May 7, 2024
5:30 PM

The City Council of the City of Inverness met on the above date in Regular Session at 212 W. Main Street with the following members present:

President Hepfer
Vice President Davis
Councilwoman Bega
Councilwoman Lizanich
Councilman McBride
Mayor Plaisted

Also present were City Manager Williams, City Attorney Hartley, Staff Members, and City Clerk Jackson.

The Invocation was given by Councilman McBride and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the City Council.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Councilman McBride motioned to accept the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilman Davis. The motion carried.

PRE-SCHEDULED APPEARANCES

Proclamation Presentation – Mental Health Month with Mayor Plaisted presenting the proclamation to Cindi Fein, Executive Director of NAMI Citrus with the Florida. Ms. Fein spoke of mental health care and national concerns and issues.

PUBLIC HEARINGS / WORKSHOP

5)a) FY 2025-29 Capital Improvement Plan Budget Workshop with City Manager Williams stating the workshop as another step to the development of the upcoming budget with focus on Plan – Fund – Execute. The presentation included the following information:

Current Year Capital Projects included road resurfacing and sidewalk improvements, Pine Ave. stormwater, Wayfinding/Gateway signs, Septic to Sewer projects, Fire Station training grounds, IGC generator and parking, Shoreline redevelopment, Depot fence, etc.

Capital Improvement Program 2024 – 2029 funding summary for the General Fund, ICRA, Utilities, and Oak Ridge Cemetery. Totals: 2023-24 $12,284.530; 2024-25 $15,549,356; 2025-26 $19,417,978; 2026-27 $10,811,118, 2027-28 $4,991,300 and 2028-29 $3,823,250.

Capital Improvement Program 2024 – 2029 General Fund funding summary for projects included IT projects for equipment, intranet, chambers av, security cameras, and telephone equipment. Fire projects included extrication gear, training grounds SCBA bottles, thermal cameras, radios, fencing, station renovation, parking lot repaving, rescue cart, exterior staircase replacement, rescue airbags, upstairs flooring, etc. Parks & Cultural Affairs included ballfield lighting upgrade, trucks, mowers, Liberty Park lighting, park shade structures, Liberty boardwalk, Depot fence, RV park, WPP Playground, court construction and resurfacing, pool furniture splash pad shade, Valerie carpet replacement, Valerie chairs, interior and exterior painting, projector, etc. Public Works projects included road and sidewalk improvements, mower and vehicle replacements, W. Inverness Trail, Pine St. stormwater, wheel-loader, and

various equipment, etc. Stated there is no need to use reserves. Totals: 2023-24 $2,796,073; 2024-25 $3,417,199; 2025-26 $1,650,600; 2026-27 $1,546,386, 2027-28 $2,779,200 and 2028-29 $1,625.000.

Inverness Community Redevelopment Agency (ICRA) 2023 - 2028 funding summary for projects included Public Art Initiative, downtown lighting, Wayfinding signs, Medical Arts Corridor study, City Walk, shoreline development, WPP entrance, parking options, etc. Totals: 2023-24 $1,432,395; 2024-25 $600,000; 2025-26 $625,000; 2026-27 $600,000, 2027-28 $1,025,000 and 2028-29 $1,025,000.

Capital Improvement Program – Utilities 2024-2028 funding summary for projects included lines, rehabilitation, and replacements. Totals: 2023-24 $8,056,059; 2024-25 $11,532,157; 2025-26 $17,112.378; 2026-27 $8,664,732; 2027-28 $1,152,100 and 2028-29 $1,173,250.

Utilities – Lines funding summary for projects included Fire Hydrant Replacement, Sewer & Water Lines, Utility Mapping, Vehicle Replacement, US 41N Septic to Sewer, Hwy 44 W Septic to Sewer, Hydrovac and Sewer Rodder trailers, E. Hill St./Windemere St./Middle School Dr. WM improvements, etc. Totals: 2023-24 $7,501,631; 2024-25 $9,749,490; 2025-26 $16,588,578; 2026-27 $6,146,732; 2027-28 $413,500 and 2028-29 $745,250.

Utilities – Plants & Lifts funding summary for projects included laboratory cabinets, lift station pumps, sewer system VFD replacement, Water System BFD replacement, vehicles, Process Water Pump rebuilds, Reuse pond liner, Effluent pump station high service pump, Citrus Booster Station flow meter, Lift Station rehab, Floral City and County interconnect, etc. Totals: 2023-24 $554,482; 2024-25 $1,782,667; 2025-26 $523,800; 2026-27 $2,518,000; 2027-28 $738,600 and 2028-29 $428,000.

Capital Improvement Program – Cemetery funding summary included the construction of an additional columbarium. Totals: 2023-24 $0; 2024-25 $0; 2025-26 $30,000; 2026-27 $0; 2027-28 $30,000 and 2028-29 $0.

City Manager's recapped with closing considerations as does the 5-year CIP strengthen the City, are we planning to invest and boost the economy, are we focused on projects with return on investments, is this affordable and attainable, and are we leaving Inverness better than when we started.

5)b) Ordinance 2024-827, 2024-828, 2024-829 819 Poplar St. Annexation– Final Adoption* with City Manager Williams stating the applicant requested voluntary annexation of 819 Poplar St. to build a single-family home. The legal notice requirements were met, and the Planning and Zoning Committee voted to recommend approval at their April 3, 2024 meeting. **The Public Hearing was opened.** Community Development Director Shoemaker provided a presentation and overview of the annexation area. **Councilwoman Bega motioned to have the Clerk read Ordinance 2024-827 by Title only. Seconded by Councilwoman Lizanich. The motion carried.**

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-827

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA, CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 819 POPLAR STREET, TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 21 EAST CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 171, FLORIDA STATUTES PROVIDING FOR TERMS AND

CONDITIONS OF SAID ANNEXATION, DESCRIBING THE AREA TO BE ANNEXED; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilwoman Bega motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-827 by roll-call vote on final adoption. Seconded by Councilwoman Lizanich. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilwoman Bega, yes; Councilman Davis, yes; Councilwoman Lizanich, yes; Councilman McBride, yes; President Hepfer, yes. The motion carried.

Councilwoman Bega motioned to have the Clerk read Ordinance 2024-828 by Title only. Seconded by Councilman Davis. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-828

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AS REQUIRED IN SECTIONS 163.3161 THROUGH AND INCLUDING SECTION 163.3248, FLORIDA STATUTES; DETAILING THE LAND USE CHANGE INVOLVED AND AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FOR THE PROPERTY SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; RECLASSIFYING 0.073 ACRES OF ANNEXED PROPERTY FROM CITRUS COUNTY MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL ("MDR") TO CITY OF INVERNESS LOW DENSITY ("LD"); PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilwoman Bega motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-828 by roll-call vote on a final adoption. Seconded by Councilwoman Lizanich. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilwoman Bega, yes; Councilman Davis, yes; Councilwoman Lizanich, yes; Councilman McBride, yes; President Hepfer, yes. The motion carried.

Councilman Davis motioned to have the Clerk read Ordinance 2024-829 by Title only. Seconded by Councilwoman Bega. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-829

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF INVERNESS, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR 0.073 ACRES FROM CITRUS COUNTY MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (MDR) TO CITY OF INVERNESS LOW DENSITY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (LD/R1); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilwoman Bega motioned to adopt Ordinance 2024-829 by roll-call vote on final adoption. Seconded by Councilwoman Lizanich. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilwoman Bega, yes; Councilman Davis, yes; Councilwoman Lizanich, yes; Councilman McBride, yes; President Hepfer, yes. The motion carried.

No one spoke for or against the Ordinances. The Public Hearing was closed.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Shannon Harp with Florida Department of Health in Tallahassee presented the 2022 Water Fluoridation Quality Award from CDC. Mayor Plaisted and Public Works Director Dilmore accepted the award with Mayor reading the award certificate.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

None

CONSENT AGENDA

a) Bill Listing*
   - Recommendation – Approval

b) Council Minutes – 04/16/2024*
   - Recommendation – Approval

Councilman McBride motioned to accept the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Councilman Davis. The motion carried.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

None

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

10)a) Whispering Pines Park New Entrance Design* with City Manager Williams stating for decades, Whispering Pines Park has had a single vehicular entrance coming off Forest Drive. When FDOT began plans to widen US 41 N, it was time to collaborate with the State on a new entrance off the main highway. The City worked with the state legislature and was awarded a $1,000,000 appropriation to complete the entrance with a connection to an existing road within the park. In keeping with the timeline from FDOT, the 90% engineered plans from the Wantman Group Inc. (WGI) will be submitted for review to FDOT for any modifications. Parks & Rec Director Worley introduced Jason Mihalovits, Landscape Architect and Brett Oldford, Civil Engineer with WGI to provide a presentation and overview of the project. Mr. Mihalovits spoke of the coordination with FDOT through Parks & Rec Director Worley and how helpful that has been. The presentation included conceptual design, including RV park & access, gates, signage w/ digital display, etc. In the process of fine tuning the details. A goal is to minimize tree impacts. Designs have been submitted to FDOT. Council had various questions answered with Mr. Mihalovits describing the process with FDOT, permitting, etc.

10)b) Resolution 2024-05 Call Public Hearing – Lincoln Park Subdivision Road Vacation – Unnamed Road* with City Manager Williams stating street vacation is the legal process of undoing the creation of a public street typically created by the platting process. Following the City's detailed street vacation policy, the City will renounce any claim or right to the land described. The vacated street ceases to be a public street and can no longer be accessed by the public. This request is for the vacation of an unnamed road in the Lincoln Park Subdivision. Required exhibits include a petition, map, utilities, and easement, if necessary, etc. **Councilwoman Lizanich motioned to have the Clerk read Resolution 2024-05 by Title only. Seconded by Councilman McBride. The motion carried.**

RESOLUTION 2024 - 05

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC HEARING ON PETITION FOR VACATING A CITY STREET OR ALLEY.

Councilwoman Bega motioned to adopt Resolution 2024-05 to set the Public Hearing on May 21, 2024 for the vacation of an unnamed road within the Lincoln Park subdivision by roll-call vote. Seconded by Councilwoman Lizanich. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilwoman Bega, yes; Councilman Davis, yes; Councilwoman Lizanich, yes; Councilman McBride, yes; President Hepfer, yes. The motion carried.

10)c) Board and Commission Reappointment Requests* with City Manager Williams stating annually a review of current advisory board membership is conducted. The following members have requested and are eligible for reappointment:

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION (P&Z)

Seat #	Board Member	Term Length	Term Start	Term End
1	Janice Devine	3	May 2024	May 2027
2	Karen Esty	3	May 2024	May 2027
3	Leslie Barras	3	May 2024	May 2027
4	Rob Tessmer, Sr.	3	May 2024	May 2027
5	David Belknap	3	May 2024	May 2027

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT (ZBA)

Seat #	Board Member	Term Length	Term Start	Term End
1	Rob Tessmer, Sr.	3	May 2024	May 2027
2	Pete Kelly	3	May 2024	May 2027
3	Althea Franklin	3	May 2024	May 2027

INVERNESS COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (ICRA)

Seat #	Board Member	Term Length	Term Start	Term End
3	Cindy DeVries	4	May 2024	May 2028

Councilwoman Bega motioned to approve the reappointment of members to the various advisory board positions as presented. Seconded by Councilwoman Lizanich. The motion carried.

10)d) Inverness Fire Department Fire Training Site* with City Manager Williams stating at the April 16, 2024 Council meeting, there was discussion regarding the location of the proposed Inverness Fire Department Fire Training Site. Several possible locations were identified at the City-owned Public Works property on Public Works Road at the intersection of Pleasant Grove Road. After discussion regarding the location of possible sites, two sites were identified as the best options: Site A (581 Side) is a 2-acre area located at the corner of the intersection of Pleasant Grove Road and Public Works Road; and Site B (PW Side) is a 2-acre area located next to the Public Works compound to the East along Public Works Road. Fire Chief Bessler provided a presentation and overview of the potential site. **Councilman Davis motioned to approve the selection Site B (PW side) for the development of a future Inverness Fire training site. Seconded by Councilwoman Lizanich. The motion carried.**

10)e) Project/Program Updates ***(Verbal)***

- Ladder Truck Funding – Federal Appropriation Request working with Congressman Bilirakis' office and request is moving forward. Have received several letters of support from local agencies.
- Wallace Brooks Park Vendor Building lessee has opted to close the lease early, understanding the balance of the lease fees will be due.
- Water Tower Lights should be completed by the end of this week.
- IGC Compactor/Generator Project has the compactor in use since last Friday, which equals 4 dumpsters. Generator has been ordered and awaiting delivery.
- Other included things happening, noted this past weekend with 100's of people for bike ride, at the Depot, Market at the Depot, and Valerie Theatre. Spoke of new volunteer program starting. National Day of Prayer had a record crowd. This is a Small Town Done Right.

COUNCIL/MAYOR SUBJECTS

Councilwoman Bega spoke of her research regarding a Northbound turning lane on US 41N in the FDOT construction.

Mayor Plaisted spoke of National Day of Prayer getting better every year, and the great location. Worked the Bike City Fun Ride for the Rotary this past weekend, with people from many different areas coming to participate. Inverness is a bicycle city.

Councilwoman Lizanich noted she was unable to attended recent events. Thanked City volunteers and City Manager Williams for the CIP presentation.

Councilman McBride attended the recent MPO meeting where certain actions were taken to include Councilman Davis as the City's alternate member. Spoke of concerning happenings at Universities and of N. Carolina law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty, speaking each name as they are true American heroes.

Councilman Davis thanked all for attending the meeting and for the opportunity to serve on Council to make this Small Town Done Right even better.

President Hepfer thanked Councilman McBride for addressing the N. Carolina incident. Spoke of the amazing Fun City Bike Ride this past weekend where she spoke to West Palm people on their first visit to Inverness. Attended recent Arts & Cultural Alliance meeting for the upcoming Festival of the Arts. Amazed the National Day of Prayer drew over 300 attendees.

CITIZENS NOT ON AGENDA

None

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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City Clerk Council President