

**AGENDA MINUTES  
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP  
CITY OF ARCADIA  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014  
5:00 P.M.**

*The following minutes reflect action items of the City Council of the City of Arcadia. For a verbatim copy of the minutes, you may contact City Administration to obtain a copy of the recorded meeting.*

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at approximately 5:05 p.m. with the following members and staff present:

**Arcadia City Council**

Mayor Alice Frierson  
Councilmember Keith Keene  
Councilmember Robert W. Heine

Deputy Mayor Joseph E. Fink  
Councilmember Robert R. Allen

**Arcadia City Staff**

Interim City Administrator Beth Carsten  
City Clerk Penny Delaney

**Authorization by City of Arcadia for Arcadia Main Street Program to apply for a grant regarding City Hall**

John Bry, a consultant and Interim Program Manager hired by the Main Street Program, made a presentation to City Council regarding the opportunity to apply for a grant regarding City Hall. He stated that having a vibrant and vital downtown is very important to the economic health of the community overall and that is what they are looking to do with Arcadia. He said they are restructuring with the Main Street Program and one of the efforts is the old City Hall. He pointed out that it was constructed in 1926 and it is largely vacant. He further pointed out that it is an iconic historic building and has the potential to have an impact on the community and downtown. He advised of a specialty grant that is available through the Florida Historic Preservation Office that is anywhere from \$50,000.00 to \$350,000.00 and they are shooting for the \$50,000.00 opportunity. He pointed out that there is a match requirement and Arcadia is a designated ready community in the State of Florida. If Arcadia was not a designated ready community, the match would be 50%, but because Arcadia is a designated ready community, the match is 10% of the 50%, but it's 50% of the \$10,000.00 so the match would be \$2,500.00. Main Street Program will supply the match and submit the application. However, the application is due on October 31, 2014 and filed online, but a hard copy is submitted as well.

Mr. Bry explained the approach that would be taken once funding is secured. The first step would be to bring the stakeholders together to have a conversation, develop a plan and build

a consensus on a renovation strategy. The second step would be the planning phase which would be to complete a plan for the structure and how it ties into the bigger picture of the community. The third step would be to seek funding for the planning phases. He advised the stakeholders would be involved in the process and would discuss the next steps and options.

Mr. Bry explained that the request of the City at this time is to partner with Main Street Arcadia to implement the planning phase of the project, to serve as the application for the specialty grant, and he reminded that there is no funding needed as Main Street Arcadia will supply the match required. He stated that they have no idea if they will be successful to get the grant because it is a very competitive process, but they will try. Regarding the timeline of the grant, he advised that the State would make their review and initial funding determinations by December and if we are funded, funds would become available by July.

Mayor Frierson asked if there were any restrictions on how the money can be used and Mr. Bry answered that it had to be specified in the grant application and in this case, it would be to develop a plan for the building. If the funding is provided and the plan is carried out, we can approach them in another funding cycle and request money to actually do work to the building. Deputy Mayor Fink and Councilmember Keene expressed they were pleased with the possibility of the grant.

**ADJOURN**

Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 5:27 P.M.

ADOPTED THIS 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF November, 2014.

By:

Alice Frierson  
Alice Frierson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Penny Delaney  
Penny Delaney, City Clerk