

City of Davenport City Commission Minutes of February 15, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City of Davenport, Florida, held Monday, February 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Room after having been properly advertised with the following members present: Mayor H.B. Robinson and Commission Members Vice-Mayor Brynn Summerlin, Commissioner Bobby Lynch, Commissioner Tom Fellows and Commissioner Jeremy Clark. Also present: City Manager Kelly Callihan and City Attorney Tom Wilkes.

Mayor Robinson declared a quorum present and opened the meeting with invocation and a salute to the flag.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Human Resources Director Cianel Figueroa announced that the City wanted to implement something for those employees that had been with the City 5, 10, 15 and 20 years or more and to make them feel appreciated. They were giving these employees a Certificate of Appreciation and a gift card based on their years of service.

The Mayor recognized the following employees:

- Jeff Digiacommo – 9 years of service
- Jacob Anhalt – 5 years of service
- JT Torrance – 10 years of service
- Larry Holden – 8 years of service
- Whitney Skidmore – 5 years of service
- Christy Demps – 7 years of service
- Michael James – 5 years of service
- Donnie Large – 14 years of service
- Danny McClain – 5 years of service
- Darryl Koon – 5 years of service
- Kelly Callihan – 5 years of service
- Rachel Castillo – 33 years of service

The Mayor stated that on behalf of the City and his fellow Commissioners it was really a great honor to give these Certificate of Appreciation to all of these dedicated employees. This said something of their city and employees and thanked them all.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

The City Manager asked that they take Item #1 under New Business off the Agenda. Further explaining that Mr. Phillips would be addressing them during Public Comment instead. This met with the consensus of the Commission.

Motion by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Vice-Mayor Summerlin to approve the Order of Business. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion or public input.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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At this time the Mayor asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Commission on any item not on the Agenda.

Mr. Tom Phillips, Executive Director with Citrus Connection accepted the invitation and proceeded to inform them that at the last meeting that he had attended he was approached by Jennie Calhoun regarding a bus stop in the Jamestown neighborhood. He had informed her then that he would look into this and make sure that by adding this bus stop there would be no deletion of other stops. He was there tonight to report that they would be able to add this stop in the Jamestown neighborhood starting this coming Friday. A pole was being installed tomorrow identifying the location. This stop was two blocks outside of the city limits at the corner of 43rd Street and North Boulevard, so there was no cost to the City and it would not impact any of the city's current routes. Mr. Phillips also added that anyone who lived within three-quarters of a mile from this bus stop would be eligible for the ADA paratransit service which was the door to door for the elderly and disabled.

In conclusion, he wanted to thank Ms. Calhoun. This was a great example of good government whether it was in the city or not.

The Vice-Mayor ask Mr. Phillips at what point was he coming back with some numbers on their ridership. Mr. Phillips responded that he could get those numbers to the City Manager later this week. If they wanted a presentation, he could also come back. The Vice-Mayor responded that his main reason and concern was due to the Covid situation and the effect on ridership but it would be nice to see these numbers. Budget was coming around again and these number would be helpful.

Commissioner Fellows thanked him for getting with the residents in Jamestown. Mr. Phillips provided that there had been an overwhelming attendance from the Jamestown Community to this bus stop request.

Jennie Calhoun of 106 E. Pine Street also accepted and thanked the City Commission and Mr. Phillips for allowing this bus stop to be in the area. She appreciated everything that the City Manager and everyone else had done.

There being no one else, the Mayor closed Public Comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Fellows and seconded by Vice-Mayor Summerlin to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the February 1, 2021 – Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion or public comment.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 962 TO APPROVE THE LAND USE PLANNED AMENDMENT (LUPA) TO THE POWERLINE ROAD WEST B. SUBDIVISION FROM POLK COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN EXTRA (RS-X) TO RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM (RM). GENERAL LOCATION: THE EAST SIDE OF POWERLINE ROAD NORTH AND SOUTH OF SNELL ROAD EAST AND WEST OF PINK APARTMENT ROAD**

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At this time the City Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 962 by title.

City Planner Raymond Perez explained that this was a request to approve the Land Use Planned Amendment from County Residential Suburban Extra (RS-X) to Residential Medium. He noted that there were no changes since first reading and it had already gone through review by the Department of Economic Opportunity.

The Mayor opened and closed the Public Hearing with no public input.

Motion by Commissioner Fellows and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve Ordinance No. 962. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 963 TO APPROVE THE ZONING AMENDMENT TO THE POWERLINE ROAD WEST B. SUBDIVISION FROM POLK COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN EXTRA (RS-X) TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD). GENERAL LOCATION: WEST OF POWERLINE ROAD, NORTH AND SOUTH OF SNELL CREEK ROAD, AND EAST AND WEST OF PINK APARTMENT ROAD

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 963 by title.

Raymond explained that this was the zoning amendment from County Residential Suburban Extra (RS-X) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) for this 58.46 acre site. There had been no changes since first reading.

The Mayor opened and closed the Public Hearing with no public input.

Motion by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Vice-Mayor Summerlin to approve Ordinance No. 963 on it second and final reading. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

2. APPROVE EASEMENT WITH DUKE ENERGY FOR THE TOM FELLOWS COMMUNITY CENTER ELECTRIC INSTALLATION

The City Manager explained that this was for the installation of the transformer at the Community Center.

Motion by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Vice-Mayor Summerlin to approve the Easement with Duke Energy. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

3. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 986 TO APPROVE THE REZONING OF TWO (2) PARCELS OF LAND FROM RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM EXTRA (RMX) TO RESIDENTIAL ESTATES 2 (RE-2). OWNERS: ISABELO & CARMEN CUEVAS. GENERAL LOCATION: SOUTH OF HORSESHOE CREEK ROAD & EAST OF WILTON PLACE & WEST OF ALTA VISTA WAY

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 986 by title.

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Raymond explained that this was the rezoning of two (2) parcels of land from County Residential Medium Extra (RMX) to Residential Estates 2 (RE-2). Raymond explained that the lots would not result in the creation of any inconsistency within the already residential area.

The Mayor opened and closed the Public Hearing with no public input.

Motion by Commissioner Fellows and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve Ordinance No. 986.

Discussion ensued with the Vice-Mayor questioning if the City was going to be able to supply them with city water. The City Manager responded that the house on the corner already had city water. The owners had not reached out to the City, but if they did they would have to increase the size of the existing line. The City Manager further noted that some of the surrounding neighbors have contacted the city about annexing their property too and if this happened then they would have to look at running a larger line.

The Vice-Mayor also pointed out that these were new homes and questioned if this would preclude them from running sewer to them. The City Manager responded that it would not preclude them from running it, but it wouldn't be cost effective for just this property. However, if there was going to be a development in the area then they would have to look at sharing the cost of running the lines. He also stated that Staff has had conversations with developers and at some point in time he anticipated a request for sewer and water.

There being no further discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

4. REQUEST TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BRIDGFORD CROSSING HOA FOR TRAFFIC AND CODE ENFORCEMENT CONTROL ON PRIVATE ROADS

Chief Holden explained that this was an Agreement with Bridgeford Crossing subdivision to enforce the traffic laws and Code Enforcement in the subdivision.

A motion was provided by Vice-Mayor Summerlin and seconded by Commissioner Lynch to approve the Agreement with Bridgeford Crossing.

Discussion ensued with the Vice-Mayor questioning the Code Enforcement portion of the Agreement. He further pointed out that HOA's tended to have different codes than the City and he was not in favor of the city policing their rules or codes.

In the audience, Code Enforcement Officer Steven Hunnicutt provided that he would not enforce FS 720 which allows the HOA's covenants and bylaws. With this Agreement he would be dealing with building standards such as roofs or safety hazards and would not be dealing with anything dealing with FS 720.

There being no other discussion, the Mayor called for the vote. Motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVE THE REPLACEMENT OF COPIER/PRINTERS AT CITY HALL, CITY ADMN/COMMISSION CHAMBERS, POLICE STATION & FIRE STATION #1

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Finance Director Donald Carter explained that the City was in need of replacing four copier/printers with newer models. In their backup was a cost savings analysis which outlined a savings of \$7,755.00 over the life of the rental agreement. Donald noted that Staff had not looked at the plotter because it still had a year and a half on the lease and if wasn't feasible to buy the lease out.

Motion by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Vice-Mayor Summerlin to approve the contract. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

The City Manager provided an update on the Community Center and informed them that it was on track and slated to be finished by September 28th. As they got closer to this date, Staff would be coming to them for a Ribbon Cutting event. Staff would also be coming to them on some of the positions needed to run the facility.

The Vice-Mayor inserted that he would be calling him to make arrangements to walk the facility. Commissioner Lynch suggested making it a group visit.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

The City Attorney advised that he had nothing to report. He further added that today might have been a holiday but you couldn't tell it by all the traffic on the road.

CITY CLERK REPORT

The City Clerk announced that qualifying for the City's Election had started today and would end this Friday at noon.

In answer to the Vice-Mayor's request, she updated them on her Assistant position. She informed them that she had seven applicants to interview. Two had not responded to the interview invite. The first applicant had showed up late. Two of the applicants had not shown up at all. She had interviewed two face to face and had offered the position to one, which they had accepted. Two days later they had sent an email rejecting the job, so she was back at square one.

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Clark congratulated all the staff for their longevity, further noting that it was amazing to see tenure like this. He also commended the City Manager and Danny on their job on the Community Center. He also appreciated Jennie stepping up and taking the effort in making the bus stop happen. As always, he thanked the Police and Fire Department for all their hard work.

Commissioner Fellows also appreciate the good job of the entire staff.

Commissioner Lynch commended all the staff for their tenure with the city. He also commended Jennie for all her efforts and hard work.

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Addressing Jennie, the Vice-Mayor pointed out that she had asked and she had nothing to lose but everything to gain. By mobilizing everyone for the meeting like she had done had been very beneficial. It just showed the power in numbers. He further congratulated her and the group; and was looking forward to the ridership numbers.

The Mayor voiced that he was glad everything was working out for everybody and that they continue their good relationship with Citrus Connection and the employees. He hoped that the Commission would continue to offer incentives for the employees to stay.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Commissioner Clark and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Minutes are true and correct.

Raquel Castillo, City Clerk