

**PUBLIC NOTICE AND AGENDA OF THE GROVELAND CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SCHEDULED TO CONVENE AT 7:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2015 IN THE E.L.
PURYEAR BUILDING LOCATED AT 243 S. LAKE AVENUE, GROVELAND, FLORIDA**

MAYOR	TIM LOUCKS	tim.loucks@groveland-fl.gov
VICE-MAYOR	KAREN McMICAN	karen.mcmican@groveland-fl.gov
COUNCIL MEMBER	MIKE RADZIK	mike.radzik@groveland-fl.gov
COUNCIL MEMBER	DINA SWEATT	dina.sweatt@groveland-fl.gov
COUNCIL MEMBER	JOHN GRIFFIN	john.griffin@groveland-fl.gov
CITY ATTORNEY	ANITA GERACI-CARVER, ESQ.	
CITY MANAGER	REDMOND D. JONES, II	redmond.jones@groveland-fl.gov
CITY CLERK	TERESA BEGLEY	teresa.begley@groveland-fl.gov
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS	CHIEF M. SMITH TENNYSON	melvin.tennyson@groveland-fl.gov

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AGENDA

Call to Order

Opening Ceremonies

- a. Pledge of Allegiance
- b. Invocation

Roll Call

Reports

- a. Council Member Reports
- b. City Manager Report
- c. City Attorney Report
- d. Citizen Advisory Committee Member Reports

Consent Agenda

- Approval of City Council Workshop Minutes 01-04-2015
- Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes 01-04-2015

Guest Speaker, Presentations and Proclamations

1. Certificate of Recognition – *presented to Firefighter Tyler Cofield*
2. Certificate of Recognition – *presented to Lt. Michael Franklin, Firefighter Scott Judd and Firefighter Curtis Gavin*

New Business

3. Request additional funds to support Kaboom Grant and new playground equipment at Beverly Park
4. Discussion re: 4th of July Celebration
5. Resolution 2016-01-02: Pledge of Civility

Public Comments*

Announcements

Adjournment

****Groveland Code of Ordinances Sec. 2-58 (f).*** Any person desiring to address the council shall first secure the permission of the presiding officer and shall give his name and address for the record. All remarks shall be addressed to the council as a body and not to any member thereof unless permission to do so is first granted by the presiding officer. Unless further time is granted by the presiding officer or the council, members of the public shall limit their discussion or address to no more than five minutes. No question shall be asked a councilmember or city official except through the presiding officer. If your address is exempt from public record you are not required to state it. In addition, do not give out your Social Security Number, phone number, email address or any other information you do not want others to have access to as the meetings are recorded and those recordings are considered public record.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chap. 286, F.S., Sec. 286.0105, if a person decides to appeal any decision made by this body with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record may include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based and is advised to make such arrangements at his or her own expense.

City of Groveland
Minutes
City Council Workshop
Monday, January 4, 2016

The Groveland City Council held a workshop on Monday, January 4, 2016 in the E.L. Puryear Building located at 243 S. Lake Avenue. Mayor Tim Loucks called the meeting to order at 7:05pm with the following members present: Vice Mayor Karen McMican, Council Members Mike Radzik, and Dina Sweatt. City officials present were City Attorney Anita Geraci-Carver, City Manager Redmond Jones, City Clerk Teresa Begley and Commander Scott Penrose. Council Member John Griffin was absent.

AGENDA

1. Discussion re: Establishment of Code Enforcement Board

Consensus to direct staff to devise an ordinance that will set parameters for reducing or waiving code fines and structuring a plan to distribute code fines to remove blight and provide incentives.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Loucks adjourned the meeting at 6:05pm.

Attest:



Tim Loucks, Mayor

Teresa Begley, City Clerk

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AGENDA

- a. Call to Order
- b. Opening Ceremonies
- c. Roll Call

REPORTS

a. Council Members

- Council Member Radzik asked if there is anything in the City or county that qualifies as an early warning system for tornadoes such as robo-calls. Chief Morgan stated that there is nothing he is aware of.
Mr. Jones stated that he and staff would research early warning systems to determine if the City could implement any of the programs.
- Vice Mayor McMican stated that she was concerned about emails originating from Trilogy residents regarding a news article written by Lauren Ritchie primarily concerning the proposed public private partnership. She requested that the Council allow Mayor Loucks, Mr. Jones and Mrs. Walker to hold a Town Hall Meeting in Trilogy and asked for permission to coordinate it. Mrs. Geraci-Carver stated that the meeting must be advertised and the gate to the community must be opened prior to the meeting and stay open for the duration of the meeting in order to comply with Sunshine Law.
Consensus to allow Vice Mayor McMican to coordinate with Mr. Jones the holding of a Town Hall Meeting involving Mayor Loucks, Mr. Jones and Mrs. Walker.
- **Mayor Loucks** asked the Council for a consensus to add a page to the website to begin to rebut the untruths put out about of government.
Consensus to add a page to the website with the specific intent to refute untruths placed in controversial articles.

b. City Manager

Mr. Jones asked for direction regarding the establishment of the Business Advisory Board.
Consensus to have the Business Advisory Board report to the Council and be comprised of businesses located citywide.

Mr. Jones asked if the Council wished to continue compiling parking violation statistics.
Consensus to continue compiling parking violation statistics.

c. City Attorney

d. Citizen Advisory Committee Member

Consensus to have the Recreation Advisory Committee give reports to the Council

CONSENT AGENDA

- **Approval of City Council Meeting Minutes 12-21-2015**

Council Member Sweatt moved to approve; seconded by Council Member Radzik. The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Reschedule of Second Council Meetings for the Months of January and February**

Consensus to hold the second meeting in January on Tuesday, January 19, and the second meeting in February on Tuesday, February 16.

- 2. Selection of Engineering Firm to Design Silver Eagle Reclaim Water Ground Storage Tank**

Council Member Radzik moved to award the engineering contract to BESH Engineering; seconded by Vice Mayor McMican. The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.

- 3. Discussion re: Ch. 6-2 Sales Restricted of Alcoholic Beverages**

Council Member Sweatt moved to approve a zoning clearance to Vine Importers, LLC. and to allow staff to draft an ordinance by to exclude wholesale distributors from the distance requirements; seconded by Council Member Griffin. The motion was approved with all members present voting aye.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Loucks adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm.

Attest:



Tim Loucks, Mayor

Teresa Begley, City Clerk



REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

MEETING DATE: January 19, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: *Certificate of Recognition – presented to Firefighter Tyler Cofield*

CITY GOAL: Promote quality of life including public safety, community pride events, strong citizen involvement, parks and recreation opportunities and investment.

PREPARED BY: Captain Steve Smith, Fire Department

DATE: January 6, 2016

BACKGROUND:

The Groveland Fire Department would like to recognize Firefighter Tylor Cofield for obtaining the designation of Paramedic through the State of Florida and earning the privilege to work as a Paramedic for us and the Lake EMS System. Firefighter Cofield started volunteering with us in December of 2011, and in July of 2012, he was hired full-time as a Firefighter/EMT. In August of 2014, FF Cofield signed up for the Paramedic program through Lake Technical Center in Tavares, and completed it in July of 2015. This program consisted of over 1100 hours of classroom and clinical training, and takes about 52 weeks to complete. Upon passing this program, he was eligible to sit for the State of Florida Paramedic exam. In September of 2015, he successfully passed the state exam, and was certified a State of Florida certified Paramedic, but this alone was not enough to allow him to work as a Paramedic in our system. He still had to complete our Provisional Program, which was another 450 hours of training. FF Cofield was successfully cleared to practice as a medic December 29, 2015. This is just another step forward for our department as we continue to strive to provide the best quality of service for our residents in their time of need.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Congratulate Firefighter Tyler Cofield for achieving his State of Florida Medic Designation

REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER:

COUNCIL ACTION:

MOTION BY:

SECOND BY:

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MEETING DATE: January 19, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: *Certificate of Recognition – presented to Lt. Michael Franklin, Firefighter Scott Judd and Firefighter Curtis Gavin*

CITY GOAL: Promote quality of life including public safety, community pride events, strong citizen involvement, parks and recreation opportunities and investment.

PREPARED BY: Captain Steve Smith, Fire Department

DATE: January 6, 2016

BACKGROUND:

On November 28, 2015 at approximately 1900hours, E94 was dispatched to Clerbrook RV Resort for person missing. Upon arriving on scene, E94 made contact with the missing person's wife. She stated that her husband went out looking for golf balls, and she had not heard from him in over 40 minutes. Lt. Franklin established command and requested additional resources for assistance. While gearing up to do a search for the missing person, another man approached on a golf cart and told Lt. Franklin that he heard someone yelling earlier in the evening. E94 followed the man to the area where he said heard the yelling. Upon exiting the engine, they saw a light shining out in the swap. They confirmed this to be the missing person they were looking for. Lt. Franklin donned a life vest, attached a tag line to the life ring, along with another life vest, and swam across the canal to the patient. Lt. Franklin conformed that the patient was not injured, and had him put on a life vest. E94 and LEMS crews pulled Lt. Franklin and the patient back across the canal with the tag line. LEMS took the patient to the ambulance to further asses the patients and check his vitals. Patient was transported to the hospital as a precaution. We would like to commend Lt. Michael Franklin, FF Scott Judd, and FF Curtis Garvin in their concern for the health and wellbeing of a local resident by their actions considered beyond the scope of expektorations in the performance of their duties.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: [Click here to enter text.](#)

REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER:

COUNCIL ACTION:

MOTION BY:

SECOND BY:

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MEETING DATE: January 19, 2016

AGENDA ITEM:	Request additional funds to support Kaboom Grant and new playground equipment at Beverly Park
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CITY GOAL:	Promote quality of life including public safety, community pride events, strong citizen involvement, parks and recreation opportunities and investment.
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PREPARED BY:	Lisa Cortese and Gwen Walker
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DATE:	January 8, 2016
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BACKGROUND:

As you are aware, the City received a grant from Kaboom for playground equipment to be installed at Beverly Park. \$12,300 was budgeted as the City's contribution to this project. However, freight, installation and surfacing costs will cause the budget to be exceeded by as much as \$12,700 (we are trying to negotiate this figure down). Therefore, we are requesting Council approve the use of Recreation impact fees to pay for the equipment itself, freeing up our budget to pay for these unanticipated costs. There are adequate funds in the general fund budget as the budget for Gaffney Park is \$550,000 and the current estimate for completion of this park is roughly \$250,000.

We are also in the process of fundraising to support this project and would only use these additional funds as necessary to make up the shortfall and complete the playground.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the use of funds as requested.

REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER:

COUNCIL ACTION:

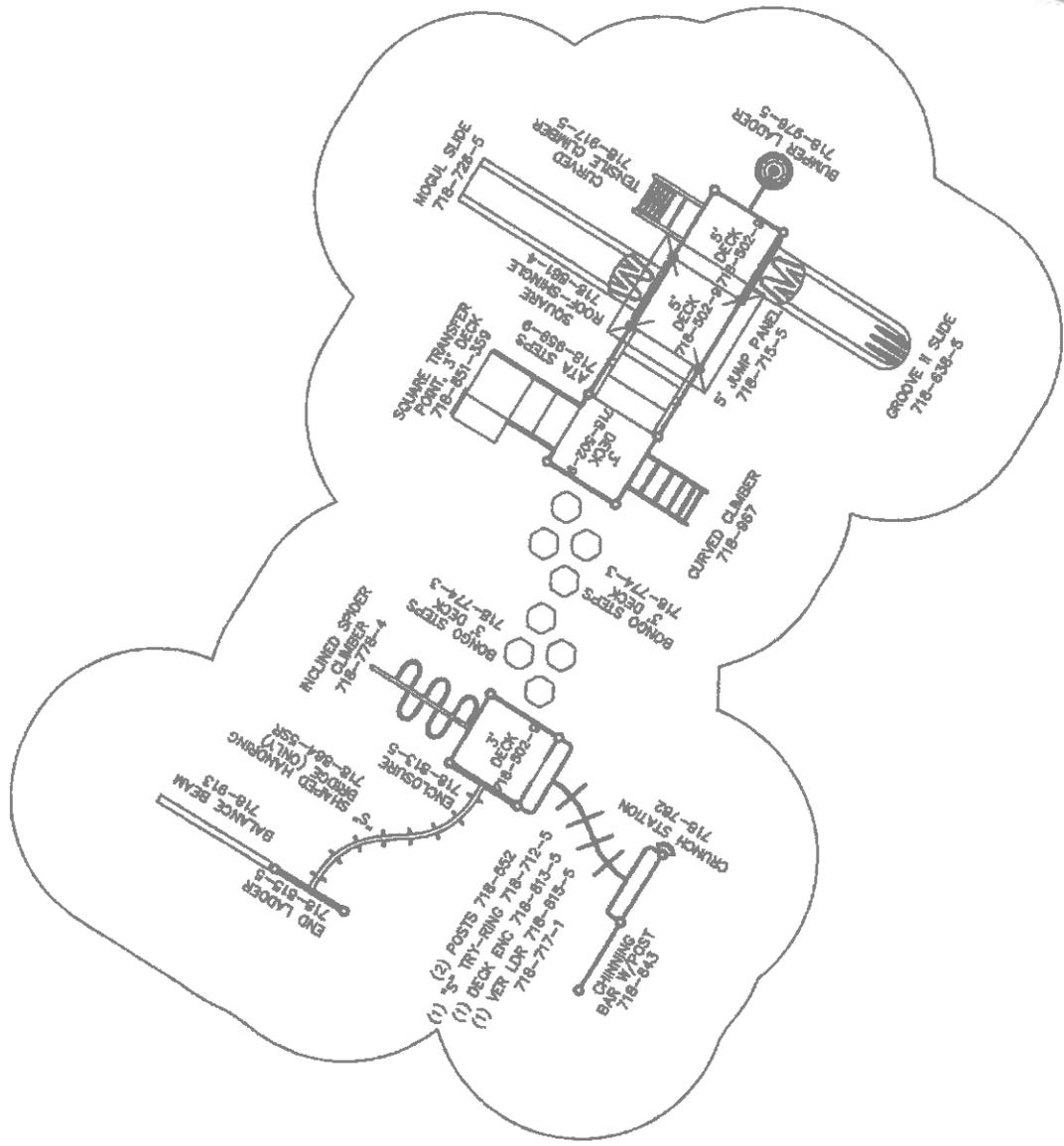
MOTION BY:

SECOND BY:

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Miracle



Play Area Capacity: 65-75



To promote safe and proper equipment use by children, Miracle recommends the installation of either a Miracle safety sign or other appropriate safety signage near each playstation's main entry point(s) to inform parents and supervisors of the age appropriateness of the playstation and general rules for safe play.

<p>CD202939-CD202940</p>		<p>DESIGNED FOR AGES 5-12</p>	<p>SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"</p>
<p>GROUND SPACE: 37' X 33' PROTECTIVE AREA: 50' X 46'</p>		<p>ADDITIONAL CRITICAL LEVEL ASSEMBLIES (ITEMS NEEDED FOR ADA COMPLIANCE):</p>	<p>TYPE: 0</p>
<p>COMPLIES TO CPSC</p>		<p>QUANTITY: 0</p>	<p>ARNE</p>
<p>COMPLIES TO ASTM</p>			
<p>COMPLIES TO ADA</p>			

THE PLAY COMPONENTS IDENTIFIED IN THIS PLAN ARE IPEMA CERTIFIED. THE USE AND LAYOUT OF THESE COMPONENTS CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ASTM F1487.

AN ENERGY ABSORBING PROTECTIVE SURFACE IS REQUIRED UNDER & AROUND ALL PLAY SYSTEMS.



REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

MEETING DATE: January 19, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: Discussion re: 4th of July Celebration 2016

CITY GOAL: Develop, maintain and rebuild safe, clean, diverse, healthy, neighborhoods, including partnering with the school district.

PREPARED BY: Rodney Lucas, Economic Development Manager and Rebekah Morgan, Parks & Recreation Manager

DATE: January 13, 2016

BACKGROUND:

Staff is seeking City Council direction on how to prepare for the 4th of July Celebration for the 2016 year. This budget cycle, the CRA Board has elected to only fund one event (The Vietnam Wall). We have provided below the past year's budget; and on what has been spent by both the CRA and City. We are seeking direction from Council to determine what size event to move forward on based on the two tables listed below.

Listed below are the approximate past proposed budget amounts going towards the 4th of July events:

Budget	CRA	CITY	SPONSORSHIP	TOTALS
FY 2013-14	15,000	15,727	(7,900)	22,827
FY 2014-15	35,000	16,561	(10,100)	41,661
FY 2015-16		31,000		31,000

Size of Event	Entertainment	Vendors	Planner	Time
Small	1 Stage Act	20 Vendors	None	6pm – 10 pm
Medium	4 Stage Acts	40 Vendors	None	3pm – 10 pm
Large	5 or More	40 + Vendors	Yes	8am – 10 pm

Staff is seeking direction on the size of the event and if Council would like to assign a 4th of July Committee to assist with the planning of the event.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Provide further direction

REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER:

COUNCIL ACTION:

MOTION BY:

SECOND BY:

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REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

MEETING DATE: January 19, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution 2015-01-02: Pledge of Civility

CITY GOAL: Establish a sound and sustainable government supported by professionalism, progressive thinking and modernizing the organization.

PREPARED BY: Teresa Begley, City Clerk

DATE: January 13, 2016

BACKGROUND:

During the 2015 Strategic Planning Retreat the Mayor and City Council signed a House Rules – Code of Conduct as follows:

1. Respect and support each other, City staff, and Public.
2. Focus on the issue, not personal attacks, sidebars, personal accusations, personal comments, voting based upon personality.
3. Listen before judging others, have an open mind, avoid interrupting or prejudging.
4. Come prepared, focus on data and information.
5. Make decisions that are best for the community, avoid personal agendas.
6. Agree to disagree, and move on.
7. Compromise - begin by focusing first on areas of agreement, then negotiate differences.
8. Decide and move onto the next issue.
9. Represent the City policies and direction.
10. Present a positive image for the City; avoid sharing problems/dirty laundry with others.
11. Respect the institution and responsibility.
12. Encourage supporters to be respectful of Mayor, Council, and City Staff.
13. Respect the vote, opinions, or contributions of others.
14. Communicate information and concerns early, avoid surprises.

Since the signing of that document, two new members have been seated on the council. The passage of this resolution reaffirms the existing council members' pledge to abide by the Code of Conduct, provides a consensus from the new council members to follow the above stated rules and adopts the Code of Conduct to be followed by all board/committee

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members, staff members, and audience/community members during all workshops and meetings held by or in conjunction with the city of Groveland.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the resolution

REVIEWED BY CITY MANAGER:

COUNCIL ACTION:

MOTION BY:

SECOND BY:

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RESOLUTION 2016-01-02

RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE HOUSE RULES – CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS AND EXTENDING TO INCLUDE BOARD/COMMITTEE MEMBERS, STAFF MEMBERS AND MEETING ATTENDEES.

WHEREAS, civility is a core value of a well-functioning community and one of its defining components; and

WHEREAS, the civility level in a community underscores its general health and wellness and quality of life depends in great part on how community members treat each other; and

WHEREAS, concern for the common good and well-being of all citizens is one of the highest virtues of American democracy; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of the public believe that American society is uncivil; and seventy-two percent of Americans think the problem has gotten worse in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the American people strongly believe that every citizen is responsible for improving such behavior; and

Section 1.

The Mayor and Council recognizes the importance of civility and the need to set an example of civil interaction to committee members, staff members and audience/community members.

Section 2.

The Mayor and Council wish to adopt the House Rules – Code of Conduct as described below as standard protocol between the council, board/committee members, staff and audience/community members during all meetings held by or in conjunction with the City of Groveland:

HOUSE RULES – RULES OF CONDUCT

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Section 2.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED and RESOLVED this 19th day of January, 2015 by the City Council of the City of Groveland.

Tim Loucks, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa F. Begley, City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality:

Anita Geraci-Carver, City Attorney