
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
JULY 10, 2006
6:30 PM**

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Martin and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Carlton.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion – Commissioner Carlton
Vote – 5-0

Second – Commissioner Martin

1. Election of Mayor – Commissioner Carlton nominated:
Commissioner Knowles for Mayor
Commissioner Knowles seconded the nomination
Vote – 3-2

Vice Mayor Randall nominated current Mayor, DeLoris Roberts for Mayor.
Mayor Roberts seconded the nomination.

Discussion on method of nomination and confusion caused by statement that the nominations did not require a second. The Board deliberated on the action to take but with the vote already being taken at a three two majority was supported.

2. Election of Vice Mayor – Commissioner Carlton nominated Commissioner Randall for Vice Mayor.
Commissioner Knowles seconded the nomination
Vote – 5-0
Mayor Roberts relinquished the chair to incoming Mayor Terry Knowles.

D. CITIZEN COMMENT

Travis Horn candidate for the Florida Senate, District 14 reviewed his platform stating he was new to the political arena but would bring good judgment and honesty to the Senate if elected.

Butch Jones candidate for Alachua County Sheriff stated he had been in the agency for thirty years serving in every bureau of the Sheriff's Department. He informed he had taught all over America and overseas and encouraged the people's vote.

Vivian Wagner requested an explanation why the City of Hawthorne did not receive any money as advertised in the newspaper that other rural counties had gotten. Commissioner Martin explained that basically the money was going to rural counties only and Alachua County was not considered rural. The County was not eligible, therefore Hawthorne was not included.

Ms. Ellen Vause of Florida Septic challenged the Board to do something about the issue with the North Central Florida Regional Planning Council failing to do their job in getting land issues to DCA in a timely manner. She has had a rezoning turned in since last November that still has not been sent to the State and this is holding up their company expansion and jobs that could be available to the citizens of Hawthorne. City Manger Shryock referred to earlier conversations in regards to the RPC when Chris Dougherty was hired to work on the land issues. He commented on the problem of getting a representative to attend the meetings and present the land issues. He noted the contract would be up the end of the fiscal year.

Moved to draft a letter with Mayor's signature addressing the issues with the Planning Council requesting a response within fourteen days.

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Commissioner Carlton

Vote – 5-0

E. REPORTS

- a) City Attorney Lee reported he received a copy of the lawsuit documents from Alachua County on the annexations the City had. He stated that he agreed with the County in abating action and go through the dispute resolution process which takes 180 days. Meanwhile if the City's Referendum is passed in this time limit, this would resolve the problem of created pockets. City Manager Shryock informed the parcel in question by the county was the Plum Creek Timberlands.
- b) City Manager Shryock reported staff was working on another large packet of annexations. He informed he would have the draft budget for the Board by Friday, which would give them a full week to review it, while he is on vacation, and before the next scheduled meeting. He noted the railroad crossing at 69th Avenue was closed for repairs.
- c) Commissioner Roberts inquired if the Methodists Church owned the

- d) property cleared on 65th Ave. and what the zoning was. City Manager Shryock confirmed the ownership and zoning of RSF2 and that no tax dollars was collected. Ms. Roberts announced the Sheriff's Youth Camp for ages 5-15.
- e) Commissioner Martin voiced his congratulations to the new Mayor and thanked the former one. He also expressed his thanks to those who made the homecoming a success. Mr. Martin reported that the City would be on the agenda for the MTPO August Meeting concerning the Highway 301/20 Intersection. City Manager Shryock responded to Commissioner Martin that the City would indeed assume the maintenance of the right-of-way after landscaping.
- f) Commissioner Carlton had no report
- g) Vice Mayor Randall reported that there are working girls over in a residential section on 65th Avenue and also mopeds and ATV's on the streets.

F. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved to approve the Consent Agenda for the Minutes of the June 6, 2006 Regular Meeting and the Finance Report

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Commissioner Carlton

Vote – 5-0

G. PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. CDBG Application Hearing – Ms. Leah Williams with Jordan and Associates informed that the advertising for this hearing did not get done, therefore the hearing cannot be held. The Citizens Advisory Task Force did meet and she asked Ms. Molly Lloyd to give the recommendations for the funds. Recommended was Neighborhood Revitalization, Water Storage Tank and a back up generator. City Manager informed that the City purchased a large generator last year. As far as having the \$250,000 match he plans on using water impact fees and proposes in kind services. Ms. Williams announced the second Public Hearing has been set for Wednesday, July 19th @6:00 PM.

Moved to accept Committee recommendation and table the Public Hearing to July 19, 2006 @6:00.

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Commissioner Carlton

Vote – 5-0

2. Ordinance 2006-40 – Second Reading Exempting Certain properties from Water Impact Fees – The Board adopted this Ordinance on first reading at the June 19, 2006 meeting.

Moved to approve Ordinance 2006-40 on second reading exempting certain properties from the water impact fee

Motion – Commissioner Carlton

Second – Vice Mayor Randall

Vote – 5-0

H. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Request for Exemption from Water Impact Fees – This comes from Mr. Richard Moore of the Hawthorne Apartments for an irrigation meter. Since the City has adopted the above ordinance this allows for the exemption.

Moved to approve Mr. Moore's request for exemption of impact fees for an irrigation meter

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Commissioner Roberts

Vote – 5-0

2. USDA Compliance Review Letter – This letter, stated Commissioner Roberts, is in response to the request by USDA for the Mayor to certify full compliance of the mandatory sewer hookup. She felt that all the Board should sign the letter instead of just her for future reference, especially since there are two that are not in compliance. Some members disagreed with the recommended course of action and suggested that this issue be handled by the City Manger to redraft the letter, state addresses only and have the current Mayor Knowles sign it. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Randall to redraft the letter to USDA and remove "wavier" and put extension, removing names leaving address only and those sign that want to.

The motion died for lack of a second.

3. Approve Budget Calendar FY 2006-2007 – City Manager Shryock referred to the attached calendar requesting the Commission to set a Budget Workshop to discuss the proposed budget document.

Moved to approve the 2006-2007 Budget Calendar setting Special Meeting for Wednesday, August 2, 2006 @ 5:00 PM

Motion – Commissioner Roberts

Second – Commissioner Martin

Vote – 5-0

4. Authorize City Attorney to Proceed on Foreclosures of Liens – Two foreclosures on properties with liens by the City of Hawthorne. Robert Bunch property located at 101 NW 6th Street (old address) for unclean lots.

Moved that the City authorize Attorney Lee to foreclose on the Bunch Property @67th Place 215th Way

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Commissioner Carlton

Vote – 5-0

Eddie Joe Higginbotham suggested finding out if the owner would sign over the property and not have to go through the foreclosure process, which the City Attorney was receptive to.

Sally K. Hall Heirs/Vince Johnson – Property located at SE 65th Avenue

Moved to authorize Attorney Lee to proceed with foreclose on this property

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Commissioner Carlton

Vote – 5-0

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

J. ADJOURN

Moved to adjourn at 9:30 PM
Motion – Commissioner Martin
Unanimous

Second – Commissioner Roberts

These Minutes of the July 10, 2006 Regular Commission Meeting are submitted for approval.

Chad M. Shryock, City Manager

Terry Knowles, Mayor

Donna R. Mayes, CMC
City Clerk