

**CITY OF FORT MITCHELL  
COUNCIL MEETING – PLANNING SESSION  
May 1, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL**

Mayor Jude Hehman called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Present - Vickie Boerger, Mary Burns, Kim Nachazel, Greg Pohlgeers, Beth Rose and Michael Stoeckle. Jim Hummeldorf was absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

City Administrator Sharmili Reddy, City Attorney Louis Kelly, Public Works Director Matt Stegman, Fire Chief Gary Auffart, Police Chief Andrew Schierberg, Recreation Coordinator Zach Rehtin, and City Clerk Linda Bartels.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Pohlgeers made a motion to approve the agenda, Mrs. Rose offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried by all ayes. Motion passed.

Mrs. Boerger made a motion to approve the minutes of April 17, 2017, Mr. Stoeckle offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried by all ayes. Motion passed.

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

Megan Ireland, owner of the Saddle Club, introduced Jack Riley and Mary Lou Kline, all owners of businesses near the corner of Dixie Highway and Orphanage Road. They requested the time for the parking in front of their businesses be changed from two hours to 30 minutes until 6:00 pm. The customers of the new restaurant near them are using all the parking. They also requested a handicap parking space. After a discussion, the council agreed with the need for a handicap space. Mrs. Reddy will try to coordinate a meeting with the business association for business owners to discuss the parking.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Kelly performed a second reading of Ordinance 2017-07 a text amendment to add barber and beauty shops as a permitted use within the Professional Office (PO) zone. Mrs. Burns made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-07. Mr. Pohlgeers offered a second. Mayor Hehman called for any questions or further discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a voice vote. Motion carried all ayes.

## **UPDATES**

Mrs. Burns made a motion to declare the following public works vehicles surplus: a 2000 GMC dump truck with a snow plow and salt spreader and a 2001 Chevy Silverado with a snow plow. Mrs. Rose offered a second. Mayor Hehman called for any questions or further discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a voice vote. Motion carried all ayes.

Mayor Hehman said he and Mrs. Reddy met with the Finance Committee to review the budget for 2017-2018. They expect the revenue to be lower next year due to losing some large businesses. The budget is very conservative.

## **BUDGET REVIEW**

### **General Government**

- There is a 2.5% increase in salaries budgeted in all departments.
- A 4% raise in insurance benefits with any increase over passed to the employees.
- Employee appreciation event – 2018
- The accounts for lodging, meals and mileage are combined into Training, Development & Meetings
- Leasing copiers from Waltz
- Legal retainer down \$2,000
- Will bid the cloud services this year.
- Partnering with the Fort Mitchell Living magazine to include our newsletter in their publication.
- St. Elizabeth's tax incentive has five years left.
- The planning and develop money will focus on the strategic plan.
- Planning a city wide event this year.
- May replace the Bryce Avenue steps this year.
- Tree Board will focus on the planning aspect of tree replacement program.
- Currently a marquee is not in the budget. Estimated cost \$80,000

### **Police Department**

- Staying with 15 officers, but adding two sergeant positions
- A part-time police clerk
- Instituting annual physicals and allowing officers to work out on duty.
- Increase firearms training and purchase new guns. Will issue duty guns and off duty guns to those that need them. Both will be carried on duty.
- Some stop sticks, Tasers and personal protective equipment for officers who do not have them currently.

### **Fire Department**

- Add four full-time firefighter/paramedics to work 24 hour shifts. Increase full-time line items by \$207,532 lower part time line item by \$290,000.
- Mayor Hehman and elected officials from neighboring cities will meet to discuss solutions for the rising cost of providing fire protection and emergency medical service.

#### Public Works Department

- Added some seasonal help, no additional full time employees
- Built in some extra streetscape beautification money
- Finish landscaping the corner of Highland and Dixie Highway

#### Park Board

- Discussing the possibility of a Recreation Center in their long range plan
- The board is planning improvements in stages.

#### Municipal Road Aid

- Orphanage Road sidewalk project
- Bromley Crescent Springs Road project

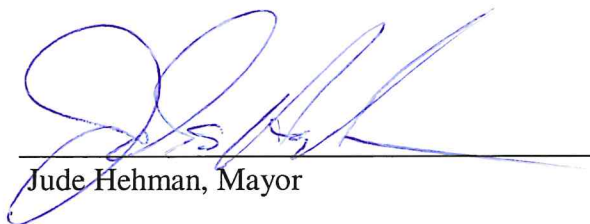
Mayor Hehman reviewed the Capital Replacement Fund. He stated that the Finance committee will go over this fund to make sure we are capturing everything that the City needs.

Mrs. Reddy reminded everyone that this is a really tight budget. If any extra projects come up, something will have to be deleted from budget or use our savings.


The first reading of the budget will be May 15, 2017.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Pohlgeers made the motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 7:50 p.m. Mrs. Rose offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor called for a voice vote. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

  
Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:

  
Linda Bartels, City Clerk