruth Baseball 10/under won a district tournament game and was invited to participate in a State tournament in Lake City.

Tab 12. City Council Member Reports

Council Member Gamble

- Said he would like the City to look at a left-hand turn at Dead River Road. Mr. Drury noted discussions were held between Lake County and engineers regarding safety and backup issues at the intersection. He said he would provide information on those discussions to the Council.
- Said he attended an event on Sunday, June 12, 2022, with Pastor Michael Watkins. He noted Lake County recently passed a Proclamation on Race Amity and thanked Pastor Watkins for his efforts.
- Said he recently attended an Institute for Elected Officials (IEMO) training. He said the training sessions were informative and appreciated how well the Tavares City Council works together.

Council Member Singer

- Said he recently attended the Lake Technical College graduation ceremony with Mr. Dillon and Chief Keith. He accepted an award on behalf of the City for Business Partner of the Year that was presented to the City from Lake Tech on the new Public Works training facility. Council Member Singer said it was an honor and presented the plaque to the Council and Mr. Drury. He noted the partnership and program were the first of their kind in the country.
- Said he attended the Smart Growth Workshop. He thanked Mr. Fitzgerald and said the Workshop was well received.
- Thanked Ms. Bublitz for hosting the Employee Appreciation Picnic. He noted his appreciation for the City staff.

Council Member Boggus

- Said she was unable to attend the Lake Tech graduation ceremony and thanked Council Member Singer for attending on behalf of the Council. She said she and Mr. Dillon worked hard on Public Works projects and asked that her thanks be passed along to Mr. Dillon as well.

Vice Mayor Price

- Said he attended the Smart Growth Workshop and the attendees agreed on the future of Tavares. He said it was a good workshop.
- Said he looks forward to the Wooton Wonderland project moving forward.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and Mayor Pfister adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Respectfully,

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Susie Novack, MMC, FCRM
City Clerk