

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP
HAINES CITY, FLORIDA**

April 5, 2018

6:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 6:00 p.m. Mayor Roy Tyler called the City Commission Workshop to order in the City Commission Chambers located in City Hall, at 620 E. Main Street, Haines City, Florida.

Mayor H.L. Roy Tyler, Vice Mayor Morris West, Commissioner Anne Huffman, and Commissioner Don Mason were in attendance. Commissioner Horace West was excused.

Also in attendance were the following staff members: City Manager Deric Feacher, City Attorney Fred Reilly, and City Clerk Linda Bourgeois.

2. AGENDA REVIEW

The City Commission discussed the following items from the regular agenda:

City Manager Feacher stated, the city does not typically put an item on the consent agenda that was not budgeted for referring to Hydro Solutions, LLC. He went on to say the money is in the CRA budget and that is where it is proposed to be funded from. He concluded and said it was placed on the consent agenda at the direction of moving forward from the City Commission.

A discussion ensued about the pool.

The price and size of the pool reported in the newspaper, the actual options the city has for the pool being at the city commission's discretion, and whether or not a budgetary figure or price range has been set.

City Manager Feacher said city staff has discussed a figure between \$500,000 and one million dollars. He said the company gave price options of \$500,000 up to three million dollars. There has not been a discussion on pricing and if the business item is approved the feasibility study and expectations can be discussed.

Commissioner Mason said he had reservations to begin with about a community pool and said over a million dollars would be excessive.

City Manager Feacher said that the city commission has been very clear they are not looking for a 2-3 million dollar pool. They are looking for a community water amenity that would be beneficial to the east side of Haines City.

Further discussion ensued about the size of the community pool being similar to the existing size of the Boys and Girls Club, the pool not being a million dollar pool, and the price of the Lake Eva pool.

Commissioner Huffman said she was not opposed to spending a million and a half to

have a pool with an area for toddlers and young children. She commented that it seemed like the Commission was tightening the purse strings on the price.

Commissioner Mason cautioned that the housing boom will not last forever and shared about the last housing bubble and economic downturn.

It was agreed to go through with the study first and then pursue further direction from the City Commission.

Commissioner Mason asked about the swim team contract and said the Lake Eva pool is not heated and does not meet the requirement for swim meets.

Parks and Recreation Director Griffin said there was not a heater however, the pool can accommodate competitions because it has the proper lanes.

City Commission discussion surrounded the swim team not being open to just Haines City residents, the shortened swim season due to not having the water heated, the season being from April through October dependent upon the weather, and the constraints a shortened season would have on the teams competitive ability.

Parks and Recreation Director Griffin said the team is aware there is not a heater and heating the pool may be a goal to consider after the team has been established.

A discussion ensued about having the swim team coaches being subjected to the City's background check requirements and the potential to partner with the Lake Wales YMCA for working with disabled individuals if the pool was heated.

Vice Mayor West said item 8A could be pulled from the agenda and City Manager Feacher said it will be recommended at the meeting. He continued an asked about the surplus lots on the agenda.

City Manager Feacher shared that the lots were the ones discussed at the March 1, 2018 meeting. He said some of these lots may be available to other entities such as Habitat for Humanity. He went on to explain the benefits of getting the lots back on the tax rolls and the reverter clause that states the company has 180 days to pull a permit to build a house or the city may recover the parcel.

A discussion ensued about the responsibility for payment of impact fees, the potential to expand the core improvement area to incorporate several parcels, and the City Commission's request to view a map of the core improvement area.

Commissioner Huffman asked about a Resolution from the last meeting regarding the American Disability Act and handicapped accessibility of the public facilities. She said she would email the City Manager with her questions.

3. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:22 p.m. the City Commission Workshop was adjourned.

APPROVED:

BY:

ATTEST:

Linda Bourgeois
City Clerk