

City of Davenport Regular Meeting Minutes of June 20, 2022

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City of Davenport, Florida, held Monday, June 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Room after having been properly advertised with the following members present: Mayor H.B. Robinson and Vice-Mayor Brynn Summerlin and Commission Members: Commissioner Bobby Lynch and Commissioner Tom Fellows. Also present: City Manager Kelly Callihan and City Attorney Tom Wilkes. Absent and excused was Commissioner Jeremy Clark.

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

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

Twila Smith of 305 W. Magnolia Street accepted the invitation and advised that her comment was regarding Ordinance 1081 and that they had talked to the owner about it and he had explained to them what his intention were for the property and she was satisfied.

She also asked that the City Commission consider honoring the Juneteenth holiday next year and each year forward.

Jennie Calhoun also accepted and thanked Danny and his Parks and Recreation staff, along with the City Manager, the Mayor and both the Police and Fire Departments for supporting their event Saturday.

Ms. Claudeidra Jones Bentley stated that she had the building across the street from the Briggs Tree Service and they had talked to them and understood what he was doing. She further added that sometimes people didn't understand things and they just needed to come together and talk. Sometimes just getting together as a community, like they did Saturday helped. She too thanked everyone for coming out Saturday and wished more had attended.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Fellows and seconded by Vice-Mayor Summerlin to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the June 6, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 955 TO APPROVE THE LAND USE PLANNED AMENDMENT (LUPA) TO 1140 NORTH BOULEVARD WEST FROM POLK COUNTY RESIDENTIAL LOW (RL-1) TO RESIDENTIAL LOW (RL)**

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 955 by title.

City Planner Raymond Perez explained that this was a future land use amendment from Polk County Residential Low-1 (RL-1) to Residential Low (RL), consisting of .93 acres.

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

Motion by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Vice-Mayor Summerlin to approve on first reading Ordinance No. 955. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 956 TO REZONE 1140 NORTH BOULEVARD WEST FROM POLK COUNTY RESIDENTIAL LOW (RL-1) TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL (R-3)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 956 by title.

Raymond explained that this was the rezoning of the same parcel from Polk County Residential Low-1 (RL-1) to Residential 3 (R-3) consisting of .93 acres.

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. 956 on its first reading. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

3. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 957 TO APPROVE THE LAND USE PLANNED AMENDMENT (LUPA) TO 610 HIGHWAY 17/92 SOUTH FROM POLK COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN (RS) TO RESIDENTIAL HIGH (RH)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 957 by title.

Raymond stated that this was a future Land Use from Polk County Residential Suburban (RS) to Residential High (RH) consisting of 10.51 acres. Raymond further noted that the applicant was now aware of the density of this property and that only 50 units would be considered if they did not obtain the land to the west.

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. 957 on its first reading.

The Vice-Mayor stated that his comments would be the same as stated in the Planning Commission meeting.

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

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 983 TO REZONE 610 HIGHWAY 17/92 SOUTH FROM POLK COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN (RS) TO MULTI-FAMILY (MF)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 983 by title.

Raymond explained that this was the rezoning from Polk County Residential Suburban (RS) to Multi-Family (MF) consisting of 10.51 acres.

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

Motion by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Vice-Mayor Summerlin to approve on first reading Ordinance No. 983. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

5. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1079 ANNEXING 1006 SNELL CREEK ROAD (OWNER OF RECORD: JOSE MORALES)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1079 by title.

Raymond explained that this was a voluntary annexation of one parcel of land consisting of 4.95 acres.

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

Motion by Vice-Mayor Summerlin and seconded by Commissioner Lynch to approve Ordinance No. 1079 on its first reading. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1081 TO REZONE PARCEL #272703-721000-006220 - REDDING STREET FROM COMMERCIAL NEIGHBORHOOD (C-1) TO COMMERCIAL HIGHWAY (C-3) (GENERAL LOCATION: SOUTH OF BARGAIN BARN ROAD AND EAST OF HWY 17/92 NORTH)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1081 by title.

Raymond stated that this was the rezoning of this parcel from Commercial Neighborhood-1 (C-1) to Commercial Highway-3 (C-3).

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

Motion by Commissioner Fellows and seconded by Vice-Mayor Summerlin to approve Ordinance No. 1081 on its first reading.

For clarification, the Vice-Mayor pointed out that this property was already commercial.

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

7. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) FORD EXPLORER UTILITY VEHICLES FOR THE BUILDING AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Building Official Bill Nolen explained that this was a request for the purchase of the two vehicles approved in the budget.

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

Motion by Vice-Mayor Summerlin and seconded by Commissioner Lynch to approve the purchase of the two Utility vehicles for a total \$55,933 as detailed in the budget. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

8. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT WITH RETAIL STRATEGIES, LLC TO PROVIDE CONSULTING SERVICES FOR RETAIL RECRUITMENT

The City Manager explained that he had the opportunity to meet with the representative from this company. He further explained that this company would recruit more businesses into the city. They would provide a study and analysis to identify and determine the city's retail base. They would work similar to an EDC. This agreement would be a piggyback of the Lauderdale Lakes Agreement, which other cities were using, including Lake Alfred, Haines City, Coral Springs and Lake Butler.

If approved, the city would pay \$40,000 each year with a 3 year commitment. The funds would be taken out of the City Commission contingency fund or budgeted in their next budget.

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

Discussion ensued with the City Commission voicing their approval and the need to start focusing on commercial growth and the need to get other businesses into the city. It was further noted that they didn't have the commercial growth to complement their residential growth and as everyone knew, with commercial growth came jobs.

It was the consensus to use the City Commission contingency fund for the first year then as a budgeted item for the next 2 years so as to not to deplete their contingency fund.

Ms. Claudeidra Jones Bentley asked why they needed to pay another company when they already knew what they needed. The City Manager responded that city staff did not have the expertise or contact information to get the businesses into the city.

At this time a motion was made by Vice-Mayor Summerlin and seconded by Commissioner Lynch to approve the agreement with Retail Strategies, LLC for the period of 3 years. Motion carried unanimously with no further discussion.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

The City Manager announced that staff was currently working on the budget and because of the load of the Regular Meeting agenda, staff was looking at having a Budget Workshop July 5th at 5:30pm prior to the meeting. At this point it looked like they might not have a Regular Meeting but if they did then they could recess and hold the Regular Meeting then reconvene into the Budget Workshop. This met with the consensus of the City Commission.

He also reminded them of the 4th of July event coming up.

He also shared that Republic Services had presented the renewal cost of \$18.50 per home with a 5% fixed amount price increase per year for a 3 year extension term. He further explained that there was a bid opening tomorrow for the solid waste contract. He was bringing this to them because Republic Service had informed him that if they didn't agree with this then they would submit a bid and this offer would go away. Brief discussion ensued with the Commission deciding that they would wait for the bids to be opened.

He also informed that that he had spoken to the property owner Casey Cross about the piece of property adjacent to the Holly Hill Shop property. Mr. Cross had informed him that the property was in a Trust and he had to get 3 estimates on the property before he could sell it. Mr. Cross

had gotten estimates and had told him that if the Commission was receptive, he was willing to go down \$75,000 if the Commission went up \$75,000, which put the estimate at \$225,000. Discussion ensued with the Commission seeing the need to move forward because they needed it, however were in agreement that it was too much and asked the City Manager make an offer of \$200,000 and see what happened.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – Nothing to report

CITY CLERK REPORT – Nothing to report

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

The Vice-Mayor stated that he was looking forward to the 4th of July event.

Commissioner Lynch also invited everyone to come.

Commissioner Fellows shared that hadn't felt good Saturday so he was unable to attend the Jamestown event but hoped he could attend the City's 4th of July event.

The Mayor pointed out that the public was always welcome to address the Commission or be heard.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was provided by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Vice-Mayor Summerlin.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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

Raquel Castillo, City Clerk