

City of Davenport Commission Minutes of March 18, 2024

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City of Davenport, Florida, held Monday, March 18, 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, Bobby Lynch, and Donna Fellows-Coffey. Also present: City Manager Kelly Callihan and City Attorney Tom Cloud.

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

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Mayor asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to speak on any item not on the agenda.

Gary Knox of 302 North Boulevard West accepted and shared that he was there tonight to discuss traffic on North Boulevard West.

The Mayor agreed that traffic on this street had quintupled within the last 3 years because of all the new houses that have been built. They had similar issues on Suwannee and Miami and installed 4-way stops which seemed to help. He had met with the City Manager this morning about this, and they had talked about it. The Mayor shared that they might possibly have some grant money to add sidewalk on North Boulevard and around the lake. He knew that one of his concerns was a crosswalk but to have a valid crosswalk they needed sidewalk on both sides of the street and North Boulevard didn't have them. Hopefully if they got this money, they could get this done and with some traffic control items it would help.

Mr. Knox asked what kind of timeframe they were looking at. The City Manager responded that staff could do the stop signs in a couple of weeks, and he would contact Jay Jarvis with the County as soon as he came back.

Mr. Knox also asked that they take a look at North Circle and see what could be done with the bushes and vegetation that were encroaching in the road.

There being no one else the Mayor closed Public Comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Commissioner Fellows to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the March 4, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1262 ANNEXING US HIGHWAY 17/92 - PARCEL NO: 272709-728000-012300 (OWNERS OF RECORD: IGESIA CRISTIANA PENTECOSTAL QUEBRANTANDO YUGOS INC)**

The Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1262 by title. City Planner Raymond Perez advised that this was second reading of the ordinance and there had been no changes since first reading.

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

Motion by Commissioner Fellows-Coffey and seconded by Vice-Mayor Clark to approve Ordinance No. 1262 on second and final reading. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1263 ANNEXING 627 POWERLINE ROAD (OWNERS OF RECORD: CONNIE B. MILLER, MARY TOOLE AND KENNETH W. LEROY)**

The Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1263 by title.

Raymond advised that this was second reading of the ordinance and there had been 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-Coffey to approve Ordinance No. 1263 on second and final reading. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1250 ASSIGNING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION TO CROSSWINDS FROM POLK COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN (RS) AND AGRICULTURAL/RESIDENTIAL RURAL (A/RR) TO CITY RESIDENTIAL LOW (RL) – GENERAL LOCATION EAST OF POWERLINE ROAD AND SOUTH OF FINNEY ROAD**

The Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1250 by title.

Raymond advised that this was a request to assign the Land Use Classification to Crosswinds from Polk County Residential Suburban (RS) and Agricultural/Residential Rural (A/RR) to City Residential Low (RL) consisting of 59.14 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. 1250 on first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1251 ASSIGNING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO CROSSWINDS FROM POLK COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN (RS) AND AGRICULTURAL/RESIDENTIAL RURAL (A/RR) TO CITY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-5) – GENERAL LOCATION EAST OF POWERLINE ROAD AND SOUTH OF FINNEY ROAD

The Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1251 by title.

Raymond advised that this was a request to assign the zoning to the same parcel from Polk County Residential Suburban (RS) and Agricultural/Residential Rural (A/RR) to City Low Density Residential (R-5). The density for this was 5,000 square feet and the applicant wanted to place single-family homes on the property.

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 1251 on first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1264 ANNEXING 1027 MYSTERY HOUSE ROAD (OWNERS OF RECORD: SHANE TYLER)

The Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1264 by title.

Raymond advised that this was a request to annex 1027 Mystery House Road consisting of 4.95 acres.

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

Motion by Commissioner Fellows-Coffey and seconded by Commissioner Lynch to approve Ord. 1264 on first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

4. REQUEST TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON THE CITY'S CANVASSING BOARD FOR THE 2024 APRIL ELECTION

The City Clerk explained that the City Commission needed to appoint members to serve on the Canvassing Board who would canvass the ballots on Election night and certify the Election. The Board was composed of three full members and two alternates. Those expressing an interest in serving included: Joyce Hunter, Kenny Gill, Joseph Locke, Emma Snipes and David Hunter. Staff was recommending that the Full Members include Joyce Hunter, Kenny Gill, and Joseph Locke with Alternates being Emma Snipes and David Hunter.

The City Clerk noted that this year the Members had to do a 2-hour mandatory course.

Motion by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Commissioner Fellows to go with the appointed members to the Canvassing Board. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

The City Manager provided the following comments and announcements:

- Congratulated Vice-Mayor Clark on his Home-Rule Heroes Award.
- Reminded everyone of their upcoming Easter Egg Hunt.
- Reminded them of the Groundbreaking for the Powerline Road Extension April 5th at 11:00 a.m. at the Lewis Mathews Sports Complex.
- Announced that the old Brenner Building was coming to the tale end of being renovated, and the owner was hoping to open in the next 30 days. The name of the restaurant would be Corks & Taps.
- He also shared that Davenport was getting a Miller's Ale House beside the Davenport Diner on Highway 27 in the vacant lot.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT – Nothing to Report

CITY CLERK REPORT – Nothing to Report

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

Vice-Mayor Clark thanked all the first responders and invited everyone to their Easter Egg Hunt. He also thanked the staff for everything they did.

Commissioner Fellows asked for an update on the well. The City Manager answered that they were getting close and were at about 600 feet. They were waiting on a rotary bit. Their next stop was at about 630 feet and then from there they would regroup and then continue. Right now, everything was going as planned.

Commissioner Fellows also asked for his thoughts on Polk State College looking for support from the city. The City Manager responded that he would look into it.

The City Manager also informed them that at his City Manager's luncheon last week, Eric from the PRWC had attended and had given them another report. They had gotten a better idea of where they were at. He advised them that he would like to invite him to a Workshop.

Commissioner Fellows also voiced his concern about all the negative publicity and talk about the city on social media. It seemed that some folks were calling into question, the City Commission and City staff. It was a lot of negativity that he felt was unwarranted and unnecessary. He understood that there were differences of opinions, and everyone had their own ideas, but it was his opinion that this Commission and this staff has done an excellent job. He felt that he could speak for all his fellow Commissioners and state that they stood behind their City Manager and City Clerk 100%. He felt that if someone wants to be part of the community and contribute then be a bit more positive with the comments.

Commissioner Lynch voiced that he was looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt. He also wanted to share that he had talked to some of Baylis Carnes' family members, and they were very pleased at how the city had responded and had put everything together for his funeral. He thanked the City Manager, Danny and his staff for what they had done.

Commissioner Fellows-Coffey echoed what Commissioner Lynch had said and thought the funeral had gone well. She too was looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt and thanked Danny and his staff in advance for pulling off a great event.

She also wanted to echo Commissioner Fellows comments. She had the pleasure a while back to work alongside city staff and she had seen firsthand what they did every day. They would be hard pressed to put their staff up against anybody that worked harder and loved the city more than their staff did. When they thanked them at the end of the meeting, she wanted to make sure that they knew that they truly and sincerely thanked them for everything they did for the city. The City of Davenport got greater every day and it could not be done without the team that they have.

The Mayor wished everyone a Happy Easter. He announced that the Gate Church was having their Easter Sunrise on Lake Play and was opened to everybody.

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Fellows and carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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


Raquel Castillo, City Clerk