
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
APRIL 2, 2007**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Board present was: Mayor Knowles, Vice Mayor Randall, Commissioners Carlton and Roberts. Staff present was: City Manager Chad Shryock, City Clerk Donna R. Mayes, Intern Planner Shane Laakso and City Attorney Steve Lee. Absent was Commissioner Martin.

1. Invocation

Vice Mayor Randall gave the Invocation.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Carlton led the Pledge of Allegiance

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved to approve the agenda of April 2, 2007, amending item G , adding #3 Resolution 2007-09 and the Consent Agenda adding #4 SHIP Housing.

Motion – Commissioner Roberts

Second – Commissioner Carlton

Vote – 4-0

C. RECOGNITIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS**1. Swearing in of Police Chief Jack Donadio**

Mayor Knowles gave the oath to Chief Donadio swearing him in as the new Police Chief for the City of Hawthorne.

2. Proclamation – Municipal Clerks Week

Commissioner Roberts presented the Proclamation to City Clerk Donna Mayes and thanked her for services above and beyond that of the City Clerk position.

3. Proclamation – Library Appreciation Month

Mayor Knowles presented the Proclamation to Memree Stuart of the Hawthorne Branch Library.

D. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Ms. Betty Hagan of 22716 SE 71st Avenue stated she had complained about the overgrown ditch, near her home, at the February 5th meeting and followed up by calling ST. Johns Water Management. At the present time she has had no

of the tank at the present location and wondered if the City should consider moving it from the middle of a residential/commercial area. Mayor Knowles asked Ms. Daniels the possibility of this to which she replied the grant does not stipulate where it must go.

Close Public Hearing

Moved to approve Resolution 2007-08 Application for CDGB Funding

Motion – Commissioner Carlton

Second – Commissioner Roberts

Vote – 4-0

2. Ordinance 2007-05 – Second Reading Annexation A06-2 – Eastern Annexation Referendum

Mayor Knowles opened the Public Hearing

Intern Planner Shane Laakso presented Ordinance 2007-05 with attached Urban Service Report for the Eastern Annexation Referendum stating this item was continued from two previous meetings due to insufficient legal descriptions of the property. Staff recommends approval of this ordinance. City Manager Shryock feels it does not constitute a pocket.

Closed Public Hearing

Moved to approve Ordinance 2007-05

Motion – Vice Mayor Randall

Second – Commissioner Roberts

Discussion – Commissioner Carlton still opposes; not heard of one person wanting to come into the city. City Manager Shryock interjected most opposition had come from the Southern Annexation and this vote would be the only way to find out if there is opposition.

Attorney Lee called attention to the blank spaces that need dates filled in the ordinance. Mr. Shryock stated July 17th for the vote and effective date of the annexation if it passes. Vice Mayor Randall agreed to restate her motion to include the dates.

Moved to approve Ordinance 2007-05 on Second Reading for Annexation A06-2 Eastern Annexation Referendum with effective date 7-17-07

Motion – Vice Mayor Randall

Second – Commissioner Roberts

Vote – 3-1 NO Vote Commissioner Carlton

3. Ordinance 2007-06 – Second Reading Annexation A06-3 Southern Annexation Referendum

Mayor Knowles opened the Public Hearing

Intern Planner Laakso presented Ordinance 2007-06 explaining that voluntary annexations have been submitted that will fill most of the area referred to as a pocket by the county therefore making the referendum unnecessary. Staff recommends the Commission not approve this ordinance based on these voluntary applications.

An audience member asked the benefits of annexing into the city? Mayor Knowles informed they would have police and fire, less taxes and voting benefits in the city. City Manager Shryock interjected they would also have better representation. Mike Rutledge stated he was unclear as to the interpretation of annexation; his understanding was if one came in everyone had to come in. Mr. Shryock explained only if the person wanted to or voted in a referendum.

Closed Public Hearing

Moved to "not" approve Ordinance 2007-06 on Second Reading Annexation A06-3 Southern Annexation Referendum

Motion – Commissioner Roberts

Second – Vice Mayor Randall

Vote – 4-0

G. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Transfer of Right-of-Way to Florida DOT

City Manager Shryock informed this transferred approximately a 20 foot by 40 foot right-of-way from the City of Hawthorne to DOT; property located at the northernmost 20 foot of SE 223 Terrace (Cherokee Drive) in the Reservation Subdivision as part of the Highway 20 widening project.

Moved to approve the transfer of Right-of-Way at northernmost 20 foot of SE 223 Terrace to DOT

Motion – Commissioner Carlton

Second – Commissioner Roberts

Vote – 4-0

2. Itinerant Food Vendors Ordinance

This ordinance was redrafted per Board direction and is being brought back in revised form. Staff requests comments and direction prior to proceeding. Discussion ensued on permits, which, the City Manager can waive for non-profit organizations. Vendors for Home Coming will fall under the committee umbrella who will obtain the permit. Mayor Knowles directed staff to bring the ordinance back for first reading.

3. Resolution 2007-09 – A Grant Partnering with Putnam County Land Conservancy

City Manager Shryock explained this grant is in partnership with the Putnam County Land Conservancy to the Florida Community Trust Grant Program a program of DCA to acquire lands that assist local government to implement their comprehensive plans. Commissioner Carlton voiced this was not on the agenda and he had not heard of it before. Mr. Shryock stressed the deadline for the grant was next week.

Moved to approve Resolution 2007-09 authorizing the City of Hawthorne to partner with the Putnam County Land Conservancy for the Florida Community Trust Grant Program

Motion – Commissioner Roberts

Second – Vice Mayor Randall

Discussion – Commissioner Carlton stated this item was not on the agenda and it was not changed. Mayor Knowles pointed out that Commissioner Roberts had made the motion to amend the agenda to add this item and also the SHIP item.

Vote – 4-0

H. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mike Rutledge reported on his neighborhood where he has observed people strolling and enjoying the evening. He feels the clean-up was good. The neighborhood committee has noticed some young want to be drug dealers

and so the committee is going to approach the families and talk to them. If this doesn't work he will get the Chief involved.

I. REPORTS

- * Attorney Lee reported he has filed some Code Enforcement Cases for foreclosures.
- * City Manager Shryock reported the County Meeting on the Fire Assessment Report for Thursday, at 3:00 PM. The audit presentation was moved to the next meeting. The work on the water lines should begin Thursday or Friday of next week. Bill has upgraded his Wastewater license to a B license. He, as City Manager has recently received the Credentialed Manager designation from ICMA.
- * Mayor Knowles reported that the Volley Ball facility has been upgraded from a 4 court to a 6 court with 48 team tournament's a weekend.
- * Commissioner Carlton reported he went to the small cities election meeting and got information. Ms. Mayes, City Clerk, was also present. High Springs and Archer are both on the November ballot.
- * Commissioner Roberts reported April 14th as Great American Clean-up Day. Ms. Pat Kitching is the Chairperson this year. The event is from 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM. everyone will meet at City Hall and lunch will be provided. She corrected her earlier statement to Commissioner Carlton that the total amount for the SHIP request was \$11,000 for Estella Adkins for repairs and not additional funds.
- * Vice Mayor Randall reported that on the 14th there would also be a Community Wide all day events, at the Grove Park Community with lunch provided and everyone was invited.

J. ADJOURN

Moved to adjourn the Regular Meeting of April 2, 2007 at 8:35 PM

Motion – Commissioner Carlton

Second – Vice Mayor Randall

Vote – 4-0

These Minutes of the April 2, 2007 Regular Commission Meeting are submitted for approval.

Chad M. Shryock, City Manager

Terry Knowles, Mayor

Donna R. Mayes, CMC
City Clerk