

**CITY OF VERO BEACH, FLORIDA  
FEBRUARY 15, 2022 9:00 A.M.  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

The invocation was given by Reverend Keith Allen of Christ Church of Vero Beach.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Brackett led the Council and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**B. Roll Call**

Mayor Robbie Brackett; Vice Mayor Rey Neville; Councilmember Honey Minuse; Councilmember Bob McCabe and Councilmember John Cotugno **Also Present:** Monte Falls, City Manager; John Turner, City Attorney and Tammy Bursick, City Clerk

**2. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

**1. Regular City Council Minutes – February 1, 2022**

**Vice Mayor Neville made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Cotugno seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**2. Special Call City Council Minutes – February 4, 2022**

**Mr. McCabe made a motion to approve the minutes. Vice Mayor Neville seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**A. Agenda Additions, Deletions, and Adoption.**

Mr. John Turner, City Attorney, requested under his matters that he be allowed to give an update of current Legislative Bills being discussed in Tallahassee and also give an update on the redundant pole problem.

Mrs. Minuse mentioned that Mr. Jim Thompson recently passed away. He was a long time businessman in this community and a Rotarian. She said that a family funeral service will be held this week and then a celebration of life will be held later on.

**Mr. McCabe made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Mrs. Minuse seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**B. Proclamations and recognitions by Council.**

**3. CONSENT AGENDA (include amount of expense)**

**A) Renewal of Contract 1449-C, Utility Bill Printing and Mailing Services (\$89,371.72)**

Mr. Cotugno asked if this renewal of contract will go out to bid or is the \$89,371.72 a competitive bid in this competitive situation.

Mr. Monte Falls, City Manager, said that this contract will not be going out to bid.

Ms. Cindy Lawson, Finance Director, commented that the City pays a very reasonable price for the work that they receive. She said by making a switch to another provider it would not be cheap and is not easy because of the software they use.

Mr. Cotugno asked Ms. Lawson if they were going to make sure that this is a competitive bid and send it out for bid next year.

Ms. Lawson felt that the price they pay for these services is reasonable and they don't plan on putting it out to bid next year.

Mr. Cotugno asked if they would be using this firm for the stormwater utility bills.

Ms. Lawson said no, that would be handled through the Tax Collector's office.

Ms. Lawson expressed that the price the City is being charged is reasonable and this firm has held to the same price for many years. She said that they have a good partnership with this firm and she would not recommend changing. They also do special inserts for the City and only charge a reasonable amount.

**B) Advoco, LLC to Accenture LLP Assignment and Assumption**

**C) Oakmont Park Drainage Study (Cost: \$84,820)**

**Mr. McCabe made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Neville seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A) ORDINANCES**

**1) An Ordinance of the City of Vero Beach, Florida; Amending Chapter 26, Cemetery, of the Code of the City of Vero Beach; Revising Order of Sales; Revising Burial Lot Restrictions; Amendment Monument Standards; Amending Columbarium Restrictions and Regulations; Providing for Codification; Providing for Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances; Providing**

**for Severability; Providing for the Correction of Scrivener's Errors; and Providing for an Effective Date. – Requested by the Public Works Director**

The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.

Mr. Falls reported that this Ordinance is to consider some housekeeping measures that need to take place at Crestlawn Cemetery. The amendments will eliminate order of sales for Lots in Section J, Block 2; create enhanced requirements for contracted grave diggers; and revise the monument standards for vertical monuments and grave markers.

Mayor Brackett opened and closed the public hearing at 9:11 a.m., with no one wishing to be heard.

**Mrs. Minuse made a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Vice Mayor Neville seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 with Mr. Cotugno voting yes, Mr. McCabe yes, Mrs. Minuse yes, Vice Mayor Neville yes, and Mayor Brackett yes.**

- 2) **An Ordinance of the City of Vero Beach, Florida, Amending the Land Development Regulations by Amending Chapter 62, Article III, Commercial Districts, Chapter 62, Article IV, Industrial District, and Chapter 62, Article VII, Airport Master Plan Land Use Zones, to add Commercial Food Services to the List of Permitted Uses in the C-1, Commercial District, ALI-A1 and ALI-1, Airport Light Industrial Zoning Districts, and M, Industrial District; Amending Chapter 60 (Appendix. Definitions) to add a Definition of Commercial Food Service; Providing for Codification; Providing for Conflict and Severability; Providing for Correction of Scrivener's Errors; and Providing for an Effective Date – Requested by the Planning and Development Director**

The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only.

Mr. Jason Jeffries, Planning and Development Director, reported that he has been working with the Airport on a text amendment to Chapter 62, Article VII, Airport Master Plan Land Use Zones, to add commercial food services use to the ALI-A1 and ALI-1, Airport Light Industrial Zoning Districts, and add a definition of commercial food services to Chapter 60. The purpose of the text amendment is to allow establishments that prepare food and meals to deliver the meals to other locations with no on-site meal service to customers. The Airport has potential tenants interested in leasing commercial sites for establishments that prepare food in commercial kitchens, but sell the food through mobile food establishments or provide catering services. This Ordinance would change the list of permitted uses in a zoning district. This is the first of two (2) required public hearings. The Planning and Zoning Board held a public hearing on January 20, 2022, and voted 5-0 in favor of the Ordinance. Staff recommends approval of the Ordinance.

Mrs. Minuse asked once the food is prepared does this include delivering it as well as having someone pick up the food.

Mr. Jeffries explained that would be up to the individual business. The City does not regulate how they operate their business.

Mayor Brackett opened and closed the public hearing at 9:17 a.m., with no one wishing to be heard.

**Mr. McCabe made a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Mr. Cotugno seconded the motion and it passed 5-0 with Mr. Cotugno voting yes, Mr. McCabe voting yes, Mrs. Minuse yes, Vice Mayor Neville yes and Mayor Brackett yes.**

## **B) RESOLUTIONS**

### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT (3-minute time limit)**

Mr. James Shay, Mockingbird Drive, commented that there was a neighborhood meeting on Saturday where there were about 75 to 100 people attending. The meeting was to discuss the Marina and expansion at the Marina. He was at today's meeting to speak for those people living in the neighborhood who are opposed to the expansion of the Marina. He said there are a number of reasons why and the first being is because the space is too small. There is not going to be enough parking for people who own those boats especially when a lot of people want access to their boats. He said the disruptions of neighborhoods would be immense. He said the noise that the forklift makes when getting boats off racks is very loud and they already have a real traffic congestion issue because of Beachland Elementary. He said the traffic sometimes backs up close to a mile on Beachland Boulevard. He knows that at times everyone has issues and things they don't want and there are better alternatives that can be reached. He felt they had some alternatives for this situation. There could be a boat storage building built at the Three Corners property near the Youth Sailing Club. He also is opposed to what current people are being charged at the Marina and the way prices have been going up. It used to be the Marina was known as Velcro Beach because you came here and you never wanted to leave. The philosophy of the people running the Marina is to squeeze every nickel they can from anyone there. They are now charging people to park their bicycles there and storing your kayak there keeps going up. He said it seems to be a commercial enterprise now. Since the Dog Park and the Rowing Club have been built the traffic in this area has continued to increase. He said they might consider to see if ORCA has any interest in taking over the old Waddell building. He asked Council to please consider other options.

Mr. Keith Drewett, Eugenia Road, commented that he was not able to attend that meeting, but did not want to leave this meeting with the impression that the whole neighborhood is against the expansion of the Marina, which he said is not the case. He said every week the Marina Director gives an update of what the usage of moving boats at the Marina is into the water and it is very low. He agrees that the traffic generated from Beachland School should be addressed, but it should not be a problem of the Marina. He lives very close to the Marina and has never heard sounds from the lift truck in the day or at night. He disagrees with the comments made about the Marina management. He said that the Marina

is much cleaner and organized then it was before. He explained that the Marina is an Enterprise Fund and it has to pay its own way. Also, ORCA is not interested in moving to this property.

Mr. Gary Froonjian, Fiddlewood Road, commented that he knows why people move here or have grown up in this area and never leave. He said it is because they love the area. He has been here for 18 years now. He has seen a lot of degradation of the Lagoon over the years. He asked how they could not consider the Lagoon as their natural estuary and place for their children to enjoy. How can they be so self-centered and not consider what the expansion of the Marina will do to the Lagoon. They need to pay more attention to the environment. He said he has not heard or seen anything about an environmental study being done. He questioned what is in that muck. He said there is poison in that water. This is a neighborhood Marina and he doesn't know if the local citizens are using that current facility. He said he doesn't know the percentage of actual residents using it. He doesn't know how far along they are with this Marina expansion because for the last two (2) years they have been locked down because of the pandemic. He never saw anyone knocking on neighborhood doors to let people know what is going on. He said lets address the problem before expanding the Marina.

Mr. John Milward, Date Palm Drive, suggested that their nice little neighborhood Marina should remain the same character that it is now. The Marina should be developed at the Three Corners property and keep the character of their Marina the same. He supports repairing and upgrading the Marina because it does need some work. To expand it, particularly with a large storage area, would change the character of their neighborhood. There is enough room at the Three Corners property to have this Marina there and that is where it should be.

Ms. Cheryl Mulligan lives down the street from the Marina and grew up in this area. She said it always seemed very strange to her to see those boats at the Marina. She said now it seems like it is a storage place for boats. Most people don't know about this Marina expansion. She said it seems like it is out of place. It should be at the Three Corners property. She commented on the number of people who come to the Marina and pay \$20.00 to dock there and don't pay any taxes. They also use the bus for a free ride to go where they want to go. She also had some problems with the bus route.

Mr. Roger Marcel, Indian River Drive, understands in the new plan that they will be taking green space a way for a parking lot that will hold hundreds of cars. He said when people come to the Marina and unload their boat into the water they are loud. Then when they come back to the Marina and unload their boat after being on the water they are also loud. He doesn't want to see the green space become a massive parking lot. He commented on the muck problem that is 5-feet deep. He is all for taking care of the Marina, but is against making this Marina a lot bigger then it currently is.

Mr. Ken Daige knows that Council is aware of the problems that they have with the Lagoon. There are concerns out there on how this will impact the Lagoon. He recently attended a vision workshop conducted by the County and it was interesting to see how

some of the questions from the first visioning meeting that was held were answered. The number one (1) thing he came back with from that visioning meeting is the concerns people have with the environment. He said there were a number of County Commissioners attending the meeting who are aware of the development that is occurring and it not being stopped. He questioned how much more development do they want to occur. There are a lot of new people coming to Town who don't know the checks and balances done by the City Council when it comes to development. He points out to people that the City Council are the decision makers and if they want something changed they are the ones to do it. He said that threats are sometimes made if people don't like what stance you take. They can't stop people from moving here, but can do like people have done in the past and that is protect what they have. He agrees that there are repairs that need to be made at the Marina. He suggested to Council to go and talk to the neighborhood and look at the situation themselves. There has been a pandemic going on for the last two (2) years and people are scared to come out of their homes. He also encouraged people to step up if they have a different point of view, but they need to do it peacefully.

Vice Mayor Neville commented that he lives on Date Palm Road and has observed the traffic pattern, but does not believe there is a parking problem at the Marina. He said there are two (2) parking areas behind the storage area, as well as the old Waddell building. He said that people love having boats, but don't use them as much as you would think they would. He has a boat and regrets not using it as much as he would like to. He commented on the traffic that is generated by the Dog Park, which he feels is more traffic then what is generated by the boat storage building.

Mayor Brackett appreciated everyone's comments. He said that these plans have been discussed since 2018. He said at that time they were looking at privatizing the Marina, which is not what the community wanted. He pointed out that the plan they are discussing is just a "conceptual plan" that will grow as it needs to. They will have many more meetings to discuss the plan and get approval from Council on the different items as they come into play.

Mr. McCabe echoed that nothing has been approved in this plan at all.

Mayor Brackett said except for needed maintenance at the Marina.

Mrs. Minuse assured everyone that Council is very aware of the environment concerns and have been working on them. They are very conscientious about the Lagoon and what can be done. She also brought up that the Marina is doing a lot of enforcement like the oil spill that was mentioned.

Mr. Falls mentioned that he is working on scheduling a workshop to talk about the dry storage building and the components of the Marina. The workshop will be scheduled in about six (6) weeks. He said that selling the old Waddell building to ORCA will not work because of the grants that the City applied for when they took over that building. He recalled that the City purchased that property because at the time the owners of the property were looking at selling it to developers to put condominiums there and that is not what the

public wanted to have there. He said as far as the Lagoon goes, the City is way ahead of their part in cleaning and spending money for the Lagoon and will continue to do that. He said that the proposed workshop will take place in the Council Chambers to give the public a chance to talk to the Council about their concerns. They could also make it a joint City Council/Marine Commission workshop.

## **6. CITY COUNCIL MATTERS**

### **A) NEW BUSINESS**

### **B) OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1) Discussion of the Three Corners property – Requested by Councilmember Bob McCabe**

Mr. McCabe commented on what a good meeting they had last month when they discussed the Three Corners property. He said there were about 30 people that spoke. He didn't feel because of the late hour that he was able to go over what his opinion on the matter really is. He wanted to go over why he was opposed to the Resolution and voted against it. He appreciated Council for allowing him to present his views today. He said that there is no one in this room and City that wants to see this property get developed more than he does. He said the sooner the better. It has been disconcerting from his standpoint of letting this land sit for the last seven (7) years. He noted that he has some firsthand experience with Brownfield Development. When he worked for General Motors he set up a new facility called the New Center Development Partnership to work on a much blighted area around the GM headquarters in Detroit, Michigan. He was also Chief Executive Officer at a company in Canada called ACSYS Technologies, where he redeveloped a 46 acre 100-year old heavy industrial site in Oshawa, Ontario. He said with that project they demolished over two million square feet of buildings, which included some old smoke stacks that came down in 2006. He remembered standing on site with the Mayor to watch them come down. The property was then sold off for various things. So this shows that he is not against development.

Mr. McCabe pointed out that the sentiment for keeping this land for public use was captured very well in the 2007 referendum when over 86% of the voters voted to put those two (2) properties in the Charter. He said at that time nine (9) out of ten voters voted to save those parcels for public use. The Charter language was as follows: *“These parks and public lands may not be sold, leased, traded, or given away by the city unless such sale, lease, trade or gift is approved by a vote of the electors of the City of Vero Beach.”* So the referendum and process that they are being asked to review today is putting the cart before the horse. They are being asked to take the entire piece of property out of the protection of the Charter before they know what actually might be built on it because they are only in the concept phase. He said it has been brought up that there have been no traffic studies or environmental studies done and this property sits on their environmentally challenged Lagoon. They are being told that everything in the Master Plan Concept is just that a

“concept” and ultimately subject to whatever the developer decides is feasible from their viewpoint or what they want to do on that property.

Mr. McCabe noted that they have been talking about this matter for years and a lot of them are frustrated and feel that this debate has been going on for a long time, which he is calling the “Exhaustion Factor.” He felt that this was too important a decision to allow a developer and future City Council to develop property requiring very little if any future input from the citizens of Vero Beach. He believes that they could open the property up to be used right now at a minimal cost. They are already mowing the grass so they could put up a fence around the area, fill in the pot holes existing on the property and start using some of it. He said that this has been done on the south side of the bridge for the Youth Sailing Foundation.

Mr. McCabe commented that at the meeting when this matter was discussed a local engineer spoke on Big Blue being unsafe and that it would be far more costly to repurpose the existing building then to build a new one. He has heard that some other local officials have also cautioned that no one should be going into that building at this time because of safety reasons. He concurs with these assessments based on his experience. He said saving the building has some romantic appeal to some, but with no factual support. He said there is no developer that would touch this building except to tear it down and get the scrap value out of it. This is the citizen’s property and the residents should decide what it is going to be used for. He believes that the voters should be able to choose what each of these individual properties are going to be used for and not just have one irrevocable vote on a concept. He said perhaps many citizens might want to have a nice restaurant there, but believe a hotel or any residential unit on the property is a non-starter. He believes they could start working on plans for a more positive publically assessable project and allow the voters to select uses of the property. Then they could vote on a referendum to selectively take only those sections of land out of the Charter and leave the balance of the property to be protected. There are a number of possible uses that can be implemented now without any Charter revisions. He went over some things that could occur now without involving a developer. He briefly gave a summary of some of his concerns. Back in 2007, there was a vote of 86% to have these properties in the Charter for protection, in the survey given by DPZ the citizens put having residential development as their last choice on the property, repurposing the Power Plant is too costly, the Marina would be competitive with the City Marina, he has some concerns with the South Beach Cabana as discussed by their Financial Consultant, he was not in favor of a 99-year old lease and there needs to be an environmental assessment completed. He thanked Council for allowing him to present his views.

Mayor Brackett commented that this was not an all or nothing deal. The south side property is not going on the referendum nor is the property across the street. There is no vision to turn this property over to a developer and let them say what is going to happen on the property. He is not going to allow a developer to take this property and put condos on it. He said that is not going to happen. However, they have to have development on this property that is financially feasible.

Mrs. Minuse went over the history of why this property was put in the Charter. She said at the time they were selling the utility company and the community had great concerns on what would be put on the property if the sale was to be completed.

Mayor Brackett said that was correct. There was a big concern that Florida Power & Light would turn around and sell the property to someone else. He said they all have worked to come up with this community plan and it has been done in a transparent way.

Vice Mayor Neville expressed that this is commercial property and not Park land and the zoning has to be changed in order to use it as Park land. The property was put in the Charter to protect it and let the people of this community decide how it was going to be used.

Mr. Cotugno appreciated Mr. McCabe's comments. He said as the newest person on the Council and only living in this community for four (4) years he knows that as Councilmembers they try to base their decisions on what their experiences are and what they believe that the residents want. He said one (1) of the purposes in having the meeting in the evening was to have the cross sections of their citizens speak, which includes most who vote and live in the City. He loved hearing the diverse opinions from both sides. He said what he found out is that the citizens want something to happen, they are concerned about the Lagoon and are concerned with public property. They want to have something that they can be proud of and bring their families to. He has been going through this process for a long time. He was a member on the Steering Committee and it was an exhausting process. He said when the charrettes were held they heard everyone's opinions from all walks of life. He said the problem with this site is that it is too big and there are a lot of options for it. He said they (Council) bring their life experiences here and he appreciated Mr. McCabe saying his peace, but realized 17 years was a long time ago and things have changed. This team that sits on the dais are all concerned how this property is going to be developed. They are all concerned to protect the life style here, which is why he moved here. They will make sure that the property is treated with the care it deserves and they deliver something that their community will be proud of.

## 7. PUBLIC NOTICE ITEMS FOR FUTURE PUBLIC HEARING

### **Public Hearing will be held on March 1, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**

- A) **An Ordinance Calling and Providing for the Holding of a Referendum in the City of Vero Beach, Florida, on November 8, 2022 at the General Election to submit to the Electors a Proposed Amendment to the Charter of the City of Vero Beach. (Former City Power Plant Site). – Requested by the City Council**

The City Clerk read the Ordinance by title only and reported that the public hearing will be held on March 1, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Minuse suggested having in the backup material that DPZ came back to them with an alternative plan because of COVID.

Mr. Falls said that can be included when they bring the Ordinance back for a public hearing.

Mrs. Minuse commented on how tough it was to only be allowed to use 75 words (referendum item) to be clear to the voters on what they are voting for.

Mr. Turner explained that wordsmithing these is difficult at best. He said you have to state in an unambiguous fashion what you are asking the public to vote on and the text cannot be greater than 75 words. You have to sit there and count the words one by one. He said after reading the language over and over again you do get bogged down in preparing it and sometimes you don't quite see the purpose. He told Council if they have any words that they want to see addressed or changed now is the time to discuss it. He said those changes can be made and voted on at the March 1<sup>st</sup> public hearing, but after that the referendum question will be set and on the ballot in November. He said as long as they stay in substantial compliance with what the purpose is they are good to go.

Mayor Brackett asked Mr. Turner to explain why there is a 75 word cap.

Mr. Turner said it is outlined in the State Statutes.

Mrs. Minuse said that the word "recreational" was missing. She wants people to see very clearly what the intent is. She understands why substantial compliance is in the wording, but said it could be a little freighting for people who maybe sees this as more commercial as opposed to public.

Mr. Turner told Mrs. Minuse that was a great point. He said the term substantial compliance was included because of the history of this project. He said as they were developing it through all the charrettes and input through each process it was stated at the final approved development it would be in substantial compliance with what the master concept plan outlines that was approved by City Council on February 1, 2022. He said that would be the guiding source for this project. He didn't want to deviate from that term, but would love to hear suggestions. However, he does not recommend changing it and would recommend to stay with substantial compliance because that is what they have said all along.

Mr. McCabe said so the governing document will actually be the concept plan approved by Council.

Mr. Turner answered yes.

Vice Mayor Neville suggested saying *Shall the City Charter (Section 5.05) be amended to permit the former power plant site north of the Alma Lee Loy Bridge to be developed pursuant to a long-term lease for primarily public use and access, in addition to restaurant, retail, hotel, and similar uses, in substantial compliance with the master concept plan approved in Resolution No. 2022-03 by City Council on February 1, 2022.*

Mr. Turner did not see any problems with changing the language to read that way. They just need to stay within their 75 word allotment. He said they could substitute the word “permit” “to “allow.”

Mayor Brackett said that if anyone, including the public, has any comments about this language to let Council or staff know before the scheduled public hearing.

Mr. Jeffries pointed out that the specific language that goes into the Charter is where the specific limitations are.

**8. CITY CLERK MATTERS**

**9. CITY MANAGER MATTERS (include amount of expense)  
(Staff/Consultant special reports and information items)**

**10. CITY ATTORNEY MATTERS**

Mr. Turner gave an update on the redundant poles that they have in the City. He said the problem they face is there are these old utility poles still in place and what do they do with them. He said there are some poles that now have accessory uses for telephone or cable. This was discussed last year in the Legislation and they asked that the Public Service Commission (PSC) handle the issue with the redundant poles. He said there is now a process in getting rid of the redundant poles. The City is also addressing the problem through its revised right-of-way Ordinance. They will require permits for the new poles, but permits will not be issued until the old poles are no longer there. He is still working on the language for the right-of-way Ordinance and hopes to bring it before Council at one (1) of their March meetings. He said between the new State law and their revised right-of-way Ordinance, both should be helpful in clearing this up.

Vice Mayor Neville commented that most of the poles are being replaced with concrete poles.

Mr. Falls was not sure why Florida Power and Light chose to repair the existing poles, but he could ask their local Florida Power and Light Representative that question.

Mrs. Jenny Flanigan, Assistant City Attorney, gave an update on the Bills being discussed in this year’s Legislation session.

**11. COUNCILMEMBER MATTERS**

**A. Mayor Brackett’s Matters**

Mayor Brackett reported that this morning he attended the annual prayer breakfast, but was not able to stay for the speaker because of their meeting. He said this is such a big event and thousands of people attend.

Mayor Brackett commented that he was in Tallahassee last week in conjunction with the Florida League of Cities and all went well. He was amazed at how many people were attending different meetings at the Capitol and getting their voices heard.

**B. Vice Mayor Neville's Matters**

Vice Mayor Neville commented on the last meeting that they held where the Three Corners property was discussed and how well it was received. He said something that did not come up was the different groups that have been working on this project for so long and they should be acknowledged. He said that some of them that come to mind are the Indian River County Chamber of Commerce, the Marine Commission and the Recreation Commission. He thanked all the people who have and are presently serving on these Commissions and the time they volunteer to the City.

**C. Councilmember Minuse's Matters**

Mrs. Minuse agreed that they are so fortunate to have these volunteers serve on these Boards and Commissions. She thanked them for their services.

Mrs. Minuse mentioned that the Bill to abolish the Indian River Soil and Water Conservation District Board did not pass, but has been amended to regulate the Boards very tightly.

Mrs. Minuse mentioned that she has been asked to serve on the Treasure Coast League of Cities Advocacy Team, which she has agreed to do. She said they will be meeting soon and she will keep the Council updated on the discussions that take place.

**D. Councilmember McCabe's Matters**

Mr. McCabe reminded everyone that this weekend is the annual Craft Brew Fest organized by the Rotary Club. He said the event will be held at Royal Palm Pointe from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be off-street parking and shuttle buses going back and forth from Riverside Park.

**E. Councilmember Cotugno's Matters**

Mr. Cotugno reported that the Chamber Music Society event is on hold at this point due to the Fire Marshal. The Fire Marshall has decided that there cannot be too many people in Big Blue because of safety reasons. However, he didn't say anything when the public tours were being offered and over 1,000 people went through the building. He said they are working on setting up a meeting with the Fire Marshall to see if they can work things out.

Mr. Cotugno commented that based on the success of their last Council meeting, he would like to have Council consider five (5) subjects of meetings that should be considered to be held in the evening. He knows that they have to provide proper notice so sometimes it is hard to wait until the agenda comes out to know what items are going to be on the agenda.

He said the general topics are anything to do with the Marina refurbishing and boat storage expansion, USTA Riverside, discussions about Oceanside parking and the Twin Pairs or anything that impacts the neighborhoods, the Three Corners property and the Distribution of ARP funds. He would like the meetings held in the evening when these topics come up because that is the time when most of their citizens are available to attend.

Mayor Brackett suggested adding this item to their next workshop agenda to have an open discussion on it. This item will be included in the workshop that will be held to discuss the Marina.

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

Today's meeting adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

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