

The Council Briefing began at 5:30 P.M. The meeting was held via video conference using the Zoom platform.

The following City Council Members were in attendance:

Mayor: Christine Hoffman

Council Members:	Georgette Dumont	Sandy Golding	Dan Janson
	Fernando Meza	Cory Nichols	Chet Stokes

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos, City Attorney Chris Ambrosio, Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett, Director of Public Works Dennis Barron, and Sergeant Tonya Tater.

Purpose of Briefing

The purpose of the Briefing was to update the Council members about ongoing items in the City.

City Manager

FY 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)

Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett stated each year, the City undergoes an independent financial audit, and the 2020 financial audit was completed by Purvis, Gray, and Company, LLP

Ryan Tucker and Meagan Camp of Purvis, Gray, and Company, LLP, reviewed the financial information for the following:

- FY2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report [on file]
- FY2020 Downtown Redevelopment District Financial Statements [on file]
- FY2020 Southend Redevelopment District Financial Statements [on file]
- Communication with Those Charged with Governance CAFR
- Communication with Those Charged with Governance Downtown
- Communication with Those Charged with Governance Southend

Ms. Gossett stated the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and both Redevelopment Districts' Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Reports for the Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2020, would be on the March 15, 2021, Council agenda for approval.

Wastewater/Water Disinfectant Study

Director of Public Works Dennis Barron stated the Public Works Department is required by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to treat both water and wastewater and provide disinfection at both utilities.

Mr. Barron stated Four Waters Engineering, Inc. completed two studies consisting of chlorination alternatives for the water plants and the pollution control plant.

A conversation ensued regarding which options were best suited for the needs of the City. Mr. Barron recommended chlorine gas usage be concluded, and both water plants and the pollution control plant should be switched to a liquid chlorine alternative. Mr. Barron stated this would mitigate the chlorine risks while providing the best chlorination alternative.

The Council consensus was for the Public Works Department to proceed with Mr. Barron's recommendation and to place the required projects into the Capital Improvement Plan.

Ordinance No. 2020-8155

City Attorney Chris Ambrosio stated Ordinance No. 2020-8155 was a full revision of Code of Ordinances Chapter 5 "Animal Code."

Mr. Ambrosio reviewed the specific questions submitted by Ms. Golding [on file]. A conversation ensued regarding multiple topics.

It was the consensus of the Council to revise the ordinance making the discussed changes. After the revision, Mr. Ambrosio stated he would present Ordinance No. 2020-8155 to the Council for a first reading on March 15, 2021.

Vision and Mission Statement Review

Mr. Staffopoulos thanked the Council and staff for the time spent at the retreat on February 27, 2021, to develop a draft Vision and Mission Statement for the City.

A conversation ensued regarding the following drafted Vision Statement and revised Mission Statement:

- Vision Statement: "A vibrant coastal community that embraces 'the beach life'"
- Mission Statement: "Responsive government focused on safety, service, and sustainability"

The Council's consensus was to create a resolution for the final versions of both Statements and to bring it to a regular Council meeting for formal adoption.

The Briefing adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Submitted by: Jodilynn Byrd
Administrative Assistant

Approved:


Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date:

4/5/21