

**City of DeBary
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY
MARCH 16, 2004
7 PM**

Florence K. Little Town Hall
12 Colomba Road
DeBary, Florida 32713

MINUTES

I. Call To Order

II. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Carmen Rosamonda, Vice Mayor George Coleman, Council Member Danny Allen, and Council Member Richard Gunter.

Absent: Council Member Christopher Carson.

Others Present: City Manager Richard Diamond and Assistant City Manager Maryann Courson.

III. Business

1. Discussion of Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Application.

City Manager Diamond stated that the County Council had approved the purchase of the Gardella property; that staff is recommending that the City apply for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for reimbursement of the purchase price; that there were other grants that would be more competitive to obtain; that authority to apply for the grant was requested; that the meeting was held to obtain public input on this item only and would provide additional points; and that a Resolution committing the City to amend the Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvement element to include the parcel would allow additional points.

It was discussed that this meeting had been advertised to obtain any public input. Mayor Rosamonda entertained a motion to authorize the City Manager on behalf of the City of DeBary to apply for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for the Gardella property. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Coleman. Council Member Allen seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Consideration of Resolution 04-06 Committing to the Amendment of the Comprehensive Plan's Capital Improvement Element in Support of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant.

City Manager Diamond read Resolution 04-06 by title. Mayor Rosamonda entertained a motion to approve Resolution 04-06. Motion was made by Council Member Gunter. Vice Mayor Coleman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Diamond discussed that the Chamber of Commerce was requesting to appear on the

Council Agenda for the April 1, 2004 County Council meeting to make a presentation concerning the proposed West Volusia Conference Center; that a map was now available showing the Scrub Jay survey for the additional Community Park property; that an area of protected habitat was designated; that the consultant would be meeting with a representative from the US Fish and Wildlife Service on March 31, 2004 to confirm requirements; that it appeared that approximately 1.4 acres of the area would be preserved; and that the areas was less than the initial estimates.

It was discussed that there was not an adjacent area of 1.4 acres to use for scrub jay mitigate; that options were to preserve the area as scrub jay habitat or to allow the natural growth of the scrub habituate that would cause the birds to naturally migrate; and that the area could then be reevaluated.

IV. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

**APPROVED April 7, 2004
CITY OF DeBARY
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Carmen Rosamonda, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maryann Courson, City Clerk