

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 (late)(left early)* Chet Stokes

*Due to technical difficulties.

Also present were City Manager Mike Staffopoulos.

Purpose of Briefing

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

City Manager

Proposed Media Communication Language

City Manager Mike Staffopoulos stated the Council indicated at the February 22, 2021, Council Briefing there should be guidance for elected officials related to communications with the media. The conversation indicated issues of community-wide or organizational impact should be referred to the Mayor or City Manager, and other media contacts were open for response by individual Council Members. Mr. Staffopoulos stated staff added language to the Legislative Policies Manual [on file].

Conversation ensued regarding changes to sections in the policy pertaining to media requests. Mr. Staffopoulos stated staff would make the suggested amendments and present them to the Council for review.

Florida League of Cities Policy Committees

Mr. Staffopoulos stated the Florida League of Cities (FLC) had five Legislative Policy Committees that set the legislative agenda for the FLC and Florida's 411 municipalities annually. The Committees and Council/Administration representation are as follows:

- Finance, Taxation & Personnel – Fernando Meza
- Land Use & Economic Development – Chet Stokes
- Municipal Administration – Sandy Golding and Mike Staffopoulos
- Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations – Cory Nichols
- Utilities, Natural Resources & Public Works – no representation

Each Council member reviewed the top priorities of their represented committee, and some provided information [on file] about the upcoming Committee meeting scheduled for July 16, 2021.

Committee Assignment Report

Mr. Janson stated he and Mr. Stokes were tasked with finding a third person to be part of the City's Audit Committee. He advised there was currently one person up for consideration. Mr. Stokes asked the Council to contact Chief Financial Officer Ashlie Gossett with any other qualified candidates.

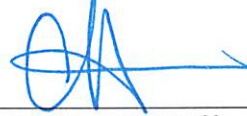
Future Briefing Topics

Ms. Dumont suggested due to large upcoming projects with land use issues, to hold a training session for the Council and other Boards to become more familiar with terminology and definitions to allow for better decision making. The Council's consensus was to set up a training session with the City Attorney and Mr. Staffopoulos would advise the Council and Boards of the training date.

The Briefing adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Submitted by: Jodilynn Byrd
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Approved:

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Christine H. Hoffman, MAYOR

Date:

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