

**COMMISSIONERS:**

DeLoris Roberts, Mayor  
Eleanor Randall, Vice Mayor  
John Martin  
Terry Knowles  
William Carlton

**CITY MANAGER:**

Chad M. Shryock, City Manager  
Donna R. Mayes, City Clerk

**CITY ATTORNEY:**

Patricia Carter

**MINUTES  
HAWTHORNE CITY COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING  
September 19, 2005 @ 6:30 PM**

Mayor Roberts called the meeting of the Hawthorne City Commission to order. Present were: Mayor Roberts, Vice Mayor Randall, Commissioner's Martin and Carlton. Also in attendance were City Manager Chad Shryock and City Clerk Donna R. Mayes.

Mayor Roberts gave the Invocation and Commissioner Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Approval of Agenda

Moved to approve the agenda with amendments to delete all items with the exception of item number two due to proper notification and advertising.

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Vice Mayor Randall

Vote – 4-0

**OPEN PUBLIC HEARING**

**Item 1. Budget Review – Second Reading of Ordinances 2006-01 and Ordinance 2006-02**

City Manager Shryock referred to the two ordinances stating this to be second reading and final adoption as part of the budgeting process for Fiscal 2005/06. Ordinance 2006/01 establishes the millage rate and must be adopted first. The rate set in the ordinance is 4.500 mills; a reduction from last year's which was set at 5.4185 and the advertised amount in the TRIM Notice due to waiting on the Fire Assessment Ordinance to pass. The intention of this action was to shift revenue to help pay for fire services and will net \$17,000 extra. The budget has not changed from the last meeting.

There was no Public Comments

Commissioner Carlton expressed his concern that the budget is only showing an excess amount of \$3,599 over expenditures and disagrees with setting the millage that low. City Manager Shryock stated this figure is the expected amount, noting that the capital expenditures in the budget is not intended to all be spent, just budgeted on the high end in case of unexpected expense. The Revenues are estimated on the low side so as to hopefully have reserve amounts.

Moved to pass Ordinance 2006-01 on Second and Final Reading by Title Only.

Motion - Commissioner Martin

Second – Vice Mayor Randall

An Ordinance of the City of Hawthorne of Alachua County, Florida, adopting the final levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for the City of Hawthorne for fiscal year 2005/2006; providing for severability; providing for an effective date.

Discussion – Commissioner Martin inquired what was intended with the \$15,000 the City received from fines on the property purchased by the School Board, could it possibly be revenues. City Manager Shryock informed that he expected the City to be ahead by \$50,000 at the end of the fiscal year. Staff has some ideas on using part of the funds but will bring back at another meeting for discussion.

Vote – 4-0

Ordinance 2006-02 – Adopting Budget for Fiscal Year 2005/06

City Manager Shryock informed that the second ordinance adopts the actual budget document and has not changed since the last meeting.

An Ordinance of the City of Hawthorne of Alachua County, Florida, adopting the final budget for the City of Hawthorne for Fiscal Year 2005-2006; providing for severability; providing for an effective date.

Discussion – Several audience members questioned the advertising of the notices, referring to the Alachua Today paper. Attorney Carter responded that the TRIM Notices for the first hearing was sent out by the Property Appraiser's Office to all property owners in the City of Hawthorne. Vice Mayor Randall inserted that the City has been using the Alachua Today for two years on doing their advertisements. Attorney Carter reiterated the advertising is done in an acceptable manner and complies with state law. Commissioner Carlton pointed out that other small cities use the Gainesville Sun and thinks the City should do the same; not enough circulation with the Alachua Today.

Moved to pass Ordinance 2006-02 setting the budget on second and final reading by Title Only.

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Vice Mayor Randall

Mr. Knowles ask if the salary issue would be discussed and was informed it would be discussed at a later meeting. City Manager Shryock furnished that this was a separate issue than approving the budget. The Board approves funds then action is taken by the administrator to adjust the pay raises. Commissioner Martin called attention to the contents of the City Charter where the Board should not be in position of setting pay raises; that falls under the scope of the City Manager who works on a daily basic with the employees. The Commission sets the City Manager salary and approves contracts. Attorney Carter inserted she did not understand why the Board was involved in that issue last year. Vice Mayor Randall also voiced she was happy to hear the statement by Commissioner Martin; this is why a manager is hired to do the job. Commissioner Carlton expressed his disapproval, stating that the City was going to Hell in a Wheelbarrow if they were going to let the raises out of the Board's hands.

Commissioner Knowles arrived for the meeting at this time and was brought up to speed on the discussion. Mayor Roberts explained the budget document does not set salary, just approve the funds for them; noting that payroll is an administrative function.

Moved to pass on second and final reading Ordinance 2006-02 setting the budget for fiscal year 2005-2006.

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Vice Mayor Randall

Vote – 5-0

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING

B. Citizen Comments

Questions coming from the audience concerned the town meeting. Mayor Roberts announced that the meeting would be on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 on Saturday. City Manager Shryock informed that the first page of the newsletter, going out this month, would contain information on the meeting.

C. Reports

a) Mayor Roberts reported the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Hog Fest would be October 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 9:00 AM. She requested that the list of city priorities be turned in by the board members.

b) Commissioner Knowles reported the meeting for Tuesday, the 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM with the citizens of the Reservation Subdivision and Alachua County Public Works.

c) Commissioner Martin expressed his appreciation for City Manager Shryock coming in on short notice and developing the fiscal year budget. He added his appreciation to Ms. Mayes for bringing the City thru some hard times with projected revenues left in the current year budget.

Special Meeting on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30.

E. Adjourn

Moved to adjourn the Hawthorne City Commission Meeting.

Motion – Commissioner Carlton

Second – Commissioner Martin

Vote – 5-0

These Minutes of the Hawthorne City Commission Public Hearing is submitted for approval.

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DeLoris Roberts-Cheatham, Mayor

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Chad M. Shryock, City Manager

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Donna R. Mayes, CMC  
City Clerk