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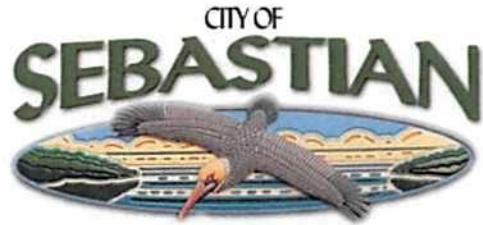
**AGENDA**  
**CITY OF SEBASTIAN**  
**VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, AUGUST 1ST, 2022**  
**3:00 PM**

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- 1) CALL TO ORDER
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3) ROLL CALL
- 4) ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AGENDA MODIFICATIONS  
Modifications and additions require unanimous vote of members. Deletions do not apply.
- 5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
**April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting Minutes**
- 6) PUBLIC INPUT
- 7) UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- 8) NEW BUSINESS:  
**Item A: Patriot Day Ceremony Discussion**
- 9) ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA AND DATE: **October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 @ 3:00pm**
- 10) ADJOURN

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING (OR HEARING) WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE HEARD. (286.0105 F.S.)

IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA), ANYONE WHO NEEDS A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION FOR THIS MEETING SHOULD CONTACT THE CITY'S ADA COORDINATOR AT 589-5330 AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THIS MEETING.



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**VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD  
AGENDA TRANSMITTAL FORM**

**Board Meeting Date:** August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**Agenda Item Title:** Meeting Minutes from April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Recommendation:** Approval of Meeting Minutes from the April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting.

**Background:**

**If Agenda Item Requires Expenditure of Funds:**

Total Cost: n/a

**Attachments:**

Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes from April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022, 3:00 P.M.  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
1225 MAIN ST., SEBASTIAN FL 32976**

- I. Chairman Gary Shaw called the Veterans Advisory Committee meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- II. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.
- III. Present  
Gary Shaw, VFW Commander  
Neil Baumgartner, VFW Member  
Kim Paskiewicz, VFW Auxiliary Member  
Gary Spiecker, American Legion Member  
Stephen Hamerlin, American Legion Member  
  
Also Present  
Brian Benton, Director of Leisure Services  
Gary Vicars, MIS Technical Analyst  
Janet Graham, Technical Writer
- IV. Meeting Chair Makes Announcements -- None
- V. Agenda Modifications -- None
- VI. Approval of Minutes -- December 6, 2021

Hearing no corrections/additions from the Committee members, Chairman Shaw called for a motion. A motion approving the Minutes of the January 10, 2022 meeting as presented was made by Mr. Baumgartner, seconded by Mr. Spiecker, and approved unanimously via voice vote.

- VII. Unfinished Business -- None
- VIII. Public Input -- None
- IX. New Business

A. Memorial Day Event Plan

Mr. Shaw stated that this year it is being run by the American Legion Post 189.

Mr. Benton confirmed that the Memorial Day ceremony will begin at 11:00 a.m. as is typical. He asked if the Sebastian River High School Band is going to participate. Mr. Spiecker stated they are working on that presently. Mr. Benton asked if the Board members who are in charge of getting the flyer out can get that to him at least a week in advance so he can get it printed and copied so that copies can be handed out at the event. Mr. Shaw said that usually the Boy Scouts or the Cub Scouts will hand out the programs. He stated that last year the Boy Scouts contributed and distributed bottles of water. So he will see that they are contacted in order to find out if they want to do that again this year. Mr. Benton added that his main point of contact for the Memorial Day event will be Mr. Spiecker.

B. July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Participation Discussion

Mr. Shaw said the annual July 4<sup>th</sup> parade sponsored by the City is usually run by the City. Mr. Benton said that is correct. The City will operate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. He asked that the Board members who are members of the VFW and the American Legion discuss with their members participation within the parade. The City would like to see increased participation from all groups, not just veterans' groups. Effective this year, the City is taking over the registration and complete operations for the parade. In the past, the City has only handled the day-of-the-parade operations. Going forward, the City will handle everything from registration to completion. He said July 4<sup>th</sup> is on Monday this year. The parade will start at 8:30 a.m. on the northern end of Indian River Drive in the area of Jackson Street. Mr. Shaw asked if the City wants decorated vehicles to participate. Mr. Benton said yes, that in the past there were vehicles that were decorated with people riding in them. There were floats, etc. He said he will be sending out the registration forms over the next couple of weeks. He will make sure that each Board member gets that. He will also send out a list of previous years' participants so they get notified as well. He stated that many people come out for the parade, and the City wants to get as much participation as possible in order to provide a quality parade with as many participants as possible for the general public to see.

Mr. Hamerlin stated that in the past few years there has been talk about providing a flat-bed trailer or some type of platform for the Honor Guard, as there are many elderly

members of the Honor Guard. Mr. Shaw said that would probably be up to the organizations who want to make use of something like that rather than the City handling that. Mr. Spiecker will investigate what vehicles might be available.

X. Staff Matters

Mr. Benton said he did not have anything more -- he just wanted to be sure that we were on schedule for the Memorial Day Ceremony at Riverview Park. Mr. Spiecker will be handling that. He also wanted to remind everyone regarding July 4<sup>th</sup>.

XI. Board or Committee Member Matters

Mr. Spiecker brought up a discussion about the 911 Celebration. He said the people in Barefoot Bay are going to have a ceremony, and they would like to have it spread over to the American Legion and the VFW. Peter Puzzo has agreed to provide some music. He assumes that those activities will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m. and run till approximately 2:00 p.m. Parking may be a problem due to the construction at Post 189. So maybe the VFW will help regarding the parking.

Mr. Shaw asked regarding the City's website whether more of the activities of the veterans could be published on the City's website. Mr. Benton said if he gets the information, he will look into getting that information displayed on the City's Facebook page and the City's website. He just needs the details of the activities such as contact person, who would like to volunteer, etc. Mr. Shaw also asked if there is anyone at the City who can direct the veterans' organizations as to whom to contact such as TC Palm, etc. in order to have the veterans' activities included in their publications. Mr. Benton will get that information.

XII. Items for the Next Agenda: August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 @ 3:00 p.m.

Mr. Benton stated his plan is to have the next meeting on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. He will work with Mr. Spiecker as Memorial Day approaches. He does not see a need to have a formal meeting before August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Shaw said that Veterans' Day will be handled by the VFW which should be discussed, and the 911 ceremony should also be discussed at the August meeting.

XIII. Adjourn

There being no further business, Chairman Shaw called for a motion for adjournment. A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Baumgartner, seconded by Mr. Spiecker, and approved unanimously via voice vote.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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