

On Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., the City of Wauchula Commission met for its regular scheduled workshop.

Nadaskay called the workshop to order.

Commissioners present were Mayor Pro-Tem Neda Cobb, Russell Smith, Mayor Keith Nadaskay, Sherri Albritton and Gary Smith.

Also present were City Manager Terry Atchley, Assistant City Manager/Police Chief John Eason, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Sandee Braxton, Deputy City Manager Olivia Minshew, Community Development Director Kyle Long, Community Redevelopment Director Jessica Newman, Director of Project Management and Procurement Ward Grimes, City Attorney Kristie Hatcher-Bolin and City Clerk Holly Smith.

Special Event Application – Street Alley Closure

Braxton addressed the Commission, explained the special event application and introduced Shelby Albritton. Nadaskay asked S. Albritton how long would the alley/street be closed. S. Albritton stated she would like all day however it was ultimately the Commission's decision. Commissioner Albritton asked about alcohol being at the event. S. Albritton stated it would be offered but not sold and no one under the age of 21 would be attending the wedding. Nadaskay stated he did not see a problem with the request and no decision would be made until the meeting the following week.

Resolution 2021-09 – Interlocal Agreement for Building Department Services

Long addressed the Commission and explained Resolution 2021-09 along with the agreement.

Resolution 2021-10 – Variance for 202 S. 9th Avenue (EOC Building)

Long addressed the Commission and explained Resolution 2021-10. Long noted Amalia Arista and Todd Miller from the County were present if the Commission had any questions for them. Long stated the County had received a grant from the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management to construct a new EOC facility. Long explained due to the size of the lot the County submitted a request for a variance of 10 feet on the side setback. Long stated the lot was zoned P-SP and did not have its own setback requirement. Long noted the City had a sewer line that ran through the alley and generators and chillers would sit near the City's sewer line if the variance was granted. Long stated he had spoken with Public Works and they did not see a problem with the placement of the generators and chiller and felt there was still enough room if repairs had to be made to the existing sewer line. Long noted there would be approximately 10 feet separation between the sewer line and the generators and chillers. Nadaskay stated the only concern he had was if repairs had to be done to the sewer line and while doing repairs the generators and/or chillers were damaged. Further discussion was had on the sewer line and future repairs. Atchley stated staff did not have any issues with the sewer lines and granting the variance.

Resolution 2021-11 – Legislative Priorities

Atchley addressed the Commission and explained Resolution 2021-11 along with the requests.

SRO Agreement with Hardee County School Board

Eason addressed the Commission and explained the SRO agreement with the Hardee County School Board.

Bid Recommendation for FPID No. 442240-1 – Townsend Street Pedestrian, Roadway and Stormwater

Minshew addressed the Commission and explained bid recommendation for the Townsend Street project. Minshew stated the project would rehab Townsend Street from Florida Avenue to Heard Bridge Road and would include adding sidewalks and stormwater. Bids were received in June and the low bidder was Cobb Site Development and the amount was \$1,213,611.35. Kimley-Horn has reviewed the bids and recommended the bid be awarded to Cobb Site Development. Minshew stated there was a caveat the FDOT SCOP Grant was only \$986,000 leaving a difference of \$409,875. Minshew noted the bids were submitted to FDOT for review and at first, they suggested maybe scale back the project and then they came back and said they could get us a little more money for the project. Minshew stated FDOT notified her and said they secured another \$250,000 and are working on an amendment to the existing grant agreement. Minshew noted with the additional funding we are still short \$160,000. Minshew stated in Cobb's bid there was a contingency line item of \$110,000 and it may never be used. Minshew added FDOT stated there may be funds available for the remaining amount but did not know at this time. Minshew stated staff felt it was best to move forward with the project even with the \$160,000 balance and award the bid in its entirety because the City had the difference in reserves. Minshew added a supplemental grant agreement for \$250,000 from FDOT should be on next week's agenda for approval, along with the bid award to Cobb Site Development. Nadaskay asked if we have had to use contingency in the past. Atchley replied no and explained with the economy in its current state all bids are coming in much higher than they used to. Minshew explained the grant cycles and stated the bid was originally awarded in 2018. Albritton asked out of curiosity why this street. Minshew explained a paving analysis was still in the process of being completed whenever the grant application for Townsend Street was submitted. Minshew did explain the stormwater masterplan update had been done by Kimley-Horn did address Townsend Street and drainage issues.

Taxiway A Rehab Update

Minshew addressed the Commission and explained the airport Taxiway A project. Minshew stated the project was put out for bid and six (6) bids were received and of those six Dickerson of Florida was the lowest bidder. Their bid was 4.4 million dollars. Minshew noted the City applied to FAA in May for 4.68 million for the project and FAA did not have the funds available at that time and asked if the project could be split into two different phases. Minshew stated the engineer worked with the contractor and split the project into two phases. Minshew added several weeks ago, Miguel Martinez, our FAA program manager, contacted us and said he was working on getting all the funds instead of having the project broken up into phases. Minshew stated Martinez informed her if the money became available there would be a fast turnaround time to accept the money and to have the Commission go ahead and accept a grant offer for the entire amount. Minshew noted at next week's meeting she would ask the Commission to accept the grant offer from FAA and a contingent award to Dickerson of Florida. Minshew added the bid would come electronically. Minshew noted this was a 100% funded project.

Quarterly Financial Report

Braxton addressed the Commission and gave a 3rd quarter financial report.

Special Event Application – Main Street Park

Newman addressed the Commission and explained the special event application.

Atchley addressed the Commission and gave a brief yearly update.

Cobb gave updates on RLC and CFRPC.

With no further business to discuss, Nadaskay adjourned the Workshop at 6:16 p.m.

Mayor Richard K. Nadaskay, Jr.

City Clerk Holly Smith