



City of Gulfport Florida
Regular Council Meeting
April 3, 2007

City Hall

7:00 p.m.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael J. Yakes.

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Michele King, followed by a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Roll Call. Present were Councilmembers Mary Stull, Robert E. "Bob" Worthington and Michele King, Mayor Michael J. Yakes, City Manager Thomas E. Brobeil, City Attorney Timothy P. Driscoll and City Clerk Louise M. Spence. Vice Mayor John E. "Ted" Phillips asked to be excused.

Presentation:

2006 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

The 2006 Comprehensive Annual Report was presented by Dan O'Keefe of Moore, Stephens and Lovelace. He gave a brief overview and stated that we have been successful in audit statements. He stated that it is pleasant to see a City without a long-term debt. Mr. O'Keefe also stated that reserve funds are very important to carry operations in the case of hurricane damage.

Councilmember Worthington stated that several people had said that the budgets were difficult to read and understand. He felt that it has been explained that government budgets are done differently than corporate businesses.

Councilmember Stull stated it was also difficult for her to understand and she appreciates the explanation.

Mayor Yakes stated concerns that money has been budgeted but the project did not go through and this shows the accounting for the money. We need to look at what we have because 2007/08 will be very different.

City Manager Brobeil said he feels since the changes are implemented it is easier to read the report. He thanked the auditors for doing a good job.

Mayor Yakes said he thinks Elaine Trehy has done a very good job and wished her the best in her new job.

1. Public Session.

Carolyn Needleman, 921 Freemont Street South, spoke about Resolution No. 2007-37. Mayor Yakes said this is an agenda item and she can speak at that time.

Catherine Pallack, owner of a restaurant at 3121 Beach Boulevard South, presented a petition with 90 signatures asking the City to allow restaurants to have outdoor seating and serve food and beverages on the City sidewalks. She stated that other cities have a similar ordinance.

Emmett Walsh, 2232 Beach Boulevard, asked if the public will be allowed to address Council on Agenda Item No. 8.

Mayor Yakes stated that we will establish the date and if it is on there it will have two hearings and we will allow the public to speak at that time.

Al Davis, 2790 45th Street South, spoke about a letter to Senator Nelson from Mr. Palmer in Atlanta regarding Clam Bayou and information on stormwater runoff. He showed pictures of stormwater residue in Clam Bayou from St. Petersburg. He said that the letter stated there is no problem and they have no intention to fix Clam Bayou. He also spoke about the session on April 12 with the focus on the stormwater issue and that he hopes that Gulfport is represented.

Mayor Yakes said the April 12 meeting did not occur by accident. Senator Nelson's office worked on this. Mayor Yakes has been asked to be a part of the program and he thinks it will be an important meeting.

Bob Newcomb, 921 Freemont Street South, spoke about concerns regarding the decisions made by SWFTMD that all four members of the governing board of SWFTMD are realtors or real estate appraisers. They set policy for district managing the water and he feels it is not a good thing to have all members in the real estate business.

Rick Gilbert, 5855 27th Avenue South, had a question about the contract for the 49th Street Redevelopment, which was too high, and he wondered what is going on with this. He stated that he understands that storm drainage was taken out of that project.

City Manager Brobeil said it is not in there but we have the Tangerine Parkway Project still on tract and the 49th Street project still needs \$400,000 to fund the project.

Rick Gilbert asked how the Council acts on the request from the restaurant owner regarding outdoor seating.

City Manager Brobeil stated that this is on his update reports.

Marty Needleman, 5940 30th Avenue South, asked why St. Petersburg does such marvelous cleanup in other areas but Clam Bayou is not done. Dr. Henson has made such a change and seems to have washed his hands of this obligation.

Kurt Zuelsdorf, 6201 9th Avenue South, spoke about the Bring Back the Bayou program and spoke about debris that has been collected from the Bayou. He stated that after hundreds of pounds of debris have been removed there were many birds eating, many fish jumping and manatees have been seen there. He suggested that everyone watch Channel 13 tonight at 11:00 p.m. on Clam Bayou.

Cindy Davis, 2790 45th Street South, spoke about a meeting on April 12th about Clam Bayou and invited Mayor Yakes to attend this meeting with them.

Helga Kane, 5501 Shore Boulevard South, said it is time to allow tables outside the restaurants on City property.

Brian Hilbert 2526 54th Street South, spoke about garbage trucks that the City had agreed to move to the 49th Street building and asked what is happening with this.

City Manager Brobeil stated we have been waiting for a space needs analysis by the consultant. This has been delivered to us twice and we have rejected it both times since it was not satisfactory and we are waiting for them to give us another version. We expect it to be submitted in two weeks.

Mr. Hilbert also spoke about conversation of the City's generator from diesel fuel to LP gas.

City Manager Brobeil stated if Council desires he will make a presentation to Council when information is received.

Frank Vaic, 3120 56th Street South, spoke in favor of the outdoor dining and asked if there will be outdoor entertainment and would it be a restaurant or a bar. He spoke about the noise and litter from the restaurants and bars and the affect it has on the neighborhood.

Mayor Yakes stated that Council will consider outdoor dining but consumption of alcoholic beverages will not be permitted.

Mayor Yakes stated that we will look at the issues of nuisance ordinance for sound and alcoholic beverages.

Joan Samuel, 3102 56 Street, vouches for everything Mr. Vaic said.

Seeing no one else who wished to speak, Mayor Yakes closed the Public Session.

2. Update Reports.

City Manager Brobeil spoke about outdoor dining on city property and his question is do we only deal with her application or change the ordinance to include all of Beach Boulevard. He said that he hoped that the merchants association would come up with plan for comprehensive plan change. He asked if we should deal only with this application or address the total Beach Boulevard corridor.

Councilmember Worthington felt that we should address the entire City for all dining establishments that have space to do it but not on city rights-of-way. He said he is supportive but we must have open access for pedestrians. He stated that he does not see problem with serving wine and drinks.

City Manager Brobeil stated that some areas could use City sidewalks but some could not, due to City landscaping areas.

Councilmember Stull felt that we need more space when walking and that is her major concern. Otherwise she thinks it is a good idea and she would rather see it done for all restaurants.

Councilmember King asked about the time frame.

In response to Councilmember King, Community Development Director Fred Metcalf said it probably would take a couple of months.

In response to Councilmember Worthington, Community Development Director Metcalf said the reason for the time is that there are issues about alcoholic sales in the area and the land development regulation requires review by the Planning and Zoning Board and the drafting of an ordinance.

Mayor Yakes stated he likes the concept and that is what we're dealing with. Two months is a good time to have it finalized. He said that we need to stick to non-alcoholic beverages on the outside.

The direction from Council was to move forward on this item.

City Manager Brobeil stated we have had a request by the Chamber of Commerce to amend the resolution for Springfest to close Beach Boulevard up to 28th Avenue.

The consensus of Council was to agree with this change.

City Manager Brobeil spoke about starting to develop the Five-Year plan for the budget process. He stated that he would like to have an agenda item for the next meeting to have direction on preparing next year's budget.

Councilmember King stated there is a House Bill that will eliminate highest and best use as a form of assessing property and lower the taxes back to the 2004 level.

City Attorney Driscoll said that there is a lawsuit filed in North Florida by a Georgia resident regarding the Save Our Homes cap. He also stated that there was a hearing last week for the Pasadena Properties case and he wanted to let Council know that the attorneys have all agreed to submit the case to the Judge, based on the evidence that we have in the records and based on the stipulated statement of facts that we were able to agree to, and while we are scheduled to begin trial on Monday, it is most likely that we will enter into an agreement and there will not be a need for a trial. He assumes that this case will come to a conclusion.

3. Consent Agenda.

Resolutions and Motions of an administrative nature may be placed on the Consent Agenda. One motion for approval is required to pass the entire Consent Agenda, however, any item may be removed for discussion prior to the motion for approval.

City Clerk Spence read the Consent Agenda items by title only.

a. Additions to or deletions from the Consent Agenda.**b. Consider approval of the minutes of the March 6, 2007 Regular City Council Meeting and the March 20, 2007 Special Council Meeting.****c. Resolutions:**

- 1) 2007-30 A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, appointing a member to serve on the Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee on Aging; providing for term of appointment; and providing for an effective date.
- 2) 2007-31 A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida appointing the alternate member of the Gulfport Teen Council as a regular member; providing for term of appointment; and providing for an effective date.
- 3) 2007-32 A resolution of the City Of Gulfport, Florida amending Resolution No. 95-82 pertaining to the Historic Preservation Committee; providing for an alternate member; and providing for an effective date.
- 4) 2007-33 A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to sell the 1994 Recreation Division Bus #68 on the Gov Deals auction site; and providing for an effective date.

A motion was made by Councilmember Worthington and seconded by Councilmember Stull to approve the Consent Agenda.

VOTE:

COUNCILMEMBER WORTHINGTON	YES
COUNCILMEMBER STULL	YES
COUNCILMEMBER KING	YES
MAYOR YAKES	YES

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

4. Ordinance:

- a. 2007-03 SECOND READING AND PUBLIC HEARING. An ordinance of the City of Gulfport, Florida providing for amendment of Chapter 22 of the Code of Ordinances, pertaining to zoning; providing for a new Section 22-1.05;

providing for amendment of Subsection (b) of Section 22-11.05, pertaining to notice requirements for the Board of Adjustment; providing for amendment of Paragraph (3) of Subsection (a) of Section 22-21.03, pertaining to notice requirements for designation of historic structures by the Historic Preservation Committee; providing for amendment of Paragraphs (1) and (2) of Subsection (e) of Section 22-21.03, pertaining to notice requirements for designation of historic sites or districts; providing for amendment of Paragraph (2) of Subsection (k) of Section 22-21.04, pertaining to notice requirements for economic hardship exceptions heard by the Historic Preservation Committee; providing for amendment of Paragraph (2) of Subsection (i) of Section 22-21.04, pertaining to notice requirements for appeals from the Historic Preservation Committee; providing for amendment of Section 22-8.04, pertaining to notice requirements for conditional use approvals; providing for amendment of Section 22-9.06, pertaining to change of nonconforming uses; providing for amendment of Section 22-10.05, pertaining to appeal of administrative decisions; providing for amendment of Subsection (b) of Section 22-22.09, pertaining to variances from cellular tower regulations; providing for amendment of Subsection (d) of Section 22-5.08, pertaining to public hearings in the Waterfront Redevelopment Zoning District; providing for notice of public hearings; providing for correction of references to the Board of Adjustment; providing for the repeal of ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk Spence read Ordinance No. 2007-03 by title only.

City Manager Brobeil explained the ordinance.

Mayor Yakes opened the Public Hearing.

Seeing no one else who wished to speak, Mayor Yakes closed the Public Hearing.

A motion was made by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Stull to adopt Ordinance No. 2007-03 on Second Reading.

VOTE:

COUNCILMEMBER WORTHINGTON	YES
COUNCILMEMBER STULL	YES
COUNCILMEMBER KING	YES
MAYOR YAKES	YES

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

5. Resolutions:

- a. 2007-34 A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to amend the budget for Fiscal Year 2006/07 by increasing the General Fund Budget recognizing revenues received from Coordinated Child Care of Pinellas, Inc., which shall be used to fund the purchase of playground equipment at the Recreation Center; providing for funding; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk Spence read Resolution No. 2007-34 by title only.

City Manager Brobeil explained the resolution.

Mayor Yakes opened the public discussion.

Dottie Wolski, 2652 44th Street South, asked if this funding covers the land preparation in putting up the climbing equipment.

Leisure Services Director O'Reilly stated it would not be but this would be for children's climbing apparatus and also a curve balance beam.

Seeing no one else who wished to speak, Mayor Yakes closed the public discussion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Worthington and seconded by Councilmember Stull to adopt Resolution No. 2007-34.

Councilmember Worthington thanked the recreation staff for attaining this three star rating.

VOTE:

COUNCILMEMBER WORTHINGTON	YES
COUNCILMEMBER STULL	YES
COUNCILMEMBER KING	YES
MAYOR YAKES	YES

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

- b. 2007-35 A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Florida Highway Products, Inc. for microsurfacing Shore Boulevard under the Collier County Florida Contract #06-3920 in the amount of \$24,622.48; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk Spence read Resolution No. 2007-35 by title only.

City Manager Brobeil explained the resolution.

Public Works Director Don Sopak explained why this process is being recommended. He showed a map of the area for microsurfacing. He said that we cannot afford the cost to

repave since it would be over \$200,000.00. He stated that the microsurface will last about eight years.

In response to Councilmember Worthington, Public Works Director Sopak stated that we will only microsurface the road, not the parking areas.

Councilmember Worthington asked that we look at Freemont Street between 13th and 15th Avenues.

Public Works Director Sopak said they would look at it this week.

In response to Councilmember King, Public Works Director Sopak said it should be done within four weeks.

Mayor Yakes opened the public discussion.

Seeing no one who wished to speak, Mayor Yakes closed the public discussion.

A motion was made by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Stull to adopt Resolution No. 2007-35.

VOTE:

COUNCILMEMBER WORTHINGTON	YES
COUNCILMEMBER STULL	YES
COUNCILMEMBER KING	YES
MAYOR YAKES	YES

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

- c. 2007-36 A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to issue a change order for additional sanitary sewer system repairs to All American Concrete, Inc. under the City of St. Petersburg's Purchasing Contract #02-097-120 in the amount of \$9,650.50; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk Spence read Resolution No. 2007-36 by title only.

City Manager Brobeil explained the resolution.

Mayor Yakes opened the public discussion.

Seeing no one who wished to speak, Mayor Yakes closed the public discussion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Worthington and seconded by Councilmember King to adopt Resolution No. 2007-36.

VOTE:

COUNCILMEMBER WORTHINGTON	YES
COUNCILMEMBER STULL	YES
COUNCILMEMBER KING	YES
MAYOR YAKES	YES

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

- d. 2007-37 A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to provide a written commitment in support of a partnership between the City of Gulfport and the University of South Florida's College of Marine Sciences; providing for the level of in-kind support services specified and allowing the establishment of a small scale research facility in a portion of the City's Coast Guard Auxiliary building located at Osgood Point; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk Spence read Resolution No. 2007-37 by title only.

City Manager Brobeil explained the resolution.

Mayor Yakes opened the public discussion.

Carolyn Needleman, 5940 20th Avenue South, stated that she thinks the City should look further into this. She said that there are some serious downsides for Gulfport, including cost, control and access. She felt that the University is interested in their own agenda and does not care about the community. She stated that the residents might not be able to make use of the waterfront and the City needs to give this more consideration.

Jean Proach, Town Shores, spoke about other areas that were used by the University and asked that these facilities be kept for the City.

Al Davis, 2790 45th Street South, stated that the University of South Florida knows nothing about Clam Bayou. He showed pictures of the Coast Guard facility in St. Petersburg and showed the "No Trespassing" signs. He suggested that the City not give away the public's waterfront.

Bob Newcomb, 921 Fremont Street South, stated that, as a business person, he is looking for what we gain from this. He felt this will cause the City to give up rights to some very valuable property.

Dottie Wolski, 2652 44th St. South, asked Council not to vote on this issue today.

Marty Needleman, 5940 20th Avenue South, asked City Manager Brobeil and Council if they have talked to the scientist to see why their present facility is inadequate and why they need this.

Councilmember King stated that she and Leisure Services Director Jim O'Reilly had met with the head scientists. She said they are going to put environmental sensors in Clam Bayou, between Clam Bayou and the pier and one at the pier. She said they will monitor the water quality, tell what chemicals are in the water and when red tide comes in. These sensors are hooked up to computers and will be accessible via the internet to everyone. She said that the second component is that there will be underwater cameras and people can see the seahorse nursery on the internet.

Mr. Needleman, felt that the monitoring program will keep us from using the waters. He said they can keep their work in St. Petersburg and not have to take property rights from Gulfport.

Cindy Davis, 2790 45th Street South, said that we already have water monitoring and she is concerned that it is not being done and she does not want us to give up the water heritage.

Simone Frohne, stated that she supports denying this request and asked Council to not vote on this tonight.

Seeing no one who wished to speak, Mayor Yakes closed the public discussion.

A motion was made by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Worthington to adopt Resolution No. 2007-37.

City Manager Brobeil said this is to allow them to occupy a portion of a building owned by the City but does not mention water.

In response to Mayor Yakes, City Attorney Driscoll stated the request is to use the facility but we are not giving use of water-way that would exclude the public. He stated that if there are concerns to be addresses that would be the basis for an agreement.

A member of the public started speaking again. Mayor Yakes stated that the public session is closed and if necessary, this person will be removed from the meeting. He said that we have to move on with this and he wants to hear what Council has to say.

Councilmember Worthington stated that he agreed that it will affect the waterway. However, they do have a facility across the bay less than 250 yards away in St. Petersburg and he did not know if the taxpayers knew there would be a fence put around it and no access there. He spoke about other areas which "No Trespassing" signs all around it. He feels that the whole point will be closed off to the public and we need to keep what we have.

Councilmember Stull stated that she does not see this as positive thing for our community and she does not think that that they need the building.

Councilmember King said they were only asking for three sensors in the bay which will have equipment in the Coast Guard building. There would be no fences and no "no trespassing" signs. The benefit would be the water monitoring and the educational component. We

would only be giving space in a building and there would be a lot of benefit for the community.

Mayor Yakes felt that the representative from USF should be here for explanation of the questions that were asked.

City Attorney Driscoll pointed out that we do have a lease with the Coast Guard Auxiliary for that building so that would have to be amended if there is any change.

VOTE:

COUNCILMEMBER WORTHINGTON	NO
COUNCILMEMBER STULL	NO
COUNCILMEMBER KING	YES
MAYOR YAKES	NO

MOTION DENIED THREE TO ONE.

- e. 2007-38 A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Pyrotecnico of Florida, L.L.C., in the amount of \$20,000.00 under the City of Safety Harbor Fireworks Display Bid #07-005; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk Spence read Resolution No. 2007-38 by title only.

City Manager Brobeil explained the resolution.

Mayor Yakes opened the public discussion.

Seeing no one who wished to speak, Mayor Yakes closed the public discussion.

A motion was made by Councilmember Worthington and seconded by Councilmember Stull to adopt Resolution No. 2007-38.

Mayor Yakes said that the State of Florida is looking at legislation for the control of fireworks but he does not think we would be affected since we are over the water and have a safe distance.

VOTE:

COUNCILMEMBER WORTHINGTON	YES
COUNCILMEMBER STULL	YES
COUNCILMEMBER KING	YES
MAYOR YAKES	YES

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

- f. 2007-39 A resolution of the City of Gulfport, Florida, specifying activities that will be held as a part of the July 4th event; specifying how events will be managed and conducted; and providing for an effective date.

City Clerk Spence read Resolution No. 2007-39 by title only.

City Manager Brobeil explained the resolution and stated that we would like to see the parade a little more organized and handled by the Leisure Services Department.

Mayor Yakes opened the public discussion.

Sharon Gray, 5602 Newton Avenue South, stated that she has organized the parade for almost 10 years and there have been no problems if people follow the directions. She felt this should be a citizens' parade, not a City of Gulfport parade.

Helga Kane, 5501 Shore Boulevard South, stated she does not think it is fair to take the parade away from Ms. Gray.

Seeing no one else who wished to speak, Mayor Yakes closed the public discussion.

City Manager Brobeil stated he wants it on the record that he understands what everyone is saying but he is the responsible official, regardless of who Council appoints and he has no say on what goes on.

A motion was made by Councilmember King and seconded by Councilmember Worthington to adopt Resolution No. 2007-39.

Councilmember Worthington thinks that the live entertainment starting at Noon is way too early and felt it should maybe start at 5:00 p.m. He thinks that volunteers should run the parade. He also spoke about something we did years ago when volunteers sold space ads and that way local restaurants could offer discount coupons for the day and that money raised from that was put in the program to help pay for entertainment. We also had money to put aside for startup funds for the next year.

Councilmember Stull also thought there was a lull in mid-afternoon because people don't come at 8:00 in the morning and stay until 10:00 at night.

Councilmember King stated that this looks like we haven't cut anything out of the 4th of July.

City Manager Brobeil stated that the only change is that Radio Disney will not be there.

Councilmember King said she felt that it would be nice if the parade continued to be done by volunteers.

City Manager Brobeil stated that we just need to know what volunteer organization that is.

Councilmember Worthington said this is more than a one-person task and we have to look for volunteers to set up a special program.

Mayor Yakes stated he would like consideration given to have the Optimist Club event changed to end at 11:00 a.m. and spoke about the parade.

City Manager Brobeil asked if there is direction to start the parade at the Recreation Center.

Mayor Yakes stated it was not a direction, if was only a suggestion

City Attorney Driscoll stated that he understood that there are the following three potential changes to the resolution: (1) the Parade will be conducted by volunteers as opposed to the Gulfport Leisure Services; (2) the Optimist Club Sand Castle contest will end at 11:00 a.m. rather than end at Noon; and (3) the live music entertainment will start music at 5:00 p.m.

These three changes were agreeable to the maker of the motion, Councilmember King and Councilmember Worthington who seconded the motion.

VOTE:

COUNCILMEMBER WORTHINGTON	YES
COUNCILMEMBER STULL	YES
COUNCILMEMBER KING	YES
MAYOR YAKES	YES

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

City Manager Brobeil said the Section 17-28 – Animals, was added to the list of waivers.

6. Discussion of Premier Drive street lighting.

City Manager Brobeil explained that some people prefer dark skies to streetlights. He stated that we have received petitions both for and also against the street lighting. He asked for direction from City Council on this issue.

The consensus of Council was to wait until the residents request the streetlights.

7. Discussion of Gulfport Boulevard/52nd Street intersection improvements.

City Manager Brobeil stated this is a Capital Project that has been in the plan since before he came here as City Manager. The intent is to increase turning radius. An engineering study was done and we budgeted \$80,000 but the cost estimates received were higher. We contacted the County and they offered \$100,000 for the project. We went back to the engineer and still found ourselves short. Public Works Director Sopak contacted the County and they raised their offer up \$150,000, but the total cost of the project is about \$278,000. This would cause the City to have to put up additional funds, which we do not have, and City

Manager Brobeil asked for direction on the following three alternatives: (1) Drop the project and not do it; (2) authorize it and come back for the City to appropriate more funds to do the project; and (3) is that we use a three-pronged approach to try to get more money from the County.

The direction from Council was to try to get more funds from the County.

8. Set a date and time for the Special City Council Meeting on the Harbor Management Plan. (Recommended for Tuesday, April 10th at 6:00 p.m.)

City Attorney Driscoll and Councilmember King stated that they could not attend the meeting on April 10.

The meeting was set for Thursday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Emmett Walsh, 2232 Beach Boulevard South, urged Council to table action on this item due to insufficient economic and environmental impact information. He stated that the costs are understated and he feels that the citizens deserve better. He urged Council to table this until adequate impact is determined.

9. Any Other Business.

Councilmember Worthington commented on his Tallahassee trip last week trying to work on the tax issue which is very difficult since there are a lot of plans there. Some think legalized gambling would solve the problem. They are not coming up with ideas for local government on how to replace money that they are going to take away from us and to close down the services that we provide.

Councilmember Stull stated she was excited to see the possibility of outside movies at the beach. The Crime Awareness block party at Stetson last week was well-attended. She stated that she would like to see entertainment for the community in locations other than the beach and felt that Clam Bayou and the Tangerine corridor would be good locations.

She spoke about a meeting on Thursday, April 12 at the 49th Center for the renovation of Childs Park. She also stated that she would like to see forward movement about flags outside buildings.

City Manager Brobeil stated that he would put this in his next City Manager's Report and get direction at the next meeting.

Councilmember Stull stated that they would like to have a naming contest for Ward 4. She asked that everyone send suggestions to her at City Hall and they will have a committee of judges. The goal is to have the winner announced at the Springfest.

Councilmember King also asked about the flags because she thought we were going to move forward with changing the sign ordinance.

City Manager Brobeil stated that he did not get direction.

It was the consensus of Council to move forward on changing the sign ordinance.

Councilmember King asked if we can put a moratorium on citations and asked how long it would take to amend the ordinance.

Community Development Director Metcalf said it is hard for him to tell them at this point.

City Manager Brobeil said we could put a moratorium on citations but it would have to be by ordinance.

City Attorney Driscoll stated that the City does not have to enforce the ordinance if there is direction from Council. He stated that if there is a consensus of Council to change the ordinance then the ordinance does not have to be enforced while we are going through the process to amend it.

The consensus of Council is to not enforce this ordinance until this amendment is at least considered.

Councilmember King spoke about looking at putting a four-way stop sign at Beach Boulevard South and 29th Avenue South, since it is sometimes hard to see traffic due to trucks there. She also stated that some people drive through Wood Ibis Park since a barrier is not there.

Mayor Yakes spoke about Legislative Action Day in Tallahassee that he and Councilmember Worthington attended. He stated that we need to establish goals and objections for the 2007/08 budget. He said that we need to address the Scout Hall issue and see if need to tear down the building and build a new "old-looking" building.

Councilmember King stated that she thinks that the \$200,000 grant funds cannot be used for a new building.

City Manager Brobeil said that it is his understanding but he will have to go through the paperwork again.

Councilmember King stated that she felt that we need to look at renovation again and plan it in the 2008 budget. She is willing to look at again, but she is not willing to take \$47,000 out of reserve funds.

Mayor Yakes stated he did not want to take it out of reserve funds but he did want to do something about it. He does not know what can be changed.

Councilmember Worthington suggested that we look at it and see what it says and talk about it at next meeting.

Mayor Yakes agreed with this suggestion.

10. Adjournment.

A motion was made by Councilmember Worthington and seconded by Councilmember Stull to adjourn at 10:42 p.m.

Date Approved

Michael J. Yakes, Mayor

Louise M. Spence, City Clerk