

Special Council Meeting
Friday, November 22, 2019

Meeting called to order at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Attendees: Mayor Nancy Miller, Vice Mayor Richard Bryan, CMBR Rick Frizalone, CMBR Mel Lindauer, CMBR Michael Politis. **Staff Present:** Michael T. Booker, City Manager, Fred Hiatt, Community Services Director, Kurt Swartzlander, Finance Director, and Captain Michael Fowler, Public Safety Department

NEW BUSINESS

A.

Consideration to enter into the negotiation class for the opioid lawsuit.

CMBR Michael Politis provided background information. He conferred with the Volusia County Assistant Attorney Art Graham and the City's attorney, James Vickaryous from the firm representing the City in the Opioid Lawsuit. Both advised the City to move into the Negotiation Class of the suit. The costs would be lower for the City. Over \$8 million in costs have already been spent by entities involved. A decision needed to be given today to Attorney Vickaryous re City's decision to enter into the negotiation class.

Vice Mayor Bryan moved, seconded by CMBR Lindauer to enter into the negotiation class for the opioid lawsuit. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

B.

Consideration of a Resolution in support of the Tortugas Minor League Baseball team staying in Daytona Beach.

Mayor Miller advised that upon consultation with Volusia County it was suggested to postpone any action on this issue/Resolution until January or February. There were many issues still unresolved.

CMBR Lindauer stated the park is a historical site and many of residents enjoy attending games; the park and the team were good for our region. It was very important for the City to support the team.

C.

Consideration of a Request by Shop the Shores to hold a special shopping event in the City.

Mayor Miller advised that November 30th is Small Business Day. Nancy Lilly, from Shop the Shores, had requested the City grant permission for that day to allow businesses to show their wares on the sidewalk.

Discussion was held re long term needs/changes to ordinances, economic development opportunities. The need to promote businesses by having a Shop the Shores Friday or Saturday, encouraging weekend visitors to shop; holding monthly shopping events in McElroy Park, or in conjunction with the monthly free concerts were also discussed.

Mr. Hiatt advised his department was in the process of drafting an ordinance to address access and business opportunities.

CMBR Politis moved, seconded by CMBR Lindauer to grant the request from Shop the Shores for a one time only to hold a special shopping event on November 30th. The motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

Other Items Discussed:

The City Manager announced that the site plan for Chase Bank has been approved; they will now proceed with closing on property soon. Mayor Miller inquired how much space was needed for the Public Works building. Director Hiatt advised that the size of the lot the city would purchase was 110 x 100 ft. The building would take 40 x 70 ft leaving plenty of room for the new bocce courts.

Funds have been put in escrow for the property at 2900 S. Atlantic Avenue. They may have to ask for an extension to the agreement at the December 10th meeting.

CMBR Frizalone stated that he had been working with USTA regarding the grant. There was one safety issue remaining concerning the placement of poles for the shade structure. A solution was suggested, and the additional costs will be part of the grant.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:03 p.m.

**MAYOR
NANCY MILLER**

**CITY MANAGER
MICHAEL T. BOOKER**

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK, CHERI SCHWAB