

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016**

The City of Leesburg Commission held a regular meeting Monday, August 8, 2016, in the Commission Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Hurley called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. with the following members present:

Commissioner Bob Bone
Commissioner John Christian
Commissioner Elise Dennison
Commissioner Dan Robuck
Mayor Jay Hurley

Also present were City Manager (CM) Al Minner, City Clerk (CC) J. Andi Purvis, City Attorney (CA) Fred Morrison, the news media, and others.

Commissioner Christian gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PROCLAMATIONS: None

MAYOR'S AWARD:

Mr. Sandy Stokes received the Mayor's Award for his work in the community.

PRESENTATIONS: None

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items pulled for discussion:

5.B.2 = Construction services agreement with Cardiff Construction, LLC for construction of restroom at the Susan Street Recreation Complex.

5.C.1.B = Interlocal Agreement between the City of Leesburg and the City of Fruitland Park, Florida for the provision of Automatic Aid for Fire and Rescue Services.

Commissioner Bone moved to adopt the Consent Agenda except for 5.B.2 and 5.C.1.B and Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Robuck	Yes
Commissioner Christian	Yes
Commissioner Bone	Yes
Commissioner Dennison	Yes
Mayor Hurley	Yes

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the Consent Agenda, as follows:

CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES:

Regular meeting held July 25, 2016

Regular meeting held July 11, 2016

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RESOLUTION 9842

Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Task Order No. 4 with Booth & Associates, LLC. for professional engineering services to design upgrades for the Center Street Sub Station for an amount not to exceed \$65,500.00; and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 9843

Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Leesburg and the City of Tavares, Florida for the provision of Automatic Aid for Fire and Rescue Services; and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 9844

Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Leesburg and the Lake County Board of County Commissioners relating to provision of library services; and providing an effective date.

RESOLUTION 9845

Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida appointing Rolando Reyes to the Police Pension Plan Trustee Board for a two-year term to expire December 31, 2018; and providing an effective date.

DENIED RESOLUTION 9846 A CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CARDIFF CONSTRUCTION, LLC

Commissioner Dennison introduced the resolution to be read by title only. CC Purvis read the resolution by title only, as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LEESBURG, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A CONSTRUCTION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CARDIFF CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A RESTROOM BUILDING AT THE SUSAN STREET RECREATION COMPLEX FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$210,655.00; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Christian moved to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Bone seconded the motion.

Mayor Hurley requested comments from the Commission and the audience.

Commissioner Dennison stated reading the contract or the proposal, she sees where they guarantee the warranty will meet or exceed the commercial warranty normally given. She did not though see any real terms of any warranty.

Purchasing Manager (PM) Mike Thornton stated the contractor's workmanship warranty, the work he performs, would be one year. The roof would come with the roof manufacturer warranty, the fixtures in the restrooms would come with those

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manufacturer's warranty, but as far as the contractor is concerned it is a one-year workmanship warranty on his work.

Commissioner Bone asked about location. PM Thornton stated the restrooms are west of the batting cages.

Commissioner Bone asked if wouldn't it be more functional to be on the other side of the batting cages where they would be closer to the other fields.

Recreation Director (RD) Travis Rima stated originally they were planned for the other side of the batting cages, but when taking the size of the bathroom that is going to be there, because it is also going to incorporate some storage, it did not really fit there. With the refurbishment of the existing bathrooms by the football field, talking with our Pop Warner football program director and our baseball staff, it was decided it would be useful over by the other two baseball fields because of the traffic they have been getting. This area would be more for the service of fields three and four, and the existing restrooms for fields one and two.

Commissioner Christian asked about the layout of the doors for security purposes.

PM Thornton stated the porch of the restroom will be facing the sidewalk.

Commissioner Bone asked if there any long range plans for the dirt area to maybe either make it a permanent parking area or switch it from a parking area to more of a picnic type area; make it more functional.

RD Rima stated there is a long term master plan for Susan Street and the parking lot is one of the areas being reviewed. There are two options, but there are some questions on the ingress and egress into and out of the areas that need to be worked out before putting a parking lot there.

Mayor Hurley stated he is having the same issues as before on 1,040 feet for a block bathroom and a storage area with a roll up door. He has a hard time spending \$211,000 to build a bathroom which is \$200 dollars a square foot when you can build a house between \$75 and \$80, or custom homes with marble, granite, and crown moldings with eight-foot solid wood doors for \$180 to \$200 a square foot. He thinks it is a deal when government is involved, that everybody sees it and says let's just bid it high and go. He personally would like to see this denied, then sent back out for bid again to see if more reasonable pricing would be received.

Commissioner Bone agrees; this seems like a lot of money.

PM Thornton stated one thing to keep in mind is the lift station and Mayor Hurley stated he is also choking at \$30,000 for a lift station.

PM Thornton stated as to the concrete and block, with the ultimate I-4 project going on, concrete prices are going through the roof. As far as putting it out to bid again, staff would need to drastically change the specifications so it was not just rebidding the same project because low bid was not what we wanted.

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Public Works Director (PWD) DC Maudlin stated for clarification the exterior has brick on the lower section and stucco finish on the exterior; not split block. The bathrooms have tile floors and tile up to the sink height and above that rather than just painted block it is a sheet rock finish on the interior. We intentionally upgraded because the bathroom torn down was split block, concrete floors and masonry walls that was clearly different. The other thing is a standing seam metal roof on this building as opposed to shingles, so there are a lot of things we could down scope on.

Mayor Hurley stated at \$200 a square foot on a bathroom his vote is going to be no; maybe on a custom city hall or a custom community center.

Commissioner Robuck thinks it is too much, but stated Mike is right about the concrete, and the labor shortage and that is driving prices up. Because of ADA, you are never going to build what you can build a house for because that adds money to these jobs. He is okay with the suggestions of a concrete floor, split block walls, and a shingle roof; it is a bathroom. It can be kept clean and maintained, but he does not know that having the Taj Mahal bathroom in the corner of our recreation fields is really going to put Leesburg on the map.

Commissioner Bone asked if there is something else in the Recreation department that staff could spend with the \$200,000 rather than put a bathroom way back in the corner.

CM Minner stated these are projects the community has talked about wanting and we talked about wanting to emphasize making Leesburg better and putting our best foot forward. He agrees this is a bathroom cost and can say from his experience, this is about what a bathroom costs government. Some things can be scaled back on, but personally he thinks in doing that we are going back to just building big block ugly buildings that are not attractive and are not conducive. To have pride in our community and to provide good facilities, he would recommend spending a little bit more. CM Minner stated he will disagree with our Purchasing Manager, even though he provides a reasonable explanation on why you will not want to rebid this, but if the commission wants to rebid he would encourage the rebid and then would take what PM Thornton says with a grain of salt that it is going to affect future bids, affect the market, and how contractors want to deal with us in the future. To change the scope and down grade some of those items, he thinks there is a savings of maybe \$20,000. Staff has also looked at pre-manufactured buildings but the savings there is not significant.

Commissioner Christian asked if this is the same company doing the Berry Park bathroom and if there are any issues with this company doing that bathroom.

PWD Maudlin answered no problems, they have done a good job so far and obviously we are still in the process of doing that work, but they are on schedule and doing a good job.

Commissioner Christian stated bathrooms are important and thinks we should do something that is going to be nice and actually focuses on the Susan Street complex. The recreation authority board and the community have worked really hard to upgrade this park, it is in the interior of our city and he thinks bathrooms throughout the entire city should at least look similar. He asked if legally can we just throw this bid back out without making any changes to it.

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CA Morrison replied yes; the Commission can reject this for any reason and send it back out. Mike's point is that everybody knows the numbers now, which is why he suggested making changes, but legally there is nothing preventing you from doing that if you are dissatisfied with the results of this bid.

Commissioner Robuck asked what the threshold is for bonding.

PM Thornton stated this bid did require a bond because it was estimated to be over \$200,000 which is the State statute and the State statute also allows for this legislative body to waive that requirement. If you got rid of the bond requirement, then that could open the bids to more contractors who may not be able to get the bonding, but of course if contractors can't get bonding, there is typically some reason for that.

Commissioner Robuck thinks we may not be getting a lot of local bids from smaller companies because of the bonding requirement and would like to see this go back out without the bonding requirement.

Commissioner Bone stated if you look at this as a full improvement of the Susan Street Complex, which it needs, what about doing something with the area under the trees which would make a nice picnic area or play area for kids in the shade. That would be a good place for a bathroom and then at that point you would want it to look as nice a bathroom at Venetian Gardens. People are coming from all over central Florida and one of his concerns is those teams are traveling from nice places to go behind a shopping plaza and parking in areas that are not paved with bad bathrooms and it is just a poor reflection on our city. With the continued investment into the park, he thinks a bathroom would have more benefit to the park by making it look as nice as we can.

Mayor Hurley stated he is not proposing to do away with it, but his main issue is paying too much per square foot for what we are getting.

Commissioner Christian asked if without the bonding requirement does that put the city in more liability or what is the benefit of opening the bids up without the bond.

CA Morrison replied the bond is there to ensure that if the contractor does not pay the subs, either he did not charge enough to do that or has used the money on some other project, which is all too typical, that the bonding company steps in to pay those people and finishes the job. Without this the city runs the risk of having to pay twice for the improvements; pay the contractor who does not pay the sub and then end up paying the sub.

Commissioner Robuck asked if the city can require releases.

CA Morrison answered yes, but that is something the city has never done. He thinks Mike hit on the main point that a lot of the smaller contractors, who might be able to do this for \$150 or less a square foot cannot get the bonds, so they do not even bid. The ones that can do it know there are not that many of them and they bid high because they do not have the competition.

Commissioner Christian moved to re-bid this with the bond requirement removed and Commissioner Robuck seconded the motion.

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The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Christian	Yes
Commissioner Bone	Yes
Commissioner Dennison	Yes
Commissioner Robuck	Yes
Mayor Hurley	Yes

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the motion to re-bid this item without the bond requirement.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 9847 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LEESBURG AND THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK FOR THE PROVISION OF AUTOMATIC AID FOR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

Commissioner Robuck introduced the resolution to be read by title only. CC Purvis read the resolution by title only, as follows:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LEESBURG, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LEESBURG AND THE CITY OF FRUITLAND PARK, FLORIDA FOR THE PROVISION OF AUTOMATIC AID FOR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Dennison moved to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Christian seconded the motion.

Mayor Hurley requested comments from the Commission and the audience.

Commissioner Robuck wants staff to monitor this because going forward Fruitland Park is now going to have two fire departments; the people in the Villages will be served by the Villages Fire department and those outside will be served by Fruitland Park Fire department. It is his understanding that this only applies to the City of Fruitland Park, not the Villages of Fruitland Park. His concern, for the future, is that because they are all volunteers and do not provide the same level of service Leesburg does, that as those Villagers start moving in and need services outside of the Villages in the town, that Leesburg will end up subsidizing the City of Fruitland Park's service by providing lots of EMS calls for them down the road. This is just think something that really needs to be monitored and make sure we do not end up becoming de-facto Fruitland Park EMS.

Mayor Hurley stated Fruitland Park expressed to him that they intend to go full-time in the next three to five years.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Bone	Yes
Commissioner Dennison	Yes
Commissioner Robuck	Yes
Commissioner Christian	Yes
Mayor Hurley	Yes

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Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the resolution.

ADOPTED ORDINANCE 16-29 AMENDING CHAPTER 10.5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES DEALING WITH FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION

City Clerk Purvis read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEESBURG, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 10.5 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES DEALING WITH FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION; UPDATING LANGUAGE TO CONFORM TO CURRENT STATE AND FEDERAL STANDARDS; ASSIGNING THE POSITION OF FLOOD PLAIN ADMINISTRATOR TO THE CITY'S DEPUTY CITY MANAGER / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR; MODIFYING STANDARDS FOR DETERMINING LOWEST PERMITTED FLOOR ELEVATION OF STRUCTURES; REQUIRING RETENTION AREAS TO RETAIN 100 PERCENT OF A 100 YEAR FLOOD EVENT; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Christian moved to adopt the ordinance and Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion.

Mayor Hurley requested comments from the Commission and audience. There were none.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Dennison	Yes
Commissioner Robuck	Yes
Commissioner Christian	Yes
Commissioner Bone	Yes
Mayor Hurley	Yes

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

ADOPTED ORDINANCE 16-30 CREATING SECTION 7-170 OF THE LEESBURG CODE OF ORDINANCES, REQUIRING ELECTRICAL POWER BE CONNECTED TO ANY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT / PROHIBITED USES OF GENERATORS

City Clerk Purvis read the ordinance by title only, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEESBURG, FLORIDA, CREATING §7-170 OF THE LEESBURG CODE, REQUIRING THAT ELECTRICAL POWER BE CONNECTED TO ANY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNIT, AND ENERGIZED, AS A PREQUISITE TO OCCUPANCY OF A DWELLING UNIT; PROHIBITING THE USE OF GENERATORS TO PROVIDE ELECTRICITY TO A DWELLING

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UNIT EXCEPT IN TIMES WHEN ELECTRICAL POWER FROM A UTILITY PROVIDER IS UNAVAILABLE DUE TO AN OUTAGE; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Commissioner Christian moved to adopt the ordinance and Commissioner Dennison seconded the motion.

Mayor Hurley requested comments from the Commission and audience. There were none.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Robuck	Yes
Commissioner Christian	Yes
Commissioner Bone	Yes
Commissioner Dennison	Yes
Mayor Hurley	Yes

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

VENETIAN GARDENS II & III PROPOSAL AND FINANCIAL ALLOCATION

CM Minner stated much work has gone into this project as far as blending community input, the master planning sessions, discussions the Commission with reference on ways to improve our waterfront property along the basin and to use that asset to the city's fullest, making it the best place it can be. He stated tonight is to propose a plan to continue the redevelopment of Venetian Gardens, to identify funding sources, and to make a financial allocation that will set aside funds to being improvements.

Phase II - Ski Beach improvements:

Task 1 – Road, Sidewalk and Parking Improvements	\$ 500,000
Task 2 – Decorative Fence and Landscaping for Shoreline Drive	\$ 450,000
Task 3 – Boat Ramp for Ski Beach	\$ 150,000
Task 4 – Boat Ramp Restroom at Ski Beach	\$ 150,000
Task 5 – MLK Island Bridge	\$ 150,000
Task 6 – Decorative Lighting for Ski Beach	\$ 75,000
Task 7 – Sod, Landscaping and Irrigation for Ski Beach Point	\$ 50,000
Task 8 – Create Beach Front at Ski Beach	\$ 50,000
Task 9 – Marina and Dozier Circle Docks	\$ 500,000
Subtotal	\$2,075,000
Engineering and Design (10%)	\$ 207,500
Contingency (10%)	\$ 207,500
Estimate for Budget Allocations	\$2,490,000

Phase III – Community Center

Task 1 – Community Center Remodel	\$2,350,000
Task 2 – Parking Lots, Landscaping and Sidewalks	\$1,500,000
Engineering and Design	\$ 300,000

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Estimate for Budget Allocation

\$4,150,000

Community Center – Remodel versus New

Delay decision on the pool – Site for potential creation of “Botanical Gardens”

Consider relocation of Health Center to another location for additional parking and aesthetic improvements

Public / Private partnership to improve Marina and Restaurant.

Project Estimated Cost

Phase II \$2,490,000

Phase III \$4,150,000

Total Estimate \$6,640,000

CM Minner stated he thinks the city is in a good position and does not feel uncomfortable recommending these cash recommendations to the commission.

Staff recommendation: would like the commission to make a motion to create a Venetian Gardens Phase II and III Improvement Project which shall reside in the Capital Projects Fund. Such funds will be shifted as follows:

1. Phase II - \$2,490,000 from General Fund Reserve Account
2. Phase III - \$2,075,000 from General Fund Reserve Account and \$2,075,000 From Gas Fund Reserve Account
3. Further – staff shall proceed with design and permitting on various tasks and report to Commission accordingly for design approvals and spending authorization.

Commissioner Bone thinks this is moving down the right track to make these improvements and thinks it addresses Venetian Gardens as a whole and makes positive statement, brings things up to date, makes it more attractive and more usable. As to the community center, while still dealing with the soil issues, he likes the remodel and bringing the building up to date to be more functional on the inside and would also like to see a veranda added on the front. He thinks wise spending and investment of that money is a good idea for the city and for the park; the jewel of Leesburg. This is going to be a good investment for the citizens, the businesses, and for real estate here in the city.

Commissioner Robuck agrees and would like to add that when we did the visioning, the restaurant was the number one thing people asked for and that is like the last thing so would really like to see that pushed up. While he likes all this, he cannot see today saying go spend 6.5 million dollars; he would want to see it more like two million in Phase II and three million Phase III. He worries that we will set the example if we approve this that the county says look they are two and a half million dollars for this space, so why do we need to contribute and then contractors see these high numbers, so they are going to bid high. The money is there and he would rather see us put a smaller amount in the capital improvement and see if we can save some money. He would just like to see more of a five-million-dollar number up front and worries that even though we can pay for this, if we spend all this money here we will not have money for west Main Street or corridor improvements.

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Commissioner Christian concurs and does not want to just give staff a blank check. While he likes the idea and thinks it is great for Leesburg, it is something that once started he does not want to stop; start Phase 2 and move into Phase 3. He would like to see staff work with the county to see if we can get some tourism dollars for the boat ramps and get them on board to make this a county wide project. He would also like to see us prepare the restaurant site, identify where it is going to be, identify what is going to happen there so when we talk to potential entrepreneurs they know what we are talking about and we do not sit here for two years just talking about a restaurant.

CM Minner stated he does not want to mislead the Commission in terms of the amounts we are trying to establish. What staff needs this evening is affirmation that the commission wants to do these improvements and its okay to start spending money on the design frames. At a minimum what we would need is if the board and feedback is that it likes those improvements on Ski Beach, he would say to allocate that 2.5 and then allocate at least a couple hundred thousand dollars on Phase 3 to start moving on some more design and engineering schemes and really start debating the merits of what we are doing with the community center.

Commissioner Dennison stated she would like to see both sections done tonight as far as allocating the money and show the citizens of Leesburg that we are serious about these improvements; that we are building a new Leesburg. At some point you have to sit down and actually do what you say you are going to do. This phenomenal project in Venetian Gardens is going to be beautiful and will be set up for people to enjoy from now on and will get Leesburg up to the status that it should be.

Mayor Hurley appreciates the City Manager and staff for the presentation because it is super encouraging and it is a credit to the Commission as a whole opposed to where we were just four years ago. He is excited for what is proposed. He thinks the community building should be on the water because we have the most expensive piece of real estate right there 300 yards in front of the lake and we have the option to build a brand new building. With talk about adding docks and activities there are things we could add to the community center that could kind of help facilitate some of the things we want to do in the park and it could be an addition or incorporated into the new community center on the water. He definitely wants to do something, and is in full support of allocating money to find out some answers, but does not want to just go with doing a remodel and not even consider what some of the options are.

Commissioner Dennison moved to create a Venetian Gardens Phase II and Phase III Improvement Project, Phase II at \$2,490,000 and Phase III at \$4,150,000, which will reside in the capital projects fund and have the City Manager and his staff start to pull together a sequence of these events as written and recommended and Commissioner Bone seconded the motion.

Mayor Hurley requested comments from the Commission and audience.

Bennett Walling, resident, stated during the public charrettes, the community building was ranked 35 out of 49 items. He does not want to spend that kind of money and thinks it should be scaled back to be more affordable. He would also like community involvement.

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CM Minner stated these are not staff concepts, we have heard the public's comments and it is our job to blend all these things together and not everybody will be happy. The reception we received from doing the decorative fence along Dixie was a hit and then we got in to the public discussions of we need more protection for our kids when they are at Rogers Park so staff said let's bring down that Dixie fence concept and it was a hit and everybody like it. Another example is staff blended the we do not want to hear Palmora Park complain about a restroom that obstructs the view of the basin, so we stuck it way up on the north side and the feedback we received was no, we need not only to have a restroom, but a boat ramp and the restroom has to go by the boat ramp, so we reversed 180 degrees and slowed down a project already committed because of public input. Staff has provided a plan here that has put all this together, has shown it is affordable and we are making big steps forward and he thinks we can make them quickly.

David Ohnstad, resident, stated his wife says this looks okay. He thinks the real challenge is to remodel the community building or build new, but thinks this is a great plan and he is very excited. Yes, we are going to look out on this project, we have been sitting there for 40 years and the biggest thing that has changed is the feel of the Venetian Gardens and the boat basin when you disallowed the change of speed limit in there. Everybody used to come out and the reason it was called ski beach was because they could ski, but not now. Tonight we are here to do something great for Leesburg and he has been fortunate to be on the planning committee for the playground and drives by it every day seeing the kids smiling, laughing, jumping around and having a good time; it is fantastic and the splash pad is going to even add that much more dramatic activity down there. He thinks the idea that the city is coming in and committing to this will make Venetian Gardens just blossom and he is very excited about that.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Christian	Yes
Commissioner Bone	Yes
Commissioner Dennison	Yes
Commissioner Robuck	Yes
Mayor Hurley	Yes

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission approved the Venetian Gardens Phase II and III proposal.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS: None

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS: None

CITY MANAGER ITEMS:

CM Minner announced that Dann Herrin was hired today as the city's new Human Resource Director. He asked the Commission if they would like to recognize Jakki Perry for her 18 years of service. Consensus of Commission was yes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ROLL CALL:

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Commissioner Robuck asked how we are coming on the fire and police pension in terms of coming up with an average type figure for looking at changing the way annual contributions are made. **CM Minner** stated not very fast, nothing has been done, but staff will take a look. **Commissioner Robuck** stated he attended the Chamber of Commerce Teacher Appreciation breakfast last Friday, the Mayor was present and gave a great speech. It was a good event to recognize all the Leesburg teachers from all the schools that feed into the Leesburg feeder pattern. This was the first year held in Leesburg, it is usually done in south lake; so it was well overdue and a great event.

Commissioner Christian had nothing this evening.

Commissioner Bone presented pictures of restaurant areas done with shipping containers that were converted to café seating type establishments; essentially restaurant incubators. He thinks it is trendy and might be something to consider for Ski Beach. Instead of just one restaurant, there could be several restaurants down there like a kind of food court.

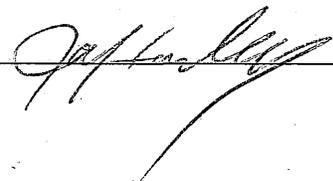
Commissioner Dennison inquired as to the cleanup of the trail behind Palm Plaza. **PWD Maudlin** replied they are one their second round of clean up. He drove the trail on Thursday and there were a couple more shopping carts and few other stuff that they asked folks again to pick up. **Commissioner Dennison** thanked staff for their work in putting this Venetian Garden presentation together and reminded everybody that this actually goes back for more than two years where community meetings were held over in the community center. She stated we have been listening and will continue to listen. She also spoke at the luncheon for the school staff last Friday and they were really happy; it is a great way to kick off a new school year. She recommends doing this again next year.

Mayor Hurley thanked Sandi Moore and the Leesburg Chamber of Commerce for the Teacher's breakfast, stating it was a fabulous event. The new server for Lake Front TV has really improved the clarity. As to the wake zone, he understands something happened, but other cities do not have a wake zone and he would like to bring this back for the Commission to reconsider. **Commissioner Christian** asked if staff could bring this back for discussion and **CM Minner** stated it will be brought back. **Mayor Hurley** thanked everyone for not running against him in this election.

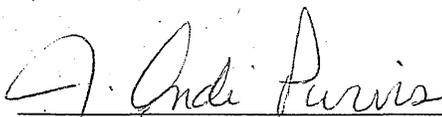
ADJOURN:

Commissioner Christian moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Mayor



ATTEST:



J. Andi Purvis
City Clerk & Recorder