

Citizen's Advisory Council

Minutes

December 10, 2024

6:00 p.m.

The Citizen's Advisory Council meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present from left to right: Yvonne Shanklin, Kristen Sallberg, De'Carlo Garcia, and Roy Estes.

1. Called to Order

President De'Carlo Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The attendees present recited the Pledge.

3. Approval of Agenda

Vice President Kristen Sallberg voted to add an item to the agenda [The Election for new members of the Citizen's Advisory Council]. Roy Estes seconded the motion.

4. Action Items

4.1 Approval of the September 19, 2024, minutes- Mr. Estes motioned to approve the September minutes, seconded by Ms. Sallberg.

4.2 (Amended item) Election for new members of the Citizen Advisory Council- Due to the limited number of meetings held over the past year and the existing resolution established at the formation of the Citizen's Advisory Council, Mayor Whitten would like to rewrite the resolution to incorporate term limits for board members. Ms. Sallberg made the motion for three-year terms, with elections each year for a new vice president. The Vice President will assume the position of President after one year of service. Mr. Estes seconded the motion.

During the January meeting, there will be an election to vote for the next Vice President. This will be the first action item on the agenda for January 2025.

5. Member's Time

5.1 Potential Parking Issues- Ms. Sallberg addressed the issue of incorrect parallel parking on Main Street. Will there be repercussions for those who park in the wrong direction? According to the mayor, both he and the City Manager have already discussed this matter. In the near future, during this transition period, warnings will be issued before any stricter penalties are enforced.

5.2 Street lighting- With the revitalization occurring on Main Street, will additional lighting be added to Wilson Street to improve visibility? Additionally, what plans are there for lighting on Highway 90 from Old Bethel Road to Twin Hills Park and on Highway 85 down to P.J. Adams Parkway? There have been several citizens who were not properly dressed in a safe manner when crossing the road, whether by bike or on foot. The mayor has proposed starting an educational campaign to remind citizens of the

importance of wearing the right nighttime gear to ensure they can be seen while crossing the road. Ms. Shanklin suggested that there should be signs at the Crestview Area Shelter for the Homeless to further emphasize the importance of nighttime safety.

5.3 Community Organizations Signage Entering Crestview—The "Welcome to Crestview" signs that once lined Highway 90 and Highway 85 have been removed, along with the signs for the Kiwanis Club and the Rotary Club. Will they be replaced? According to the mayor, there was a discussion some time ago regarding the signs being in such poor condition that they could not be repaired. They have since been taken down, likely due to the construction work being conducted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). He will address this with the City Council.

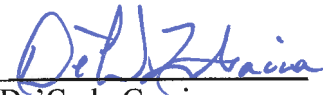
6. Mayor's Minute

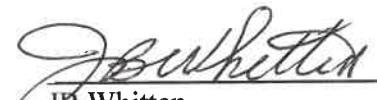
- 6.1** The mayor wanted to recognize the Citizen's Advisory Council for recommending Winkler's Wish to speak at a previous meeting to highlight the various services and support they offer. In November, the RC track held a charity run in Crestview, which raised funds for both Winkler's Wish and the Crestview Police Foundation.
- 6.2** For the past three years, the mayor has supported the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service. This year, the proceeds were donated to the Crossway Community Church on North Wilson St.
- 6.3** The Knights of Columbus contributed \$2,000, and Jeff King, the owner of Kingstruction, donated \$5,000, bringing the total to \$7,000 for the installation of a Safe Haven Baby Box at the fire department.
- 6.4** The Crestview Community Chorus held successful Christmas concerts on December 6th and December 8th. The attendance was fantastic, with both performances drawing a packed house. The mayor expressed a desire to recognize the volunteers for their hard work in bringing such a wonderful event to the community.
- 6.5** Mainstreet Association held a wonderful Christmas parade this year, with a huge turnout and great participation from businesses and the community.

7. Adjournment

De'Carlo Garica adjourns the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Minutes approve this 14th day of January 2025.


De'Carlo Garcia
President


JB Whitten
Mayor

Minutes submitted by,

Dominique Vaughn, Executive Assistant