

The regular meeting of the Lake Wales City Commission was held on March 20, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers at the Municipal Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Michael S. Carter following the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Dr. James Moyer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Jonathan Thornhill; John Paul Rogers; Betty Wojcik, Terrye Y. Howell; Michael S. Carter

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Dorothy Pendergrass, Acting City Manager; Albert C. Galloway, Jr., City Attorney; Clara VanBlargan, City Clerk; Jacquie Hawkins, Deputy City Clerk;

[Meetings are recorded but not transcribed verbatim]

MAYOR

Agenda Item 5. Proclamation: "Year of the Girl" 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts; Year 2012

Mayor Carter read a proclamation proclaiming 2012 as "Year of the Girl." No one from the Girl Scouts was present to accept it.

Proclamation: Lake Wales High School Boys Basketball Championship Day; March 20, 2012

Mayor Carter read a proclamation proclaiming March 20, 2012 as "Lake Wales High School Boys Basketball Championship Day." The proclamation was accepted by the basketball team that won the championship. The Mayor also presented the team with a "Key to the City."

CONSENT AGENDA

**Agenda Item 6. Approval of Minutes: March 6, 2012, Workshop Meeting
March 6, 2012, Regular Meeting**

Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thornhill.

By Voice Vote:

Commissioner Howell	"YES"
Commissioner Thornhill	"YES"
Commissioner Rogers	"YES"
Commissioner Wojcik	"YES"
Mayor Carter	"YES"

The motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Carter moved up Agenda Item 10 so the Champion basketball players could be present.

Agenda Item 10. Lake Wales High School Parade to honor the FHSAA Class 5A State Basketball Champions

The full staff memo is incorporated into the minutes.

[Begin agenda memo]

SYNOPSIS

Approval of the street closing request will allow the Lake Wales High School to hold a special parade honoring the LWHS State Basketball Team Champions

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission take the following action:

1. Approve the special event permit application from Lake Wales High School for a Parade to be held Wednesday, April 4, 2012 from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. to honor the Lake Wales High School State Basketball Champions.
2. Approve the request for the road closing of First Street from SR60 to Central Avenue, Central Avenue from First Street to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd to the James P. Austin Center.
3. Determine the option for in-kind services form the City

BACKGROUND

Ms. Donna Dunson, Principal of the Lake Wales High School, submitted a special event permit application for a special Parade to be held on Wednesday, April 4, 2012 to honor the High School Basketball Team who won the state championship on March 3, 2012 in Lakeland. The parade would line up at the Polk Avenue Elementary School parking lot at 4:30 p.m. with the parade beginning at 5:00 p.m. with festivities ending and at the James P. Austin Community Center on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

The requested temporary street closings will involve the following streets; First Street from State Road 60 to Polk Avenue, First Street from Polk Avenue to Central Avenue, Central Avenue to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. at Central Avenue to the James P. Austin Community Center where the parade will end Lake Wales Police Department and VOICE would be providing officers for the parade and for pedestrian and vehicular traffic control. The Streets Department would be providing assistance with the barricades for the street closings.

OTHER OPTIONS

Do not approve the request for the parade and road closings.

FISCAL IMPACT

This parade is not a budgeted event in the FY11-12 budget. In-kind services provided by the City would be a total cost of \$781.80. The City Commission must choose one of the following options:

1. City absorb the entire cost of \$781.80 for Police and Streets
2. Lake Wales High School pay the cost at 100% or \$781.80
3. City pays 75% or \$586.35 and High School pays 25% or \$195.45

[End agenda memo]

The Commission congratulated the high school boys' for their state championship and expressed their pride in bringing this honor to the City of Lake Wales.

Commissioner Thornhill made a motion to approve the special event permit application from Lake Wales High School for the parade; approve the request for the road closings, and approve the City's payment of 100% of in-kind services for the parade and other activities. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Howell.

By Voice Vote:

Commissioner Thornhill	"YES"
Commissioner Howell	"YES"
Commissioner Rogers	"YES"
Commissioner Wojcik	"YES"
Mayor Carter	"YES"

The motion carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Agenda Item 7. Ordinance 2012-05, Accepting the Report & Recommendation of the 2012 Districting Commission – 2nd Reading & Public Hearing

The full staff memo is incorporated into the minutes.

[Begin agenda memo]

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission take the following action:

1. Adopt Ordinance 2012-05 accepting the Report and Recommendation of the 2012 Districting Commission.

The City Commission approved first reading of Ordinance 2012-05 on March 6, 2012.

BACKGROUND

Within a year of the release of each decennial census, the City Commission is required by Charter to appoint a districting commission to provide a recommended plan for adjustment of the allocation of commission seats within each commission district or adjustment of commission district boundaries. The purpose of these adjustments is to equalize population within the areas represented by each commission seat if population growth has occurred over the previous decade. Members of the 2012 Districting Commission were appointed in September of 2011 to develop a districting plan and recommendation utilizing data from the 2010 Census. In accordance with charter amendments approved by voters in April 2011, five commissioners will be elected from four geographical districts as equal as possible in population effective with the 2013 election. Seat 1 will be elected at-large and this commissioner will serve as mayor. The recommended districting plan adjusts the commission district boundaries and reallocates the commission seats as follows:

Seat 2	Commission District 19
Seat 3	Commission District 122
Seat 4	Commission District 27
Seat 5	Commission District 28

The allocation of population to the four seats is as follows:

Seat 2 - District 19 3,519 25.01%
Seat 3 - District 122 3,477 24.72%
Seat 4 - District 27 3,564 25.33%
Seat 5 - District 28 3,508 24.94%
Total 14,068 100.0%

Each of the four commission seats will represent nearly the same number of citizens, with a difference of 87 persons between the largest commission district or area represented and the smallest. This difference equals 2.5% of the population residing in the smallest area represented.

OPTIONS

Regarding the adjustment of commission district boundaries, there are no other options as Federal law requires that elected officials represent as nearly as possible an equal number of citizens.

Regarding the actual lines, changes could be recommended to the redistricting commission to consider.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

[End agenda memo]

City Clerk Clara VanBlargan read Ordinance 2012-05 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE 2012 DISTRICTING COMMISSION; ADJUSTING COMMISSION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND ADJUSTING THE ALLOCATION OF COMMISSION SEATS WITHIN COMMISSION DISTRICTS TO COMPLY WITH THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES AND APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAWS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. OPENED PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Howell stated that the redistricting of the city occurs only after the census, which is every ten years, and asked if the districts could be changed back from four districts to five if it is not working out, or if they would have to wait another ten years before changing it back. Special Projects Manager Jennifer Nanek said they could change it although the districts may not be even. Mayor Carter asked if the Redistricting Committee could be called back to redraw the lines using the present census and Ms. Nanek said they could.

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING

There were no comments from the public.

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-05 after second reading and public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

By Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Howell	"YES"
Commissioner Rogers	"YES"
Commissioner Thornhill	"YES"
Commissioner Wojcik	"YES"

Mayor Carter

"YES"

The motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Agenda Item 8. Ordinance 2012-06, General Employees' Pension Plan Amendment – 1st Reading

The full staff memo is incorporated into the minutes.

[Begin agenda memo]

SYNOPSIS

The City Commission will consider proposed amendments to the General Employees' Pension Plan.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve Ordinance 2012-06 on first reading.

BACKGROUND

On May 4, 2010, the City Commission approved amendments to both the fire fighters and police officers pension plans, which included providing for:

- Four years terms of office,
- Allow retirees to select replacement beneficiaries and joint annuitants,
- Plan termination provisions of Chapter 2009-97, Laws of Florida,
- Allow retirees to make various allowable deductions from their monthly pension benefits.

At its February meeting the General Employees' Pension Board asked staff to bring forward Ordinance 2012-06 for adoption. The proposed plan amendment contains several changes to the retirement plan, which are addressed by ordinance sections as follows:

Section 1: 16-41 Definitions and rules of construction

The proposed ordinance would provide a narrower definition of compensation to comply with Chapter 2011-216, Law of Florida. Compensation shall exclude the following: 1) overtime in excess of 300 hours and 2) accrued unused annual or sick leave in excess of the hours accrued as of

June 30, 2011. The number of hours of accumulated leave used to calculate pension benefits shall be the lesser of the number of hours of accumulated leave on the effective date and the member's retirement date.

Section 2: 16-43(b) Board of Trustees

The proposed ordinance would amend Section 16-43(b), related to the make-up of the board of trustees, to increase the terms of board members from 2 to 4 years. The pension board recognizes the value of allowing municipal pension plans to provide for four (4) year terms of office for pension trustees. The City, on May 4, 2010, amended the Firefighters and Police Officers' Pension Plans to allow for four year terms of office.

Section 3: Sec. 16-44 Finances and fund management; establishment and operation of fund

The proposed ordinance would amend Section 16-44, by clarifying the board's ability to invest up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the portfolio in foreign securities.

Section 4: 16-48(f). Optional Forms of Benefits

Section 16-48(f) will clarify that a retired general employee may change his or her designation of a joint annuitant or beneficiary up to two times without the approval of the pension board or without the approval of the prior joint annuitant or beneficiary. The ability to change a joint pensioner is contingent on the retiree agreeing to an actuarial recalculation of the benefit to avoid any actuarial impact to the plan. Further, the retiree may not be required to furnish proof of good health of the annuitant or beneficiary being removed, and the annuitant or beneficiary being removed need not be living. The City, on May 4, 2010, amended the Firefighters and Police Officers' Pension Plans to allow for this provision. The plan actuarial, Foster & Foster, for the general pension plan have provided a statement that this change will have no impact on the assumptions used in determining the funding requirement of the plan.

Section 3: Sec. 16-55. Repeal or Termination of Plan

This amendment will incorporate into section 16-55 revisions to the distribution of plan assets upon plan termination. These revisions would provide the General Employee Pension Plan with repeal and termination rights similar to those provided to the Firefighters' and Police Officers' Pension Plans, as amended on May 4, 2010. In essence, this revision provided that if this or any subsequent ordinance shall be amended or repealed in its application to any person benefiting hereunder, the amount of benefits which at the time of any such alteration, amendment, or repeal shall have accrued to the member or beneficiary shall be non-forfeitable. This amendment also includes revision to the distribution procedures.

Section 4: Sec. 16-56. Exemption from execution; non-assignability

The proposed amendment will authorize the board of trustees to withhold funds from retirement benefits to pay for child support, alimony, and insurance premiums, i.e. health, dental, vision or long term care. The City, on May 4, 2010, amended the Firefighters and Police Officers' Pension Plans to allow this benefit.

OTHER OPTIONS

Do not approve the amendments.

FISCAL IMPACT

According to the attached letter from Foster & Foster Inc., Plan Actuary, they have determined that adoption of Ordinance 2012-06 is projected to provide a reduction in the City's contribution amount for Fiscal Year 2012'13 from 10.6% to 10.0%. The projected reductions are due to amending the definition of compensation to comply with the regulations set forth in Senate Bill 1128.

[End agenda memo]

City Clerk Clara VanBlargan read Ordinance 2012-06 by title only.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES AMENDING THE CITY OF LAKE WALES GENERAL EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN AND TRUST; AMENDING SECTION 16-41 TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF COMPENSATION TO COMPLY WITH CHAPTER 2011-216, LAWS OF FLORIDA; AMENDING SECTION 16-43(b) TO PROVIDE FOR FOUR YEAR TERMS OF OFFICE FOR TRUSTEES; AMENDING SECTION 16-44(f)(2)e TO PERMIT BUT NOT REQUIRE UP TO TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE PORTFOLIO TO BE INVESTED IN FOREIGN SECURITIES; AMENDING SECTION 16-48(f) TO ALLOW RETIREES TO SELECT REPLACEMENT BENEFICIARIES AND JOINT ANNUITANTS ON AN ACTUARIALLY EQUIVALENT MANNER; AMENDING SECTION 16-55 TO COMPLY WITH THE PLAN TERMINATION PROVISIONS OF

CHAPTER 2009-97, LAWS OF FLORIDA; AMENDING SECTION 16-56(a) TO ALLOW RETIRES TO MAKE VARIOUS ALLOWABLE DEDUCTIONS FROM THEIR MONTHLY PENSION BENEFIT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Finance Director Dorothy Pendergrass reviewed Agenda Item 8.

Commissioner Rogers asked if his voting on this item would constitute a conflict of interest because he served on the General Employees' Retirement Board. City Attorney Chuck Galloway said it would not because he would gain no personal benefit by doing so.

Commissioner Thornhill and Commissioner Wojcik pointed out some errors in the proposed ordinance and Ms. Pendergrass said she would make the corrections before the second reading.

Commissioner Rogers said the General Employees' Retirement Board was in agreement with this ordinance and thought it was in the best interest of both the city and the employees.

OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Thornhill made a motion to approve Ordinance 2012-06 after first reading. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Howell.

By Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Thornhill	"YES"
Commissioner Howell	"YES"
Commissioner Rogers	"YES"
Commissioner Wojcik	"YES"
Mayor Carter	"YES"

The motion carried 5-0.

Agenda Item 9. Resolution 2012-09, Recreation Trails Program Grant – Lake Wailes Trail

The full staff memo is incorporated into the minutes.

[Begin agenda memo]

SYNOPSIS

This application to the State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Greenways and Trails for eligible project costs totaling \$200,000 to resurface the trail around the lake and to improve the trail parking lot. A required 20% City match contribution will consist of \$40,000 of cash and in-kind services. This application is due March 30. Should this grant application be approved, staff is request an additional \$20,000 in capital improvements costs within the parking lot area which are not grant eligible. Total cost of capital project is projects is \$220,000 (funding sources are \$160,000 grant and \$60,000 city contribution).

RECOMMENDATION

Staff Recommends:

1. Approval of Resolution 2012-09 adding the trail and parking lot improvements to the Capital Improvement Plan.
2. Approval of Lake Wailes Trail Grant Application
3. Authorize the City Manager (or designee) to sign all grant application related materials.

BACKGROUND

The project entails resurfacing the Lake Wailes Trail and the expansion of the parking lot at the north trail head. The 2.5-mile trail runs from the north trail head at Cephia Street to the south trail head at Marietta Street. The trail is a 12-wide asphalt path serving both pedestrians and bicycles. Along the trail there are numerous spots where holes and cracks have developed in the pavement. These areas will be repaired and the entire trail will be resurfaced. The trail head parking lot is a paved, un-stripped parking area with one row of parking spaces sufficient for 12-14 vehicles. Demand for parking has increased significantly in the last few years, and vehicles are regularly parked beyond the pavement, tearing up grass. The parking surface will be expanded by adding 20 feet of turf block along the south side and striping a row of spaces on the north side on existing asphalt. A picnic area will be created in the shady area south of the parking lot. Safety at the trail head itself will be improved by separating the pedestrian trail entrance from the vehicular parking lot entrance. This will be accomplished by creating a pedestrian/bike plaza with decorative pavers and bollards.

OTHER OPTIONS

Do not apply for the grant

FISCAL IMPACT

If the grant application is approved, the City's costs towards this project would be \$60,000 in Fiscal Year 2012'13. The City's funding source would consist of \$50,000 from park impact fees, \$2,000 from in-kind services (filling potholes) from public works, and \$8,000 from the General Fund – Emergency Sinking Account.

[End agenda memo]

City Clerk Clara VanBlargan read Resolution 2012-09 by title only.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAKE WALES, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, COMMITTING THE CITY TO AMEND ITS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM TO ALLOCATE FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN PARKS IMPACT FEES IN FISCAL YEAR 12/13 FOR THE "PARK IMPROVEMENTS – KIWANIS PARK" PROJECT AND TO ADD A PROJECT ENTITLED "LAKE WAILES TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS" ALLOCATING TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CITY FUNDS.

Mayor Carter asked if it was age that got the trail in the present condition. Special Projects Manager Jennifer Nanek said it was due to age, as it has been ten years since any work was done to the trails, and due to heavy usage. The Mayor said that on occasion he saw cars driving over the path and asked if that contributed to the condition and Ms. Nanek said it did in some places.

Mayor Carter asked Planning and Zoning Director Margaret Swanson if plans for the parking lot across the street from Kiwanis Park were finalized. Ms. Swanson said they are working on the conceptual plan that is due next week. Mayor Carter asked if basically the western entrance to the Park would be closed. Ms. Swanson said that both entrances will remain open, though they will be narrowed. At least a dozen parking spaces will be added to the south side, a row of striping added on the north side, and the lights and mailbox will have to be moved. Presently there is no line of demarcation as to where cars come in and where pedestrians enter the trail, so a separate pedestrian entrance will be defined with bollards, and parking spaces will be marked with wheel tops and bollards to keep vehicles on the pavement.

Mayor Carter asked for a copy of the plan when finished and Ms Swanson said she had a sketch in her office which he could come by to look at.

Commissioner Wojcik asked how much of the cost would be coming from impact fees and how much was budgeted. Ms. Nanek said it wouldn't be budgeted until next year. Finance Director Dorothy Pendergrass said \$8,000 of the cost would come from the emergency sinking account, \$2,000 from in-kind donations, and the rest from impact fees, the total being \$60,000. The match is \$40,000, and an additional \$20,000 is requested from impact fees for improvements that are not grant eligible.

OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Noel Phetteplace, Chairman of the BPAC (Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Commission) said the Commission supported the resolution and the members are truly excited to see it happen. Because it is the major bike and pedestrian trail used by people from all sections of Lake Wales and practically the centerpiece for the City, BPAC has been concerned by the condition and especially the cost of having it resurfaced. They therefore encourage the City to seek future grants so that sections of the trail can be resurfaced every year and they don't wait until it is falling apart before trying to come up with the money to do the whole trail at once.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt Resolution 2012-09. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wojcik.

By Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Howell	"YES"
Commissioner Wojcik	"YES"
Commissioner Thornhill	"YES"
Commissioner Rogers	"YES"
Mayor Carter	"YES"

The motion carried 5-0.

Agenda Item 11. American Cancer Society "Relay for Life" April 21 and 22, 2012 at Lake Wailes Park – Special Event Permit Application and Request for Overnight Camping

The full staff memo is incorporated into the minutes.

[Begin agenda memo]

SYNOPSIS

Approval of this request will allow the American Cancer Society to hold their "Relay for Life" on April 21 and 22, 2012 in Lake Wailes Park and allow overnight camping in the areas designated by the City.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission take the following action:

1. Approve the Special Event Permit Application for the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" to be held in Lake Wailes Park beginning on April 21, 2012 at 8:00 a.m. and ending at noon on April 22, 2012

2. Approve the request for the set up of team camp sites on Saturday, April 21, 2012 by 8:00 a.m.
These sites will be designated areas established by the City
3. Approve the use of a D.J. for musical entertainment during the event
4. Approve the event with the conditions as set forth below

BACKGROUND

Ms. Monica Campbell, Community Representative for the American Cancer Society Inc. submitted a Special Event Permit Application for their "Relay for Life" to be held April 21 and April 22, 2012 in Lake Wailes Park. This event would begin on April 21, 2012 at approximately 8:00 a.m. with teams setting up camp sites in and around the Horseshoe Drive. The Opening ceremonies and Survivor Lap will take place at 12:00 p.m. A Survivor's Reception will be held at 1:00 p.m. and the Luminary Ceremony will take place at 9:00 p.m. Parties by Robert will provide the musical entertainment for the event and will stop playing at 10:00 p.m. on April 21, 2012 and a quiet time between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. on April 22, 2012. Closing ceremonies will begin at 6:00 a.m. on April 22, 2012 and will conclude by 12:00 p.m. (noon) that day. This event is open to the public. Per sec. 18-82 q. of the Lake Wales Code, camping is prohibited in a City park unless specifically authorized by special permit. RV's and camping have been allowed previously for other events with the approval of the City Commission. Ms. Monica Campbell will be working with City staff to coordinate and to ensure that all conditions are met. City departments have reviewed and approved the event providing that all conditions are met as follows:

- Any RV's used by the teams can not arrive no earlier than 8 a.m. Saturday, April 21st and must depart no later than noon on Sunday, April 22, 2012.
- The RV's will be parked in the open area south of the southern entrance to the "Festival Area" of Lake Wailes Park and north of the Central Ave. intersection with Lakeshore Drive
- Tents and canopies may set up inside and around the outside of the Horseshoe Drive on Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. and must be removed no later than 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 22.
- No parking of vehicles will be allowed off pavement except in the camping area as noted, in the temporary parking area across from the football field, and in the area along the horseshoe drive between the basketball courts and the retention area.
- No vehicles shall be parked or drive within 15 feet of the trunk of any trees within the park. Event personnel will install tape or temporary fencing to protect the trees.
- No vehicles shall drive or park on the bike path or cross the bike path
- Campers approved to set up inside the "horseshoe drive" across from the basketball courts, shall maintain a 15-foot distance from tree trunks. Vehicles shall be parked on the pavement only.
- Music and announcing that is provided by a D.J. must end at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday night, April 21, 2012 and not begin again until Sunday morning, April 22, 2012 at 7:00 a.m.
- Insurance documents for the event shall be submitted prior to the issuance of any tent permits and electrical hook-ups
- Sponsor is responsible for set up, site preparation and assistance with site cleanup, additional trash receptacles and sanitary facilities

OTHER OPTIONS

Do not approve the event in Lake Wailes Park or the request for camping and RV's at this event.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are no funds budgeted in FY11-12 for in-kind services from the City for this event. Any cost for in-kind services will have to be paid by the sponsor at 100%.

[End agenda memo]

Katie Kinloch, City Manager's Administrative Assistant, reviewed Agenda Item 11.

Mayor Carter asked who would be checking to make sure no one parks closer than 15 feet from the trunks of trees. Ms. Kinloch said that Field Operations Manager Beverly Pennington would be on the premises when they are setting up to assure the rules are followed.

Commissioner Wojcik asked if there were problems in the past with RV's parking overnight. Ms. Kinloch said they have not had any issues since the RV parking was moved to near the retention pond.

City Attorney Chuck Galloway said he chaired the event several years ago when it was held at Lake Wailes Park and it was a marvelous venue for the event.

Commissioner Howell said there are quite a few groups that participate each year including teams from the schools, the hospital and various organizations. The public comes during the evening to purchase the food prepared by each group as a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Public participation winds down by late evening though at least one person from each team walks through the night,

OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Ron Poller, 432 E. Central Avenue said he supported community activities at the park but was glad for the requirement that all amplification of speakers and music end between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the Special Event Permit Application for the "Relay for Life." The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rogers.

By Voice Vote:

Commissioner Howell	"YES"
Commissioner Rogers	"YES"
Commissioner Thornhill	"YES"
Commissioner Wojcik	"YES"
Mayor Carter	"YES"

The motion carried 5-0.

Agenda Item 12. Presentation by Jennifer Nanek: Webber University – City Recreational Plan

Special Projects Manager Jennifer Nanek gave the PowerPoint presentation prepared by Webber University students because the presentation date had been rescheduled and they were unable to attend the meeting.

Mayor Carter made the following comments:

- Mayor Carter said 41% seems to be high for those surveyed who hear about recreational events by word of mouth. Ms. Nanek said it was high but not very surprising because parents talk to each other about sports their children are in. But, word of mouth would also include hearing about it on-line or on Facebook, or seeing a flyer or sign around the City. The Mayor said there seems to be a network that moves the information along. He said the biggest need seems to be awareness and if residents know where for example the park facilities are, theoretically they will be used more.
- Mayor Carter said the report claimed that the City spends only \$6,600 on parks and recreation and he knows the city spends a lot more than that.

- Mayor Carter said the lack of a recreation director is often blamed on the bad economy, yet we haven't had a director since 2004, when we had plenty of money. The economy didn't start turning downhill until 2007. Therefore, a decision had to have been made in 2004 that recreation was no longer a priority.
- Mayor Carter said Webber University has one of the greatest sports programs in the country and so their offer for us to use graduate assistants makes sense and seems to be a good fit. If they stay for only one or two years, we could still benefit for they could lay a foundation and bring continuity to the recreation program. Hopefully by then we can afford to hire a recreation director.

The following comments were made by Commissioner Howell:

- Commissioner Howell asked why the Historic Society was listed as being under the Green & Gold Foundation and Ms. Nanek said that in order for all the organizations that have a representative on the Recreation Advisory Board to be listed as a function of that Board, some of them had to be listed on a second row as there wasn't enough room for them side-by-side. Mayor Carter said that though each organization listed has a seat on the Board, not all attend the meetings. He asked if that was the student's recommended organizational chart and Ms. Nanek said it was.
- Commissioner Howell said we need a recreation director but because there are no funds for that, we need someone to volunteer to do some of the things recommended by the students for the greater good of Lake Wales, such as getting the word out, coordinating activities and raising funds. Presently we have many volunteers who do these things for a particular sport or activity but no one to coordinate all of them. It is a good suggestion to use college kids, even though they would be here only four years or less. or maybe there are residents listening who can do some of the things we need done.
- Commissioner Howell said she had hoped the students would survey her because she had a lot to say about recreation in Lake Wales such as:
 - Providing more activities will make a healthier population and possibly lower insurance costs.
 - Even though Lake Wales is worse now financially, we still have to have something other than live, pay taxes and die. We need to do something recreation-wise.
 - We can learn from cities like Haines City who have great recreation programs, programs our residents now want to participate in even though it was not long ago that no one wanted to go there.
- Commissioner Howell said she wanted it understood that she was not in favor of taking money needed for the health and safety of residents to use for recreation. Everyone knows there are things that need to be fixed in Lake Wales because they needed to be fixed twenty years ago. But they are trying to fix them now.
- Commissioner Howell said there are residents like herself who are not athletically inclined and who don't wish to participate in sports, but there are those that would like more opportunities. Many older citizens in the City do not want their taxes to support sports because they are no longer interested. Yet we have young people who are very interested, but they don't pay taxes. Therefore there is an ongoing fight.

Commissioner Thornhill said he recommended in 2009 that we try to use a Webber or Warner student. He said it would be beneficial to the students who would get credit toward their thesis and the internship would give them needed experience. The City would get the help it needs.

Commissioner Wojcik said recreation is important for quality of life and is needed in order to revitalize the community. She recommended that the Parks and Recreation Commissions prioritize the recommendations provided by the Webber students and then decide which ones the City can afford to include in next year's budget. Some items may not cost much, such as using Webber graduate students. Mayor Carter agreed but suggested that the two committees meet with staff to work on a written plan. Commissioner Wojcik said that the top priority may be to fix things like replacing swings and other playground equipment at our parks.

Commissioner Rogers agreed that the first consideration would be to fix faulty equipment. He said Walker Park would be a good starting place because it is in really bad shape and has not been serviceable since the hurricanes in 2004.

The consensus by the City Commission was:

- For staff to work with the Parks and Recreations advisory groups to review and prioritize the recommendations brought forward by Webber students
- To work up the cost associated with each aspect
- To bring forward a report to the City Commission as part of the budget process

OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Mimi Hardman, Lake Shore Drive, recommended that they consider charging out-of-town participants a fee for participating in city recreation programs.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC COMMENT

ADDENDUM

Agenda Item 13. Awarding the Bid for construction for the relocation of the Mountain Lake Cut-off Road water line.

The full staff memo is incorporated into the minutes.

[Begin agenda memo]

SYNOPSIS

Staff requests commission to give approval for the Award of Bid for the Mountain Lake Cut-off Road waterline relocation in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission consider taking the following action:

1. Approve the Award of Bid to the lowest responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents, on the City's behalf.

BACKGROUND

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is at the point to where it is ready to start construction on the Mountain Lake Cut-Off Road and State Road 17 intersection improvements. Through the various phases of the planning of this project, staff was making the Commission aware of where we were in the process due to certain items and resolutions that were brought before the Commission. There were some missteps by both FDOT and City staff. The need to speed up the bid award has been necessitated by the acceleration of the project by FDOT. Staff attended a pre construction meeting on March 15, 2012 at the FDOT service center and it was at this time staff was informed that the actual construction was planned to start on April 16, 2012. This presents a problem for staff because we are only in the bidding phase of this project. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2012 with a bid open on March 26, 2012 and the lowest responsible bidder beginning construction by April 1, 2012, if at all possible. The goal is to have the waterline relocated and be out of FDOT's contractor way by April 16, 2012. Due to these recent developments, staff has had to accelerate its normal process for awarding bids. Staff is seeking

commission approval for this bid award prior to a contractor being identified in attempt to speed up the process and not delay the FDOT contractor start date.

Staff is seeking commission approval for the award of bid in an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00. Once the lowest responsible bidder has been identified a contract will be completed and will be presented for review to the City Attorney. Once the City Attorney has approved the document in regards to format it will be transmitted to the contractor for execution.

OTHER OPTION

1. Chose not to approve the award of bid prior to the selection of a contractor and be charged by the FDOT contractor for delaying the project, because of the delay that would be caused by having to wait until the April 2, 2011 City Commission meeting to award the bid. The utilities must be relocated and the relocation should be done prior to the FDOT contractor commencing work.
2. Enter into a contract with the FDOT contractor to complete the work. Pricing from this contractor was at \$157, 399.26. Staff is trying to get this project done at the lowest possible price. If when all the bids are open and they are higher than what the FDOT contractor quoted or cannot be completed within a reasonable time frame. Staff would recommend the FDOT contractor be used to complete this project.

FISCAL IMPACT

\$150,000.00 has been placed in the 5-YR CIP years 2011-2012 for the relocation of the water main.

[End agenda memo]

Public Works Director Tom Moran reviewed Agenda Item 13.

Mayor Carter said he had concerns with staff putting out a bid "not to exceed \$150,000" because a message is being sent to the companies that the City will pay that much. They therefore will try to bid as close to that number as they can without losing to other bidders, even though without that information they may have bid much lower. Mr. Moran said it still is a competitive bid, but there is a limit.

Commissioner Wojcik said the "not to exceed number" is for staff to know what was budgeted, not the companies, though she admitted they would most likely find out. But she added that because the bids are sealed, no one will know what the other companies are bidding so if a company wants to win the bid it will bid close to the price it can do the job for.

Commissioner Rogers said he was concerned with "tipping our hand" to contractors by letting them know we have \$150,000. But under the Sunshine Law, they have to disclose the budgeted amount. He said the intersection is dangerous and something has to be done about it.

Mayor Carter said he had a problem with pre-approving up to \$150,000 without further Commission approval. Finance Director Dorothy Pendergrass asked City Attorney Chuck Galloway if a special meeting could be called and he said it could. She said that would resolve the issue because the Commission would have an opportunity to see the contract. City Clerk Clara VanBlargan said only a twelve hour notice was required for a special meeting.

Mr. Moran said the only alternative would be to go with the DOT contract for \$157,399.26, which is \$7,399 over what was budgeted. Mayor Carter said it would be better to get the bids and call a special meeting if necessary, and if we can't get the bid, go with DOT as a last resort. The City Attorney suggested scheduling the special meeting for Wednesday, March 28th to avoid any snags that may arise. Mr. Moran said the longer the delay, the less construction time. He said they may find that the bids are too high, or the contractors may say there is not enough time to complete the work. In that case, we would have to go with the DOT contract.

The consensus was to schedule the special meeting, if needs be, for Wednesday, March 28th at 6:00 p.m.

OPENED TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Van Sickle, Lake Ashton Club Drive, said he was the one on the Commission five years ago that went to the PTO and got the money for that intersection. He said he didn't know why they were calling it a crisis when it was on the tracking report for the last two years and the Commission knew the construction was scheduled to start in April. Mayor Carter said the City Manager would be the one to address that and she was not present.

CLOSED TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Rogers said that Mr. Van Sickle had a valid point and when things are rushed the Commission is unable to consider things as they should. He said staff should be put on notice. There's no sense in rushing and the Commission does not want to be put in a corner again.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

- City Commission Tracking Report:

Gymnasium:

Gym Floor: Economic Development Director Harold Gallup gave an update on the gymnasium floor. He said the refurbished floor was completed on time and at 46% under the bid price. It is now serviceable, though it will need to be replaced in 2013 because it cannot be sanded again. The gym will reopen Thursday morning. They are arranging for the floors to be broomed twice a day instead of dust-mopped once a day, to try to keep the sand off the courts and extend the floor's life so it will make it until it can be replaced next year.

Bleachers: Mr. Gallup said since he started working on the gym project, the bleachers have had to be repaired five or six times because they have been jerked out of the walls. When the bleachers were moved to do the floors, they found underneath them all sorts of things that have no business being in a gym such as snack wrappers and soda cans, thinks that should be stopped at the door.

Vandalism: Mr. Gallup said he wished he could report no additional vandalism had occurred, but could not say that. The Lexan windows are performing as expected but the vandalism seems to have been getting more aggressive. There are open files at the police station and if someone is caught in the act, there is a string of documented incidences. He said the City has probably spent more on the gym in the last six to nine months than any other facility in the City and is spending money on vandalism at an unbelievable rate. The gym now is a newly painted building with new windows, new trusses, and new floors but the City is finding itself still at the hands of aggressive act.

Commissioner Howell asked if the rules and regulations have been spelled out to the Boys and Girls Club management that oversees the gym so we don't have to keep fixing the same things over and over. Mr. Gallup said they know and that accountability is coming into play. The Boys and Girls Club employees need to be told by their superiors that if they do not do the job expected of them they will be replaced or other action will take place.

Commissioner Howell said the thinking of the culture will have to be changed so participants have respect for the building. They need to be told that if they want to continue using the gym, they will have to take care of it because there will be no money in the budget for repairs or any other work

until 2013. They also need to be told that they are expected to clean up after themselves before they leave.

Mayor Carter said he did not know what happened to the "black-list" of those not allowed in the building that the City had not long ago, but he suggested that it may be time to reintroduce that physical list. It's time for a "zero-tolerance" rule: mess up, you are out, and don't come back.

Mimi Hardman, Lake Shore Drive, said that people have donated money for the gym and it makes them angry when their money is wasted because there is no supervision. She asked that signs be placed in the gym to let people know that they will be punished if they vandalize.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

David Smith, Babson Park, brought up the following issues:

- Air conditioning at the Gym: David Smith, Babson Park, said he met with the city manager and Pastor Norwood, an employee of the Boys and Girls Club, who complained that the problem with the air conditioning in the gym was still an issue. Pastor Norwood said the air conditioners only work when the doors are left open.

Economic Development Director Harold Gallup said that when the doors are left open, it raises the temperature in the gym and the air conditioning comes on. The thermostats are already set five degrees lower than in other city buildings. He said the problem is basically the lack of air movement and that he is working with a contractor, using the savings from the floor, to put in fans with cages that will not interfere with the play on the courts. At the same time they will retrofit exit signs with cages because they have been hit with basketballs so hard they are nonfunctioning. Staff is doing everything it can to make the facility comply with all codes, be safe and be useful.

David Smith said that Pastor Norwood had asked why a key couldn't be given to the Boys and Girls Club and was told "That would be like giving the keys to the kingdom", which Pastor Norwood took offense to as it referenced to Jesus giving Peter the keys to the kingdom.

David Smith stated that the thermostats had not been pulled off the wall as claimed but were damaged by basketballs striking them. Mayor Carter said that sounds like vandalism if basketballs are purposely thrown at the thermostats. Mr. Gallup said the Commission received photographs of the damage to the thermostats and that they were indeed intentionally knocked off the wall, not by errant but by malicious throws.

- Annexation: David Smith said he wanted to know why Citrus World (now called Florida Natural), which is the only factory in Lake Wales of that caliber, is not incorporated into the City of Lake Wales when at one time it was annexed in, then taken out months later.

City Attorney Chuck Galloway explained that Citrus World was involuntarily annexed in the mid 60's but it was challenged by Citrus World in court because they did not want to be annexed. They won and that is why Citrus World was taken back out of the city limits. Citrus World then went to the legislature to have established a formula that would protect them. That formula now exists in the state statute requiring the right mix in order for a municipality to annex. That right mix hasn't come together since that litigation happened in the mid 60's.

Mr. Smith asked about all the annexations that have taken place since then and Mr. Galloway said those annexations were voluntary and it wouldn't be a problem if Citrus World wanted to be annexed. But they don't, and there is nothing the city can do to bring them in involuntarily by referendum without them prevailing in court. Mayor Carter said he has met with Florida Natural representatives about this issue and confirmed that they are not interested in annexation. Mr. Galloway added that right now Florida Natural only has to pay county taxes and if they annex

they will have to pay additional city taxes, which they don't want to have to do and will fight tooth-and-nail to make sure they don't have to. Mayor Carter said there was a time years ago that it might have been advantageous for them to annex but not anymore. Mr. Smith said Lake Wales was the only city in Polk County that does not have a factory within its city limits and he believed there had to be something we could do. Mayor Carter said it would "drain the bank" for us to take it to court.

Softball Leagues:

Greg Massey, 344 Lincoln Avenue, voiced his displeasure with requiring the softball league that plays on Sundays at the Northwest Complex to hire a minimum of two off-duty police officers at \$35 per hour each, which he said they can't afford. Lake Wales has five teams on the league out of the 17 teams from Polk County. They only play in Lake Wales for their home games, and it's not every Sunday.

The following issues were discussed as follows:

- The crowd issue:
 - Mr. Massey said they don't know how many people will show up at any given game, and acknowledged that the crowds at times were large but he claims that they have not had problems that required police intervention in the years the league has been playing there, except one time. Deputy Police Chief Schulz said the records provided to him say they had 16 calls at the field and 70 calls or stops as a result of the crowd after and during the games in the surrounding area.
 - Mayor Carter said he believes they need three officers for the amount of crowd control needed and if an arrest is made and an officer has to leave to process an arrest, it would leave just one officer behind.
 - Deputy Chief Schulze said the police were called because of two players that had a restraining order against each other. He said the crowds at these games number from 100s to close to a thousand. Many calls and emails were received by the police department about the open drinking, the disregard for rules, motorcycles running across the ball fields, large crowds, overcrowded parking, and pedestrian traffic. The Lake Wales Police Department had extra officers assigned to 7 of the games out of 17 home games but due to them not providing an accurate schedule of their games the other 10 games had to be worked by the shifts.
 - Michelle Ivey said the league has not caused any problems and she was unaware of the police being called in 2010 or 2011 during the times the league was playing because of a problem, except for the time they were called because of the two ladies who had an injunction against each other and she had insisted that both ladies be removed because they were causing problems for the softball league. She added that she on occasion saw police officers at the field but they were just sitting there and did nothing.
 - Michelle Ivey, league representative, said last year they followed the suggestion that league representatives try to patrol, but this year she has gotten non-league players to volunteer to help her. She listed a number of residents who volunteered.
- The Safety Issue:
 - Deputy Chief Schulze said if for example a child was hurt, or a player was injured, based on what Michelle told them at a prior meeting, it would take the emergency vehicle from 45 minutes to an hour to reach the victims due to pedestrians blocking the entryway. Realistically it would not take 45 minutes but it would increase the response time trying to get through the crowd, depending on how cooperative they were.

Michelle Ivey, league representative, said there are no permanent obstacles like vehicles in the roadway that would prohibit entry and pedestrians can be moved out of the way. Deputy Schulz said at one of their prior meetings Michelle spoke of the crowd/vehicles blocking the road and said it would take 45 minutes.

- Deputy Chief Schulze said while on-duty officers are attending to game issues, other parts of the city are left without needed coverage causing a safety issue for the rest of the City.
- The traffic issue:
 - Deputy Chief Schulze said that cars fill the entire 200 space parking lot plus park all along Florida Avenue down to Janie Howard Wilson Elementary School. Officers logged over 98 hours for calls at the complex for the 17 games with sixteen calls alone for traffic violations plus 70 calls for non-traffic violations.
 - Commissioner Howell said that when the game is over and the crowd leaves they come down Lincoln Avenue and it's like a parade of cars and she has also seen them gathering on Florida Avenue.
 - Mr. Smith said the parking along the road near Janie Howard Elementary is an issue with residents living there. There are "no parking" signs all along the road and police need to enforce that by arresting them.
- The loud music issue:
 - Mayor Carter said the loud music goes on and on and has become a blight on the City. Residents are fed up and don't want to put up with it anymore.
- The alcohol issue:
 - Mayor Carter said there is a fair amount of drinking that goes on there and staff trying to control it is basically ignored. He said the problem was not with the league players, but with the crowds that gather.
 - Deputy Chief Schulze said that normally if unapproved alcohol is found on the premises of any city facilities, the event is shut down. Because they did not want to shut down the league, they asked the league to police the area, and attempts to do this have been made. He said he was not suggesting that drinking will be allowed if police are assigned there.
 - Michelle Ivey, league representative, said they try to curtail the drinking and do what they can.
 - Commissioner Howell said she cannot say that no drinking was going on and she wasn't saying that drinking should be allowed, but during the times she attended the event, she did not see anyone walking around with cans or bottles of alcohol in their hands. She said she wanted to make it clear that this is not the only league where drinking occurs. They have problems at high school games too, though they hire police to take care of that. Mr. Massey said it is a problem at high school games even with the police sitting there.
 - Mr. Smith suggested having a designated area for drinking like is done at the Mardi Gras Parade and events at Lake Wales Park. He was reminded that drinking of any kind is not allowed without a special event permit approved by the City Commission and with police officers hired to patrol. Ms. Ivey stated for the record that she was not in favor of having a designated area for drinking because that would only bring on more problems.
- The police charge issue:
 - Officer salaries for the 98 hours the police spent covering the 17 games amounted to over \$3,000, which was paid by the taxpayer and not the league.
 - Other crowded events, including Charter and Polk County School games, special events at Lake Wales Park, and things like parades, are required to pay for the police officers at \$35 an hour in order to prevent problems from happening such as the shooting at a game in Fort Meade.
- The league charges
 - Other Cities charge as follows:
 - Fort Meade charges \$10 per league player per season and requires a million dollars worth of liability insurance.

- Davenport does not charge this team because no tournaments are held there and the field is used only for practice. Therefore, there is not the crowd issue.
 - Haines City does not charge them but said if any issues arise with drinking or not following policy they will not be allowed to use the fields again.
 - The County charges \$6 per adult player per season.
 - Lake Wales charges \$4 per team member per season and required \$1,000,000 liability coverage, but that was waived if each player signed a Waiver of Liability, which they did. They have to pay a flat \$16 fee for lights, a flat \$16 fee for staff to open up, set up, and close up at the end, and the league is required to clean-up the concession area, the fields and parking lot, which Michelle Ivey and one other person does. City staff cleans the play park.
 - Commissioner Rogers said he did some investigating and found that this league is the only one paying the \$4 per player fee, not the Little League and not the soccer club. He said the rules need to be equally enforced because that is what the Charter calls for.
 - City Attorney Chuck Galloway said there needs to be uniformity so staff needs time to determine if other leagues are following the same set of rules.
 - Commissioner Wojcik said comparisons are made difficult because the Little League is being paid to maintain fields, and the soccer group also does some of the maintenance.
 - Commissioner Rogers said the ordinance states that each team member has to pay \$4 and it makes no distinctions between groups. If you have rules, they need to be equally enforced and not have one set of rules for one group and another set for another group. He added that there is no sense spending the money to write the laws if they aren't going to be followed.
- The push for recreation in Lake Wales issue:
 - Mr. Massey said the City is trying to expand its recreation program and at the same time is making it difficult for leagues to afford to play.
 - Michelle Ivey, league representative, said the city is trying to kick out recreation in the form of softball because they don't want the people there. But she asked what recreation would be without the people.
- Staff Solutions:
 - Deputy Chief Schulze said city staff, police and the league representative met and the following suggestions had been made by staff for the new league season, which the league did not agree to do:
 - Reduce the length of the games, ending them at five or six o'clock ,because most of the problems arise after that time.
 - Send half of the 17 teams to another location such as Winter Haven, Lakeland or Bartow to reduce the size of the crowds.
 - Require the league to pay for two off-duty officers for every 100 spectators and players, which is what other Cities have required,
 - Go play elsewhere, as other cities have done after having similar problems. Michelle Ivey, league representative, said they want to play in Lake Wales because they are the team representing Lake Wales in the Polk County league.
- Commission suggestions:
 - Commissioner Howell suggested the following:
 - When the season starts, the league needs to have volunteers patrolling as they said they would.
 - The teams should be given a written copy of the rules.
 - The crowd needs to be told over the amplifying system and at the gate that there is to be:
 - No drinking and if they do drink they will be arrested and it will cause the league to lose their license in Lake Wales.
 - No selling of food on city property

- No loud music
 - The league and crowd need to know that if the volunteer patrol is not effective or if any of the above rules are broken, the police will shut them down.
 - Then, if they want to continue to play in Lake Wales, each team will have to pay enough money to hire whatever police are necessary or they will not be allowed to play.
- Mayor Carter said the league and police department needs to come up with a plan that works for both of them, with the understanding that there will be zero tolerance. The first time it doesn't work will be the end of it.
- Commissioner Rogers said he was calling for strict law enforcement. If someone misbehaves he wants them put in jail immediately with the maximum fine applied. He said if the police are not going to do their job the city needs to send them home and quit paying them.
- Deputy Police Chief Schulze requested that they be required to hire police officers just like at any other sports event so police officers are not taken from the on-duty patrol.
- Commissioner Wojcik said that even the Women's Club was advised to hire police for crowd control and she did not see why this league should be any different. She said a lot of money is being spent and it is causing a lot of ill-will.

Closing Statements:

- Commissioner Rogers said the City cannot continue to let people come into Lake Wales and destroy our town and our facilities.
- Deputy Chief Schulze said:
 - He understands that this league just wants to play ball, but the crowd that follows the league is a danger to the community and he would hate to see a repeat of what happened in Fort Meade.
 - Michelle Ivey has been a stand-up person and he believes her intentions are pure.
 - Concessions were made to this league because they didn't want to tie officers up knowing the city would be short an officer, and because they didn't want to shut the league down.
 - If it is the direction of the Commission to do so, the games will be shut down and arrests will be made just as it is done in other city parks if alcohol is found on the premises.
- Michele Ivey said she wanted to work with the police and asked for another opportunity to be able to run a respectable league. She said she intends to do everything in her power and will insist that her coaches do too. She said if the police arrest someone who is drinking it will send a message to everyone else.
- Mr. Joyner, 307 Dorsett Ave. said that the meeting that took place with the league representative should have had participation from representatives of all 17 teams so they know the rules. He said that people come in from other towns and think they can do whatever they want even after they have been told they can't.
- Mr. Smith said he hoped Deputy Chief Schultz was not talking about just shutting this one league down because white folks drink too. He said Mr. Schultz better not talk about shutting down the league or it will really start a problem.

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

Mayor Carter said that the Planning Department got word today from DOT that the landscaping project at the intersection of US27 and SR60 was approved and would be going forward in 2013.

Mayor Carter made an announcement that there will be a Town "Meet and Greet" Meeting on April 10th in the Commission Chamber from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. so people can meet County Commissioner Melony Bell.

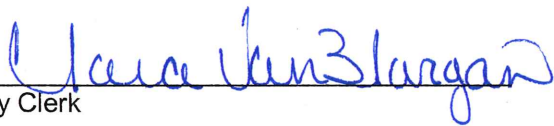
Public Works Director Tom Moran announced that on US27 just south of SR 60 where the two ramps are, DOT is going to put a mast arm in on April 2nd and put traffic signals on it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.



Mayor/Commissioner

ATTEST:



City Clerk