

**CITY OF PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2019, 9:00 A.M.**

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

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

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

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

**PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATIONS**

**National Telecommunications Week**

**Councilmember Wein** presented the proclamation to Ms. Audrey Dennis, Police Department Communications Supervisor.

Police Chief Pam Davis spoke regarding the importance and appreciation of the department's hard working and dedicated tele-communicators.

**Arbor Day**

**Mayor Prafke** presented the proclamation to Ms. Joan LeBeau, Urban Design Manager.

**Autism Awareness Month**

**Councilmember Matthews** presented the proclamation, which was accepted by Ms. Maureen Morris.

**National Day of Prayer**

**Councilmember Cummings** presented the proclamation, which was accepted by Pastor Bob Carlson.

**Punta Gorda Citizens Academy Graduation - Winter 2019 Session**

Ms. Hope Petkus, Public Works, presented certificates to the graduates of the winter 2019 Citizens Academy.

**Institute for Elected Municipal Officials Certificate of Completion -**

**Councilmember Carey**

**Mayor Prafke** presented the Certificate of Completion to Councilmember Carey.

**Introduction of Board/Committee Member Nominees**

None.

**Mayor Prafke** requested Item VII.B., Noise in Gilchrist Park – Presentation by Bernie DePaul, be heard prior to Public Hearings.

Consensus was to do so.

Ms. Cathy Getz requested Gilchrist Park be returned to a passive park after Pickleplex opened.

Ms. Peggy Keen requested Council act to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of the historic district living near the Gilchrist pickleball courts.

Ms. Dawn MacGibbon cited the dates pickleball was discussed at Council meetings and the dates the City Manager's calendar indicated he had meetings regarding pickleball, questioning why the City Manager had no notes or documentation regarding those meetings.

Ms. Sheila Jaeger stressed acoustical fencing was not appropriate for a narrow, scenic waterfront park.

Mr. Rick Sarkisian suggested it was necessary to wait until the Pickleball Committee finished their research before more debate occurred.

Ms. Betsy Blaustein agreed with Ms. Jaeger's comments, opining the next debate would be about the unsightly acoustic fencing.

Ms. Jackie Mays asserted fewer people were enjoying the park.

Mr. Marty Blaustein requested the unrelenting stressful noise be stopped and the peace and tranquility of the area be restored.

Ms. Christi Federici spoke regarding noise pollution and its negative affect on people's health, citing the City's code regarding same.

Ms. Lynn Salinger commented noise was part of life.

Mr. Bernie DePaul spoke at length regarding the negative impact of pickleball noise on his health. He voiced dissatisfaction with the outcome of his meetings with the City Manager in 2016, noting pickleball representatives were invited to attend without his consent. He stated in 2017 he commissioned a sound study, noting a copy of same had been distributed to Councilmembers this date. He concluded the pickleball courts did not belong in Gilchrist Park as the noise was harming residents.

Ms. MacGibbon read the findings from the sound study provided by Mr. DePaul.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**ZA- 01- 19 An ordinance of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, amending Punta Gorda Code, Chapter 26, "Land Development Regulations", Article 3, "Regulating Districts", amending Section 3.19, "APO, Airport Protection Overlay District", adding a definition for Approach Zone for clarification, correcting scrivener's and numbering accordingly; providing for conflict and severability; and providing an effective date.**

**FIRST READING**

City Attorney Levin read the ordinance by title.

Ms. Lisa Hannon, Zoning Official, explained the ordinance amendment was necessary to add a definition for Approach Zone, to remove the prohibition of the ability to transfer density to properties within the approach zone and to correct scrivener's errors, noting staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval.

**Councilmember Matthews** inquired whether the Charlotte County Airport Authority (CCAA) had been contacted regarding the ordinance.

Mr. Mitchell Austin replied in the affirmative.

Mr. James Herston, CCAA, confirmed members were aware of the ordinance.

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

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Councilmember Cummings **MOVED** approval of ZA-01-19, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Matthews.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

#### Quasi- Judicial Public Hearings

**PD- 01- 19 An Ordinance of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, amending the conceptual site plan previously adopted with Ordinance No. 1904- 18, which rezoned properties generally described as 900 W. Marion Avenue, Punta Gorda, Florida, and more particularly described as "All of Block 13, City of Punta Gorda, according to the map or plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 1 and 23, Public Records of Charlotte County, Florida", from Neighborhood Residential 15 units per acre (NR- 15) to Planned Development Neighborhood (PDN), the amendment is to allow for the expansion of existing parking areas, and amending permitted uses and structures to include site specific signage, outside display areas and flagpoles for the museum use; providing for conflict and severability; and providing an effective date.**

**FIRST READING**

City Clerk Smith swore in the participants.

City Attorney Levin read the ordinance by title.

Ms. Hannon entered the staff report, as delineated in the agenda material, into the record by reference, explaining in detail the Military Heritage Museum's request for an additional flag pole, banners, signage and expanded parking, concluding staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval with the following conditions: maintenance of the banners; building permit to be obtained prior to construction or demotion related to amendment of the parking configuration and/or removal of the security building.

Ms. Geri Waksler, applicant's attorney, explained her client was requesting a modification to an existing PDN to add signage and expand parking in order to make their new location successful. She explained the banners would be made of vinyl and were intended to be changeable, adding some were consistent with the manner in which museums advertised their exhibits, displaying several banner examples. She stated the applicant agreed to the conditions for approval.

City Attorney Levin questioned whether the outside display of military equipment was part of the request.

Ms. Hannon explained staff had the ability to allow creative outdoor displays without additional modification to the PDN.

Ms. Blaustein inquired as to a back-up plan for overflow parking, adding neighboring residents were concerned about excessive traffic on their small street.

Ms. Waksler replied Fishermen's Village would be used for overflow.

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

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Councilmember Cummings **MOVED** approval of PD-01-19 with conditions as recommended by staff, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Wein.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

City Attorney Levin advised as to the requirement for disclosing ex parte communications as they related to quasi-judicial proceedings.

**AX- 01- 19 An Ordinance of the City Council of Punta Gorda, Florida, annexing within the corporate area of the City of Punta Gorda, property addressed as 324 Cooper Street, Punta Gorda, and generally described as a parcel of land lying within Lots 7, 8, 19 and 20, Block A, of LaVilla Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 5, of the Public Records of Charlotte County, Florida, being more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, containing 0.64 acres, in accordance with the voluntary annexation provisions of Section 171.044, Florida Statutes; redefining the boundary lines of said city in conformance therewith; amending the Official Boundary Map of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida; directing the City Clerk to provide certified copies of this ordinance to the Charlotte County Clerk of Court, Charlotte County Administrator, Florida Department of State and Florida Office of Economic and Demographic Research; providing for conflict and severability; and providing an effective date.**

**FIRST READING**

City Attorney Levin read the ordinance by title.

Ms. Hannon entered the staff report into the record by reference, as delineated in the agenda material, noting the findings and conclusions. She concluded staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval.

All Councilmembers disclosed they had met with the applicant.

Ms. Lauren Robie, applicant's representative, briefly reviewed conceptual plans for the property, as delineated in the agenda material, which included preservation of the existing historic home, creation of a new multi-use development to include both residential and commercial uses and maintenance of the community's small town charm. She stated the existing home would be elevated above flood level.

**Councilmember Matthews** inquired whether the applicant was requesting a Transfer of Density Units (TDUs).

Ms. Hannon replied three additional TDUs had been approved in the pre-annexation agreement.

Ms. Martha Bireda spoke in support of the project.

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

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**Councilmember Matthews** suggested establishing a time limit and reverter clause for utilizing TDUs allocated to a particular project.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval of AX-01-19, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Cummings.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**CP- 01- 19 - An ordinance of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, amending the City of Punta Gorda Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map to include newly annexed lands; amending the Future Land Use Map to reflect the change in the current designations of Commercial/County (Commercial/County), to Urban Village/City (UV/City) for 0.64 +/- acres being a portion of La Villa Subdivision, according to the map or plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 6, Public Records of Charlotte County, Florida, Section 5, Township 41 South, Range 23 East, being more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto; providing for conflict and severability; and providing an effective date.**

**FIRST READING**

City Attorney Levin read the ordinance by title.

Ms. Hannon entered the staff report into the record by reference, as delineated in the agenda material, explaining this was the companion ordinance to the annexation and

rezoning requests being heard this date. She stated the ordinance would amend the Future Land Use Map to show its future land use designation as Urban Village (UV) and apply all the provisions of the CP to the proposed properties as described in the application. She stated all terms and conditions were outlined in the pre-annexation agreement previously adopted. She concluded staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request and transmittal of the proposed expedited State review Comprehensive Plan amendment to the Department of Economic Opportunity and related reviewing agencies.

Ms. Robie requested Council approval of the request.

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

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval of CP-01-19 as recommended by staff, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Cummings.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**Z- 02- 19 An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, rezoning 0.64 acres, a parcel of land lying within Lots 7, 8, 19 and 20, Block A, of LaVilla Subdivision, as recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 5, Public Records of Charlotte County, Florida, being more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto; from its current Charlotte County zoning classification of Commercial General/County (CG/County) to Neighborhood Center/City (NC/City); providing for conflict and severability; and providing an effective date.** FIRST READING

City Attorney Levin read the ordinance by title.

Ms. Hannon entered the staff report into the record by reference, as delineated in the agenda material, noting the rezoning was a companion ordinance to the annexation and Comprehensive Plan amendment being heard this date. She explained the NC zoning classification was compatible with the surrounding properties and would allow for the blending of non-residential and residential uses to produce a complete array of daily goods and services. She reviewed the findings and conclusions from the staff report, concluding staff and the Planning Commission recommended approval with noted conditions.

Ms. Robie stated she wished to reiterate comments she made during the public hearing for AX-01-19.

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

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Councilmember Wein **MOVED** approval of Z-02-19, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Carey.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION**

**No Public Hearing Required**

**Z- 01- 19 - An Ordinance of the City Council of Punta Gorda, Florida, rezoning approximately 0.88+/- acres of property, generally described as 200 West Henry Street, Punta Gorda, Charlotte County, Florida, and being more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto, from its current zoning classification of Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Neighborhood Residential 15 Units Per Acre (NR- 15); providing for conflict and severability; and providing an effective date.**

**SECOND READING TO BE CONTINUED**

City Attorney Levin announced the applicant reconsidered the stipulations to which he had previously agreed, and was requesting a continuance.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the need to reopen the public hearing due to the applicant's reconsideration of the stipulations and the effect of continuing the public hearing on Council's actions at the previous hearing.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** to reopen the public hearing for Z-01-19 and continue it to May 1, 2019, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Carey.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**Note: A short break was called at 11:08 a.m.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Citizen Comments - Consent Agenda Items

None.

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

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

B. City Clerk's Department

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of April 4, 2019

C. Urban Design Division

1. Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan FY 2019 Re-Allocation of Funding and Project Priority

2. National Coastal Resilience Grant Application

D. Police Department

1. A Resolution of the City of Punta Gorda, Florida, approving a Memorandum of Understanding to provide for the establishment and operation an Adult Pre-Arrest Diversion Program (APAD) for the 20th Judicial Circuit, Charlotte County; authorizing the Chief of Police to execute the Memorandum on behalf of the City; and providing an effective date.

**Citizen Comments - Regular Agenda Items Only**

Ms. Mary Schuckle, Harborwalk Condominium Board, requested a reduction in the speed limit on Nesbit Street, north of Marion Avenue.

Mr. Gene Pawlowski asserted there were studies indicating speed limits in Punta Gorda were too high, recommending a reduction to 25 miles per hour.

**BUDGET**

**Award of Amendment #1 - Architectural/Design Services - ADA and Security Design (City Hall Annex, Public Safety Building and Public Works/Utilities Campus) to ADG Architecture, LLC in accordance with the Master Agreement U2017105.**

Ms. Marian Pace, Procurement Manager, explained staff requested a proposal from ADG Architecture for architectural/design services for ADA and Security Design for the referenced City buildings, adding staff had negotiated a scope of work and was requesting approval of Amendment #1 for a total cost of \$71,610.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval of the award of Amendment #1, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Wein.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**Award of Amendment #2 to CDM Smith, Inc. for development of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) permit application and mechanical integrity testing of the deep injection well system.**

Ms. Anne Heinen, Procurement, reported Amendment #2 to the Master Service Agreement awarded to CDM Smith, Inc. had been prepared as referenced above for a total lump sum cost of \$66,944, which was inclusive of all expenses. She stated the current WWTP permit was due to expire December 15, 2019, concluding staff recommended the award of Amendment #2 to CDM Smith.

Councilmember Cummings **MOVED** approval of the award of Amendment #2 to CDM Smith, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Wein.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**Award of Agreement to Marine Contracting Group, Inc. of Punta Gorda, FL for the Seawall Replacement Program and as needed repairs.**

Ms. Julie Rogan-Sutter, Procurement, reported an Invitation to Bid was issued for the Seawall Replacement Program and as needed repairs to establish a new agreement for those construction services, noting program expenditures would be adjusted according to annual budget figures. She stated the initial period of the agreement was three years and could be renewed for an additional three years. She stated staff recommend award of the Agreement to Marine Contracting Group (MCG) as the lowest and most responsible bidder.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval of the award of the Agreement to MCG, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Cummings.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**Appropriation for Public Safety Building Card Access System Upgrade**

Ms. Kristin Simeone, Finance Director explained the card access system was becoming unreliable and required an upgrade, requesting a \$5,000 appropriation for same.

Councilmember Matthews **MOVED** approval of the upgrade and appropriation of the funds, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Cummings.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

**Formation of City 1% Local Option Sales Tax Committee (in alignment with Charlotte County) to discuss and vet projects for placement on the Primary or General Election 2020 ballot.**

Ms. Melissa Reichert, Communications Manager, explained it was necessary to discuss formation of a 1% Local Option Sales Tax Committee, explaining the City would follow a similar process to Charlotte County.

Ms. Kelly Shoemaker, Deputy County Administrator, explained the County's timeline, and make-up of their 15-member committee.

Ms. Reichert drew members' attention to the preliminary committee member list, inquiring as to any omissions.

**Councilmember Carey** opined there should be a representative for history.

Discussion ensued with consensus for each group to nominate their own representative with Council to select district representatives at a later date and to require all committee members to be full-time residents.

Ms. Reichert stated she would obtain the names of the representatives for each group in time for the May 15, 2019 meeting, with City Council selecting the district representatives at the June 5, 2019 meeting.

**Councilmember Matthews** offered to serve on the County's Sales Tax Committee.

Consensus was for her to do so.

**Mayor Profke** suggested a Councilmember be appointed to attend the City's sales tax committee meetings as a non-voting member.

**NOTE: Speed Limit Reduction on Nesbit was discussed prior to Budget Alternatives**

**FY 2020 Budget Alternatives - General Fund, Information Technology, General Construction and 1% Local Option Sales Tax**

Ms. Simeone drew members' attention to the FY 2020 Budget Status Report, as delineated in the agenda material. She reviewed the General Fund history, trends and assumptions, the Financial Policy and Capital Outlay Five Year Plan.

City Manager Kunik interjected staff had provided an initial set line items for City Council to indicate a "yes", "no" or "maybe" decision; however, staff would first review the initial changes subsequent to the Long Range Financial Plan (LRFP).

Ms. Simeone displayed the General Fund Summary, noting revenues in the LRFP were approximately \$21.6 million with expenditures of \$22.5 million. She stated for this proposal, revenues were increased slightly to \$21.8 million, adding since capital outlay reserves did not need to be used, the use of operating reserves was reduced to \$226,805. She briefly reviewed the changes to operating expenses.

City Manager Kunik noted the changes just reviewed would have no impact on service levels, inquiring if City Council was amenable to the initial changes.

Ms. Simeone confirmed the changes would not affect the millage rate.

Discussion ensued regarding approval of the initial changes.

Councilmember Cummings **MOVED** approval of the initial changes to operating expenses as delineated on pages 11 and 12 of the presentation, **SECONDED** by Councilmember Carey.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Ms. Simeone briefly reviewed the General Fund Comparison FY 2019 to FY 2020, noting a change of +3.3%. She reviewed the General Fund Operating Reserve, noting estimated ending reserves available for allocation of approximately \$1.3 million. She drew members' attention to other personnel expenses, noting an increase of \$120,000 was suggested for the Police Union contract changes.

Consensus was to do so.

Ms. Simeone advised an increase of \$100,000 was recommended for Fire Pension funding to smooth costs.

Consensus was to do so.

Ms. Simeone stated based on the Human Resource (HR) Manager's advice regarding a possible increase to health insurance rates an increase of \$120,300 was recommended.

Consensus was to do so.

Ms. Simeone stated during the LRFPP discussion, it was suggested the general employee merit be increased from 3% to 4%, noting the additional 1% would cost \$64,295 to the General Fund and \$128,400 citywide.

City Manager Kunik pointed out general employees' salaries were not increased to the recommended amounts when the pay and classification study was implemented the previous year, noting Firefighters' and Police Officers' negotiations brought them much closer to the recommended amounts.

Consensus was to do so.

Ms. Simeone stated the next option was to reduce City paid dependent health from 50% to 45%.

City Manager Kunik stated 50% had been maintained for several years, noting it was competitive with the surrounding area.

Mr. Phil Wickstrom, HR Manager, concurred, noting the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office paid 100% of dependent coverage for health and dental. He stated other entities with which the City competed for employees provided at least 50%.

Consensus was to decline the option.

Discussion ensued with consensus to approve the following: 1) Staffing Needs - Engineering Tech, EMS Training Chief, Dispatcher and Community Engagement Officer; 2) Capital Outlay - body cameras and an Urban Design Plotter; 3) Citywide Master Plan - Service Level Change to include elimination of Aqua services and the addition of a communications budget.

Ms. Simeone then reviewed service level reductions which were not recommended by the City Manager.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding reduction in funding for the drainage program with a majority of members agreeing to a slight reduction from \$350,000 to \$300,000 for FY 2020 with the program to be discussed again in the future.

Members agreed not to reduce funding for the road resurfacing program or the Historic District initiatives (for infrastructure only).

Discussion ensued with consensus not to approve any of the service level reductions delineated in the agenda material on pages 29 - 35 of the presentation.

Ms. Simeone noted a recommendation regarding the Lot Mowing Program would be made at a later date. She drew members' attention to the Information Technology (IT) Fund, as delineated in the agenda material.

Discussion ensued regarding IT items with Councilmembers approving all requests.

Ms. Simeone summarized expenditures would increase by approximately \$1 million with a new total of approximately \$23 million. She noted the millage rate increase would be .3172 if reserves were not utilized. She stressed reserves should be earmarked for one-time costs rather than on-going expenses.

City Manager Kunik drew members' attention to the 1% Sales Tax Revenue projects, noting some figures were planning numbers as the projects had not yet been bid.

**Mayor Profke** opined funding should be utilized to complete some of the renovation projects at Veterans Park, noting same was a focal point which attracted visitors.

City Manager Kunik stated staff would be presenting the costs for the various components of Veterans Park Phase II at an upcoming City Council meeting, noting Mr. Dick Carr had identified two areas of focus.

Ms. Simeone drew members' attention to the Unfunded Projects FY 2020 through FY 2024.

City Manager Kunik clarified unfunded meant the projects had not yet been bid, noting Gilchrist Park Area II would be sent out to bid in the near future. He then stated a list of potential future sales tax projects had been included as a starting point for Sales Tax Committee discussions.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Discussion of Speed Limit Reduction on Nesbit Street**

Mr. Mark Gering, City Engineer, explained the request was to reduce the speed limit from Marion Avenue north to the river, adding staff had researched citations and accident reports and found there was not a problem in that area.

Discussion ensued with consensus not to take action at this time but to refer the matter to Dover Kohl for consideration along with the Master Plan discussion.

#### **Noise in Gilchrist Park – Presentation by Bernie DePaul**

See discussion above.

### **RECOMMENDATION FROM CITY OFFICERS**

#### **CITY MANAGER**

No comments.

#### **CITY ATTORNEY**

No comments.

## **BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

### **Announcement of Vacancies**

Planning Commission Alternate (2)

Punta Gorda Housing Authority (2)

Police Officers' Pension Board

Code Enforcement Alternate

City Clerk Smith announced the vacancies.

### **Appointments**

Historic Preservation Advisory Board

Voting forms were distributed.

City Attorney Levin announced Mr. Michael Wooster had received the most votes and was thus elected to the Board.

## **POLICY AND LEGISLATION**

**PRAFKE:** Provided an update on Pickleplex.

**MATTHEWS:** Announced the Block Party would be held April 27, 2019.

**CAREY:** Complimented Mr. Todd Helt who was the bugler for the Flag Raising Ceremony for the Military Heritage Museum.

## **CITIZENS COMMENTS**

Ms. Sheila Jaeger spoke regarding the difference between the noises of daily life versus the impulsive noise of pickleball, opining some people provided facts while others just spoke their opinion. She then stated it was difficult to speak at the Council meeting time after time; however, she was serving as the voice for many people who had approached her but were not able to speak at the meeting.

Ms. Bireda asked City Council to consider the comments and documentation offered by Mr. DePaul and to empathize with those who were having health issues as a result of the pickleball noise in Gilchrist Park, requesting those courts be removed.

Ms. Pat Niles suggested the Gilchrist Park pickleball courts be closed for a time when Pickleplex opened.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk