

REGULAR MEETING
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JULY 07, 2009

A Regular Meeting of the Arcadia City Council and Joint Public Hearing with the Planning and Zoning Board was held on July 7, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the Margaret Way Building at 23 North Polk Avenue. Council members attending responded on a roll call. Present: Fazzone, Dixon, Johnson, Goodman and Heine. Absent: None. Planning and Zoning Board Members attending responded on a roll call. Present: Summers, Sawyer, Smith, Pooser, and Brown. Absent: Whitlock and McClure. Also in attendance were Administrator Rupp, Attorney Galvano, City Marshall Lee and Recorder Baumann.

Mayor Fazzone called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Dr. Sharon Goodman, Councilwoman.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Minutes of the Work Session on June 2, 2009, Public Hearing on June 2, 2009, Regular Council Meeting on June 2, 2009 and Special Meeting on June 12, 2009 were adopted on a motion by Heine; seconded by Deputy Mayor Dixon and carried.

Mayor Fazzone adjourned the Regular Meeting

Mayor Fazzone called the Joint Public Hearing of the Council and the Planning and Zoning Board to order and stated the purpose of the joint public hearing as advertised is to provide citizens an opportunity for input regarding the request of Gordon "Mac" Martin and Steve Bushouse regarding their petition to rezone Lots 1, 2, 3 & West ½ Lot 4, Block 49, Town of Arcadia from Multiple Dwelling R-3 District to Community Business B-1 District and the East ½ Lot 4 less the South 6 ft. and all of Lots 5 & 6 less the South 3 ft., Block 49, Town of Arcadia from One-Family Dwelling R-1C to Community Business B-1 District. Attorney Galvano stated the rezoning request is a quasi-judicial matter. Attorney Galvano asked the Council and the Planning and Zoning Board if anyone had received any written or verbal correspondence or done a site visit. All Council members responded no. All P & Z Board members responded no. Recorder Baumann reported that a display ad was posted in the Arcadian newspaper on May 31, 2009. Certified Letters were sent, on May 28, 2009, to thirty- four (34) residents within three hundred feet (300) of the property. No letters of objection or support were received. Mayor Fazzone called for the petitioners to speak, no one spoke. Mayor Fazzone then called for objections from the floor; there were none. Mayor Fazzone called for concerns for the Planning and Zoning Board; there were none. Mayor Fazzone called for discussion of concerns from the Council; no one spoke. Planning and Zoning Chairman Summers stated that the Board recommends that the request to rezone the property as noted above from R-3 and R-1C to Community Business B-1 be approved.

Proposed Ordinance No. 947 amending the future land use map was presented on first reading. Each Council member had previously been given a copy for review. Goodman then moved to waive the rules and read Ordinance No. 947 by title only; seconded by Deputy Mayor Dixon and carried.

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ORDINANCE NO. 947

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, SAID AMENDMENT BEING KNOWN AS "AMENDMENT # 09-01-SS" SPECIFICALLY, CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL WITH RESIDENTIAL; PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS OVERLAY TO BUSINESS; FOR SIX (6) LOTS OF APPROXIMATELY ONE (1) ACRE LOCATED AT 210 EAST MAGNOLIA STREET AND 216 EAST MAGNOLIA STREET; TRANSMITTING SAID AMENDMENT FOR THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DAC) FOR A FINDING OF COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Heine moved to adopt Ordinance No. 947 on first reading; seconded by Johnson. Mayor Fazzone called for comments from the Public. There were none. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: Dixon, Johnson, Goodman, Heine and Fazzone. Nays: None.

Proposed Ordinance No. 948 amending the zoning map of the City of Arcadia was presented on first reading. Each Council member had previously been given a copy for review. Goodman moved to waive the rules and read by title only; seconded by Johnson and carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 948

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, TO REZONING 210 EAST MAGNOLIA STREET, LEGAL DESCRIPTION AS LOTS 1, 2, 3 & WEST ½ LOT 4, BLOCK 49, TOWN OF ARCADIA FROM MULTIPLE DWELLING R-3 DISTRICT TO COMMUNITY BUSINESS B-1 DISTRICT; AND 216 EAST MAGNOLIA STREET, LEGAL DESCRIPTION AS THE EAST ½ LOT 4 LESS THE SOUTH 6 FEET; AND ALL OF LOTS 5 & 6 LESS THE SOUTH 3 FEET, BLOCK 49 TOWN OF ARCADIA FROM ONE-FAMILY DWELLING R-1C DISTRICT TO COMMUNITY BUSINESS B-1 DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Heine then moved to adopt Ordinance No. 948 on first reading; seconded by Johnson. Mayor Fazzone called for comments from the Public. There were none. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: Dixon, Johnson, Goodman, Heine and Fazzone. Nays: None.

The Joint Public Hearing was closed.

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Mayor Fazzone called the next Joint Public Hearing of the Council and the Planning and Zoning Board to order and stated the purpose of the joint public hearing as advertised is to provide citizens an opportunity for input regarding the request of Michael E. Cross to rezone Lot 5 and the West 18 ft. Lot 6, Block 34, Original Survey of Arcadia and the North 24 ft. of the East 32 ft. Lot 6 and the North 24 ft. of the West 8 ft. of Lot 7, Block 34, a subdivision of the West ½ of the Southwest ¼ of Section 31, Township 37 South, Range 25 East Town of Arcadia from Multiple Dwelling R-3 District to Residential-Professional and Business RPB District. Attorney Galvano noted that the rezoning request is a quasi-judicial matter. Attorney Galvano asked the Council and the Planning and Zoning Board if anyone had received any written or verbal correspondence or done a site visit. All Council members responded no. All P& Z Board members responded no. Recorder Baumann reported that a display ad was posted in the Arcadian newspaper on June 7, 2009. Twenty-seven (27) certified letters were sent on May 28, 2009 to property owners within three hundred feet (300) of the property. No letters of support or objection were received. Mayor Fazzone called for the petitioner to speak, no one spoke. Mayor Fazzone then called for objections from the floor; there were none. Mayor Fazzone called for concerns for the Planning and Zoning Board; there were none. Mayor Fazzone called for discussions or concerns from the Council; no one spoke. Planning and Zoning Board Chairman Summers stated that the Board recommends that the request to rezone the property from an R-3 District to a Residential-Professional and Business RPB District be approved.

Proposed Ordinance No. 949 amending the future land use map of the comprehensive plan of the City of Arcadia, Florida was presented on first reading. Each Council member had previously been given a copy for review. Goodman moved to waive the rules and read the ordinance by title only; seconded by Heine and carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 949

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, SAID AMENDMENT BEING KNOWN AS "AMENDMENT # 09-02-SS", SPECIFICALLY, CHANGING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION FROM MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL WITH RESIDENTIAL. PROFESSIONAL, BUSINESS OVERLAY FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE (1) AND ONE-HALF (1/2) LOTS APPROXIMATELY 0.23 ACRES LOCATED AT 603 EAST OAK STREET; TRANSMITTING SAID AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (DCA) FOR A FINDING OF COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Heine moved to adopt Ordinance No. 949 on first reading; seconded by Deputy Mayor Dixon. Mayor Fazzone called for comments from the Public. There were none. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: Dixon, Johnson, Goodman, Heine and Fazzone. Nays: None.

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Proposed Ordinance No. 950 amending the zoning map of the City of Arcadia, Florida, was presented on first reading. Each Council member had previously been given a copy for review. Goodman moved to waive the rules and read the proposed ordinance by title only; seconded by Heine and carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 950

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, TO REZONE 603 EAST OAK STREET, LEGAL DESCRIPTION AS LOT 5 AND THE WEST 18 FEET OF LOT 6, BLOCK 34, ORIGINAL SURVEY OF ARCADIA AND THE NORTH 24 FEET OF THE EAST 32 FEET LOT 6 AND THE NORTH 24 FEET OF THE WEST 8 FEET OF LOT 7, BLOCK 34, A SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST ½ OF THE SOUTHWEST ¼ SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 37 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST FROM MULTIPLE FAMILY DWELLING R-3 DISTRICT TO RESIDENTIAL-PROFESSIONAL AND BUSINESS RPB DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Goodman moved to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 950 on first reading; seconded by Heine. Mayor Fazzone called for comments from the Public. There were none. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: Dixon, Johnson, Goodman, Heine and Fazzone. Nays: None.

The Joint Public Hearing was adjourned.

Mayor Fazzone reconvened the Regular Meeting of July 7, 2009.

Proposed Ordinance No. 951 amending Article III of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Arcadia, Florida, was presented on first reading. Each Council member had previously been given a copy for review. Mayor Fazzone requested that the Council not waive the rules and that Ordinance No. 951 be read in full due to the fact that verbiage contained in the title might be confused with another ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 951

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTION 2-116 OF ARTICLE IV, ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City desires to amend Section 2-116 of Article III of the Arcadia Municipal Code regarding payment of funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Arcadia, Florida hereby ordains that the Code of Ordinances, City of Arcadia, Florida is hereby amended as follows:

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Sec.2-116. Payment of funds; signing of checks:

The city recorder shall pay no funds except on a check issued pursuant to the budget, which shall be signed by the finance director and countersigned by the city administrator and one council member of the city council.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, on this _____ day of _____ 2009.

Deputy Mayor Dixon moved to adopt proposed Ordinance No. 951 on first reading; seconded by Johnson. Mayor Fazzone called for comments from the Public. There were none. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: Dixon, Johnson, Goodman, Heine and Fazzone. Nays: None.

Proposed Ordinance No. 946 amending Article III of the Code of Ordinance was presented for second reading. Johnson moved to waive the rules and read the ordinance by title only; seconded by Deputy Mayor Dixon and carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 946

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMENDING ARTICLE III OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA; SPECIFICALLY REPEALING SECTION 2-51, SUBSECTION (d) OF ARTICLE III. ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Heine moved to adopt Ordinance No. 946 on second reading; seconded by Goodman. Mayor Fazzone called for comments from the public, there were none. The motion carried on a roll call vote. Ayes: Goodman, Heine, Dixon, Johnson and Fazzone.

Resolution No. 2009-11 authorizing additional use of the Infrastructure Surtax proceeds and interest for any public purpose as authorized by the Council was presented. Recorder Bauman read the resolution in full. Heine moved to adopt Resolution No. 2009-11; seconded by Goodman and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA,
AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL USES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE
SURTAX PROCEEDS AND INTEREST FOR ANY PUBLIC
PURPOSE AS AUTHORIZED IN THIS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes 212.055 authorizes the additional use of surtax proceeds and interest for any public purpose, and

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WHEREAS, The City of Arcadia is a municipality located within a county, DeSoto County that has/had a population of 50,000 or less on April 1, 1992, and

WHEREAS, DeSoto County has been designated as an area of critical state concern, and

WHEREAS, DeSoto County did impose the surtax before July 1, 1992, and

WHEREAS, The City of Arcadia's comprehensive plan has been determined to be in compliance with part II of Chapter 163, and

WHEREAS, The City of Arcadia desires to expend the surtax proceeds and interest for any public purpose deemed necessary by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Arcadia, Florida that this Resolution is to serve as authorization for the City of Arcadia to expend Infrastructure Surtax proceeds and interest for any public purpose deemed necessary by the City Council.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA,
IN REGULAR SESSION this 7th day of July, 2009.

ATTEST:

CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA

s/s RACHELLE M. BAUMANN, CMC
RACHELLE M. BAUMANN, CMC
CITY RECORDER

s/s RICHARD P. FAZZONE
RICHARD P. FAZZONE
MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

s/s WILLIAM S. GALVANO
WILLIAM S. GALVANO
CITY ATTORNEY

Attorney Galvano presented the Council with the revised Ground Lease Agreement between the City and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for property at the old live stock market. He noted that the issue concerning an annual adjustment on the rent had been resolved and added to the revised agreement. The agreement was presented to the Council for review no action was taken.

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Administrator Rupp presented Specific Authorization No. 6 for engineering services associated with Interconnect between the City and County for the transfer and payment of potable water delivered by the County to the City. Administrator Rupp stated she has been working closely with the County to solidify this Interconnect. Heine moved to approve Specific Authorization No. 6, with Hazen and Sawyer Engineering Services not to exceed \$30,000.00; seconded by Deputy Mayor Dixon and carried.

Attorney Galvano addressed the Council regarding the reconsideration of appointment of one Airport Advisory Board member due to conflict of interest. Attorney Galvano stated the employee – employer dispute between Mr. Ernest Hewett and the City of Arcadia had been resolved. Attorney Galvano stated with the resolution of the appeal period, no conflict exists. Mayor Fazzino then recommended that Mr. Hewett remain a member of the Airport Advisory Board. Johnson moved to for Mr. Hewett to remain a member of the Airport Advisory Board; seconded by Deputy Mayor Dixon and carried.

Mr. Robert Allen, a citizen of Arcadia, addressed the Council expressing a concern that the Council is wasting money and time on the issue of double taxation. He stated that on October 7, 2007, the City sent a letter to the County regarding double taxation, the County responded November 7, 2007 saying that there was no violation of the law. Mr. Paul Hoover, an advocate of the City investigating double taxation believes that the statute needs to be changed. Attorney Galvano stated that he did extensive researcher on this issue and the bottom line is the County can tax and a tax can be paid by the citizens of a municipality, as long as there is some benefit. The remedy is the City will not provide services, but the reality is the citizens are enjoying that service. The real challenge would be to say a service provided is not necessary. Councilman Heine asked Mr. Allen how many prisoners the County housed for the City in the County jail to which Mr. Allen replied at this time there were forty- three (43) city prisoners in the County jail. He noted that it costs the County \$8,265.00 per year to house one city prisoner.

Attorney Galvano noted that all activities conducted by his firm on this issue were at no additional charge to the City.

Mr. Paul Hoover stated “we” still pay City and County taxes and get no reduction. He suggested the County take over the City Police Department. Councilwoman Goodman asked if Mr. Hoover suggesting that the sheriff take over the police department and the citizens of the City not have the current level of protection—she stated “I had rather pay the taxes”.

Mr. Moe Brown addressed the Council and cited case law addressing double taxation and stated the issue needs to be laid to rest.

Former City employee Mr. Ernest Hewett addressed the Council and stated he and the previous City Administrator, Ed Strube, had dealt with this issue for many years. He said that Mr. Brown and Mr. Hoover are both right on some issues. He noted that one way to see what the County is spending on the City is to have line items in the budget addressing this. He stated that Mr. Strube had requested this type of budget for many years; however

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they never received one. Deputy Mayor Dixon stated, "*this City has given up your Fire/EMS services which I am not even certain was a good idea. But it is done. I was not on the Council at that time. We would be absolutely foolish to give up any more services*". Mr. Hoover stated he was not advocating getting rid of the Police Department. Mr. Allen stated the City and the County needed to work in cooperation with each other. Attorney Galvano stated everyone has a right to a certain degree of services. The burden is on the municipality to provide or not provide a service.

Mayor Fazzino addressed the Council regarding the ninety (90) day probation review for City Administrator Rupp. Mayor Fazzino stated it had been decided at the previous meeting, the assessment would be reviewed at this Council meeting. Mayor Fazzino stated he did not believe, under the circumstances, with lack of available staff, due to the loss of about eight (8) employees, that ninety (90) days is not enough time for anyone to be evaluated. Deputy Mayor Dixon agreed that ninety (90) days is not much time for someone to actually prove themselves. He stated, "*I have supported Ms. Rupp from day one*". "*I think it comes from a great deal of respect I have for women*". "*I told her I was not certain I could continue to support her, but since that time, I say, none of us is perfect*". "*I like Ms. Rupp's ideas and visions*". "*I would like to support the idea of continuing working with Ms. Rupp*". "*I don't know if this is in her contract to extend for another ninety (90) days*". "*I am not convinced, as some have suggested, to terminate her, I have searched my heart and I think she has done a fine job*". "*I am willing to continue the agreement with an extension of the ninety (90) day probation period*". Councilman Heine stated Ms. Rupp was his first pick and he is proud of her. He stated all of the supervisors that had called him were 100% behind her. He stated he wanted her to stay and felt the ninety (90) days is a "*slap in the face*".

Councilwoman Goodman stated, "*I did lots of thinking about this*". Councilwoman Goodman stated she loved Ralph Martson and read the following:

"Be generous with your encouragement and frugal with your judgment.

Learn to gratefully accept whatever comes, and to make positive use of whatever you have.

Give your love and kindness just because you can.

Do a little less analyzing and a lot more living.

Become skilled at quickly letting go of those things that don't really matter anyway.

Rise above the distractions and give the power of your focus to what you know is truly important.

When you stumble, go ahead and get back up.

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When you're making good progress, be sincerely thankful and keep on going.

Recognize the unique beauty that is in each moment.

Fulfill the value that is in every situation.

Real, meaningful success is ready to happen to you.

Let it be."

Councilwoman Goodman stated, *"I have spoken with city staff; I have spoken with visionaries, leaders, shakers and movers in this community. The majority have said to me that they are impressed with the work that Markae Rupp has been able to accomplish in such a short time, with many obstacles to overcome". "I have spoken with Ms. Rupp and I have sensed within her a desire to do the best that she can do to help move our city forward working hand in hand with the county, and other agencies and entities in the midst of the most difficult of days as we face economically challenging times. She has had some hard decisions to make and she bit the bullet and made them. I have prayed and asked for wisdom and guidance from on high to make the proper decision in this matter". "In my final analysis, I have seen Ms. Rupp perform her duties with diligence, confidence and commitment, in a short time. I believe that her heart is with Arcadia. I have watched her reach out to those in this community and make an effort to be a part of us". "I truly believe that she possesses the skills to be a great City Administrator and I truly believe that what she needs now is the clearing of the obstacle course and time to: GET ER DONE". "So I say let's give this woman the opportunity, the time and the tools to get the job done..... Gentlemen, LET IT BE"!*

Councilman Johnson stated Ms. Rupp has great organizational skills. He stated he does have some concerns but believes that they could be corrected. He stated he was *"sure they would be looked at"*. He sees progress being made and he has no problem extending her contract. Deputy Mayor Dixon stated he had no problem supporting Ms. Rupp. Mayor Fazzino stated extending the probation period another ninety (90) days served no purpose. Councilman Johnson stated he did not think she had enough time to know each Council member and for them to know her. Councilwoman Goodman stated that she is pleased with the communication and that is one of the things that has impressed her. Attorney Galvano stated the existing contract gives the right to terminate in three (3) months or do nothing and move forward. He cautioned the Council in entering another negotiation period. Mayor Fazzino stated that the probation period was over, and presented Ms. Rupp as the City Administrator. He stated that he has every confidence that she will do a good job and it will be a pleasure to continue to work with her.

The Fines and Forfeitures for the Month of May 2009 were presented to the Council.

The Activity Report for the Month of June, 2009 was presented to the Council.

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Marshall Lee reported that twenty four (24) city ordinances violations were cited. He noted that Officer Allred needs help and that when he was elected seven (7) years ago he was the first Marshal to take over code enforcement. He stated he was looking for a grant to hire another code enforcement officer.

Marshal Lee then reported that an agreement had been entered into to put cameras at selected intersections for traffic violations.

Marshal Lee stated that he has been approached by an individual who is willing to work as a consultant for the City to address the issue of abandoned properties. He is willing to cut his budget in order to hire Mr. Lonnie Ward as a consultant. Mr. Ward has been involved in community rebuilding and restoration for many years. Marshall Lee stated that he is in the process of researching grants and working with Pastor Elmore and Mr. Lonnie Ward, as well as other interested individuals, to help improve the City and County. Mr. Ward addressed the Council and noted that he worked with the City of Sarasota to write the New Town Redevelopment Plan. He owns several commercial properties in Arcadia on Martin Luther King which he plans to re-develop. Rev. Elmore addressed the Council noting that he is currently working with the homeless collation. He also has a background in community development. He believes that housing needs should take priority noting that you cannot just tear something down and replace it with "*unaffordable housing*". He stated that he is in the process of getting certified by USDA in order to get loans for affordable housing. These homes would also be "*green homes*". Councilwoman Goodman stated she is excited and thanked Marshall Lee and the others for seeing an issue and problem and being part of the solution. She stated she was on board. Mr. Ward stated in addition to building homes, people would be taught how to build noting that he is a certified building inspector.

Councilman Johnson presented Marshal Lee with and employee recognition award from the Florida League of Cities.

The Recorders' report of Revenue and Expenditures through May 31, 2009 was presented.

City Recorder Bauman addressed the Council and presented a recommendation from Audit Committee regarding the selection of a firm to provide audit services for the City. Recorder Baumann reported that on May 5, 2009, as per Florida Statue 218.391 (2) the City of Arcadia did establish an Audit Committee by Resolution No. 2009-09. All committee members were given proposals which had been submitted based on the Request for Proposals RFP as advertised. The Committee met on Monday, July 6, 2009 to review each members ranking of the proposed firms and to make a recommendation. The Committee recommends the hiring of CPA Associates to conduct the City's audit for the next three (3) years. Deputy Mayor Dixon moved to accept the recommendation of the Audit Committee to enter into a contract with CPA Associates to provide audit services for the City of Arcadia; seconded by Johnson and carried.

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The Housing Authority Report was presented to the Council.

The Code Enforcement Report was presented to the Council.

Councilman Heine moved submit Councilman Johnson's name for nomination for the Nettie Draughton Award which is presented by the Florida League of Cities; seconded by Goodman and carried.

Marshall Lee announced that the parade honoring Chris Clemons is scheduled for July 11, 2009. Mayor Fazzone will present a Key to the City to Mr. Clemons at 10 o'clock a.m. at the Courthouse.

Council members were invited to attend official Ribbon Cutting Open House of the new DeSoto County Emergency Operations Center at 3 o'clock on July 16, 2009.

By letter, Ms. Helen Sears from the Central Florida Regional Planning Council presented an invitation to the Council to attend a School Summit meeting on August 20, 2009 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Family Service Center.

Mayor Fazzone inquired on the status of the Parks and Recreation Department since the resignation of Ms. Anderson. Administrator Rupp reported that Don Waters had taken over Ms. Anderson's duties until a position description is complete at which time the position will be advertised.

The Airport Report for May 2009 was presented to the Council.

The Golf Course Report for May 2009 was presented to the Council.

Councilman Johnson reported that he received a letter complementing Mr. Tommy Hendry, a City employee.

City Administrator Rupp stated Mr. David Badell from Heritage Baptist Church, along with student community workers, had volunteered to tend to planters in the downtown area. Ms. Rupp reported she received a very nice letter from Mr. Badell, and that the students would like to continue to be responsible for the planters.

City Administrator Rupp reported to the Council that she has been working closely with County Administrator Brewer on several issues which could hopefully bring more revenue to the City. She stated that she and Mrs. Brewer work well together and their meetings were very profitable.

Administrator Rupp then reported that she is working to put together a meeting with a group from USDA. They would be here for a full day and would tour areas of the City to see what might be available in the way of grants to provide assistance. She suggested that August 18, 2009 would be the best date to hold the visioning meeting. Heine moved

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to meet with members of USDA on August 18, 2009; seconded by Goodman and carried. Administrator Rupp stated she will contact everyone who will be involved and she will try and secure a bus from the School District to use for the tour.

Mr. Ken Clark, from the DeSoto County Special Olympics, addressed the Council to request a waiver of green fees from the City Golf Course for the Special Olympics on July 23, 2009. Johnson moved to waive green fees; seconded by Heine and carried.

Deputy Mayor Dixon stated Mr. Clark should meet with City Administrator Rupp to work out the details.

Mr. Jim O'Leary addressed the Council regarding his proposal for the use of property at the old Arcadia Livestock Market. Deputy Mayor Dixon stated that he had spoken with Mr. O'Leary regarding this project. Deputy Mayor Dixon as the representative for the Council on this project suggested that he, Mr. O'Leary and Administrator Rupp meet as soon as possible to discuss Mr. O'Leary's proposal in order to have something for the Council and Attorney for review.

Mrs. Jane Martin, from Faith Missions, thanked the Council for the use of a room at the Margaret Way Building which was used to provide meals to those in need. She stated that the Mission has found a new location at the Mills End Clubhouse. She reported that approximately 2,700 meals have been served.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



CITY RECORDER



PRESIDENT