MINUTES

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP

OLD CITY HALL, 510 GREENE STREET

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2012

A workshop meeting of the City Commission of the City of Key West, Florida was held in Commission Chambers, Old City Hall, on Wednesday, October 29, 2012.

Mayor Craig Cates called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Answering roll call were Commissioners Teri Johnston, Clayton Lopez, Mark Rossi, Billy Wardlow, Jimmy Weekley, Tony Yaniz and Mayor Craig Cates.

Also present were City Manager Bob Vitas, Assistant City Manager David Fernandez, Assistant City Manager Mark Finigan, Information Network Administrator Ian Willis and Deputy City Clerk Angela Budde.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was given by all present.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:

The agenda was accepted without changes.

DISCUSSION:

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES AND POSITIONS FOR THE 2013 SEASON

The Deputy Clerk read the title of the item.

The Following people spoke on the item:

City Manager Vitas
Ed Scales, State Lobbyist for the City
City Attorney Smith

The City Manager opened the discussion by thanking City Staff and in particular the Community Services and Public Works crews that worked during the 10 day Fantasy Fest event celebrations at keeping the City Streets cleaned and safe.

City Manager Vitas passed a handout listing Federal and State Legislative priorities for the City's Lobbyist with the legislative priority list in an order of importance;

Federal Legislative Priorities:

1) Truman Waterfront Property Phase I Development Funding.

2) Navy Outer Mole Lease and Future Utilization (not channel widening related).

3) Florida Keys Water Quality Improvement Program.

4) T-Pier Replacement Project at Mallory Square Funding.

5) U.S. Customs and Border Control Security Service to support Key West Cruise Port.

6) Law Enforcement Technology – Wireless Network & Video Surveillance.

State Legislative Priorities:

1) Partial Funding for the Adaptive Reuse of a Historic School Building for City Hall.

2) Mayfield Legislation and Bonds for Storm Water Management Improvements.

3) Funding for Beach Re-nourishment Program of Smathers and Rest Beaches.

4) Storm/Wind Insurance for Monroe County.

City Attorney requested to add to the State Legislative Priorities list to obtain State action immunity to further insulate the City of Key West from any anti-competitive lawsuits with respect to how the City regulates our City Streets and Sidewalks.

City Manager Vitas reported the projects were in an order but not set in stone.

Commissioner Johnston asked to have the language revised in the State Legislative Priorities item #1 by removing the reference to an Auditorium.

Commissioner Wardlow requested to have the projects of cleaning Sunrise Canal and Salt Run Bridge canal. He wanted to add this concern to the list for the State Legislative Priorities.

Commissioner Johnston requested to add to the Federal Priorities list the program **Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users,** otherwise known as SAFETEA-LU. This program addresses the funding for Bicycle and Pedestrian safety in communities.

Commissioner Yaniz asked our State Lobbyist Ed Scales to inquire about using a small portion of the bed tax collected by the TDC for uses of cleaning, safety and security. Mr. Scales advised he would defer the Commissioner's question to the City Attorney.
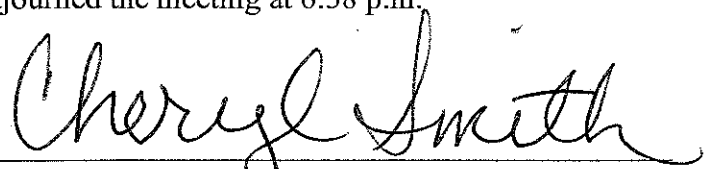
Commissioner Weekley requested finding funds to retrofit existing street lights with LED lighting.

Commissioner Lopez requested adding Douglass Community Center and Gym, Infrastructure Repairs and Upgrades with green standards and safety (LED Lighting). The Commissioner also mentioned workforce housing and housing assistance programs.

Commissioner Johnston requested a "scorecard" be supplied from both Federal and State lobbyist on all the funding they have requested for the City of Key West showing if they were successful or not.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Cheryl Smith, MMC, CPM
City Clerk