

**TOWN OF JUPITER
TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
JUPITER COMMUNITY CENTER
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2016**

Councilor Wodraska called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

Roll Call: Councilor Ilan G. Kaufer; Councilor Ben Klug; Councilor Todd R. Wodraska; Town Manager Andrew D. Lukasik and Deputy Town Clerk Quintella L. Jones. Mayor Karen J. Golonka and Vice-Mayor Jim Kuretski were absent.

1. Strategic Initiatives Update.

Mr. Lukasik stated the strategic planning process was utilized to help develop a financial plan for the upcoming fiscal year. The first portion included an update of the high priority initiatives that Council had identified during the prior strategic workshops and for the public to ask questions. The second portion reported on the results of the citizen survey that helped make decisions on what to invest in, moving forward into the next fiscal year. Lastly, the team from Trainnovations helped with the initial discussion about the goals for the upcoming year.

Ms. Stephanie Thoburn, Assistant Director of Planning & Zoning, showed phase one of the Cinquez open space park plan and stated it was on schedule to be completed by the second quarter of 2017. Then she discussed phase two and the naming portion in the fourth quarter of 2016.

Councilor Wodraska asked if phase two would start immediately after phase one.

Ms. Thoburn stated that it would start before phase one was completed and would include a community endeavor.

Chief Kitzerow, Chief of Police, showed the accident forecast which predicted a five percent increase in the number of vehicle crashes per year through the year 2020. He stated a committee was established to discuss strategies to lower the numbers and the Jupiter Police Department applied for a grant for high visibility enforcement through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for pedestrian and bicycle safety and education.

Councilor Klug asked if there was a difference between the number of accidents at night and during the day.

Chief Kitzerow stated there was a difference and most accidents were happening during the 6:30-8:00PM time period.

1. Strategic Initiatives Update.

Chief Kitzerow gave an update on bicycle safety, accident statistics and proposed educational programs.

Councilor Kaufer reiterated the need for pedestrian and bicycle safety protocols on Toney Penna Drive. Mr. Lukasik stated there were upcoming meetings to address the subject.

Councilor Kaufer asked if all grant monies had been used towards bicycle safety. Chief Kitzerow said he was optimistic that grant monies could be recurring and optimistic about finding a financial partner for helmet and educational programs.

Mr. Lukasik stated pedestrian safety design options were being worked on for the eastern section of Indiantown Rd. between US Highway One and A1A.

Mr. Lukasik discussed safety along the Florida East Coast corridor and handed out plans with safety device representations including safety enhancements proposed by All Aboard Florida (AAF).

Councilor Kaufer asked about AAF reluctance to pay for landscaping. Mr. Lukasik felt a maintenance tradeoff for landscaping could work and had started some discussion.

Councilor Kaufer asked about working with the County towards safety enhancements on Central Boulevard. Mr. Lukasik stated he had dialogue with the County advocating for modified traffic circles at some intersections including Dakota and University intersections. Mr. Tom Driscoll, Director of Engineering Parks & Public Works discussed long term objectives and modified traffic circles.

Councilor Kaufer asked if reduced speed, narrowing of lanes and or divided cyclist lanes would be possible. Mr. Driscoll did not know if restriping would be possible but may suggest using landscaping to narrow the lanes and improving lighting at the roundabouts.

2. Presentation from the National Research Center on the Jupiter Citizen Survey.

Mr. Lukasik introduced Ms. Damema Mann, with the National Citizens Research Survey (NCS) organization who discussed the results of the survey.

2. Presentation from the National Research Center on the Jupiter Citizen Survey.

Ms. Mann explained the survey had been designed as a standardized citizen survey for overall community livability. She described the numerous facets of community livability which were in line with the Town's strategic initiatives. Ms. Mann noted the survey had been sent to 2,600 households and 547 were received from the community for an average of plus or minus four percent.

Councilor Kaufer asked how the Town compared with the responses. Ms. Mann stated the Town was about average.

Councilor Klug asked how this survey compared to previous years. Ms. Mann stated it was a little down from previous years.

Ms. Mann explained the State and National comparisons and benchmarks used for the survey and their results. She stated residents continued to feel Jupiter was an excellent place to live and had rated the overall quality of life in the Town very high.

Councilor Wodraska asked if there had been any areas which were trending down. Ms. Mann stated traffic flow, ease of traveling by car and walking, public parking, availability of paths and trails, affordable quality housing and cost of living were all down.

3. Discussion of the Strategic Plan.

Ms. Trina Pulliam, with Trainnovations, stated she would review each Strategic Result definition and clarify with the Council if the definitions reflected and supported the result and if the definition needed clarification or if it was clear and the definition should remain the same.

Mr. Lukasik stated no recommendations were made for the Fiscal Responsibility Result, it was clear.

Councilor Wodraska mentioned the Town's Communication Result was the toughest to capture and define. Ms. Pulliam asked if something should be added or if there were changes to be made. Councilor Wodraska said he did not disagree with the current definition.

Councilor Kaufer suggested providing more resources to Staff.

Ms. Pulliam said the plan would be to focus more on the Town Communication Result and add steps to the action plan.

3. Discussion of the Strategic Plan.

Councilor Wodraska suggested adding the term redevelopment to the Manage Growth Result. Councilor Kaufer suggested more specification for the Safety Result.

Ms. Pulliam stated the suggestion from Council was to pare down the bullets and retain the essence of safety and what it really meant. She said the entire Council would revisit the Unique, Small Town Feel Result definition.

Councilor Kaufer suggested renaming the Green Space Result to reflect all green or open type spaces.

Mr. Lukasik stated the Town would continue with the current strategic initiatives and would reflect on the Town Communication Result internally.

Councilor Kaufer mentioned the Town had increased its' presence with communication and wanted the Town to continue with the progress.

Councilor Wodraska asked if there was information regarding available commercial spaces. He thought it would be helpful information to provide.

Councilor Klug thanked Staff for their hard work.

Councilor Wodraska said he was pleasantly surprised with the survey results.

ADJOURNMENT – 8:32 P.M.

Sally M. Boylan, Town Clerk

Karen J. Golonka, Mayor