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Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

3:30 PM

Workshop Meeting at 3:30 PM

Delray Beach City Hall

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City Commission

Mayor Shelly Petrolia
Vice Mayor Shirley Ervin Johnson
Deputy Vice Mayor Adam Frankel
Commissioner Juli Casale
Commissioner Ryan Boylston

Pursuant to Section 3.12 of the Charter of the City of Delray Beach the Mayor has instructed me to announce a Workshop Meeting of the City Commission to be held for the following purposes:

The City Commission Workshop Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

The roll call was taken by Katerri Johnson, City Clerk, and the following were present:

Present: 5 - Mayor Shelly Petrolia, Vice Mayor Shirley Ervin Johnson, Deputy Vice Mayor Adam Frankel, Commissioner Ryan Boylston, and Commissioner Juli Casale.

Others Present Were:

Lynn Gelin, City Attorney

Duncan Tavares, Assistant City Manager

Katerri Johnson, City Clerk

WS.1. TEMPORARY COVID MEASURES - SPECIAL EVENTS DISCUSSION

Samuel Metott, Parks and Recreation Director, announced plans for Independence Day activities on July 3, 2021 and July 4, 2021. He informed the Commission about additional family-style activities taking place the morning of Saturday, July 3, 2021, in Pompey Park. He verified that the beach volleyball and sandcastle contests would take place the morning of July 4, 2021. Mr. Metott confirmed that there would be two fireworks displays on July 4, 2021, at undisclosed locations to avoid overcrowding.

There was consensus to allow the Parks and Recreation Department to plan the activities discussed on July 3, 2021, and July 4, 2021.

The Commission engaged in a discussion with Anthea Gianniotis, Development Services Director, about extending the moratorium for special events.

There was consensus to extend the moratorium on special events until September 30, 2021.

Lynn Gelin, City Attorney, informed the Commission that when an event is held on city-owned property, the city has the right to mandate as they see fit.

The Commission agreed to allow businesses to operate under the moratorium that is in place. There was consensus to not allow businesses to expand temporary outdoor use areas during events.

WS.2. POMPEY PARK MASTER PLAN

Missie Barletto, Public Works Director, and Renee Jadusingh, Executive Director of the Community Redevelopment Agency, gave a presentation highlighting the design and function of the Pompey Park Master Plan Project. They reported that construction is anticipated to begin in early 2023 and would take approximately two years to complete.

The Commissioners discussed the possibilities of reconfiguring the design. There was consensus to allow the design of the Pompey Park to remain as originally planned.

Ms. Barletto presented the Community Center's Proposed Plan, which included preliminary cost estimates for each phase.

WS.3. EDUCATION TASK FORCE UPDATE

Janet Meeks, Education Coordinator, provided a presentation highlighting areas the Task Force identified as contributing factors of learning loss that exist with the children in Delray Beach. She informed the Commissioners that the Education Task Force strategized for 90 days to develop a plan to assist the children with reading on grade level. She highlighted the four Learning Loss Recovery focus areas and what their strategies are to address those issues:

1. Awareness – Building awareness through bi-monthly messaging through social media platforms.
2. Attendance – Developing and implementing an attendance campaign.
3. Learning Pod Focus Area – Create a pilot program for “learning pods” (4-6 children w/proctor) leveraging city, library, nonprofits, and church facilities.
4. Parental Involvement – Support parents with training, tips, and tools to ensure their child is learning and engaged by mobilizing our stakeholders; and ensure every child has internet connectivity.

Ms. Meeks concluded her presentation by stressing that it will take the entire community coming together to make a difference in the lives of these children. She thanked partnering nonprofits for their collaboration.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.