

Week Ending: October 19, 2018

Witte Thoughts for the Commission

This week I prepared the Planning & Land Development Regulation Commission staff reports and agenda which include two special exceptions and a variance. I anticipate a crowd at the meeting and I am excited for the community involvement and input!

The agenda for the City Commission Special Meeting on the 25th is available and we're working on outstanding projects like water rates, ISBA maps and FY 18/19 Capital Projects.

"Success is not final; failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts."

~Winston Churchill~

Upcoming Meetings and Events

Meetings

Monday, October 22nd at 7pm
Planning & Land Development Regulation Commission Meeting

Thursday, October 25th at 7pm
City Commission Special Meeting

Tuesday, October 30th at 8am
Historic Board Meeting

Thursday, November 1st at 6pm
Downtown Master Plan Workshop

Thursday, November 8th at 7pm
City Commission Meeting

Agenda is ready for the Commission Special Meeting on October 25th

- Certificate of Appropriateness Applications
- Water Rates
 - Continue discussion on proposed water rates
 - Capital Improvement Plan & input from Public Works
- City Commission Meetings / Workshop schedules
- City Commission compensation
- Gateway & Historic Review Process (by Ariel Faith)
- Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement (for Annexations)

Town Hall Meeting

- Vice Mayor Burton will hold a Town Hall Meeting at Massey-James Youth Center on Monday, October 29, 2018 at 6:30pm to discuss Suber Memorial Cemetery Annexation into Lake Helen.

(Massey-James Youth Center, 364 Church Street, Lake Helen).

Please feel free to attend. I have posted/advertised that more than one Commissioner may be in attendance.

FEMA Update

- Thanks to Mayor Raisler, I had a productive conversation with our representative from FEMA on Thursday afternoon. Ruth Louis from FEMA is meeting with her mentor on Monday to do a detailed and thorough review of our application. She promised to call me on Tuesday to discuss and include an email with a detailed list of requirements.
- I will make sure we compile any and all documents she requests.
- I will include the details in my next update!

Events

Saturday, October 20th
Ivy Hawn 5k and Fall Festival at Blake Park

October 25th through 28th
Haunted House at Equestrian Center

Saturday, October 27th
Lake Helen Fall Festival a& Trunk or Treat

Updated Dunk Tank Times:
Commissioner Connell at 6:30pm
Chief Walker at 7:30pm
Sheriff Chitwood at 8:00pm

Downtown Master Plan Workshop/Presentation

- Downtown Master Plan Workshop for Thursday, November 1st. Please spread the word!
- Joe Hearn from the DeLand Chamber has agreed to attend and discuss the Lake Helen brand and future.

Council Member Evelyn Durant

Council Member Evelyn Durant Robinson passed away on Friday, October 12th. Ms. Robinson had been a valued member of the City Council since December 2016 and a long-time member of the Orange City community. She will be sadly missed. Funeral arrangements for Ms. Robinson's "going home" are listed below. Please keep Evelyn's family in your thoughts as they go through this difficult time.

Public Viewing:	Friday, October 19, 2018 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the J. E. Cusack Mortuary, 727 S. Stone Street, DeLand, FL 32720.
Memorial Service:	Saturday, October 20, 2018, 11:00 a.m. at the Volusia County Baptist Church, 261 S Orange Ave.
Interment:	Immediately following the memorial service at the Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Orange City, located at South Sparkman Avenue just north of West Rhode Island Avenue.
	Mourners may return to the Volusia County Baptist Church for a meal.

A card was sent to her family early this week from the Lake Helen City Commission & Staff.

Crosswalks

- Rick arranged for crosswalk striping at the corner of Lakeview Drive and Ohio Avenue. They will be doing this work Tuesday of next week. Signs will also be installed and Mayor Raisler and Chief Walker plan to hold an assembly for the students within the next month or so.
- A similar request was made for a crosswalk at the corner of Main Street and Euclid Avenue. Since this is a county road, I contacted Dave Padgett who will look into the request early next week and let me know.

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- City of DeLand City Commission approved the Annexation and Utility Agreement on Monday, October 15th
- Will be presented at the November 8th meeting.

Other:

- Duke LED Upgrade update
- Personnel Review Board first meeting set for Tuesday, November 13th
- Museum at Decker's was cleaned and reorganized today. Please go check it out!

Fall Fest and Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat

- City Staff (*spoiler: theme is Moana*)
- Mayor Raisler
- Mid Florida Jeep Club
- Big Dog Site Work
- Whitehouse Contracting

*If you would like to set a trunk or treat, let me know-
I have candy to share – all you
need is a trunk!*

Thanks to Sterling Enterprises, GM Pallets & Lake Helen Auto for candy donations!