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Groveland City Council  
City Manager's Report  
August 1, 2016

**Pending Action Items:**

- Kudos to Interim Community Development Director, Mr. Lucas, for his work to get Groveland signage on the Turnpike... As you know it has been a long fought process to get the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) and the Turnpike Authority to place additional designation signage approaching the exit 285 entering into Groveland. Mr. Lucas has successfully negotiated an initial "No" response from FDOT, into an approval to add Groveland information to the supplemental guide sign located on the Turnpike mainline; and a new sign (reading "Groveland / Howey-in-the-Hills / Exit 285") at the exit ramp that intersects with US-27. At this point, FDOT does not have a schedule for installation, currently they are finalizing the sign panel designs. We will have updates as this process moves forward.

**Report from the Desk of the City Manager:**

- Just an Update: Several weeks ago Mr. Rosario presented the City Council with a question relating to a change in sanitation services for Crane's Landing and Crane's Landing East. The recycling was moved from Thursdays to Mondays. With our growing community, this has effected a small number of customers due to the growing length of the route. Progressive Waste is no longer able to get to the recycle drop-off point before the close of business. As allowed by contract Progressive Waste has informed the effected communities with a day change in service delivery. We have asked (and they have agreed), that future adjustments be forwarded to the City in advance.
- *Note from the Police Chief:*  
We have received a Harley Davidson police motorcycle through a donation for use in the police department traffic section. This opportunity will enhance the capabilities of our traffic enforcement in residential neighborhoods and business parks with easier accessibility in our downtown area. The motorcycle will also be used to represent the city in special events with motor units from other jurisdictions. The motorcycle will only cost the city the some expense of insurance and standard maintenance expenses. However, it is expected the City will experience substantial gas savings to police the same levels of patrol. The motorcycle's paint and striping is consistent with our current patrol fleet. Officer John Rigdon is the officer assigned to the motorcycle and has completed an extensive police motorcycle riders certification course.

- Sound System – Per City Council direction staff has met with Mr. Walker regarding reviewing Puryear Audio System, and has drastically reduced the \$15,588.29 (recent bid proposal) to \$3,734.99 (recent line item quote); Mr. Walker was able to clarify our list of needed components to a quote that is well within our 2016 budget. **Since the amounts seem to be within our budget, staff would like to seek direction from council to solicit three quotes and select among the quotes provided.**
- *Note from the Fire Chief*  
Occasionally, we do get personal feedback. This morning, for instance, a young woman sporting a huge smile came to the station with a cake. She stated that she wanted to thank in person the firefighters that saved her life. This young woman, who a few weeks ago was lifeless on the floor at her work place, is now vibrant and full of life with many quality years remaining to enjoy living with her family and friends. She credited this to the actions and skill of our firefighters who extended to her life-giving treatment. Her joyfulness and exuberance was contagious to each of us present and renewed our enthusiasm for the reason we serve. While this visit was focused on this particular crew, we, as a department, have experienced several “saves”, so the message extends to all of our first responders. We do make a difference. I, myself, want to commend each and every one of our firefighters, police and City employees for the good work and the support you provide. We can’t do what we do without that support. Our working together is what makes Groveland a good and safe place to live and work. Please see “Attachment 1”.

#### **Follow up / Reminder items:**

- Public Reminder – The City of Groveland is offering Grants for improvements to public property or projects that have a benefit to the public within the City of Groveland. These Grants can be between \$1,000 and \$5,000 per project (Green Projects are welcomed). Some projects might include but are not limited to: park & common area enhancements, signage, neighborhood centers and public accessible clubhouse improvements. Private property can be consider only if it is accessible to the public and welcomes the public. Application deadline is August 19, 2016.
- The Groveland Police Department is excited to announce the hire of 2 new officers, Kevin Christie and Alicia Corriveau. There will be a swearing in ceremony at the Lake David Center on August 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 3 p.m. All are welcome to attend in support of these two new officers.
- An offer has been extended and accepted for the Senior Planner Position within the Community Development Department. Drug testing and basic physical has yet to be conducted. I expect to have a start date and bio in my next manager’s report.

#### **Events:**

- *Movie Nights @ Lake David Park*  
September 23 – The Jungle Book  
October 28 – Hocus Pocus  
November 18 – The BFG or Finding Dory  
December 10 – The Secret Life of Pets or Finding Dory

Attachment 1



IDW CENTER INC.  
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August 1, 2016

Dear Josh Walsh & the Fire Department of Groveland Fl:

Just to say thank you for what you all did on April 18, 2016. We will be forever grateful. Cinderella Shipman will forever be grateful to you. I was impressed because I stood praying while you worked on Cinderella and you refused to give up. We believe Groveland Fire Department is the best anywhere. Again thank you and your team for what you did.

I baked you all a cake (Margie Wilkes) Please share (I tell my daycare kids) and enjoy.

Sincerely

*Margie Wilkes*

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Cinderella Shipman

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