

ST. CLOUD CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP
Wednesday, June 19, 2019
City Hall, Council Chambers
1300 Ninth Street
6:00 p.m.
Minutes

I. Mayor Blackwell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

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| • Mayor Nathan Blackwell | William Sturgeon, City Manager |
| • Deputy Mayor Linette Matheny | Daniel Mantzaris, City Attorney |
| • Council Member Chuck Cooper | City Clerk, Linda P. Jaworski |
| • Council Member Dave Askew | Deputy City Clerk, Ivy De La Cruz |
| • Council Member Keith Trace | Members of the Press |

All members present.

III. Solid Waste consultant report.

Bart Booz, and Jim Wally, IWCS Consultants, provided a presentation regarding the City of St. Cloud Solid Waste Program. Mr. Booz stated currently, the City does not have a capital improvement or equipment replacement fund and strategies were discussed for stabilizing the program.

Mr. Booz and Mr. Wally discussed future expenditures, revenues, and the impact to the program if it changed.

Mr. Wally said we would need to change the rates in order to make sure that revenue matched expenditures in the future. Ideally, we want to make sure the overall solid waste program is covering all costs.

They reviewed the important components of operating a solid waste program and Mr. Wally said a conservative estimate for a necessary rate increase to cover future capital expenditures would be approximately a million dollars annually.

Council discussion followed to include fee adjustments, rate structures, cost savings, and leasing equipment.

IV. Discussion regarding lobbyist and future lobbyist efforts

Bill Barrett, City Lobbyist, provided information on legislative efforts. Mr. Barrett asked that Council continue to let the lobbyists know what their priorities are and they can start working on them immediately. He was very proud to work on our local bill.

Mr. Barrett noted the following on Legislative Bills

- Our Local Bill passed through the House of Representatives and Senate Signed into law by Governor DeSantis
- There are still a number of Bills that Governor DeSantis has not taken action on to date
- 1,675 General Bills filed and 174 passed, 54 Local Bills filed and 20 passed
- CRA Bill passed through the House of Representatives and Senate, awaiting action by Governor DeSantis. It is a simple majority vote to continue the CRA
- Impact fee Bill awaiting action by Governor DeSantis
- Bill passed (trees) - if a homeowner has an arborist say that a tree should come down, it will not allow licensing or permitting fees by local government. They cannot be required to re-plant another tree.

Council discussion followed with Lobbyists, and City Manager Sturgeon to include the priorities in St. Cloud and the need for Council to set their priorities early to start the process.

Chris Carmody, Gray Robinson, P.A., appreciates the opportunity to represent the City of St. Cloud and excited about the \$300,000 for the downtown revitalization project. He continues to work with the Governor's Office to the best of his ability. We have a great delegation with Representative LaRosa and Senator Torres representing St. Cloud.

John Newstreet, Executive Director of Osceola Legislative Effort presented OLE priorities.

V. Discussion regarding LDC amendment (sign ord / residential architectural standards / PUD standards).

Council Member Askew was concerned that business owners/public are not aware the meeting date changed to this evening.

Council consensus was to postpone the discussion and set up another workshop date for the public to attend.

Andre Anderson, Planning Director, respectfully disagreed with doing workshops for the public because if we have to do them on every code amendment we would have to hire additional staff.

The City Manager disagreed and said we have to arrange an educational workshop due to business owners/public have lots of questions about these changes.

The City Manager told Mayor Blackwell he would arrange a new workshop date.

Mr. Anderson, said staff is researching other municipality standards for architecture and said if we look at aesthetics like we did for non-residential architectural standards it just insures we will have a nice community. Some of the things they will look at to accomplish this are product types, elevation of facades, garages, driveways, and how windows and doors are placed.

Council discussion followed to include residential architectural standards.

Council consensus was to look into mother-in-law suites, placement of trash bins, larger garage doors, ways to incentivize connectivity, and utilization of different strategies in the downtown areas.

Mr. Anderson, said they are trying to get an idea about our PUD standards compare to other jurisdictions and more specifically the jurisdictions we looked at as part of Envision St. Cloud.

The reason for PUD's is to create innovative design which is more interesting, sustainable, and aesthetically pleasing.

Council discussion followed to include PUD's, Zoning, and Concurrency to be brought back to Council at a later date.

VI. Adjournment 8:43 p.m.

Mayor Nathan Blackwell

ATTEST: City Clerk, Linda P. Jaworski

Minutes Approved: _____