

Punta Gorda Town Hall

June 19, 2020

Meeting Notes

Present: City Council- Mayor Prafke, Vice-Mayor Matthews, Jaha Cummings, Debby Carey, John Miller, City Manager Howard Kunik, Communications Manager Melissa Reichert, Public Works Director Rick Keeney, Operations Chief/Paramedic Holden Gibbs, Finance Director Kristin Simeone, Anne Heinen Procurement Manager, Chuck Pavlos Utilities Director, Brad Schuette IT Manager, Joan LeBeau Urban Design Manager, Jason Ciaschini Captain PGPD, and Phil Wickstrom Human Resources Director.

Rick Keeney answered How do residents report an issue with their seawall?

Holden Gibbs answered How should residents be preparing for Hurricane Season? Any differences to preparations due to COVID-19?

Kristin Simeone answered How have the sales and gas tax revenues been tracking since COVID-19?

Mayor Prafke answered Punta Gorda was ranked 7th in the nation for something. Are we attracting the right attention to our community?

Anne Heinen answered How can a business owner become a vendor for the City?

Vice-Mayor Matthews answered For those residents that aren't familiar with the MPO could you share what it is, how it benefits the City of Punta Gorda and some of the initiatives you are working on?

Chuck Pavlos answered When is the new RO plant going to be up and running and what does this mean for residents?

Brad Schuette answered What new technologies is the City investing in to improve operations?

Jason Ciaschini answered Why did the PGPD decide to purchase body cams and what can residents expect when cameras are used on calls?

Joan LeBeau answered What are some of the relationships that the City has developed over the years that have helped support these fabulous assets? How can people get involved in the Parks & Recreation Master Plan update?

Councilmember Carey answered What makes service on the City Council different than the service on other boards?

Phil Wickstrom answered How is the City promoting and inviting diversity in the workforce?

Councilmember Cummings answered Having been born and raised here, living abroad and then coming back to serve your community. How has this shaped your service as a Councilmember?

Councilmember Miller answered What has been the biggest surprise as far as service on the City Council?

Howard Kunik answered as you transition into retirement what is your wish for the residents of Punta Gorda?

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Reichert