

**Minutes of the
Crystal River City Council
Special Meeting
Monday, April 20, 2015 @ 5:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, City Hall**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Farley called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Council Present: Mayor Jim Farley, Councilmember Mike Gudis, Councilmember Paula Wheeler, Vice Mayor Robert Holmes

Council Absent: Councilmember Ken Brown

Staff Present: David Burnell, City Manager; George Angeliadis, City Attorney; Lisa Morris, Deputy Clerk; Michelle Russell, Finance Director

Councilmember Gudis offered the invocation and Mayor Farley led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda, as amended by placing Citizen Input prior to the City Manager section, was made by Councilmember Gudis; seconded by Councilmember Holmes.

Motion carried 4-0.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

Joe Chrietzberg- 304 NW Crystal Street- Recommended that Council approve a salary high enough to attain a qualified candidate when hiring and approving the waterfronts management position, noting that based on the proposed qualifications, it may be necessary to go outside of the area to find the right person, and asked if it was a permanent or temporary position.

Councilmember Gudis advised that it was permanent.

4. CITY MANAGER

A. Update on Three Sisters Springs

Background: [Agenda sheet **Requested Motion: Information Only**]

Summary: A brief verbal update on Three Sisters Springs and Waterfront Issues.

Staff Recommendation: NA

End of Agenda Sheet]

City Manager Burnell provided an overview of the recent discussions on management options for Three Sisters Springs.

Councilmember Wheeler inquired if the City Manager, FCT and USFWS have had any sit down meetings and City Manager Burnell stated not as of yet.

Discussion ensued related to the imminent changes surrounding Three Sisters Springs, contracts with various entities related to the park, and what to do on the property.

Further discussion ensued related to the standard to which the FCT will hold the City, the economic impact the property has on the community, and potential funding sources.

City Manager Burnell stated that he will be meeting with Andrew Gude Wednesday, April 22nd to continue discussion related to the management of Three Sisters Springs, advising that further consideration on the matter will encompass items that should be addressed in the management agreement and options for the City, although any recommendations would require FCT approval.

Discussion ensued related to the management plan for the 2015-2016 manatee season, the swim-with the manatee program, and the possibility of USFWS-enforced closings of Three Sisters Springs extending into the bay.

B. Motion to approve a Waterfronts Director Position :

Background: [Agenda Sheet] :

Requested Motion: Motion to approve development and hiring of a new staff level position: Waterfront Manager.

Summary: The position of Waterfront Manager is being created to strengthen expansion of water based activities and commerce related to Kings Bay. This includes development of Three Sisters Springs, management of the two water side parks, projects assigned and operations related to the bay.

The position will include supervision of Park Rangers, Code Enforcement and Pump-out Boat operations. This will allow adequate personnel to be directed to multiple high activity areas for monitoring and control during peak manatee and scallop seasons.

The Waterfront Manager position will ideally require the following: Environmental, project management, supervisory experience, and a minimum of a bachelor's degree. Professional work experience a minimum of five to ten years in a related position.

The Waterfront manager will report to the City Manager with the positions pay range of \$50,688 - \$71,806 annually with standard benefits.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval. End of Agenda Sheet

City Manager Burnell provided a brief overview of the item for which the special meeting was called, and discussion ensued related to city-owned boats, funding sources of the position, and creation of the

job description. Further discussion ensued related to what types of user fees, if any, can be charged, and use of those proceeds collected to fund a portion of the position.

Motion to approve development and hiring of a new staff level position titled Waterfront Manager was made by Councilmember Wheeler; seconded by Councilmember Holmes.

Motion carried 4-0.

- C. Motion to Approve Resolution #15-R-12 Establishing an Equity Study Commission for the City of Crystal River:

Background: [Agenda Sheet :

Requested Motion: Motion to adopt Resolution #15-R-12, as revised, establishing an Equity Study Commission Comprised of Representatives of the Local Business Community within the City of Crystal River.

Summary: On March 23, 2015 City Council approved staff to move forward with selecting members of the business community within the City of Crystal River to serve as members of an Equity Study Commission. This commission will be established via resolution, per Florida Statute 205, for the purpose recommending a reclassification system and rate structure revision for the existing Business Tax Receipt Ordinance.

The establishment of an Equity Study Commission will allow the City of Crystal River to receive input from representatives of the local business community regarding the appropriate classification system and rate structure for business taxes for the privilege of managing any business, profession or occupation within the City.

The resolution also stipulates the specific duties, composition and terms for the commission.

Staff Recommendation: Recommendation to adopt Resolution #15-R-12, establishing an Equity Study Commission for the purpose of reclassifying and reconfiguring the Local Business Tax Ordinance. **End of Agenda Sheet]**

Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Gudis; seconded by Councilmember Holmes.

Motion carried 4-0.

- D. Motion to Approve Resolution #15-R-15 Appointing Representatives of the Business Community to an Equity Study Commission for the City of Crystal River :

Background: [Agenda Sheet

Requested Motion: Motion to adopt Resolution 15-R-15 appointing representatives of the local business community to serve on the City of Crystal River Equity Study Commission.

Summary: City Council adopted Resolution #15-R-12 establishing an Equity Study Commission for the City of Crystal River comprised of representatives of the local business community to reclassify and revise the existing Business Tax Receipt Ordinance and establish a new fee structure, in keeping with Florida Statute 205.

The following members have been contacted and have accepted the task of serving on this committee:

Chris Ensing – Southern Exposure Construction

Hugh Tolle – Century 21

John F. Hodgkins II - Flip Flop Yogurt Shoppe & Assistant Vice President of Regions Bank

Carol Kimbrough – Specialty Gems

Mike Whetstone – Whetstone Oil

Staff has determined this to be a well-rounded representation of the business community.

Staff Recommendation: Recommendation to adopt Resolution 15-R-15 appointing representatives of the local business community to serve on the City of Crystal River Equity Study Commission.

End of Agenda Sheet

Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Holmes; seconded by Councilmember Gudis.

Councilmember Wheeler stated that she did not like the method used to select the members.

Motion carried 4-0.

5. CITY COUNCIL- No comments.


6. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Farley adjourned the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

ATTEST:


LISA MORRIS, CITY CLERK

CITY OF CRYSTAL RIVER


JIM FARLEY, MAYOR