

MASTER

CITY OF DUNNELLON CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: April 11, 2016
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
PLACE: City Hall
20750 River Dr., Dunnellon, FL 34431

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Whitt called the meeting to order at approximately 5:36 p.m. and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Tom Welch provided the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The following members answered present at roll call:

Nathan Whitt, Mayor, Seat 1
Vacant, Seat 2
Chuck Dillon, Councilman, Seat 3
Walter Green, Vice-Mayor, Seat 4
Richard Hancock, Councilman, Seat 5

STAFF PRESENT

Eddie Esch, City Manager
Dawn Bowne, City Clerk
Jan Smith, Finance Officer
Mike McQuaig, Police Chief
Lynn Wyland, Staff Assistant

LEGAL COUNSEL

Andrew Hand
Shepard, Smith & Cassidy

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

Mrs. Bowne announced for the record the agenda for this meeting was posted on the City's website and City Hall bulletin board on Friday, April 8, 2016.

Mayor Whitt called for public comments on agenda items only.

Kathryn Taubert, 19436 SW 101st Place Rd., provided a handout to Council and staff regarding the Suwannee - St. Johns Group Sierra Club and provided a brief presentation.

Janet Barrow, 11791 SW 164th Avenue Rd., discussed the proposed Sabel Trail Pipeline. She wanted to raise attention about this issue and the effects the pipeline could impose on the environment.

Mary Ann Hilton, 12078 Palmetto Ct., discussed agenda items #6 and #7 and asked that they be removed from the agenda.

Joan Duggins, 19687 SW 88th Loop, addressed agenda item #8. She asked several questions regarding the entrance signs.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. City Council Workshop Minutes
February 17, 2016 – Special
March 9, 2016
2. City Council Minutes
February 8, 2016
February 17, 2016 – Special
March 6, 2016 – Special
March 14, 2016
3. Approve Proclamation #PRO2016-05, National Day of Prayer
4. Approve Proclamation #PRO2016-06, Arbor Day
5. Tree Board Appointments
Appoint Candy Craig as a regular member of the Tree Board effective April 11, 2016, term to expire April 11, 2019. (Term previous held by P. Marraffino – expired March 8, 2016)

Appoint Sally Chesterfield as 1st alternate member of the Tree Board to fill unexpired term formerly held by Candy Craig effective April 11, 2016, term to expire December 28, 2017.
6. Authorize Mayor to sign Voluntary Cooperation/Operational Assistance Agreement with Marion County Sheriff's Office.
7. Authorize Mayor to sign Agreement #AGR2011-121, Tyco Security Renewal.
8. Authorize staff to prepare specifications and bid for the design and production of City entrance signs.
9. Authorize staff to prepare specifications and bid for resurfacing of the main cemetery street in Dunnellon Memorial Gardens.

(Note: Motion to approve items on the consent agenda is a motion to approve the recommended actions.)

Councilman Dillon moved the consent agenda be approved as presented. Councilman Hancock seconded the motion and all were in favor. The vote was 4-0

REGULAR AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 – SPECIAL PRESENTATION BY DUNNELLOON CITY COUNCIL TO LT. TODD SPICHER

Mayor Whitt presented a plaque and read the following:

“In recognition of your professional leadership and service to the City of Dunnellon while serving as Interim Police Chief. Your commitment to City Council, community and staff to effectively maintain police operations, strengthening the City’s partnership with Marion County’s Sheriff’s Office is sincerely appreciated. April 11, 2016.”

Chief McQuaig presented Lt. Spicher with a shadowbox containing a badge, and thanked him for stepping in as Dunnellon’s Interim Police Chief.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11 – PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING HURRICANE SEASON – MSG. ROBERT R. JOHNSON, MARION COUNTY DEPUTY DIRECTOR – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Lt. Chip Wildy, Marion County Emergency Management Director was present and introduced MSG. Robert R. Johnson.

MSG. Johnson provided details about an upcoming hurricane exercise to be held on May 18, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and a breakfast on June 13th at 7:30 a.m. He encouraged Council and staff to participate.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 12 – PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION #PRO2016-05, NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER – PASTOR TOM WELCH

Mayor Whitt read the following proclamation and presented the same to Pastor Tom Welch and his wife, Marylin Welch:

**“PROCLAMATION #PRO2016-05
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

WHEREAS, prayer to the Almighty God is regarded by millions as the most important utterance of mankind for its benefit; and

WHEREAS, our nation was founded by single-minded men and women seeking wisdom and guidance through prayer to the God who has ears to hear; and

WHEREAS, prayer has aided us in all times where support and guidance was needed; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should give thanks for the freedom and prosperity which our nation and state enjoys and to pray for the continued guidance and comfort which God has graciously bestowed upon this nation since its inception; and

WHEREAS, the Day of Prayer is a time set aside for Americans to pray to their heavenly Father and to reaffirm the spiritual principles upon which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida and the United States of America can and will benefit from prayer by its faithful and prayerful residents; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is, "**Wake Up America**", emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to return to the God of Fathers in reverence for His Holy Name. To further highlight the theme, Isaiah 58:1a has been chosen as the scripture for this year: "**Shout it aloud, do not hold back. Raise your voice like a trumpet;**" and

WHEREAS, across our land on May 5th Americans will unite at specific times in prayer for our nation and state to acknowledge our dependence upon God, to give thanks for the many blessings our country has received from Him, to recognize our need for personal and corporate renewal of moral values and to invoke God's blessings upon our leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed the City Council of the City of Dunnellon, Florida, does hereby recognize May 5, 2016 as the "**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**" and urges all citizens in Marion County to pray with diligence and obedience and seek the face of Almighty God to direct our paths in the days and years ahead.

PASSED and PROCLAIMED this 11th day of April 2016."

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 13 – PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION #PRO2016-06,
ARBOR DAY – CANDY CRAIG REPRESENTING THE TREE BOARD**

Mayor Whitt read the following proclamation:

**“THE CITY OF DUNNELLO
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
A PROCLAMATION
#PRO2016-06**

WHEREAS, 2016 marks the 194rd anniversary of Arbor Day; and

WHEREAS, trees are among Florida's, and more particularly the City of Dunnellon's, most beautiful natural resources; they bestow fine opportunities for aesthetic appreciation and recreation as well as improvements for our homes and communities, and are indispensable to our ecology as providers of wildlife habitat, erosion control, air filters and noise inhibitors; and

WHEREAS, the demands on our environment and on our environmental resources necessitate an increased awareness of ecological values, as well as individual commitment to the study and appreciation of trees and their maintenance.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nathan Whitt, Mayor of the City of Dunnellon, in the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim: **FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2016 as ARBOR DAY** in the City of Dunnellon, State of Florida, and I commend this observance to all citizens.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 14 – PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #ORD2016-01, AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING CODE – ALLOWING CHICKENS TO BE KEPT IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS - Advertised on the City Website on 3/21/2016 and in the Riverland News on 3/31/2016 and the Ocala Star Banner on 3/31/2016

Mayor Whitt stated, “All persons wishing to address the City Council will be asked to limit their comments to the specific subject being addressed. Public opinions and input are valued by the Council. However, it is requested that comments are directed at specific issues rather than personal comments directed toward the Council members or staff in order to foster mutual respect between council members and the public.

Members of the public in attendance at public forums should listen courteously and attentively to all public discussions before the body; and focus on the business at hand. They shall refrain from interrupting other speakers; making personal comments not germane to the business of the body; or otherwise interfering with the orderly conduct of meetings.

Members of the public addressing City Council and boards/commissions on a specific project or proposal are requested to disclose any personal interest or relationship; and any business, professional, or financial interests with any individual, group, project or proposal regarding the subject matter under review. Members of the public should always err on the side of more public disclosure, not less, in order to provide integrity to the public process. “

Mayor Whitt gavel down and said, “It is now 6:30 p.m. and I close the regular meeting and open the public hearing to discuss:

Ordinance #ORD2016-01, Amendment to the Zoning Code, allowing chickens to be kept in residential areas. Advertised in the Riverland News and in the Ocala Star Banner on 3/31/2016 on 3/3/2016 and on the City’s Website on 3/21/2016 .“

Mayor Whitt called for staff comments.

Mr. Esch stated this ordinance was requested by a citizen through Vice-Mayor Green. He explained the ordinance will allow up to six (6) chickens and they must be hens only. He explained the other requirements.

Mayor Whitt called for public comment. There was none.

Mayor Whitt gavel down and said, “It is now 6:32 p.m. and I close the public hearing held to discuss Ordinance #ORD2016-01 and reopen the April 11th council meeting.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 15 – SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE #ORD2016-01, AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING CODE – ALLOWING CHICKENS TO BE KEPT IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Councilman Dillon moved Ordinance #ORD2016-01 be read by title only. Vice-Mayor Green seconded the motion and all were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

Mrs. Bowne read the following into the record:

“ORDINANCE #ORD2016-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DUNNELLON, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE DUNNELLON CITY CODE, CHAPTER 14, “ANIMALS,” TO ALLOW CHICKENS TO BE KEPT ON LOTS OR PARCELS WITH SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONING DESIGNATIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7.1 AND 7.2 OF THE ZONING CODE TO ALLOW CHICKEN-KEEPING AS AN ACCESSORY USE IN CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS AND DEFINING CHICKEN-KEEPING; PROVIDING SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR CHICKEN-KEEPING; AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CODE AND ZONING CODE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.”

Vice-Mayor Green moved Ordinance #ORD2016-01 be approved. Councilman Dillon seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mayor Whitt called for discussion. There was none.

The vote was taken and all were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 16 – PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE #ORD2016-04, AMENDMENT TO SECTION 39 OF THE CITY’S CHARTER NEEDED TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MAILING OF OVERSEAS BALLOTS (Published on the City website on 3/21/2016 and in the Riverland News on 3/31/2016)

Mayor Whitt stated, “All persons wishing to address the City Council will be asked to limit their comments to the specific subject being addressed. Public opinions and input are valued by the Council. However, it is requested that comments are directed at specific issues rather than personal comments directed toward the Council members or staff in order to foster mutual respect between council members and the public.

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Mayor Whitt gaveled down and said, “It is now 6:35 p.m. and I close the regular meeting and open the public hearing to discuss:

Ordinance #ORD2016-04, Amendments to Section 39 of the City’s Charter needed to comply with Federal requirements for mailing of overseas ballots. Advertised in the Riverland News on 3/31/2016 and on the City’s Website on 3/21/2016.”

Mrs. Bowne stated the City was notified by the Marion County Supervisor of Elections that the City’s Charter requirements make it impossible for the elections office to meet Federal and State requirements in the event of a run-off election with regard to mailing of overseas ballots. She said the State Statute would trump the City’s Charter if for some reason the referendum doesn’t pass. She explained the City would then be in violation of its own Charter.

Mrs. Bowne also discussed the need to amend language in the City’s Code regarding the certification of election results.

Mayor Whitt called for public comment. There was none.

Mayor Whitt gaveled down and said, “It is now 6:38 p.m. and I close the public hearing held to discuss Ordinance #ORD2016-04 and reopen the April 11th council meeting.”

AGENDA ITEM NO. 17 – SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE #ORD2016-04, AMENDMENT TO SECTION 39 OF CITY’S CHARTER NEEDED TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MAILING OF OVERSEAS BALLOTS

Vice-Mayor Green moved Ordinance #ORD2016-04 be read by title only. Councilman Hancock seconded the motion. The vote was taken and all were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

Mrs. Bowne read the following into the record:

“ORDINANCE #ORD2016-04

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DUNNELLON, FLORIDA,
SUBMITTING TO THE ELECTORS OF DUNNELLON A PROPOSED**

AMENDMENT TO SECTION 39 OF THE CITY CHARTER CHANGING THE DAY AND MONTH OF A RUN-OFF ELECTION IN THE EVENT OF A TIE VOTE TO BE CONSISTENT WITH FEDERAL LAW; PROVIDING THE BALLOT TITLE, SUMMARY, AND TEXT FOR THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHARTER AMENDMENT IF APPROVED BY A MAJORITY OF ELECTORS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE.”

Councilman Hancock moved Ordinance #ORD2016-04 be approved. Vice-Mayor Green seconded the motion.

Mayor Whitt called for discussion.

Councilman Dillon asked Mrs. Bowne to explain if the City is amending the Charter by ordinance.

Mrs. Bowne said if adopted by Council, the ordinance provides for a ballot referendum.

The vote was taken and all were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 18 – AMENDMENT #1 AGREEMENT #AGR2015-21 KIMLEY-HORN IPO#50 CHOICE HOTEL CDBG WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT CHANGE ORDER – RE-DESIGN BASED ON NEW RIGHT-OF-WAY INFORMATION PROVIDED BY FDOT

Mr. Esch explained this amendment is for a re-design near the Porter property and is based on new right-of-way (ROW) information provided by FDOT. He said FDOT provided erroneous ROW information at time of contract award. He stated grant funding has been approved by DEO.

Councilman Dillon moved to authorize Mayor to sign Amendment #1 to Agreement #AGR2015-21 for Kimley-Horn IPO#50 change order - re-design based on new right-of-way information provided by FDOT. Vice-Mayor Green seconded the motion

Mayor Whitt reminded Council that DEO has signed off on the redesign.

The vote was taken and all were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 19 – AMENDMENT #AGR2015-21 KIMLEY-HORN IPO#50 CHOICE HOTEL CDBG WATER MAIN EXTENSION PROJECT CHANGE ORDER – RELOCATION OF GOPHER TORTOISE

Mr. Esch explained prior to finalization of the permitting, there was no discovery of any type of endangered species. He explained when staking the site, the contractor began to

notice gopher tortoise holes that were fairly new. He stated this has not been approved by DEO, but Council would approve this conditional upon DEO funding.

Councilman Dillon moved to authorize Mayor to sign Amendment #2 to Agreement #AGR2015-21 for Kimley-Horn IPO#50 change order – relocation of gopher tortoise contingent upon DEO approval. Councilman Hancock seconded the motion.

Mayor Whitt called for discussion. There was none.

The vote was taken and all were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20 – COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Vice-Mayor Green explained the Dunnellon Police and Fire Citizens Academy. He said this is a program Chief McQuaig and Lt. Slattery, in partnership with the Dunnellon Chamber of Commerce, developed in an effort to help the community understand their roles and what it takes to be a police officer or a firefighter. He said Mayor Whitt has offered to provide transportation.

Vice-Mayor Green addressed parking issues some residents have brought to his attention. He said if the first parking space along East Pennsylvania Avenue in front of Go-For-Donuts is occupied, it is nearly impossible to see when pulling out of the lot.

Council and staff engaged in discussion regarding two other parking spaces along Highway 484 near the Blue Cove subdivision entrance. He said when the first two spaces on the east side of the entrance are occupied, they obstruct the view of cars pulling out onto Highway 484 and creates a dangerous situation.

Mr. Esch stated he will contact Masood Mirza, Marion County Traffic Engineer, and request the three parking spaces be “striped out” and signs added.

Vice-Mayor Green discussed the roads in the cemetery.

Mr. Esch stated Council has provided consensus and he is preparing an RFP for the cemetery roads.

Vice-Mayor Green presented Council and staff with an example of a proposed ordinance the City of Belleview will be presenting to their council. The ordinance establishes a Youth Council and provides the youth of the community an opportunity to participate in reviewing and discussing challenges, needs and suggesting improvements for the community. Vice-Mayor Green requested Council pass an ordinance establishing this type of program in time for the next school term.

Council and staff engaged in brief discussion regarding procedures and duties.

Vice-Mayor Green further discussed a Spaghetti Dinner fund raiser the Student Support Foundation (SSF) club will be sponsoring on Tuesday, April 19th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Dunnellon High School cafeteria. He explained the SSF club is required to raise funds as part of the requirements of the Morgridge Family Foundation grant.

Councilman Hancock reminded everyone of the UAB meeting to be held on Monday, April 18th at 3:00 p.m. He expressed his appreciation to the Chair of this board, Hugh Lochrane, for his attendance and participation in the council meetings.

Councilman Dillon discussed his frustrations regarding lots of record and the high percentage of residents who cannot build on their lot due to the square footage and street frontage requirements. He stated he would like to direct the City Manager to direct staff, to allow people to build on lots of record. He said Mr. Metcalf stated cities recognize lots of records within the Comp Plan and he believes it's a misinterpretation of the Code. Councilman Dillon said he thinks it's a simple fix by addressing it in the Comp Plan.

Councilman Dillon asked Attorney Hand if he had any updates regarding the eviction of occupants in the old library building.

Attorney Hand stated yes, he has a report.

Councilman Dillon further discussed the previous workshop with the representatives from the Marion Senior Services and First United Methodist Church of Dunnellon. He stated Council never provided staff any direction. He requested that the April 20th special workshop be changed to a council meeting so that Council may vote on this issue. He stated he believes their proposals will be a benefit for Dunnellon because it will bring people into town and benefit the senior citizens.

Mayor Whitt stated he thought we were waiting on the eviction update.

Vice-Mayor Green said the First United Methodist Church stated they no longer wish to pursue their proposal.

Council and staff engaged in lengthy discussion regarding the subject of lots of record and the discrepancies in the Comp Plan.

Councilman Dillon stated in one section of the Comp Plan it will say property owners can build on the lot, and in another section it says they can't. He explained it's an easy fix; an easy interpretation that lots of record, are lots of record, and they can be utilized.

Mayor Whitt stated Council and staff did request that Mr. Metcalf include lots of record in his amendments.

Councilman Dillon stated it isn't necessary because when the first Comp Plan was adopted, it took all the lots of record into consideration.

Mayor Whitt stated he was looking for some clarification from Mr. Metcalf once the EAL is revised and it comes back to us.

Councilman Dillon asked Council to direct the City Manager to direct his staff. He said we need to agree as a Council that we believe this, and we are going to direct staff to do it.

Councilman Hancock commented on Council not being good "gate-keepers" and not doing well with "take-aways." He said Council will discuss items but will not end the conversation and say, "okay what's the next step." Councilman Hancock challenged staff to challenge Council to do "take-aways." He said Council can do a much better job of establishing "take-aways" through better "gate-keeping."

Councilman Hancock stated the Planning Commission was established for the very purpose of allowing the community to control what our City would look like. He said the process involves presentation to the Planning Commission, which allows the Board to identify exceptions for representation to Council. He said let's support those exceptions, if that improves the overall presentation of a street, community and neighborhood and get the infill done.

Louise Kenny, 19970 Ibis Court, explained her real estate back ground and said the real estate history/law says that you cure an individual lot because you cannot take away those property rights that are inordinate for use of that property. She stated its private property, and that would be a taking. She said you cure it with a variance, and have the City's attorney determine if there is a difference between a non-conforming lot, which is a single lot, or an aggregate lot that has been purchased for speculation.

Councilman Dillon stated his problem with a variance is (1) we are penalizing the citizens because they have to pay more and (2) it takes us two to three months to do a variance.

Mayor Whitt asked if Council wishes to call for a vote to ask staff to exempt lots of record.

Councilman Dillon said he is ready to do that.

Attorney Hand explained it is ultimately Council's job to interpret, and he can only provide guidance. He said Dunnellon has a Comp Plan and when you enact a Comp Plan, and do an amendment, it essentially undoes everything in the past that has been consistent with the Comp Plan. He said under Florida law, the Comp Plan trumps and you have to be consistent with the Comp Plan.

Councilman Hancock stated the City has a responsibility to the community to accommodate, and it's worth taking the time and getting it right. He said he doesn't see the harm if

someone requests an exception to have the Planning Commission determine if they agree and want to support it.

Mayor Whitt stated he doesn't feel like it's a "sky is falling" issue because we have addressed it in the EAL that Mr. Metcalf is working on. He asked if Council could vote for exemptions.

Attorney Hand provided input saying he is not telling him no; he's telling him that either way there are risks, and you have to weigh those risks and the threat of litigation on either side. He said when the initial interpretation was made, it was not made based on the idea that there are 735 lots.

Mr. Esch stated for the record that the City did receive notification from DEO today and everything is in order. He said the 60 day clock starts now.

Mary Ann Hilton, Planning Commission member, stated the Planning Commission is a very cooperative and caring group. She encouraged Council and staff to bring requests before them and allow them to do their job, and trust they care enough about both the City and the people who would like to live here to do it well. Mrs. Hilton stated it should not take two to five months to complete.

After much discussion with Attorney Hand, Council agreed to have him draft language to be used in the interpretation of exempting lots of record until the Comp Plan is amended.

Mr. Smith addressed the timing issue. He said DEO has until June 3rd to respond, but we changed the DEO letter to incorporate lots of record. He said when we get the response back, we can include lots of record.

Attorney Hand asked if Council is specifically directing him to draft something in writing to essentially weigh the two options.

Councilman Hancock said if we are simply interpreting lots of record; that's one thing. But, Attorney Hand is talking about exemptions and all.

Mayor Whitt stated it would be case by case until the Comp Plan amendments are in place.

Councilman Dillon moved to approve Marion Senior Services and Rainbow Springs Fine Arts Association to utilize the old library building as a community type building with the City Manager negotiating whatever the terms may be. Mayor Whitt called for a second. Councilman Hancock seconded the motion.

Mr. Esch explained the legal conditions stipulated on that building. He said the building was originally leased as two different pieces. The cable company had a one year lease on

the part of the building Marion Senior Services is interested in and a ten (10) or twenty (20) year lease on the head-end section.

Attorney Hand explained Attorney Cassady provided him a very long memo with a lot of backup on everything she has prepared. He said it is a lot more complicated than a simple eviction because there are three (3) different documents that are in play: the Purchase Agreement, Lease Agreement and the Pole Attachment Agreement. He provided the amounts owed as of December 31, 2015 between the City of Dunnellon and Florida Fiber. Attorney Hand stated the numbers will have to be agreed upon before moving towards a resolution. He stated Attorney Cassady has a scheduled meeting with Mr. Esch on Thursday and the next step would be meeting with Florida Fiber's attorney.

Council and staff engaged in brief discussion regarding parking at the building.

Mayor Whitt called for a vote approving the use of the building. The vote was taken and all were in favor. The vote was 4-0.

Continuation of Council Liaison Reports and Comments:

Mayor Whitt announced the dates and times of the Dunnellon Citizens Academy: April 21st, April 28th, May 5th and May 12th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Dunnellon Police Department.

Mayor Whitt stated the Dunnellon Anniversary Birthday party will be held on April 21st at the train depot. He said a "town photo" will be taken behind City Hall at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Whitt addressed the resignation of former Councilwoman Soldato. Council agreed to re-advertise for the position place this on the May 4th council workshop agenda.

Council and staff engaged in brief discussion regarding the April 20th workshop. Mrs. Bowne questioned what the title should be on the agenda. Council agreed to title: "City's Financials and Future Financial Plan."

AGENDA ITEM NO. 21 – CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Esch reported on the following:

- Boomtown Days events
- Update 5 year master plan for water and sewer

Councilman Hancock questioned when Council will be receiving a report regarding the Fire Assessment Study. Mr. Esch stated he has a final draft conference phone call set for Thursday morning with Tindale Oliver and the presentation will be scheduled soon after.

Councilman Hancock agreed to step into the vacant liaison positions with the TPO and the Chamber of Commerce.

Council and staff engaged in discussion regarding extra/special workshops and council meetings.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 22 –CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

Attorney Hand stated he is in the process of making a copy of a presentation of the Sunshine Law so Council and other boards will be able to view on their computer.

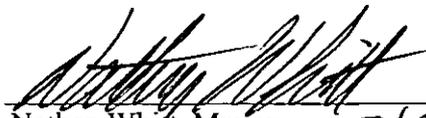
Mrs. Bowne stated she is gathering information for Council regarding council members complying with the statute for educational requirements.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 23 – ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 8:30 p.m. Councilman Dillon moved the April 11, 2016 City Council meeting be adjourned. Richard Hancock seconded. All members voted in favor. The motion passed 4-0.

Attest:


Dawn Bowne, MMC
City Clerk
5/9/16


Nathan Whitt, Mayor
5/9/16