

## Minutes of the September 22, 2022 Workshop

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Minutes of the Workshop of the City of Davenport, Florida, held Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 6:28 p.m. in the Commission Room after having been properly advertised with the following members present: Mayor H.B. Robinson and Vice-Mayor Brynn Summerlin and Commission Members: Commissioner Tom Fellows. Also present: City Manager Kelly Callihan and City Attorney Tom Wilkes. Absent were Commissioner Bobby Lynch and Commissioner Jeremy Clark

Mayor Robinson declared a quorum present and opened the meeting.

### **BUSINESS**

#### **1. PRESENTATION BY THE CASSIDY GROUP ON THE LEWIS MATHEWS SPORTS COMPLEX**

At this time the City Manager introduced Jim Freeman with the Cassidy Group to provide them with a brief update.

Accepting the floor, Mr. Jim Freeman representing the Cassidy Group located at 346 Central Avenue NW Winter Haven stated that the City Manager had presented the original concept plan to them last month. They had expressed some changes be made to which they had done so. These included, removing the extension of East Boulevard to the north. They had changed the access to the north parking lot to Pine Street. The access to the southern parking lot would be by Bay Street. They had asked for clarification that the existing fields would be able to be used for recreation purposes until the new fields were ready, this was confirmed. The last issue that they had was related to the intersection of the future Powerline Road and Palm Street. They had looked at this and it was their recommendation to add an intersection for westbound traffic where they would be able to access Powerline Road to the north or south but wouldn't have an access to that intersection on Palm Street in the park property. They felt that the future traffic counts that would come to that intersection might be a safety issue for the park. This would address concerns about development to the east having multiple avenues to get out. Mr. Freeman advised that the next step would be to engage an architect and a civil engineer to design and permit the park modifications consistent with the concept plan.

Mr. Freeman pointed out that the City Manager had already discussed the financial arrangements that they had worked out which would be a cost share of the project.

The Mayor turned the floor over to the Commission for any questions or comments.

Commissioner Fellows stated that he had addressed all of the concerns they had spoken about and was looking forward to working with the Cassidy Group on this project.

The Vice-Mayor voiced that he did have concerns. He further added that they had a very large development on their Agenda tonight that was going to use East Palm Street as one of their many accesses into their development. He was really concern, not only for the residents that lived there but for the future traffic. He also pointed out that at the other end

of Palm Street on the west side; they had businesses that wouldn't have direct access to both current and future residents.

The Vice-Mayor also asked the real timeline on the Powerline Extension, further adding that they would need to be concurrent because if they cut the street completely out they would need a way to get out. Mr. Freeman responded that the Cassidy Group had acquired all the right-of-way necessary. The design was at 100% and the road was in permitting. The challenged they were having was the Duke Energy easement. It had taken them more than a year to negotiate an easement. The County Commission would vacate the platted right-of-way between North and South Boulevard. They had the sketch on the future right-of-way corridor that would be conveyed to the County. So unless they ran into some unknown issue or problem, they planned on going to construction sometime during the first half of next year.

There being no other discussion, the City Commission thanked Mr. Freeman for his presentation.

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice-Mayor Summerlin and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Minutes are true and correct.

  
Raquel Castillo, City Clerk