

**Minutes of the  
Crystal River City Council  
Special Meeting  
Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 @ 2:30 p.m.  
Council Chamber, City Hall**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Farley called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

**Council Present:** Mayor Farley, Vice Mayor Gudis, Council member Houston, Council member Brown

**Council Absent:** Council member Holmes

**Staff Present:** City Manager Burnell, City Clerk Fink

Mayor Farley led in the Pledge of allegiance.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Council member Houston; seconded by Council member Brown. Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. PUBLIC INPUT**

*(Time Limit of Three Minutes)*

There were no comments from the public.

**4. CITY MANAGER**

*A. Motion to approve the City Manager to submit an application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) funding in an amount up to \$75,000.00 for the Crystal River Splash Park Site Acquisition Project*

**Background: [Agenda Sheet Requested Motion: Motion to approve the City Manager to submit an application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) funding in an amount up to \$75,000 for the Crystal River Splash Park site acquisition project.**

**Summary:** Staff has prepared an application to FDEP for FRDAP funding for the acquisition of three contiguous parcels located on Citrus Avenue at NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street for future development of a splash park, as included in the conceptual "Bayside Master Plan" presented to Council during its April 5, 2016 meeting.

FRDAP funding is awarded through a competitive process and provides for acquisition and development projects for public outdoor recreation use. For projects with a cost range of \$50,001 to \$150,000, there is a 25% match requirement. The total anticipated amount of the site acquisition is \$100,000, therefore the City is requesting \$75,000 with a grantee share of \$25,000.

As part of the public participation criteria, applicants that hold a pre-advertised public meeting **solely** for the purpose of discussing the proposed project receive additional points.

The splash park project has been included in the Capital Improvement Plan and is consistent with the Recreation Element of the City of Crystal River Comprehensive Plan. This project also ties in with the Riverwalk project, will essentially expand Kings Bay Park to Citrus Avenue and compliment the CRA

District, providing a family friendly attraction in the downtown area. The conceptual design of the park includes a splash pad and picnicking areas, as well as a small pavilion. End of Agenda Sheet]

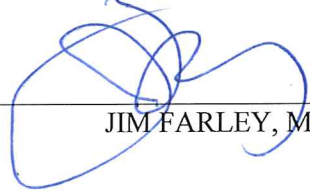
City Manager Burnell provided a brief overview of the item, the proposed project and the way in which it would connect with Kings Bay Park. He also addressed Council questions regarding why the parcel would be an ideal location for the proposed project and plans to follow up with information regarding loss history related to splash parks. He also informed Council of a potential model to be used for the water feature for the park, which would incorporate educational elements related to the local aquifer system.

**Motion to approve the City Manager to submit an application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) funding in an amount up to \$75,000.00 for the Crystal River Splash Park Site Acquisition Project was made by Council member Brown; seconded by Vice Mayor Gudis. Motion carried 4-0.**

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Farley adjourned the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

**CITY OF CRYSTAL RIVER**



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JIM FARLEY, MAYOR

**ATTEST:**



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MIA FINK, CITY CLERK

