

City of Davenport Regular Meeting Minutes of January 2, 2024

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City of Davenport, Florida, held Monday, January 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Room after having been properly advertised with the following members present: Mayor Brynn Summerlin and Vice-Mayor Jeremy Clark. Commission Members: Tom Fellows and Bobby Lynch. Also present: City Manager Kelly Callihan and City Attorney Tom Cloud. Absent and excused was Donna Fellows-Coffey who was out ill.

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

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion by Vice-Mayor Clark and seconded by Commissioner Lynch to move Item No. 1 under New Business under Approval of Order of Business. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

1. PRESENTATION BY LAKELAND AREA MASS TRANSIT (CITRUS CONNECTION) AND CONSIDER APPROVING SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR FY 2023-2024

Mr. Tom Phillips, Executive Director of Citrus Connection provided an update on the public transportation system in the city. Mr. Phillips pointed out that there had been a total of 930 boardings from the 6 bus stops in Davenport. This was down from 940 during their pre-Covid rides. Their 20X top three stops were Ridge Community High School at 301 rides, the Davenport Post Office at 200 rides and Market Square Park with 187 rides. He drew their attention to their Transportation Disadvantaged transit service and explained that this was a door-to-door service for those residents regardless of where they were in the city. It was for medical or medical related appointments only and for the elderly and for people that were at or below the poverty line. This had provided 1,909 rides.

He was here tonight to ask for their consideration of the 2023/2024 City's fair share. He shared that most of the municipalities in the county were paying 20% of what the total cost of their public transportation was, however, Davenport was the only special case in Polk County. He was asking that they consider 8.6% or \$15,000 as their fair share agreement, rather than the full 20% which was \$35,074.

Discussion ensued with the Mayor stating that at their last session they had discuss marketing the program but he has not seen anything. He further added that the city has several events that are well attended but has not seen any marketing material on the availability of mass transit in NE Polk County. He was happy about the numbers being close to pre-Covid numbers and the ride disadvantaged service was an absolute requirement. He just hadn't seen the marketing of this service.

Mr. Phillips replied that his remarks were appropriately critical of his team and would make sure to work with them on their community events and getting the material out there.

Vice-Mayor Clark noted that Ridge Community High School was not inside the city and should not have been listed. Mr. Phillips apologized and advised that he would provide the City Manager with their third stop. He further explained that the city was paying based on the city's revenue miles and not passenger boardings. They worked with the City Manager and GIS staff to make sure they only paid for revenue miles within the city limits.

The Commission agreed that it needed to be marketed and further suggested that maybe they could make sure the city also market it on their social media, website, and water bills. The City Manager advised that they could certainly do this and could also put it in their newsletter.

There being no other discussion, the Mayor entertained a motion to approve the Citrus Connection Service Agreement for 2023/2024 in the amount of \$15,000. The motion was provided by Vice-Mayor Clark and seconded by Commissioner Lynch.

At this time the Mayor opened the floor for public comment.

Davenport Historical Society President Freida Priest asked for flyers to place at the museum.

It was also suggested that they place some at the Community Center.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Mayor asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to speak on any item not on the agenda. There being none, the Mayor closed Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Fellows and seconded by Commissioner Lynch to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the December 18, 2023 Planning Commission and December 18, 2023 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1216 ASSIGNING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION TO 2475 OLSEN ROAD FROM POLK COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN (RS) TO CITY RESIDENTIAL LOW (RL)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1216 by title.

Raymond explained that this was second reading of the ordinance and there were no changes since first reading.

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

Motion by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Commissioner Fellows to approve on its second and final reading, Ordinance No. 1216

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1217 ASSIGNING THE REZONING CLASSIFICATION TO 2475 OLSEN ROAD FROM POLK COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN (RS) TO CITY RESIDENTIAL ESTATES 1 (RE-1)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1217 by title.

Raymond explained that this was second reading of the ordinance and there were no changes since first reading.

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

Motion by Commissioner Fellows and seconded by Commissioner Lynch to approve Ordinance No. 1217 on its second and final reading. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

3. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1218 ASSIGNING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION TO 2710 OLSEN ROAD FROM POLK COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN (RS) TO CITY RESIDENTIAL LOW (RL)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1218 by title.

Raymond explained that this was second reading of the ordinance and there were no changes since first reading.

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

Motion by Vice-Mayor Clark and seconded by Commissioner Fellows to approve Ordinance No. 1218 on second and final reading. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1219 ASSIGNING THE REZONING CLASSIFICATION TO 2710 OLSEN ROAD FROM POLK COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN (RS) TO CITY RESIDENTIAL ESTATES 1 (RE-1)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1219 by title.

Raymond explained that this was second reading of the ordinance and there were no changes since first reading.

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

Motion by Commissioner Fellows and seconded by Vice-Mayor Clark to approve Ordinance No. 1219 on its second and final reading. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

5. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1220 ASSIGNING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION TO 902 SNELL CREEK ROAD FROM POLK COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN (RS) TO CITY RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM (RM)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1220 by title.

Raymond explained that this was second reading of the ordinance and there were no changes since first reading.

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

Motion by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Commissioner Fellows for approval on its second and final reading, Ordinance No. 1220. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1221 ASSIGNING THE REZONING CLASSIFICATION TO 902 SNELL CREEK ROAD FROM POLK COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN (RS) TO CITY SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-1)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1221 by title.

Raymond explained that this was second reading of the ordinance and there were no changes since first reading.

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

Motion by Vice-Mayor Clark and seconded by Commissioner Fellows to approve Ordinance No. 1221 on second and final reading. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1222 ANNEXING 111 CRESTVIEW CT. (OWNERS OF RECORD: DANIEL ALEX MORALES RODRIGUEZ AND YENNY SULAY LEON)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1222 by title.

Raymond explained that this was second reading of the ordinance and there were 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 Clark to approve on second and final reading, Ordinance No. 1222. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1215 ANNEXING 59.14 ACRES (CROSSWINDS) – OWNERS OF RECORD: SLC IRA,LLC; ABC IRA LLC; GWC IRA,LLC; GAMA INVESTORS LLC; AND NORTHEAST POLK LAND INVESTMENTS, LLC

The Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1215 by title.

Raymond explained that this was the annexation of several properties consisting of six (6) parcels and 59.14 acres located just east of Powerline Road.

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

Motion by Commissioner Fellows and seconded by Commissioner Lynch to approve Ordinance No. 1215 on first reading.

For a point of clarity, Raymond pointed to the location on the overhead TV monitors. In answer to the Vice-Mayor's question, Raymond responded that there were no houses on this property. In addition, it was noted that this property was north of the service area demarcation line.

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

3. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1227 ANNEXING 102 FOREST AVENUE (OWNER OF RECORD: CM HOLDINGS CFL INC.)

The Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1227 by title.

Raymond explained that this was the annexation of 102 Forest Avenue consisting of .83 acres.

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

Motion by Vice-Mayor Clark and seconded by Commissioner Fellows to approve Ordinance No. 1227 on first reading.

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

4. REQUEST TO AWARD THE BID TO BEARCOM FOR INSTALLATION OF A RADIO SIGNAL ENHANCEMENT SYSTEM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,755.00

Chief Parker explained that First Responders have been experiencing issues with radio reception at the Tom Fellows Community Center. Chief added that the one and only bid they had received was from BearCom in the amount of \$39,755.00. and had come in slightly over budget.

The Mayor asked where the overage was coming out of. The City Manager responded that it would be coming out of the Police Department's budget.

Motion by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Commissioner Fellows to approve the Bearcom bid in the amount \$39,755.00 for the Radio Signal Enhancement System. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

The City Manager explained that almost all of the city facilities have been painted. The Contractor was starting on the last part of it, which would be the interior of Fire Department Station 1.

He reminded everyone of the Taste of Davenport on Saturday January 20th. He shared that so far, they had 28 restaurants and tickets were \$25.

He also announced that February 9th and 10th was their Grills Gone Wild event. They would also be unveiling their new stage at this event.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

The Attorney announced that he was working on getting the Ordinance titles shorter.

CITY CLERK REPORT – Nothing to report.

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

Vice-Mayor Clark hoped that everybody had a good Christmas and Happy New Year and thanked both the Fire and Police Departments for everything they did and keeping them safe.

Commissioner Fellows also hoped everyone had a good Christmas and Happy New Year. He was looking forward to good things happening in 2024. He thanked Staff for a good job and for everything they did.

Commissioner Lynch stated that he was ready to work towards the New Year and felt that it would be a better year for Davenport. He thanked staff for everything they had done last year.

The Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year and voiced that 2024 was going to be just as busy as 2023, and good things were on the horizon. They had a lot of projects in the works.

Before adjourning, the City Manager informed them that January 16th at 5:30 p.m. was the Ribbon Cutting for the new Building and Planning facilities and the Public Services Building.

The Mayor asked if anyone was going Polk County Day in Tallahassee. He shared that he would not be able to go because he would be busy with the Youth Fair. Vice-Mayor Clark advised that he would not be able to go this time. The City Manager answered that he might be going but was waiting for their lobbyist to get back with him.

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice-Mayor Clark and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

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


Raquel Castillo, City Clerk