

OCTOBER 24, 2006
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The City Commission of Dade City, Florida, met in the City Hall Annex Commission Chambers in a regular City Commission meeting on this 24th day of October, A.D. 2006, at 5:30 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor P. Hutchison Brock and Commissioners Scott Black, Camille Hernandez, Eunice Penix and Steve Van Gorden. City staff members present included City Manager Harold R. Sample, City Clerk/Finance Director James D. Class, City Attorney Karla Owens, Police Chief P.A. Thompson, Administrative Services Director Laura Beagles, Safety Services Director J. P. Wubbena and Executive Assistant Chris Chandler.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor P. H. Brock, and invocation was given by Commissioner Black, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag.

The minutes of the September 21, 2006 regular City Commission meeting were approved as individually read. The minutes of the October 5, 2006 Workshop and October 10, 2006 regular City Commission meeting were distributed.

CONSENT

On recommendation of staff, Commissioner Black moved to approve the Lease Agreement for the Lanier copier in the Safety Services Department. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, and on a vote the motion passed unanimously. (This item was approved as part of the consent agenda.)

NEW BUSINESS

City Manager Harold Sample updated the Commission on the proposed purchase of the former 8th Street branch Wachovia Building for a new City Hall. He met with the technical review team of Wilton Simpson, Kevin Roberts and Bob Larkin at the bank. St. Leo will be viewing the building on October 26. Harold Sample will bring updated information back to the Commission.

A discussion took place regarding Church Street Christmas. A letter from Luther W. Goodwin, Co-Founder of the event, was noted announcing the end of Church Street Christmas. The churches will no longer be sponsoring the event. A group of Church Avenue residents and others will meet in November to discuss continuing observance of the event.

The automated meter reading system purchase was discussed. A workshop was held before the Commission meeting. The consensus of the Commission was to proceed with a piggyback bid with the City of West Melbourne and bring back a contract to the Commission.

The renewal of the office space lease, expiring January 1, 2007, with Congresswoman Ginny Brown-Waite was discussed. The consensus of the Commission was not to renew the lease due to the City's need for additional space.

City Manager Harold Sample reported on the status of the Sprint cell tower lease of City-owned property on Wilson Street. Due diligence has been completed and the proposed lease amount will be \$1200 per month with a 3% escalation each year. The proposed lease and site plan are under review.

The following memorandum dated October 23, 2006 was noted:

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
From: Harold R. Sample, City Manager
Subject: Declare Vehicle Surplus – 1986 GMC Semi-Tractor (City Vehicle #216)
 (Entire memorandum can be found in the City Clerk's file)

Commissioner Van Gorden moved to declare the 1986 semi-tractor as surplus and authorized staff to look at alternatives for a replacement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, and on a vote the motion passed unanimously. Commissioners Black, Brock, Hernandez, Penix, and Van Gorden voted "AYE," with no one voting "NAY."

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Mayor Brock noted receipt of the FDLE grant letter and requested that completed evaluation forms for City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk be returned to him by Commissioners before the November 14 meeting.

Commissioner Hernandez reminded staff to forward financial information monthly to Commissioners and spoke about Youth Council applications.

Mayor Brock mentioned the noted items found in the agenda. City Manager Harold Sample noted that smoke testing of the sewer lines began yesterday and that door hangers would be placed on residences at the time of testing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Individuals appearing before the Commission during the public comment portion of the meeting were: Chief P.A. Thompson, regarding the Halloween flyer and the six month crime report; and Phyllis Smith, thanking the City for their support of the Welcome Home Troops ceremony.

There being no further business before the Commission, on motion the meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK