

Weekly Update

Witte Thoughts for the Commission for Week Ending August 30, 2019

"A goal is not always meant to be reached, it often serves simply as something to aim at."

Bruce Lee

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Monday, September 2, 2019: Closed – Labor Day

Tuesday, September 3, 2019: Closed – Hurricane Dorian

Thursday, September 5 at 7:00pm: First Budget Hearing

Friday, September 6 from 5pm to 9pm: Food Truck Fridays at Melissa Park

Wednesday, September 11 at 9:00am: 9/11 Ceremony at City Hall

Thursday, September 12 at 7:00pm: Regular City Commission Meeting

Thursday, September 19 at 7:00pm: Final Budget Hearing

West Volusia Summit on Saturday, September 28th in Deltona:

The City of Deltona will host the West Volusia Summit at Deltona City Hall on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 9 -11:30 am. Breakfast will be from 8:30 – 9:00 am. Potential topics for discussion include ADA Compliance and First Amendment issues. Mayor Herzberg welcomes any suggestions you may have for other discussion topics. Mayor Raisler and I have confirmed attendance.

Lake Helen Lake Sediment Removal Project and Restoration Project Update:

The meeting with SJRWMD (St. Johns River Water Management District) to discuss the scope for the project for the Appropriations Bill was cancelled due to Hurricane Dorian. We hope to reschedule soon.

Budget Books and Agenda for the First Budget Hearing are Ready!

The FY 2019/2020 Budget Books and agenda for the First Budget Hearing are available at City Hall. The Budget is based on 7.3 mills. First Budget Hearing is set for Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 7:00pm. City Attorney Simpson is not planning on attending the Budget Hearings, please let me know if you have questions. As always, he will be available by phone.

Safe Routes to Schools Grant Update:

Chris Fagerstrom (City Engineer) and I will be meeting with Volusia County today to discuss concept plans, project scope, and start outlining the interlocal agreement between the County and the City.

Termite Bond Update:

Mr. Holder (owner of Holder Pest Control), City Attorney Simpson, Lauren and I met at Hopkins Hall on Monday. Mr. Holder thinks the dry wood termites that were found were old. He will visit Hopkins Hall each month to monitor. Staff is also interested in going out for bid for pest control services in 2020.

Update on the Tropics:

Due to the storm projected arrival on Tuesday, City Hall will be closed. Remember City Hall is also closed for Memorial Day (Monday).

I will continue to send Tropic updates. If you need anything, please call my cell phone – 386-624-4043. Stay Safe!

Weekly Update by City Administrator Becky Witte.

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