
COMMISSIONERS:

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

CITY MANAGER:

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

CITY ATTORNEY:

Steve Lee

**MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 11, 2006**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Present was, Mayor Knowles, Vice Mayor Randall, Commissioners Carlton, Martin and Roberts. Staff Present was, City Manager Shryock, City Clerk Mayes, Intern Planner Dougherty and Attorney Lee.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved to approve the agenda

Motion – Commissioner Roberts

Vote – 5-0

Second – Commissioner Martin

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Tim Logan expressed his appreciation to the City Manager and staff for the help in the City Park.

Mr. Von Fraser, Alachua County Tax Collector, gave out information of special interest to senior citizens and offered his services to them in any way he could be of help.

Ms. Joyce Johnson expressed her opposition to the fire assessment tax and the language on the tax notice sent out.

CONSENT AGENDA

Moved to approve the Consent Agenda with Minutes of 8/21/06, 08/29/06, Finance Report and Appointment of Michael Rutledge to the Code Enforcement Board.

Motion – Commissioner Roberts

Second – Commissioner Martin

Discussion – Commissioner Carlton voiced his thoughts that the Town Hall Meeting was not to have been an official meeting for minutes to be taken. Legal Counsel explained to be safe within the Sunshine Law, he advised advertising and keeping of the minutes.

Vote – 5-0

Closed Public Hearing

3. Ordinance 2006-41 Second Reading – Urban Services Report A06-2 East Annexation Referendum Area

Mayor Knowles opened Public Hearing

There was a general discussion of the area with maps projected.

Closed Public Hearing

Moved to adopt revised Ordinance 2006-41 on Second and Final Reading approving the Urban Services Report A06-2 Eastern Annexation Referendum Area

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Vice Mayor Randall

Vote – 5-0

4. Ordinance 2006-42 Second Reading – Urban Services Report A06-3 South Annexation Referendum Area

Mayor Knowles Opened Public Hearing

There was a general discussion on when referendum vote would be and who would vote. City Manager Shryock stated the actual vote would probably not be until spring. Attorney Lee advised those in referendum area would vote.

Closed Public Hearing

Moved to adopt on Second and Final Reading revised Ordinance 2006-42 approving Urban Services Report A06-3 Southern Annexation Referendum Area

Motion – Vice Mayor Randall

Second – Commissioner Roberts

Vote – 5-0

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Police Department Discussion

City Manager Shryock conveyed he had nothing more than what he had already presented and is open to the pleasure of the board. Commissioner Martin interjected if the citizens want more police presence it means more money no matter who covers it. Mr. Shryock specified the time frame could not extend beyond the next budget hearing which must either be approved or not, with the line item for the police department. If approved he would then advertise for a Police Chief who would then do the budget for the department and hire officers. This would probably be a six month implementation process. In view of some general skeptics' Mayor Knowles established that he and the City Manager had spoken with several Police Chiefs from other cities that had been very encouraging. City Manager Shryock continued with an overview of his experience of fifteen (15) years in local government, six (6) of those with police department budgets stating that his figures had been reviewed by other police chiefs and other city managers. His figures are based on solid research and at this time he has had two qualified people ask for applications for the Chief of Police position. Two police cars can be acquired for \$500.00 each and radio's, radar equipment, computers, uniforms and other equipment is ready to be donated to the City of Hawthorne.

A student from UF is going to do a landscape plan for our downtown area for free as part of his thesis.

- c) Mayor Knowles reported there is money available through emergency operations for generators required to keep the City Hall up and running and other projects for hurricane preparedness.
- d) Vice Mayor Randall had no report.
- e) Commissioner Carlton commented that the City only receives a percentage of the traffic fine revenue collected.
- f) Commissioner Martin congratulated Mr. Rutledge on appointment to the Code Board and called attention to comments made in the local paper about the County holding the City's hand as we go forward.
- g) Commissioner Roberts asked if anything was in place for those continuing to build in the Reservation, to which City Manager Shryock informed there was. She also presented her orange water, showing how badly new lines are needed.
- h) Attorney Lee informed that the Code Enforcement Board recommended foreclosure on property known as the "three sad sisters" (Vickers Property) and asked for a motion from the board since this process will cost.

Moved to accept the recommendation of the Code Enforcement Board for foreclosure on the property

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Vice Mayor Randall

Vote – 5-0

ADJOURN

Moved to adjourn the meeting of September 11, 2006

Motion – Commissioner

Second – Commissioner

Unanimous

These Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of September 11, 2006 are submitted for approval.

Chad M. Shryock, City Manager

Terry Knowles, Mayor

Donna R. Mayes, CMC/City Clerk

****Amend section g) to read: Commissioner Roberts asked if any Hold Harmless Agreements were in place for those continuing to build in the Reservation. Also amend to read: She also presented her orange water showing how badly new lines are needed, "and has been asking this for eight (8) years."**