

**CITY OF PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017, 9:00 A.M.**

**COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:** Cummings, Keesling, Matthews, Prafke, Wein

**CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT:** Dave Drury, Finance; Rick Keeney, Public Works; Tom Jackson, Utilities; Phil Wickstrom, Human Resources; Joan LeBeau, Urban Design; Jason Ciaschini, Police; Ray Briggs, Fire; City Attorney Levin; City Manager Kunik; City Clerk Smith

**Mayor Keesling** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Invocation was given by Mr. John Burrage, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS**

**National Public Works Week**

**Councilmember Cummings** presented the proclamation to Ms. Hope Petkus, Public Works Executive Assistant.

**PGI Neighborhood Marine Watch Day**

**Councilmember Wein** presented the proclamation, which was accepted by Mr. Bill Guenther, Neighborhood Marine Watch.

**National Day of Prayer**

**Mayor Keesling** presented the proclamation, which was accepted by Pastor Bob Carlson, First United Methodist Church.

**Punta Gorda Citizens Academy Graduation – Winter 2017 Session**

Ms. Hope Petkus, Public Works Department, introduced the graduates of the Winter 2017 session of the Citizens Academy.

**20 Year Service Award – Lance Simmons, Maintenance Worker I, Public Works**

City Manager Kunik presented the award to Mr. Lance Simmons, Maintenance Worker. Mr. Art Brewster, Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, spoke of Mr. Simmons' service to the Department.

**10 Year Service Award, James Klages, Fire Lieutenant, Fire Department**

City Manager Kunik presented the award to Mr. James Klages, Fire Lieutenant. Fire Chief Ray Briggs spoke of Mr. Klages' service to the Fire Department.

**10 Year Service Award, Dean Irving, Police Officer, Police Department**

City Manager Kunik presented the award to Mr. Dean Irving, Police Officer and Canine Handler.

Acting Police Chief Jason Ciaschini spoke of Mr. Irving's service to the Department and to the community.

### Update Gilchrist Park Activity Center

Mr. Charles Wolley, Team Punta Gorda (TPG), provided a PowerPoint Presentation, as delineated within the agenda material, reporting the data collection phase had been completed, and a formal report would be submitted to the City Manager in the Fall 2017. He described the project area and objectives, providing a detailed review of background information, including survey results.

### Introduction of Board/Committee Member Nominees

Ms. Della Booth introduced herself as a nominee for the Punta Gorda Housing Authority.

Note: City Council recessed and reconvened as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) (see corresponding minutes).

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

GA-01-17 - An Ordinance relating to the provision of services, facilities, programs and local improvements in the City of Punta Gorda, Florida; authorizing the imposition and collection of assessments against property within the incorporated area of the City of Punta Gorda; providing certain definitions and defining the terms "assessment," "service assessment," and "capital assessment"; providing for the creation of assessment areas; establishing the procedures for imposing assessments; establishing procedures for notice and adoption of assessment rolls; providing that assessments constitute a lien on assessed property upon adoption of the assessment roll; providing that the lien for an assessment collected pursuant to Sections 197.3632 and 197.3635, Florida Statutes, upon perfection shall attach to the property on the prior January 1, the lien date for ad valorem taxes; providing that a perfected lien shall be equal in rank and dignity with the liens of all state, county, district, or municipal taxes and assessments and superior in dignity to all other prior liens, mortgages, titles, and claims; authorizing exemptions and hardship assistance; providing procedures for collection of assessments; providing a mechanism for the imposition of assessments on government property; authorizing the issuance of obligations secured by assessments and providing for the terms thereof; providing that the City's taxing power shall not be pledged; providing remedies; deeming that pledged revenues shall be considered trust funds; providing for the refunding of obligations; providing for severability; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

FIRST READING

City Attorney Levin read the ordinance by title, explaining the ordinance was being presented for first reading a second time because the newspaper failed to publish the advertisement for the previous public hearing date.

**Mayor Keesling** called three times for public comment.

Councilmember Prafke **MOVED** to close the public hearing, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Matthews.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval of GA-01-17, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Prafke.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**GA-03-17 – An Ordinance of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida Amending Chapter 15, Ordinances and Miscellaneous Provisions; Adding a New Section 15-48, “Control of Access to City-Owned, Controlled, and Leased Property”; Providing for Recognition that Certain Areas of City-Owned, Controlled, and Leased Property may Require Regulation of Public Access to Provide for the Security and Privacy of Public Visitors, to Provide for the Security and Privacy of City Employees and Officials, and to Minimize Potential Disruptions to the Work of City Government; Providing the City Manager with the Authority to Manage Public Access to City-Owned, Controlled, and Leased Property; Providing the City Manager with the Authority to Designate Which Areas of City-Owned, Controlled, and Leased Property are to be Considered “Designated Public Forum”, “Limited Designated Public Forum”, and “Nonpublic Forum”; Authorizing the City Manager to Separate Designated Public Forums from Nonpublic Forums; Authorizing the City Manager to Develop and Implement Procedures to Regulate and Control Public Access to City-Owned, Controlled, and Leased Property; Prohibiting the Unconsented Recording of Video and Audio within City-Owned, Controlled, and Leased Property, except during Public Meetings; Providing for Enforcement; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.**

#### **FIRST READING**

City Attorney Levin read the ordinance by title. He explained an emergency ordinance was adopted by City Council at their April 5, 2017, meeting, noting the ordinance being presented this date formalized what was previously adopted and included language which improved enforceability.

**Mayor Keesling** called three times for public comment.

Councilmember Prafke **MOVED** to close the public hearing, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Matthews.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Councilmember Prafke **MOVED** approval of GA-03-17, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Matthews.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION**

**No Public Hearing Required**

**Citizen Comments – Ordinances/Resolution Items Only**

None.

**A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida Designating Certain Areas of City Hall and the City Hall Annex as Designated Public Forums, Limited Designated Public Forums, and Nonpublic Forums; Providing for Conflicts; Providing for Severability; and Providing an Effective Date.**

City Attorney Levin read the resolution by title, noting the emergency ordinance adopted on April 5, 2017, allowed the City Manager to designate public and nonpublic forums on City property. He explained the resolution specifically identified areas in City Hall and the Annex building; however, other areas would be identified after final adoption of GA-03-17.

**Councilmember Matthews** inquired if a policy or list of rules had been developed for distribution to employees.

City Manager Kunik replied in the negative, explaining staff had placed appropriate signage designating private work spaces. He announced a list of security enhancements would be presented for Council consideration at a future meeting.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval of the resolution, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Prafke.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Citizen Comments

None.

Councilmember Prafke **MOVED** approval of the Consent Agenda, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Matthews.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

B. City Clerk's Department

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of April 19, 2017

C. City Manager's Department

1. Renewal of City Attorney Agreement - City Council

- D. Legal Department
  - 1. Invoices of Allen, Norton & Blue, P.A., for services rendered through March 31, 2017
  - 2. Monthly Litigation Report
- E. Finance Department
  - 1. Discussion regarding the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2016
- F. Urban Design Division
  - 1. Oktoberfest Banner Request

**Citizen Comments – Regular Agenda Items Only**

Mr. Ellison Haddock, Trabue Woods United Association (TWUA), requested a clarification of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) discussion as it related to the Fresh Market and the reallocation of funds.

Mr. Terry Stark, Ygrene Energy Fund, stated financing for Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program projects could not extend beyond the useful life of the project, explaining financing became a lien on the property and would be disclosed in a lien search if the property was to be sold.

Mr. Cort Nederval asserted there was much community support for the bicycle corral, adding community funding was available if needed.

Ms. Anna Callwood, TWUA, stated the agenda implied the City would utilize CDBG funds for Cooper Street Recreation Center (CSRC) furniture rather than the project for which the funds were intended. She requested a portion of the funds be used to recruit participants.

Mr. Don Kidwell commented favorably on the route selected for the Alligator Creek cut-through project. He voiced concern regarding installing pilings at each end of Smugglers Cut. He questioned the rationale of the assessment area, opining it should be financed by the entire City.

Ms. Nancy Johnson, TBG, offered 50/50 matching funds for the bike corral.

Ms. Karen Turnbull requested City Council reject any assessment methodology for the proposed cut-through which isolated a certain group of boaters.

Ms. Carolyn Freeland opined the proposed cut-through would enhance waterfront activities for all and should be considered a City budget item rather than an assessment for a particular group of property owners.

Mr. Brad Gamblin spoke against a specific assessment area.

Mr. Mike Faussey agreed the cut-through should be a City-wide project.

## BUDGET

### Appropriation of Funds for Bicycle Corral Parking at West Marion Avenue and Sullivan Street

Mr. Mitchell Austin, Urban Design Planner, presented background information and current conditions which justified the need for a bicycle corral, briefly describing same, noting the project included wheel stops and pavement markings. He explained staff was requesting an allocation of \$3,000 to proceed with permitting, purchase and installation at West Marion Avenue and Sullivan Street.

Discussion ensued with Councilmembers commenting on visibility impact and safety, positive aspects of installing the corral, logistics of the location, bicyclists following the rules of the road and installing the corral for a trial period in order to collect usage data.

Councilmember Prafke **MOVED** approval of installing the corral as proposed for a one year trial period and accepting matching funds from TPG, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Wein.

#### **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Mr. Austin confirmed the corral color would be yellow for high visibility.

### Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Fund Discussion

City Manager Kunik recalled City Council had agreed to withdraw from the CDBG Program, explaining \$14,000 remained for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016. He recommended the CDBG Action Plan be amended to reallocate the funds to replace furniture at the CSRC, noting a public hearing for same would be scheduled for the May 17, 2017 City Council meeting. He further recommended rejecting the current bids for the Fresh Market Garden, requesting an appropriation of \$40,000 to re-bid the project utilizing City funds, thereby eliminating the need to comply with onerous Federal requirements. He stated \$50,000 would be allocated each year to meet the needs of the Trabue Woods community with a certain amount being set aside each year, for at least the next 3 years, for maintenance of the Fresh Market, adding Council had been provided a draft agreement for management of the business venture.

**Mayor Keesling** confirmed the project had not changed but rather the funding source would change.

**Councilmember Prafke** inquired as to the source of funding.

City Manager Kunik replied excess FY 2017 local government sales tax revenues. He estimated the project could be constructed for \$40,000 or less, confirming 3 bids had been received.

**Councilmember Cummings** stated the City had committed to replacing CDBG funds from this point forward, adding this moved up the project by one year. He commented it was good practice to make use of local bidders and eliminate complications.

**Councilmember Matthews** inquired who would receive the revenues generated by the Fresh Market.

City Manager Kunik replied TWUA, reiterating it was a business venture.

Ms. Callwood explained Simply Fresh Produce, Inc. would sell the produce. She stated TWUA had agreed to collaborate with the City to ensure the property at 317 East Virginia Avenue was used for the intended purpose.

Councilmember Cummings **MOVED** to reject CDBG funding and bids and to re-bid the project, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Wein.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### **FY 2018 Budget Update – Building, Marina, and Gas Tax Funds**

Ms. Kristin Simeone, Financial Analyst, reviewed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Building, Marina and Gas Tax Funds, as delineated in the agenda materials, noting all funds were balanced, and proformas out to FY 2022 were included for each.

**Mayor Keesling** confirmed members had no questions regarding the budget update.

**NOTE: A brief recess was called at 10:42 a.m.**

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **Punta Gorda Isles Bird Section Cut Through Permitting Status Update**

Mr. Hans Wilson, Hans Wilson & Associates, provided a brief update on the project, reporting the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) permit should be issued within the next 30 days. He explained there had been delays with Federal permitting, but he had been promised the Army Corps of Engineers Project Manager would go to public notice by Tuesday, May 9, 2017.

**Mayor Keesling** inquired as to the public notice period.

Mr. Wilson replied 30 days. He pointed out due to potential impacts to endangered species, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) had no requisite timeframe to respond; however, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) had a timeframe of 135 days. He then explained safe navigation and prop scarring were issues in Smugglers Cut, adding the regulatory agencies had expressed interest in limiting the available width for access or posting the Cut for non-motorized vessels. He stated limiting the use would need to be approved by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, adding his minimum recommendation would be to post the Cut as “slow speed.”

**Councilmember Matthews** stated she would like to see Smugglers Cut remain accessible to boaters who wished to use it as a sightseeing excursion for visitors.

Mr. Wilson stated it was necessary to balance the requirements of all the regulatory agencies.

Discussion ensued regarding Smugglers Cut.

**Mayor Keesling** inquired what other forms of mitigation had been discussed.

Mr. Wilson replied the City would need to contribute \$3,500 for a seagrass study of the Charlotte Harbor complex.

City Attorney Levin inquired as to ownership of the bottom of the channel where the pilings would be located.

Mr. Wilson replied the pilings on Alligator Creek were located on sovereign State lands while the pilings in the canal connection was likely located on Punta Gorda Isles (PGI) land.

### **Punta Gorda Isles Bird Section Cut Through Assessment Methodology**

Ms. Heather Encinosa, Nabors Giblin & Nickerson, P.A., provided a PowerPoint presentation, Additional Charlotte Harbor Access Apportionment Methodology, as delineated in the agenda material. She reviewed the legal requirements for special assessments, noting according to Florida case law, the assessment must provide a special benefit to property and be fairly and reasonably apportioned among all benefitted properties. She reviewed the project description and benefit area, which had been refined with a few minor changes. She pointed out special benefit assumptions must benefit properties as opposed to boaters, adding same included improved navigational access, water quality improvements and increased property values. She recommended the project cost for this one-time capital project be apportioned among those properties which met the following criteria: developed and developable parcels; abutted a canal; within the benefit area; under current City regulations were allowed at least one dock, boatlift or other Water Access Unit (WAU). She explained a WAU was defined as “a dock, landing, ramp, slip, bay, lift, wharf or other structure for receiving boats and other water craft allowable under existing regulations,” and would become the standard unit for the assessment calculation for each parcel. She explained condominiums were a tax parcel but would have common area and common WAUs, adding in order to comply with State law, all of the WAUs for the entire condominium complex would be massed and then allocated equally among the tax parcels. She concluded the assessment would include project costs, financing and collection costs along with a Statutory discount for early payment, noting the assessment was payable over a term of years, not to exceed the useful life of the



project. She stated the total assessment cost would then be divided by the number of WAUs within the benefit area to determine the cost per WAU.

**Mayor Keesling** inquired if WAUs were based on permitted structures.

Ms. Encinosa replied allowable or permitted, adding the City had a detailed and well written ordinance which outlined what was allowed for each property.

**Councilmember Cummings** stated it was necessary to distinguish between a tax and a fee, adding a tax was non-exchange revenue which provided an indirect benefit or benefit to people, while a fee was exchange revenue which provided a direct benefit to property.

Ms. Encinosa reiterated there were case law requirements related to valid assessments or fees, agreeing a tax was paid by everyone for the benefit of living in a civilized society. She stated the special benefit requirement did not exist for taxes.

**Councilmember Wein** inquired if the assessment would be based on the zoning at the time of assessment.

Ms. Encinosa replied it would be based on the highest use at the time of the assessment.

**Councilmember Matthews** stated she supported the project but objected to the way it was being done. She opined the WAU description was vague, questioning how many WAUs would be assigned to a tip lot with 175 feet of waterfront and a dock which wrapped around the property.

Ms. Encinosa replied no WAUs had been assigned, reiterating the Code outlined what each property was allowed; however, WAUs would be based on the maximum allowed rather than what existed.

**Councilmember Matthews** voiced concern condominiums were being assessed differently than single family homes, asserting the WAU did not fairly depict existing conditions in the area. She voiced disagreement with the assessment area, suggesting every property owner in PGI be assessed.

Ms. Encinosa advised regardless of the methodology used, State law dictated how condominiums were addressed, adding those maximums could not be exceeded.

**Councilmember Matthews** pointed out finger docks at condominiums accommodated two boats; however, a dock was defined as one WAU.

Ms. Encinosa stated the term “dock” would be further defined by the City’s Code.

Discussion ensued regarding docks versus slips.

**Councilmember Prafke** acknowledged it was necessary to define the benefit area, pointing out not everyone with a boat would use the Alligator Creek cut-through; thus

there should be no discussion of property owners in Burnt Store Meadows and Seminole Lakes being assessed.

**Councilmember Matthews** agreed.

**Mayor Keesling** pointed out her property on Bass Inlet had no access to Ponce Inlet or the proposed cut.

**Councilmember Wein** opined the proposed cut provided several benefits to the boating community, commenting whatever was good for boating was good for the boating community. He concluded all property owners in PGI would benefit and thus, should all be assessed.

City Manager Kunik stated the City had done well moving the project forward, urging City Council to stay the course. He stated this was the first foray into a recommended assessment methodology which was based on a specific area paying for a specific improvement.

**Councilmember Prafke** questioned the halfway point between the northern and southern section of the benefit area.

Mr. Wilson replied a location existed exactly in the middle from which the property had to make a decision whether to go south or north, opining there could be a sliding scale based on proximity to the channel; however, same would be very complicated.

**Mayor Keesling** pointed out it was impossible to avoid drawing a line somewhere.

City Attorney Levin drew members' attention to the benefit area map, inquiring if Ms. Encinosa would be able to testify in a challenge that any of the properties shown in yellow were not benefitted.

Ms. Encinosa responded the benefit area was established by Mr. Wilson, stating she analyzed his assumptions and had no reason to dispute same.

City Attorney Levin stated Mr. Wilson was not an expert on special assessments and his determination was likely based upon City Council's direction. He stated the question would likely be raised as to whether the separation on the map could withstand a challenge if there was a question as to whether the properties outside of the benefit area could also benefit.

Ms. Encinosa recommended the City engage an appraiser to opine on increased or preserved property values as a result of the improvement, clarifying either an appraiser or an economist should be retained to "shore up" the benefit aspect.

City Attorney Levin clarified properties within the Bird area would be assessed based on receiving an equal benefit, and there was no need to differentiate between those properties other than by number of allowed boat slips, adding the firm's scope did not

include an assessment as to whether or not anyone outside the area benefitted or whether the area should be relocated.

Ms. Encinosa reiterated recommendations were made to refine the benefit area by excluding and/or including certain properties, adding the scope did not include consideration of assumptions about travel distances or who would primarily use the new cut.

City Attorney Levin questioned if people from outside the benefit area would be more likely to utilize the new cut due to the pilings in Smugglers Cut and whether same would create a greater benefit to those outside of the assessment area.

Mr. Wilson replied it was necessary to consider benefits to people versus benefits to property and navigation, acknowledging the new channel allowed for a greater percentage of boaters to take a trip upstream, which was currently draft restricted.

City Attorney Levin clarified he was not questioning the appropriateness of the assessment; however, it could be ammunition in negotiations with the State with regard to maintaining the same level of access, clarifying by installing pilings, the State might create issues for the City from an assessment perspective. He concluded if the State's concern was alerting boaters to slow down because the Cut was shallow, installing signs would have less impact to the assessment.

Mr. Wilson reiterated the State had agreed to issue the permit. He opined a majority of boaters utilizing Smugglers Cut did so for navigational access, adding creation of improved navigational access would eliminate the need for the Cut for that purpose.

Ms. Escinosa explained the assessment test was not a unique or an exclusive special benefit, adding it had to be reasonably related to the property.

**Mayor Keesling** inquired as to a two-tiered approach.

Ms. Encinosa stated it would still be necessary to draw boundary lines with that approach. She advised hiring an economist or an appraiser to provide information on property values would be a logical next step.

City Manager Kunik if City Council desired staff to present cost information for the services of an economist, pointing out the City would be fronting that cost.

City Attorney Levin voiced concern same might not move the City forward.

**Councilmember Cummings** interjected it could be assumed that if one had increased access, the property would be worth more, opining from a legal standpoint an appraiser's opinion would be viewed as not being so variable.

City Attorney Levin argued he did not believe the property appraiser information would be helpful as their calculations were not that sophisticated, voicing concern regarding

the ability to defend the assessment, concluding it would be appropriate to get a better understanding of the benefit to property in general as opposed to property value.

Ms. Encinosa advised if there was a challenge, the City would need an expert to put on the stand, recommending the City consult with an economist who had familiarity with assessment programs, preferably one who had been deemed an expert by the courts.

**Mayor Keesling** reiterated it would be worthwhile to explore a two-tiered approach.

City Manager Kunik stated staff could secure the services of an economist, questioning whether Council was suggesting looking at PGI in its entirety.

**Mayor Keesling** responded in the negative.

**Councilmember Prafke** responded in the negative, stating it was a matter of validating Mr. Wilson's assumption for the benefit area.

City Manager Kunik confirmed Council desired staff to present a proposal to hire an economist who would study the benefitted area and validate the property value aspect.

#### **Discussion Regarding Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing for Properties Located within City Limits.**

City Manager Kunik inquired if City Council desired an agenda item for allowing a certified PACE manager to operate within the City with participation by property owners being optional.

Discussion ensued with consensus for staff to move forward with preparing an item for the City Attorney's review and presentation to City Council sometime after June 2017.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Discussion Regarding Traffic Calming Options for West Retta Esplanade Between Shreve Street and Cross Street (US 41 SB).**

Mr. Austin drew members' attention to a list of West Retta Esplanade potential traffic options, as delineated in the agenda material, noting traffic concerns included speed, volume and the safety of drivers, pedestrians and bicyclists. He stated proposed traffic calming measures were wider sidewalks, paver intersections and crosswalks, on-street parking and possible street bricking. He briefly reviewed the configuration for a one-way street. He concluded staff recommended proceeding with Harborwalk Areas I, II and III as designed, noting if additional traffic calming was desired, staff would recommend accelerating the brick street projects which were planned by resolution for the roadway and then re-evaluate the traffic conditions to determine whether additional action was warranted.

**Mayor Keesling** opined it was necessary to reduce the speed limit if drivers would be backing onto the street from the parking spaces.

City Manager Kunik stated staff was not recommending a one-way street.

**Councilmember Prafke** stated new urbanism gave preference to two-way streets. She questioned whether it would be appropriate to install curbing on the south side of the street in front of the homes to prevent parking there and for additional traffic calming.

**Councilmember Cummings** voiced concern regarding drainage.

Mr. Austin stated parallel parking on both sides of street could result in further traffic calming; however, curbing did not provide a traffic calming effect unless the roadway was narrowed by doing so.

**Mayor Keesling** suggested City Council revisit traffic calming measures after Gilchrist Park construction was complete.

Consensus was to do so.

### **RECOMMENDATION FROM CITY OFFICERS**

#### **CITY CLERK**

#### **General Employees' Pension Board 5th Member Appointment Confirmation**

City Clerk Smith explained the General Employees' Pension Board had appointed Mr. Bradley Teets as their fifth member, noting Council was being requested to confirm the appointment.

Councilmember Prafke **MOVED** to confirm the appointment of Mr. Teets, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Matthews.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

#### **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

##### **Announcement of Vacancies**

Board of Zoning Appeals Alternate

City Clerk Smith announced the vacancy.

Building Board

City Clerk Smith announced the continuing vacancy.

Building Board Alternate

City Clerk Smith announced the continuing vacancy.

Board of Zoning Appeals

City Clerk Smith announced the vacancy.

Punta Gorda Housing Authority

City Clerk Smith announced the continuing vacancy.

Building Board

City Clerk Smith announced the vacancy.

##### **Nominations**

Board of Zoning Appeals Alternate

Councilmember Prafke **MOVED** to nominate and appoint Mr. Frank Lepore, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Cummings.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

### **Appointments**

Punta Gorda Housing Authority (2)

Voting forms were distributed.

City Attorney Levin announced Mr. Ronald Monck and Ms. Della Booth had received the most votes and were thus appointed to the Punta Gorda Housing Authority.

### **POLICY AND LEGISLATION**

**PRAFKE:** Stated she had voiced concern to the Charlotte County Airport Authority regarding citizen outreach, adding it was a work in progress.

**CUMMINGS:** Announced representatives from several businesses and Charlotte County met with members of Drug Free Punta Gorda at the CSRC for “Taco Tuesday” the previous day, stating it was a great success.

### **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Ms. Turnbull opined appraisals of property value in the Bird section without appraisals of all PGI properties was not worthwhile.

Mr. Gene Pawlowski suggested the City bear the cost for design and permitting for the proposed cut-through and residents of the Bird section pay for construction.

Mr. Don McCormick requested future consideration of a surveillance system for the canals.

Mr. Harvey Goldberg commented \$15,000 of the proceeds from the Public Safety Appreciation Night was awarded to the Do The Right Thing Program. He stated the Block Party turnout was tremendous, opining business interruptions were minimal.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk