

THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL MET IN REGULAR SESSION MARCH 26, 2019, AT THE MIAMI CIVIC CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 4:30 PM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rudy Schultz, Mayor	Dean Kruithof, City Manager
Brian Forrester, Councilmember Ward 1	Ben Loring, City Attorney (Via Phone Conference at 4:34PM)
Doug Weston, Councilmember Ward 2	Melissa Moore, City Clerk
Ryan Orcutt, Councilmember Ward 3 (Absent)	
Vicki Lewis, Councilmember Ward 4	

The agenda for the meeting was posted in the main lobby and the north outside entryway of the Miami Civic Center at 3:00PM on March 25, 2019.

THE COUNCIL MAY DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND VOTE ON ANY ITEM IN THIS AGENDA:

Call to Order

Mayor Schultz called the meeting to order at 4:33PM.

Ben Loring joined Via Phone Conference at 4:34PM.

66 Cultural District Update

Marcia Johnson explained the City has received a small grant for the last three (3) years to have Mural Fest in the cultural district of Miami. Mural Fest will take place Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 10:00 AM – 4:00PM. There will be eight (8) new murals this year added to buildings on the corner of Main and 1st SW, and Main and 1st SE. There will be performances, an art market, food trucks and family activities including painting on an old police car that is no longer able to be used at the police department. Johnson also gave an update on the art park located across the street from the Coleman Pocket Park. The park is a partnership between the City, Miami Arts and Humanities Council, and Chuck and Ann Neal. The project is funded in part by a donation made to the Miami Arts and Humanities Council, and in part through the City who will provide benches, trash cans, electric and lighting. Johnson provided a picture of the layout of the park. There will be concrete areas and soft areas. There will not be grass. The park will contain steel mesh art frames and outside musical instruments. Johnson hopes the park will be opened for Mural Fest but will depend on weather.

No action taken.

Discuss Change in GRDA Electric Rates Including the Power Cost Adjustment

David Rountree explained the City purchases all power from GRDA and when that began there was not a cost for fuel. GRDA added a fuel cost which is their power cost adjustment (PCA) later. Two weeks ago, GRDA set their new rate to take effect on April 1, 2019. The current ordinance for recovering the power cost adjustment surcharges need to be changed to reflect the changes to the city's purchase power adjustment (PPA). Tyler Cline explained that there will need to be an update to the rates to reflect the changes and GRDA will provide up to ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to get the rate study updated. The ordinance change will be brought to the next city council meeting for action on the purchase power adjustment (PPA) with an emergency clause, since the change needs to be in effect prior to the first billing cycle in April.

No action taken.

Parks Maintenance and Street Update

Kevin Browning gave an update on the Business & Professional Women park (BPW) which is located at West BJ Tunnell Blvd. and A St NW. The City is partnering with Ottawa County and the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) to enlarge the walking track and place some playground equipment for young children. The Oklahoma professional women's group will fundraise for benches, utilizing the Northeast Technology Center

classes who will design and produce the benches. Browning stated that the Parks Department is trying to bring color back into the parks. At Torbert Park the playground equipment, shade structure, and fencing will be repurposed and the area will be brought back to a natural state. The caboose at the Key Club Park will be surplused. There was a discussion about surplusing the old gas station across the street from the Civic Center. City Attorney Ben Loring stated that he thought that if the building was given to a governmental entity then it would be alright. Ottawa County will be asked if they would like to utilize it out on the old Rt. 66 road. The wading pool at Rotary park will not open this summer and be taken out later, the shade structure will remain.

No action taken.

Discuss Public Safety Center

Dean Kruihof gave a brief overview of potential partners that have been brought into the conversations: Inter-Tribal Council, Integris, and the 911 Board. Kruihof has discussed financing options with Greg Nieto. Ben Loring stated that there is some legislation that would enhance the opportunity for public safety districts. The hope is that with all the work on the water lines that the city has been doing, combined with this project will result in a lower Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating which could lead to lower insurance rates for residential and commercial property. There would be a two (2) year gap between the facility being open and an updated ISO rating. Chief Robert Wright and Chief Thomas Anderson discussed and shared some pictures of the Coffeyville Public Safety Center and a center in Florida. The pictures included the entrance, meeting rooms, fitness center, dispatch rooms, interview rooms, and bays for vehicles. Kruihof explained there are a few more facilities that will be toured.

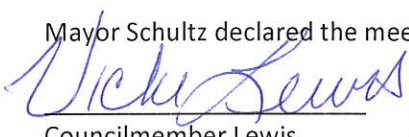
No action taken.

Adjournment

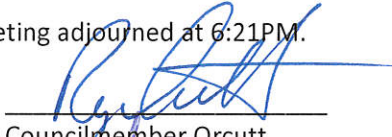
Councilmember Lewis moved to adjourn. Councilmember Weston made the second. The Council was polled with the following results:

Lewis, Aye Weston, Aye Forrester, Aye Schultz, Aye Orcutt, Absent

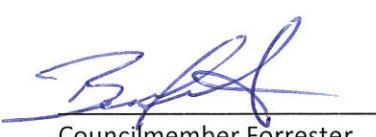
Mayor Schultz declared the meeting adjourned at 6:21PM.



Councilmember Lewis



Councilmember Orcutt



Councilmember Forrester



Councilmember Weston



Mayor Schultz

ATTEST: 
Melissa Moore, City Clerk

