
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
JANUARY 22, 2007**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM. Board Present was, Mayor Knowles, Vice Mayor Randall, Commissioners Carlton, Martin and Roberts. Staff present was, City Manager Shryock, City Clerk Mayes, Intern Planner Laakso and City Attorney Steve Lee.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved to approve the agenda of January 22, 2007

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Commissioner Carlton

Vote – 5-0

D. CITIZENS COMMENTS - None

1. Introduction to Ryan Nelson – Alachua County Today

Commissioner Roberts expressed that Alachua Today was not aware they were on the agenda and would like to schedule when Ryan and Brian both can attend to discuss the coverage of the meetings for the Alachua Today paper.

E. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved to approve the Consent Agenda approving the Minutes of 12/18/06, Financial Report, Resolution 2007-05 Supporting FLC Legislative Priorities, the Resignation of Eddie Higginbotham from the P&Z Board, and Receive and File SHIP Reports.

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Commissioner Roberts

Vote – 5-0

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

1. Accept Quotes and Authorize Water Main Repairs

City Manager Shryock presented slides showing the plan of action to connect thirteen (13) services to 6" PVC Water Lines in the area of 214th Street. He explained this was a dead end line and was causing a lot of rust problems along with an odor problem which can be rectified by looping the lines. After consulting with the City's Engineer, Florida Rural Water and the Public Works Department their recommendation was to change out the lines in this area. Staff recommends the Board receive the attached quotes from the low bidder, WCC Site Development, Inc., for \$25,000 and authorize staff to proceed with the project.

After some issues were raised, upon advice from Legal Counsel Commissioner Roberts recused herself from the vote on this issue since she lives in the area and would benefit from the new service.

Moved to accept Staff recommendation and receive the quote from WCC Site Development, Inc. in the amount of \$25,000 for the water project.

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Vice Mayor Randall

Vote – 3-0 Commissioner Carlton left the room before the vote and Commissioner Roberts recused herself from the vote.

2. Appointment to Planning & Zoning/Board of Adjustment

Moved to appoint Stan Kitching as an alternate member to the Planning & Zoning/Board of Adjustment

Motion – Commissioner Martin

Second – Commissioner Carlton

Vote – 5-0

H. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

I. REPORTS

- City Attorney Lee had nothing but in answer to Mayor Knowles inquiry about the foreclosure's, he informed he had made no progress.
- City Manager Shryock reported that Silver Company has backed away from their commitment; they want the neighborhood entrance to the development cleaned up. Several parties have gotten together including developers, to try and work toward a solution to this area of town. There will be another meeting on Wednesday to discuss a plan on increasing Code Enforcement, having Public Works cleaning right-of-ways, NHDC plans to purchase some properties, the City plans to put in eight new street lights and Law Enforcement will become more involved especially when Chief Donadio comes aboard. With everyone working together the project is not dead. Mr. Shryock also met with Jerry Hawthorne who is moving forward with 220 units and will provide him with a developer's agreement. He is also interested in pre-

purchasing 40 units. Mr. Shryock informed he has also spoken with a developer interested in the Lussier Dairy property.

The Police Chief has agreed to the terms of the contract and will start March 12th. The cost of the Police Academy is \$6,000 and \$4,000 relocation cost. The contract states he must stay for two years or pay back the academy cost.

- Mayor Knowles reported that Silver Company was well known for their developing and contributing to a city. He related that he had spoken with the new Police Chief and he and his wife plan to attend the February 5th meeting. He noted that he was to make a presentation to Cornelius Ingram at half time of the game at HHS.
- Commissioner Carlton inquired of the kick off date for the Police Department and questioned why the contract was not brought before all Commissioners to go over. City Manager Shryock informed that soon after the Police Chief arrives he will hire 3.2 Officers and get up and running. The contract is an employee contract falling under the City Manager's job duties; he will put a copy in the Commissioners boxes if they wish.
- Commissioner Martin asked if Elite Resorts had signed a developer's agreement and who was responsible for the Highway 20 right-of-way explaining that two trees were in danger of falling across the ramp coming into the city. City Manager Shryock stated that he was meeting with Elite on Wednesday and explained that after the landscaping was finished the City would take over the maintenance except for the ponds and DOT will continue that. Commissioner Martin announced that Florida Gator player Cornelius Ingram's Hawthorne High School jersey would be retired at the game on the 30th in the school gym.
- Commissioner Roberts reported for audience information that SHIP, State Housing Initiative Program, funding was money that helps revitalize low income homes to make them safer and the City just processes the funds.
- Vice Mayor Randall reported that HHS has asked if the City would get involved with them to honor the home town player, Cornelius Ingram. They would like someone to attend a luncheon and maybe do a banner at the entrance of the city for the local game on the 30th since there will be people coming into Hawthorne for this event. There will also be a homecoming event at Grove Park on April 21st and they have asked if the City of Hawthorne would take part in this.
- City Manager announced he and Bill would be going to the Villages with the City Engineer to see their Sewer Plant and invited any Commissioner to go. Commissioner Carlton noted that signs were needed on N. Highway 301 showing the Downtown/Historic District. Mr. Shryock mentioned there were restrictions by DOT and Commissioner Roberts related that the Chamber was working on

signs for the local businesses. Kenny Gibbs will hold a visioning meeting at the Library on Feb. 12th from 6-8pm.

J. ADJOURN

Moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2007 at 8:05 PM

Motion – Commissioner Roberts
Vote – 5-0

Second – Vice Mayor Randall

These Minutes of the January 22, 2007 Regular Commission Meeting are submitted for approval.

Chad M. Shryock, City Manager

Terry Knowles, Mayor

Donna R. Mayes, CMC
City Clerk