
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 MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 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, City Planner Dougherty and Attorney Lee.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved to approve the agenda as amended removing Items G1 and G2 from the agenda

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Vice Mayor Randall

Vote – 5-0

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

Moved to approve the Consent Agenda

Motion – Commissioner Roberts

Second – Commissioner Carlton

Vote – 5-0

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE**G. REGULAR AGENDA**

1. Request to Vacate Utility Easement – City Manager

City Manager called attention to a letter from a citizen, requesting a partial vacation of five feet of the public utility easement running across the north portion of her property to construct a swimming pool. Staff does not recommend vacation of this easement; although, there are currently no known utilities within this easement. This could cause problems with the future use of the easement.

Moved to deny request for partial vacation of easement.

Motion – Commissioner Roberts

Second – Vice Mayor Randall

Vote – 5-0

2. Commissioner Salary Survey – Commissioner Martin

Commissioner Martin gave his report on Elected Officials Salaries reviewing several surrounding cities. With the added meetings and work the Board has been doing, his recommendation would be to look at raising the current Commissioner's salary from \$300 to \$500, the Mayor's salary from \$350 to \$600 and Vice Mayor from \$325 to 525/550. Since taking on two meetings a month all the Commissioners agreed they were putting in extra time and were in favor of Commissioner Martin continuing his research and talking with the City Manager about available funds. Commissioner Martin informed he would make a formal proposal within the next two months.

3. County Fire Assessment – City Manager

City Manager Shryock called attention to the letter from the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners regarding a proposal to fund fire services in the County through a countywide fire assessment and asked for discussion and establish a position on participation. The Board was in agreement to send a letter, with the Mayor's signature, to the County Commission stating their willingness to be a part of the process with more information.

H. CITIZEN COMMENT

Ms. Molly Lloyd gave resounding praise to the Alachua County EMS for their response time and service when Mr. Lloyd was sick, further stating they have been wonderful. She would like to see Alachua County Deputies have the correct updated addresses for Hawthorne.

I. REPORTS

- a) City Attorney Lee stated he had a cashiers check to purchase the foreclosure property, this being the cheaper way to go.
- b) City Manager Shryock reported he should have the agreements with the Developers for the impact fees on the sewer in hand by the end of November. City Manager Shryock and Mayor Knowles have had some interviews for the Chief of Police position over the phone; however, he plans to get the committee together for formal interviews soon. The Comp Plan Amendments are back from DCA and will be scheduled for second reading in December. He reminded the Board to pick up their cards, reservations for hotels and tax exempt certificate before their meeting next week.
- c) City Planner Chris Dougherty thanked those from the Board that attended the Visioning Meeting and announced the final meeting for Wednesday the 8th at 5:30.
- d) Mayor Knowles reported they were trying to set up for formal interviews on the Police Chief position and would be getting the cars

soon. Also the Mayor stated he has been attending meetings with the LMS groups.

e) Commissioner Carlton stated the people in the referendum area wanted to know how they would be notified of what is happening. City Manager Shryock informed it would be in the newspaper and also the Supervisor of Elections would give formal notice to each property owner by way of sample ballot.

f) Commissioner Martin suggested a letter from the Mayor be sent to Cason's thanking them for providing activities at the Community Halloween Festival and keeping the kids off the streets. The City Manager informed the Commission that a proclamation could be done. Commissioner Martin encouraged everyone to come out and vote!

g) Commissioner Roberts also encouraged everyone to vote and make sure they read both sides of the ballot. She announced there will be a HAPP Committee Meeting before Thanksgiving. She gave thanks to the City and the community during the loss of her Mother and to the Woman's Club for feeding the family Saturday evening.

h) Vice Mayor Randall thanked the City for sending her to the advanced workshop put on by the League of Cities, the time was very well spent.

J. ADJOURN

Moved to adjourn the meeting of November 6, 2006 at 8:10 PM

Motion – Commissioner Carlton

Second – Vice Mayor Randall

Unanimous

These Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of November 6, 2006 are submitted for approval.

Chad M. Shryock, City Manager

Terry Knowles, Mayor

Donna R. Mayes, CMC/City Clerk