

a city worker on call to unlock the gate said city worker should not gripe or grumble when they were called to unlock the gate. She stated that she had a vendor who's generator malfunctioned so they needed to get out. She called the on call person and he stated to give him 5 or 6 minutes. City Manager Cain stated that Mr. Wally Smith was on call and he does not gripe nor complain and anyone who was in attendance that knows him will attest to that. Mayor Jones backed up the statement of City Manager Cain. Mr. Dockery asked what the purpose for locking the gate on the vendors was. Mayor Jones advised that the Florida League of Cities has advised the city that there are to be no vehicles inside the park due to liability issues.

Heather Sheppard stated that she feels that there needs to be a Planning committee or something put together and a meeting held with the City because May Day is getting bigger. She stated this years May Day was the largest crowd of people and vendors that she has ever seen. She also stated that there is still a parking issue mainly in exiting the park. Mayor Jones advised Ms. Sheppard that the city had contacted adjoining property owners trying to acquire more land for parking but were unsuccessful. Ms. Sheppard suggests that the park be reconfigured. City Manager Cain reminded Ms. Cecilia Jones that a year ago she had asked the May Day committee to come see her in February but no one did this but waited until one week before the festival.

Valerie Buie asked if all of the festivals held in the city could possibly get together and have a meeting on an annual basis. Ms. Buie also asked if the city could require each vendor to have their own liability policy which would allow them access in and out of the gate.

Mr. Robert Page spoke to get some clarity about festivals v/s family reunions and making family reunions to be held at the Trailhead Depot. It was confirmed that the City would not be requiring family reunions to be held at the Trailhead Depot. They will still be able to have family reunions at Buie Park if they choose.

City Manager-Laura Cain - Florida Police Benevolent Association Notice of Intent to Bargain An official notice of intent to bargain was received by the City from George Corwine, Chief Negotiator for the Florida Benevolent Association. This year the union has the right to open up 2 articles in addition to Article 26, Wages. The Commission must appoint a negotiator. City Manager Cain asked Attorney Fugate if there was a State Statute or something that prohibits the Police Chief from being the negotiator. Attorney Fugate stated he cannot find any statute that would prohibit the police chief from being the PBA negotiator. Commissioner Weaver made a motion to appoint Police Chief, Scott Anderson as the negotiator for the PBA. A second by commissioner Bennett. Motion Passed. Vote 4-0. Vice Mayor Johns absent

City Manager-Laura Cain - Schedule City Budget Meetings City Manager Cain asked the commission to set the following dates as budget planning meetings:

Monday, June 24, 2024

Monday, July 8, 2024 (determine millage)

Monday, August 26, 2024

Monday, September 9, 2024 Tentative Millage and Budget Hearing

Monday, September 23, 2024 Final Millage and Budget Hearing

Motion made by Commissioner Weaver to set the budget hearings. Second by Commission L. Jones. Motion passed. Vote 4-0 with Vice Mayor Johns absent.