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City of Gainesville

*City Hall
200 East University Avenue
Gainesville, Florida 32601*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 22, 2012

1:00 PM

Modified Agenda

City Hall, Room 16

Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee

*Commissioner Susan Bottcher, Chair
Commissioner Todd Chase, Member
Commissioner Thomas Hawkins, Member*

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CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bottcher called the RCAPW committee meeting to order at 1:05PM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Thomas Hawkins, Todd Chase and Susan Bottcher

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Committee adopted the agenda as circulated.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee were approved as submitted.

120285. Approval of the July 2, 2012, Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes (B)

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee approve the minutes of the July 2, 2012, meetings as submitted.*

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DISCUSSION OF PENDING REFERRALS

These minutes are a summary of the meeting and are not verbatim discussion. A copy of the meeting recording will be provided upon request.

110952. Amendment to the City of Gainesville Traffic and Motor Vehicle Ordinance overtime metered parking.

This item is a request to amend Section 26-76 of the City of Gainesville Code of Ordinances to provide that overtime metered parking, or overtime signs, shall not be applicable to employees on official business in governmental owned vehicles, whether or not marked by governmental license plates or other official governmental marking.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced this item. Attorney Lee Libby explained that when unmarked government vehicles receive a parking ticket, the ticket can be dismissed but it costs the City time and money. Amending this ordinance will give our attorney the authority to excuse the ticket instead of having to go to court. Trish Everitt added that in addition court fees, City parking enforcement personnel

must be present at court. Amending the ordinance would give the attorney the authority to excuse the parking citation for unmarked government vehicles which will save the City time as well as the non-prevailing party fee of \$40.

Motion: Commissioner Chase made a Motion to move forward with this recommendation and bring it to the full commission for consideration. The gavel was passed to Commissioner Hawkins who disagreed with the Motion. Chair Bottcher seconded the Motion to support the amendment to the ordinance. Commissioner Chase and Chair Botcher voted in favor. Commissioner Hawkins voted against the motion. Motion carried 2-1. The gavel was passed back to Chair Bottcher.

RECOMMENDATION *Staff recommends that the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee: 1) hear a presentation from staff on the impacts of this ordinance modification; and, 2) Recommend that the City Commission adopt this ordinance modification.*

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110211. Fourth of July - City Fireworks (B)

This item is an update regarding a referral to the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee regarding City funding for fireworks for the Fourth of July in the City of Gainesville

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced PRCA Director Steve Phillips and WUFT Communication Director Sue Wagner. It was reported that there were approximately 10,000 spectators, no crime and no rain during the fireworks show. Donations for the fireworks were received from Plum Creek, Federal Credit Union, the City of Gainesville PRCA Department, GRU and UF Concessions totaling \$28,500. A stable funding source is needed for the annual fireworks display. It was suggested that an additional source of revenue could be vendor booths as well as corporate sponsors.

It was decided to keep this referral in committee and revisit it at a later time.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee: 1) hear an update from staff, and 2) reach a determination about the status of this referral.
and 2) provide staff with direction regarding this matter.*

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080477. Status Update on the City Commission Strategic Initiative to Complete Capital Projects at Parks - Improve Land Conservation and Acquisition Program (B)

Strategic initiatives have been referred to Standing Committees to promote efficient and effective communication streams between elected officials, city staff and Gainesville residents concerning the implementation of the City's Strategic Plan. This item is a request for the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee to receive an update on the progress of Strategic Initiative 5.1: Complete Capital Projects at Parks - Improve Land Conservation and Acquisition Program , and consider adding additional parcels to the acquisition priority list, and provide recommendations to the City Commission.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers introduced the item. PRCA Director Steve Phillips explained that the State of Florida has surplus land in the Gainesville area. State Universities are given the first option to acquire the surplus property; then State, County and City agencies. Only one state agency (Division of Forestry) has shown interest in the bulk of the surplus property. Staff recommended that the RCAPW Committee add this land to the acquisition list. If the Division of Forestry does not want the property, the City can try to acquire it but only if it's on the City's acquisition list.

Motion: Commissioner Hawkins recommended that the City Commission add each of the parcel numbers identified on the map to the acquisition list. Commission Chase seconded the Motion. The Motion was unanimously approved.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee: 1) receive an update on the progress of Strategic Initiative 5.1: Complete Capital Projects at Parks - Improve Land Conservation and Acquisition Program and 2) recommend that the City Commission add the newly identified parcels to the acquisition priority list.*

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080477B_PPT_20110324.pdf
080477C_Table_20110324.pdf
080477D_Map_20110324.pdf
080477A_MOD Priority Table_20120822.pdf
080477B_MOD FL DEP Letter_20120822.pdf
080477C_MOD Aerial Map_20120822.pdf
080477D_MOD Parcel Map_20120822.pdf
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090777. Recreation Master Plan (B)

This item provides an update regarding the status of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Master Planning Process.

Assistant City Manager Paul Folkers stated that the presentation today is to discuss funding options. At previous committee meetings, PRCA Assistant Director Michelle Park gave a presentation outlining one plan to Pay As You Go and the second option is Pay As You Go combined with Borrowing. Mark Benton presented funding

alternatives. The Master Plan (with or without the funding decided on) needs to be adopted by November or December as it is a criteria to achieve National Accreditation. National Accreditation outlines the minimum operating standards and best practices in ten categories and guidance for quality service, risk management and human resource practices.

PRCA Assistant Director Michelle Park made a recommendation to have a consultant give a time-certain presentation on the Master Plan to the full City Commission on October 4th with a final adoption on November 1st. Commissioner Hawkins recommended that on October 4th the consultant present the Master Plan then present the Master Plan with the available funding options at a future meeting. No action was taken.

RECOMMENDATION *The Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works Committee hear an update from staff regarding the status of the Recreation Master Planning process.*

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090777A_Master Plan Presentation_20120514.pdf
090777B_Survey Results_20120514.pdf
090777C_Benchmarking Report_20120514.pdf
090777A_June Master Plan PPT_20120605.pdf
090777B_Info from 5-14-12 RCAPW Mtg_20120605.pdf
090777_Master Plan PPT_20120702.pdf
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MEMBER COMMENT

Chair Bottcher reminded everyone that our amenities are valuable and provide a high quality of life. We do not lose money on amenities; but in order to provide services and to receive value, it costs money.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Tim Strasser, a volunteer at Ironwood Golf Course, inquired about the status of Ironwood and how the expenses and revenue compares to other park facilities. Revenue can be easily tracked for each facility but all PRCA expenditures are paid from the general fund.

NEXT MEETING DATE - September 24, 2012 @ 1:00 PM

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bottcher adjourned the Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Public Works committee meeting at 3:10PM.