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**CITY OF TAVARES
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 5, 2010
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT

ABSENT

Robert Wolfe, Mayor
Lori Pfister, Vice Mayor
Sandy Gamble, Councilmember
Bob Grenier, Councilmember
Kirby Smith, Councilmember

STAFF PRESENT

John Drury, City Administrator
Bob Williams, City Attorney
Susie Novack, Deputy City Clerk
Lori Houghton, Finance Director
Jacques Skutt, Director of Community Development
Chief Richard Keith, Fire Department
Chris Thompson, Interim Public Works Director
Tamera Rogers, Director of Community Services
Brad Hayes, Director of Utilities

I CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wolfe called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Richard Keith, Fire Chief, gave the invocation and those present recited the pledge of allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Drury said he would like to add item A (Gateway/Bus Barn Horizon Project Team Update) to be heard under Old Business.

MOTION

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2 **Sandy Gamble moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Kirby Smith. The**
3 **motion carried unanimously, 5-0.**

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5 **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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7 **MOTION**

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9 **Sandy Gamble moved to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2010 City Council**
10 **Meeting, seconded by Bob Grenier. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.**

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12 **V. PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

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14 **Tab 2) Presentation by Lake County Historical Society to City of Tavares –**
15 **Municipality of the Year**

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17 Mayor Wolfe stated he recently attended the Lake County Historical Society Awards
18 Banquet and was honored to accept the Municipality of the Year 2010 award on behalf
19 of the city. Councilmember Grenier noted that in the four year history of the award this
20 is the first time any nominee took all votes in each of the ten categories.

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22 **VI) SWEARING IN BY CITY ATTORNEY AND DISCLOSURE OF EXPARTE**
23 **CONTACTS**

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25 Attorney Williams said there were no quasi judicial matters on the agenda.

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27 **VII) READING OF ALL ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS INTO THE RECORD**

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29 Ms. Novack read the following ordinances before the City Council for first reading into
30 the record by title only:

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32 **ORDINANCE 2010-07**

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34 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TAVARES, FLORIDA AMENDING**
35 **THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; BY DELETING SECTION**
36 **8-11(B)(3)(C) THAT RESTRICTS CONVENTIONAL CONSTRUCTION**
37 **WITHIN THE RMH-S (RESIDENTIAL MANUFACTURED HOME**
38 **SUBDIVISION) AND RMH-P (RESIDENTIAL MANUFACTURED HOME**
39 **PARK) ZONINGS; BY AMENDING TABLE 8-2, PERMITTED AND**
40 **SPECIAL USES, TO ALLOW SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS IN THE**

1 EAST OF THE INTERSECTION OF COUNTY ROAD 561 AND COUNTY
2 ROAD 448 FROM COUNTY URBAN EXPANSION TO CITY
3 INDUSTRIAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS;
4 PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN
5 EFFECTIVE DATE.

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7 **VIII) CONSENT AGENDA**

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9 None.

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11 **IX) ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS – PUBLIC HEARING**

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13 None.

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15 **X) GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

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17 **Tab 7) Preliminary Subdivision Approval for Etowah Phases 2 & 3**

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19 Mr. Skutt noted that in February 2010 the City Council approved an amending PD
20 ordinance for the Etowah Subdivision that included a conceptual and phasing plan. MI
21 Homes of Orlando would like to proceed with phases 2 and 3 as depicted on the
22 conceptual plan. These phases back onto Lakeshore Drive, extend around the existing
23 amenities center and consist of 105 single family lots. The preliminary subdivision plan
24 has been reviewed by staff and meets all the requirements of the governing PD
25 ordinance. If approved, the developer can then proceed with engineering for the
26 necessary infrastructure associated with the phases. Staff recommends Council
27 approval of the Preliminary Subdivision Plan for Etowah Phases 2 and 3.

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29 Mayor Wolfe asked for comments from Council.

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31 Mayor Wolfe asked for comments from the audience.

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33 **MOTION**

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35 **Robert Grenier moved for approval of the Preliminary Subdivision Plan for**
36 **Etowah Phases 2 & 3, seconded by Kirby Smith. The motion carried**
37 **unanimously, 5-0.**

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39 **Tab 8) Environmental Committee Update**

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1 Mr. Drury provided an environmental and green initiative update for the city which
2 included the following highlights;

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- 4 • Sustainability Committee Mission and Accomplishments
- 5 • \$18M Water Reclamation Facility
- 6 • \$20M Stormwater and Utility Upgrades Grant
- 7 • \$15M in Railroad Upgrades including \$975,00 awarded by FDOT, \$100,000
- 8 awarded by Central Florida Rail and \$112,500 awarded by the Lake County
- 9 Water Authority for replacement of the Dora Canal bridge
- 10 • Multi Modal Transportation Project
- 11 • Alleyway Program
- 12 • Historic Preservation
- 13 • Sidewalk Program
- 14 • Community Back Yard Project
- 15 • 330.75 Acres Parklands
- 16 • Golf Cart Ordinance
- 17 • Master Plan Smart Growth Concepts
- 18 • Alfred Street LED Lighting
- 19 • Individual City Department Green Initiatives
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21 Mr. Drury asked if Council would like to create a Horizon Project Team or continue to
22 have staff meet monthly and bring initiatives forward for Council consideration.

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24 **MOTION**

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26 **Sandy Gamble moved to create a Horizon Project Team with a Mayoral**
27 **appointment of Lori Pfister as the Council representative, seconded by Kirby**
28 **Smith.**

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30 Mayor Wolfe asked Vice Mayor Pfister if she would accept the appointment. Vice
31 Mayor Pfister confirmed. Councilmember Smith commended the city on its
32 environmental and energy efforts.

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34 Mayor Wolfe asked for comments from the audience.

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36 Betty Burleigh, 2149 New Hampshire Avenue, asked for an update on wind initiative.
37 Mr. Drury said that at Council's direction, staff is researching grants for 100% funding.
38 Councilmember Gamble said it is his understanding that the City of Leesburg is in the
39 process of obtaining windmill meters for the residents/businesses where any extra
40 energy can be sold back to the city.

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The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

Tab 9) Discussion of Golf Cart Ordinance Drivers License Requirement

Mr. Drury said the city’s golf cart ordinance includes a requirement that an operator of a golf cart must possess a valid drivers’ license. He said Vice Mayor Pfister has asked for a discussion regarding the requirement.

Attorney Williams said state statutes allow a municipality to authorize the use of golf carts on designated city streets. The state statutes dictate certain restrictions and requirements that golf carts must have. Some of those restrictions are included in the city ordinance such as lights, brakes, horn and hours of operation. Attorney Williams cited the following state statute provisions;

- A golf cart may not be operated on public roads or streets by any person under the age of 14.
- A local government entity may enact an ordinance regarding golf cart operation and equipment which is more restrictive than those enumerated.

Attorney Williams cited Ordinance 2009-08 (1)(f) which states that drivers of golf carts must possess a valid drivers license within the United States. He said at the time the ordinance was enacted the sitting Council felt a drivers license was necessary for the operation of golf carts on city streets and that the more restrictive requirement fell within the state statute that allows the city to enact greater restrictions.

Attorney Williams said he has conducted further research and found a 2004 Attorney General Opinion (AGO) by (then) Attorney General Charlie Crist which addressed the questions of restricting the operation of golf carts who are 16 years or older (the drivers license issue was not addressed in the AGO) and whether a requirement can be added for golf carts to be outfitted with seatbelts and child restraint seats. The AGO reflected that you cannot require drivers of golf carts to be 16 years old or require seatbelt and child restraint safety equipment because the state statutes does not include these restrictions. Attorney Williams said the AGO was based on the supremacy clause that state or federal government legislation takes precedence over any local ordinances. Attorney Williams noted his concern that if the city ordinance was challenged it would not hold up based on the AGO and language in the state statutes [322.04(e)] which specifically states that a drivers license is not required to drive a golf cart.

1 Vice Mayor Pfister said she wanted this brought forward for discussion after researching
2 the ordinance and state statutes in order to provide information to the citizens. She
3 noted a unlicensed driver who had approached her after being stopped by the Police
4 Department and was told he could not drive on the city streets. Ms. Pfister said that she
5 found the city ordinance did not mirror the state statutes. She stated her preference
6 that the city ordinance be in line with the state statutes.

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8 Councilmember Grenier, Councilmember Smith and Councilmember Gamble noted
9 their concerns regarding 14 year olds driving golf carts. Attorney Williams said the state
10 legislature made the age determination and under the AGO opinion case authority it is
11 his belief that the city cannot put an age restriction beyond 14. Attorney Williams said
12 Council can ultimately control golf carts by allowing or not allowing golf cart operation on
13 city streets. He said anyone driving a golf cart in violation of traffic laws can be ticketed
14 and sanctioned.

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16 Councilmember Gamble said he wishes the state would have introduced some type of
17 certification requirement for defensive driving for golf carts and especially for young
18 drivers who have not been through proper training for driving. Councilmember Gamble
19 asked how a ticket would affect an underage youth when obtaining a learners permit or
20 drivers license. Chief Lubins said the state will issue a drivers license number which
21 would carry through all fines and violations. He said a drivers learners permit or drivers
22 license would not be issued until the violations are cured.

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24 Attorney Williams noted an option to leave the ordinance as-is and defend it if
25 challenged based on the valid legislative reasons discussed. He said there is language
26 in the statute which allows operation and equipment which is more restrictive than those
27 enumerated and an argument could be made that requiring a drivers license and
28 training is more restrictive.

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30 Mayor Wolfe noted that a 14 year old can operate a boat after attending a boating class.
31 He asked if the city could offer a golf cart operating class. Mr. Drury noted the liability to
32 the city to provide this type of service but that nothing would prohibit the private sector
33 from offering a golf-cart driving school. Councilmember Gamble noted his support for
34 an extensive driving course but agreed that it would be too great a liability for the city to
35 enter. Councilmember Gamble inquired as to where one obtains boater certification.
36 Chief Lubins said the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation provides boating
37 certifications. Discussion was held regarding various options to restrict young drivers.
38 Attorney Williams noted that the only authority regarding the issue at this time is the
39 state statutes and AGO.

1 Councilmember Smith noted that the discussion does not address an unlicensed driver
2 and noted his support for the city ordinance to mirror the state statutes.

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4 Mayor Wolfe asked for comments from the audience.

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6 Denise Laratta noted Royal Harbor is a golf cart community which asked that no one
7 under the age of 14 be allowed to drive golf carts. She noted her concern regarding a
8 golf cart crossing recently crossing US 441. Mr. Drury noted NEV's can look like golf
9 carts and allowed to cross US 441 and SR 19.

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11 Betty Burleigh asked if insurance is required to operate a golf cart. Mr. Drury said no.
12 Attorney Williams said that if a golf cart is involved in an accident the owner is still liable
13 and parents are liable for drivers under the age of 18.

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15 **MOTION**

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17 **Lori Pfister moved to amend the city ordinance to mirror the state guidelines for**
18 **golf cart usage, seconded by Kirby Smith.**

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20 Councilmember Gamble said he is not in support of the amendment and that he will
21 only vote in the affirmative because the state legislature has made the determination.

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23 **The motion carried 4-1 as follows;**

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25 **Robert Wolfe: Yes**
26 **Lori Pfister: Yes**
27 **Bob Grenier: No**
28 **Kirby Smith: Yes**
29 **Sandy Gamble: Yes**

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31 **Tab 10) Discussion of Wayfinding Project**

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33 Mr. Drury provided the following summary;

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35 The City of Tavares hired Wilesmith Advertising to develop a City brand and
36 Wayfinding System. Development costs were budgeted in FY2010; an
37 additional \$100,000 for implementation has been programmed for FY2011 in the
38 Five Year Capital Improvement Program. The Branding initiative has been
39 completed and the Wayfinding System design was completed in April 2010.
40 Wayfinding System and Gateway designs are attached.

1 The City expressed a concern that the downtown business establishments were
2 placing plastic “snipe signs” in rights-of-way in an effort to bring business to their
3 establishments. In response to these concerns, the City of Tavares Chamber of
4 Commerce downtown business committee requested the City develop kiosks to
5 be strategically placed in the downtown areas to direct people to business
6 establishments. The City advised the Branding Horizon Project Team was
7 working with the Branding Consultant to complete the Wayfinding System, which
8 included kiosks, and \$100,000 had been programmed in next fiscal year to
9 implement the Wayfinding System.

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11 The Downtown Business Committee requested the kiosks be installed this fiscal
12 year. The Council agreed and moved the FY 2011 \$100,000 Capital Wayfinding
13 Implementation Program forward to FY 10 with funding source to be determined
14 at the time the project is ready to go out for bids.

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16 Staff is in the process of developing a Request for Proposals to develop the
17 kiosks, and is in the process of identifying a funding source. (possibly utilizing
18 infrastructure sales tax) It is anticipated that staff will request City Council
19 approval at the May 19, 2010 meeting or the first meeting in June 2010 to solicit
20 proposals and include the specified funding source.

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22 Mr. Drury said the wayfinding program has been brought forward to discuss the
23 wayfinding plan and system and to determine if Council would like to move forward on
24 the project. He noted that the project will take approximately five years to implement
25 due to funding issues and when the proposals come back for consideration Council can
26 then pick and choose signage and locations based on a price list and available funding.
27 A funding source will also be identified.

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29 Vice Mayor Pfister asked that ‘Base’ be used instead of ‘Basin’ when referring to and on
30 all documentation of the Seaplane Base and Marina.

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32 Councilmember Smith asked if the Request for Proposal (RFQ) will include language
33 that identifies the wayfinding system as a multi-year project. Mr. Drury confirmed and
34 said language will also be included to reflect that Council may or may not award multiple
35 parts of the project depending on available funding. He said that when the funding
36 source is brought forward Council will need to choose between signs or sidewalks and
37 sidewalks or streets due to tight economic times. It will be made clear to the vendors
38 that the city is looking for a price for each type of sign.

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40 Vice Mayor Pfister noted her concern that the city is not moving quickly enough on this
41 program for the business community. Mr. Drury said if Council wishes for staff to go out
42 for proposals now, staff can bring back bids and a suggested funding source within

1 thirty days. Discussion was held regarding approval of the provided sign renditions and
2 language change to 'Base' – America's Seaplane Base and Marina. Mr. Drury said final
3 proofs would be provided for Council's consideration and that the attached renditions
4 are to provide bidding information to the vendors. Councilmember Grenier noted he
5 recently removed a snipe sign.

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7 Mayor Wolfe asked for comments from the audience.

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9 **MOTION**

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11 **Sandy Gamble moved to approve staff putting out for proposal the renditions of**
12 **what has been presented with the so noted change from 'Basin' to 'Base',**
13 **seconded by Lori Pfister.**

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15 Vice Mayor Pfister asked if the sign would have a moving propeller. Mr. Drury stated
16 no.

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18 **The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.**

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20 **Tab 11) Discussion of Special Events**

21
22 Mr. Drury provided the following report;

23
24 The city has established Horizon Project Teams to work on multi-year projects.
25 These staff run teams are provided a City Council member to act as a liaison
26 from the Board. The Liaison for the Special Events Horizon Project team is
27 Mayor Wolfe and the staff members are Bill Neron, Joyce Ross, Tamera Rogers,
28 Lori Houghton and John Drury.

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30 Attached is a copy of the 2010/2011 Events calendar. There are two types of
31 events – One type is a City developed and run event like Planes Trains and BBQ
32 or 4th of July, the other type is an event developed and run by others like
33 Sunnyland Antique and Classic Boat Show or the African-American Heritage
34 Festival. Both types require city financial commitments, involvements and staff
35 time.

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37 An opportunity is presented to discuss the following:

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39 1. How many total events should the city have in a year?
40 2. What kind of events should the city focus on?
41 3. To what level of support should the city provide non city developed or run
42 events?

- 1 4. Should the city develop a policy on these issues after obtaining Council
2 input.
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4 It should be noted that the 2010 Planes Trains and Barbeque event included the
5 1) Grand Opening of the Seaplane Base and Marina, 2) the Governor's
6 attendance 3) two air shows and 4) two evening concerts.
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8 As a result, a steady flow of approximately 9,500 people coming and going
9 throughout the day was estimated as follows: 2,000 people in the morning up and
10 through the first 10:00 a.m. air show. 2,000 people during the grand opening
11 portion of the event. 2,000 people through the second 3:00 p.m. air show and
12 3,500 people during the 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. concert featuring Restless Heart
13 and Little Texas. Vendors and at least one restaurant ran out of food. By most
14 accounts it was viewed as a very successful event. The event was developed
15 and run by the City.
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17 The City Administrator would like to express some thoughts on this subject for
18 Council to consider based on his experience as Town Administrator for the resort
19 Town of Stowe, Vermont – “The Ski Capital of the East” and his ten years
20 experience working as the Collier County Airports Executive Director in Naples
21 Florida as follows:
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23 The most important issues for the City Council to address and look at very
24 closely are:
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- 26 1. Right sizing the number of events in a calendar year.
27 2. Focusing on events that support the community's brand, vision and
28 identity.
29 3. Doing a limited number of signature events well as opposed to many non
30 signature generic events.
31 4. The cost/benefit analysis of special events.
32 5. A clear understanding and appreciation of neighboring city events.
33 6. Clearly differentiating and defining the city's role when supporting events
34 that are not developed or run by the city.
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36 Mr. Drury said that with a very successful event completed and the branding in place,
37 the Special Events Team would like to bring back those events and future events that
38 meet Council's collective thoughts on the above six items.
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40 Mayor Wolfe said the city does not want so many events scheduled that the general
41 public can not enjoy the park. Councilmember Grenier noted that he was recently at the
42 park and witnessed many of the citizens and families enjoying the various aspects of

1 the park including picnics, seaplanes flying in and out and activity at the splash park.
2 He said events should coincide with neighboring city events.

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4 Calendar

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6 Discussion was held regarding those non-city events included on the calendar such as
7 the Mile in our Shoes, African American Heritage Festival and Waterman 5k Run. Mr.
8 Neron noted these events were included on the calendar to show Council that there is
9 some scheduled activity in the park but that limited staff involvement and impact on the
10 park was included in these events.

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12 Councilmember Grenier noted the current calendar of city events reflects 14
13 events/weekends out of 52 weekends. Mr. Neron said the community end of the park
14 (Wooton Wonderland, Splash Park) are always open during special events and every
15 effort is made to ensure access to the marina for seaplanes and boats. He said the
16 Sunnyland Antique Boat Festival and Planes Trains and Barbeque (signature event) are
17 the big events that take up the entire park for a weekend. Councilmember Gamble
18 noted the fishing tournaments are mainly held when the Splash Park is closed. Mr.
19 Neron noted that the only time the event area of the park is used during the fishing
20 tournaments is during the evening weigh in.

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22 Signature Events

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24 Mr. Drury said the current schedule and events includes some large events and some
25 small events. He said the city has room for more signature events and noted that
26 everyone likes the water oriented events that reflect the city's vision statement; "Lake
27 County's Waterfront Capital." Mr. Drury said the Horizon Team would like to hear
28 Council's wishes to build upon and bring back a calendar for consideration.

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30 Vice Mayor Pfister said she would like two major signature events to be held a year with
31 a second event to be held in October (23rd) that is designed for boats (marina) with a
32 possible seafood bash with music funded from sponsorship. Councilmember Smith
33 noted his support for a second event to be held for the pleasure boater which he would
34 prefer to be held Labor Day weekend. Vice Mayor Pfister noted the increased costs
35 and difficulty in scheduling bands during holidays. Ms. Pfister suggested staff could
36 contact SeaRay and Bayliner as sponsors/vendors.

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38 Councilmember Grenier said he would like the city to bring back the first signature event
39 the city held for years - Pioneer Day.
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1 Music

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3 Mr. Drury asked if Council would like a stand-alone music event or have music tied to
4 one of the two signature events. Vice Mayor Pfister said there should be music at both
5 signature events that are the same level as Restless Heart and Little Texas and which
6 should be included in the budget each year. Councilmember Grenier said the nostalgia
7 groups from the 60's and 70's are very popular and are not very expensive.

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9 Councilmember Gamble said he likes the idea of a seaplane convention.

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11 Councilmember Smith says he hears from Council that the wish is to stick to the city
12 branding and vision statement regarding the history, planes and boats. He stated his
13 support for a second signature boat event and a history event. He said music should be
14 at all signature events.

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16 Business Community/Outside Events

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18 Mr. Drury asked what level of support Council would like to see when others, such as
19 the business community, want to hold an event and ask for help from the city. He noted
20 these events may not be related to the city events and vision, yet expend monies,
21 energy and staff time.

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23 Councilmember Grenier asked if the water taxis were in operation for the Mt. Dora arts
24 festival and noted his support to operate the boats during those events. Mr. Drury said
25 no. Mr. Neron said he will be bringing a boat tour contract in the future to operate out of
26 the seaplane base which would help assist in that area.

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28 Vice Mayor Pfister said the city needs to continue to support the business community,
29 but noted her concern regarding the use of the city logo and advertising an event like it
30 is a city sponsored event. She said if an event is at no expense to the city then the City
31 Administrator should be able to determine if the city should be a sponsor at his
32 discretion.

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34 Councilmember Smith said he felt the city could do such things as make a call for the
35 parking garage to be open. Councilmember Gamble noted the city and county have an
36 agreement regarding the use of the parking garage for city events. Mr. Drury said the
37 city receives requests to close streets and place signs on US 441 when there is no
38 advanced planning or marketing and for an event that is not water related and which will
39 utilize public resources, public staff, public funds and public equipment. He said there
40 may be some reluctance from the city to accommodate these requests. Mr. Drury said

1 Council has been clear to honor the history, the water and the vision but if an event
2 does not fit into that, then government may need to step back. Mr. Drury said the
3 Horizon Team will be working on special events to bring back to Council for
4 consideration.

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6 Mayor Wolfe asked for comments from the audience.

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8 Sue Patterson, Tavares resident, said she attended the Planes Trains and Barbeque
9 event. She noted her concern that people were not being considerate and standing in
10 front of others seated on the ground as well as carrying glass bottles during the Friday
11 concert and one band would have been sufficient on Saturday evening.

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13 **XI. OLD BUSINESS**

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15 **Item A) Gateway/Bus Barn Horizon Project Team Update**

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17 Mr. Drury provided the following report;

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19 The City created a Gateway/Bus Barn Horizon Project Team (Mayor Wolfe and
20 City Administrator John Drury) to work with the School Board to acquire the
21 School Board's Fleet Maintenance and Building Maintenance (Bus Barn) facilities
22 located at the entranceway to the city on Alfred Street. The Horizon Project
23 Team has met with the School Board and County over the past two years to
24 explore and move this initiative forward.

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26 During this time a host of activity has occurred, including an appraisal on the
27 School Board property, and environmental assessment, title research, the Alfred
28 Street design/construction project is moving forward, the County's EOC has been
29 placed at the Judicial complex site and the City's Public Safety Complex has
30 received grant funding to move forward.

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32 At a recent meeting between the School Board, County and City Horizon Project
33 Team, it was discussed that exploring the option of trading City owned land off
34 Woodlea Road for the School Board gateway "Bus Barn" property should be
35 explored. In order to do that an appraisal of the City Land would be needed,
36 which the School Board would conduct. They would be looking at it as a possible
37 school site.

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39 The Horizon Project Team recommends that the City Council approve of the
40 School Board appraising the property identified and that the Horizon Project
41 Team continue to work with the School Board and County to acquire the
42 Gateway parcel.

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2 Mayor Wolfe said the School Board would like to look at the city property on Woodlea
3 Road as a potential school site with a possible land swap for the bus/barn property,
4 which could be the relocation site for the Police and Fire Departments as well as a
5 gateway. He said both the County and School Board want to move quickly on this
6 opportunity.

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8 Councilmember Gamble stated his support as the school board will pay for the
9 appraisal. Mr. Drury said this is to explore a possible opportunity for the three agencies
10 to accomplish all of their goals. Councilmember Gamble asked how this will affect
11 Council's approval during the April 21, 2010 meeting for a design and engineering study
12 of the City Hall public safety complex. Mr. Drury said staff would move forward with the
13 rendition which will take three months to go through the Request for Proposal (RFQ)
14 process, a month of contract negotiations as well as time for the Police and Fire
15 Department to determine an inventory needs (square footage). Once the needs have
16 been determined then a site can be identified. City Hall has already been approved as
17 a site. Councilmember Gamble noted his concern to expend monies on a rendition if
18 another site will ultimately be used. Mr. Drury said there is a need to move forward on
19 the design or the city will lose a 100% grant funding at \$500,000. He said in four
20 months if another site has not been determined then they would move forward on the
21 site that was approved. Councilmember Gamble noted his support if all of the issues
22 are resolved before any monies is expended. Mr. Drury said staff will come back to the
23 board to before anything is done on site and a final determination needs to be made.

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25 Councilmember Smith said there is no loss in property tax revenue as the school board
26 does not pay property taxes. Mayor Wolfe noted the school board property is
27 approximately 6.9 acres.

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29 Mayor Wolfe asked for comments from the audience.

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31 **MOTION**

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33 **Sandy Gamble moved to approve the recommendation to allow the School Board**
34 **to appraise the property identified on Exhibit A, seconded by Lori Pfister.**

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36 Councilmember Grenier asked if the city will hire someone to look over the School
37 Boards appraisal. Mr. Drury said typically a second review appraisal would be
38 conducted.

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40 **The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.**

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XII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

XIII. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

Betty Burleigh said the Daily Commercial should be thanked for their coverage of the city and events. Mr. Drury agreed and thanked Mr. Neron for working so closely with The Daily Commercial. He said staff will send a thank you to the Commercial for the business community/business aspects. Mr. Neron said next year events insert is currently being designed and will be a glossy/magazine quality. He said all the media is working with the City but the Daily Commercial has gone the extra mile in publicizing city events.

XIV. REPORTS

Tab 12) City Administrator

John Drury

None.

Bill Neron

- Mr. Neron stated the Jet Ski races will be held Saturday and Sunday May 8-9, 2010 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at Wooton Park.

Brad Hayes

- Mr. Hayes noted FDEP was on site earlier in the day to review the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades paperwork and the City has received a good report.
- Mr. Hayes said SJRWMD has approved a \$910,000 grant toward reuse construction upgrades.

Tab 13) City Council

Councilmember Gamble

- 1 • Councilmember Gamble inquired about umpire certifications and why certification
2 patches are not being worn on the umpire uniforms. Ms. Rogers confirmed that
3 the umpires are certified and said she would find out why patches are not being
4 worn.
- 5 • Councilmember Gamble noted that he and Councilmember Greneir would be
6 attending the closing ceremonies of the baseball league program on May 19,
7 2010. He asked that any pertinent agenda items be moved forward on the
8 agenda that evening.
- 9 • Councilmember Gamble noted that the county originally planned to place solar
10 panels on the top floor of the parking garage which should cut down on their
11 energy costs as well as enable them to sell energy to Progress Energy.
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Councilmember Grenier

- 15 • Councilmember Grenier said he has enjoyed coaching in the Little League
16 baseball program. Ms. Rogers expressed her appreciation to Councilmember
17 Grenier and Councilmember Gamble for stepping in to coach teams when the
18 league was short staffed for coaches.
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Councilmember Smith

- 22 • Councilmember Smith asked for an update on the alley way naming project.
23 Councilmember Grenier stated that the committee would begin the process with
24 a meeting scheduled on Monday (May 10, 2010).
- 25 • Councilmember Smith inquired about maps for the downtown district. Mr. Drury
26 said the Economic Development Department was pulling all outdated maps and
27 is working with the Chamber of Commerce to develop updated maps.
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Tamera Rogers

- 31 • Ms. Rogers said an emergency contract has been placed with an alternate
32 company for the maintenance of the US 441 medians. They will have a large
33 crew that will come in for a one day clean-up.
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Adjournment

37 There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

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39 Respectfully submitted,
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3 Susie Novack, C.M.C.
4 Deputy City Clerk