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**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 18, 2006**

**A. 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, and Attorney Lee.

**B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Vice Mayor Randall gave the Invocation and Commissioner Carlton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved to approve the agenda

Motion – Commissioner Roberts

Second – Vice Mayor Randall

Vote – 5-0

**D. CITIZEN COMMENTS – None****E. CONSENT AGENDA**

Moved to approve the Consent Agenda with amendment to the Minutes of September 11, 2006 item (g) to reflect Commissioner Roberts asking if there was a hold harmless agreement in place for those continuing to build in the Reservation and also to add she had been asking about her orange water for eight years.

Motion – Commissioner Roberts

Second – Commissioner Martin

Vote – 5-0

**F. PUBLIC HEARING**

Mayor Knowles opened the Public Hearing.

1. Final Budget Hearing

a.) Discuss Proposed Police Department

b.) Ordinance 2007-01 – First Reading Setting Millage Rate

c.) Ordinance 2007-02 – First Reading Adopting Budget

City Manager Shryock directed attention to the two Ordinances 2007-1 establishing the millage rate, which needs to be adopted first and 2007-02 adopting the 2006/2007 budget for the upcoming year. This budget includes

income projections resulting from the 2 mil levy and additional revenue resulting from the operations of a police department.

a) A summary from the City Manager was given to the Board relating to costs and benefits of a police department. After substantial discussion regarding the police department the following points emerged from the Board's analysis. More Police presence was needed in the City of Hawthorne, the department would not replace the Alachua County Sheriff's Deputies but would enhance the presence, and the city would not have to opt into the County MSTU giving them control over how much of the City's mil's they choose to take. Commissioner Carlton expressed his concerns and suggested that the project not be endorsed. Following discussion and public comment the following action was taken.

Moved to approve the formation of a Police Department based on the model presented by the City Manager

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Vice Mayor Randall

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Carlton – NO, Commissioner Martin – YES, Commissioner Roberts – YES, Vice Mayor Randall – YES, Mayor Knowles – YES

Vote - 4-1

b) Ordinance 2007-01 Second Reading Setting Millage Rates

City Manager Shryock reviewed the rolled back rate at 6.5 Mil's with a 67.66% increase.

Moved to approve Ordinance 2007-01 on second reading setting the 2006/2007 Millage Rate

Motion – Commissioner Roberts

Second – Vice Mayor Randall

Discussion – Commissioner Martin voiced his support based on the decision to establish a police department and Mayor Knowles echoed the same sentiments.

Vote – 4-1 Commissioner Carlton – NO Vote

c) Ordinance 2007-02 Second Reading Adopting Budget

City Manager Shryock informed the budget was prepared on priorities established by the Board at the beginning of the fiscal year, projecting those items with an overview of cost.

Moved to adopt Ordinance 2007-02 on second reading adopting the final budget for Fiscal Year 2006/2007

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Commissioner Roberts

Vote – 4-1 Commissioner Carlton – NO Vote

## **G. REGULAR AGENDA**

1. HAPP Committee Appointments

Commissioner Roberts called for the appointees names from the Board. Vice Mayor Randall and Mayor Knowles stated they would have theirs by Friday. Commissioner Roberts appointed Dr. Gladys Wright, Commissioner Martin appointed Ms. Vivian Wagner and Commissioner Carlton appointed Mr. Ray Daniels.

## **H. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mr. Mike Rutledge asked about the Neighborhood Watch's that were to have been formed. Mayor Knowles reported he knew of one and would find out more information for Mr. Rutledge.

## **I. REPORTS**

- a) City Attorney had no report
- b) City Manager reported he had copies of his resume for the Board to refresh some memories of his qualifications. He also explained he was going through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program and had given the Board a Performance-Based Assessment Form to complete for him, which will go directly to ICMA's reviewer. Also in their boxes is information on the Legislative Conference. He will be attending a pre-construction meeting in Jacksonville on Wednesday, for the landscaping project of Highway 20. Staff is working with the Supervisor of Elections so the Charter Amendments can be finished. The application for the expanded facility of the sewer has been submitted and a meeting is planned for October 1<sup>st</sup> with developers that are on line to see how many units they will commit toward impact fees for this expansion.
- c) Mayor Knowles reported he had meetings to attend on both Thursday and Friday night that would possibly generate emergency money.
- d) Commissioner Carlton had no report
- e) Commissioner Martin voiced his thanks to Mr. Michael Rutledge for his willingness to serve on the Code Enforcement Board and to the citizens for allowing him to serve the city and for their attendance.
- f) Commissioner Roberts voiced that one day hopefully funds would allow advertising in the Gainesville Sun, which seems to have more circulation. She encouraged the City Manager to go ahead and get their summer camp project in to the Sheriff's Office before the election.
- g) Vice Mayor Randall had no report.

## **J. ADJOURN**

Moved to adjourn the meeting of September 18, 2006 at 9:00 PM

Motion – Commissioner Carlton

Second – Commissioner Roberts

Unanimous

These Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of September 18, 2006 are submitted for approval.

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**Chad M. Shryock, City Manager**

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**Terry Knowles, Mayor**

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**Donna R. Mayes, CMC/City Clerk**