

City of Davenport Regular Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2021

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City of Davenport, Florida, held Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:11 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 Cloud.

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

Noting all the Boy Scouts in the audience, the Mayor questioned their presence at the Meeting. He was informed that they were working on their citizen badges. The Mayor welcomed them to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time the Mayor asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to speak to them on any item not on the agenda.

Brian McGuinness of 351 Keswick Avenue accepted the invitation and provided that he was there tonight on behalf of the Davenport Gladiators. They had previously been practicing at Adair Field but since its demolition for the construction of the new Community Center, they did not have a field appropriate to practice on. They were relocated to the Lewis Mathews Complex but it only had one baseball field. At present the Haines City Little League was using it so currently they didn't have anywhere to practice. They had looked at other options, but all of their kids lived and went to school in Davenport and really didn't want to relocate. He asked if there were any plans to build additional facilities.

The City Manager provided that Danny has been working with this group. Once everything was cleared with the Powerline extension they would look at the area and look at establishing a field like they had talked about. He also pointed out that the Haines City Little League's contract would be up and they would be moving back to Haines City.

The Vice-Mayor asked what their issue was and was it a scheduling issue. He was sure that Danny could work with them. Mr. McGuinness responded that Danny was working with them on the issue. Unfortunately the field that was available to them was being used by the Haines City Little League. They practiced on 60 foot bases and they were relocated to 90 foot bases, so they used makeshift bases which were inaccurate for what they needed. They just didn't have the field to practice on and he just wanted to know if the city was looking at another little league field.

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Turning his attention to Danny, the Vice-Mayor asked if they could put down some pins to accommodate the 60 foot bases without causing problems to everyone else. Danny responded that some of those bases were slip bases and were in ground. It made it difficult because if they were dug up it left holes. They were in ground bases and anchored down.

The Vice-Mayor asked Mr. McGuinness to be patient with them. Further informing him that one of the caveats of breaking ground on the Community center was that they would replace Adair Field.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Vice-Mayor Summerlin to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the February 15, 2021 Planning Commission and the February 15, 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. 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.

City Planner Raymond Perez explained that this was the rezoning from Polk Residential Medium Extra (RMX) to Residential Estates 2 (RE-2).

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 on its final reading.

Commissioner Fellows asked if there had been any changes since first reading. Raymond responded that there none. Motion carried unanimously with no further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **REQUEST TO APPROVE TASK AUTHORIZATION WITH CPH FOR THE DAVENPORT 16-INCH WATER MAIN NORTH BOULEVARD EXTENSION**

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Utilities Director Mike Stripling explained that this was a budgeted item. This Task Authorization was to install approximately 6,400 linear feet from the point of entry at Well No. 2 along North Boulevard to the intersection of West Boulevard.

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 Task Authorization with CPH.

Discussion ensued with the Vice-Mayor questioning if this was in the Master Plan and did it tie the two water plants together. Mike responded that this was correct.

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

2. REQUEST TO PROVIDE NOTICE TO PROCEED AND TO SIGN THE CONTRACT WITH THE CONTRACTOR CARR AND COLLIER FOR THE WASTEWATER PLANT UPGRADE PROJECT

Utilities Director Mike Stripling provided that they had approved the notice of award to Carr and Collier for the wastewater plant improvement. This item was to provide a Notice to Proceed and to sign the contract with them. Mike pointed out that this was an \$8.4 million project with a \$4.25 million principal forgiveness.

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

Motion by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the Notice to Proceed with Carr and Collier for the wastewater plant upgrade project. Motion carried unanimously with no discussion.

Before proceeding to the City Manager's report, the Mayor addressed the Boy Scouts and informed them that the Business portion of the meeting was over and now the City Manager, City Clerk, City Attorney and each City Commissioner would be able to make comments.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

The City Manager announced that the last of the 16" line was being installed. All the roads were piped except Magnolia Street and the contractor was already starting restoration and cleanup.

He drew their attention to the project list and the monthly departmental reports at each of their places. He further noted that the Building/Planning Department had issued 46 new Single Family permits this month. In the Utilities Department he outlined 94 new accounts in December, 61 in January, and 78 in February. As they could see they were still continuing at a fast pace on new accounts and homes.

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He also announced that Staff had given the green light for the Easter Egg Hunt and Barbeque event so these events would be taking place in April.

He also updated them on the Geneva Landings subdivision. He pointed out that this subdivision had an entrance at Davenport Boulevard in front of Bridgeford Crossings. At the time the plans had not called for a left turn into Bridgeford Crossings. They had a right turn but no left turn. Staff had asked the developer if they would include it in the plans and provide the city with a cost. He had met with the County and the County had agreed to fund half of the cost and the City would have to pay for the other half. He would be bringing back a cost. This would keep the traffic flowing and keep it from becoming congested.

Concluding, he was looking at setting a Workshop, Wednesday March 10th at 6:00 p.m. for the Polk Regional Water Cooperative (PRWC) to do a presentation. This met with the consensus of the Commission.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

The Attorney advised that he had pretty much voiced a lot of his comments at the Workshop. However he pointed out that several entities had filed petitions today in the challenge to the State's Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) ruling. All of these entities had challenged the State's ruling on the CFWI. The Rule, he explained took somewhere between 30% and 40% of their water allocations.

CITY CLERK REPORT

The City Clerk announced that after different attempts to hire someone as her Assistant, Staff had gotten together and had changed the job title from Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk to strictly Administrative Assistant. This position would provide clerical assistance to not only the City Clerk but to other Departments as well such as Finance, HR and the City Manager's office. They would report to the City Clerk and the work would be performed under the direction of the City Clerk. They would assist them with the preparation of the agenda packets, minutes, research and anything else that needed to be done in the City Clerk's office.

Having said this, she informed them that she had interviewed candidates last week and had offered the position to an employee who had applied from within the City. They had accepted the position and would start once their replacement was hired.

The City Manager added that there were a few changes in the location of the offices. The new Human Resources Clerk was now in the Administrative Office where the Clerk's Assistant was and the Administrative Assistant would be up front in the old HR office.

The Commission questioned whether the cost would be distributed among the other Departments. The City Manager responded that it would be shared and the Finance Director would distribute the cost between them.

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The Mayor asked for clarification that the City Clerk would have the final say so where they worked and when. The City Manager responded that she would and if they had spare time they would do stuff for other the Departments.

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Clark thanked all the staff for working so hard and doing an amazing job. He also thanked the Boy Scouts for attending the meeting and again voiced his appreciation to the Police and Fire Department for all their hard work.

Commissioner Fellows asked if they had to make a decision on the 15th whether they wanted to be in or out of the Polk Regional Water Cooperative. The City Manager responded that they would, which was the reason why they wanted an answer on the 17th. Commissioner Fellows asked if he could get everyone else a copy of the PRWC Workshop presentation so they could see some of the numbers.

Commissioner Lynch shared that he had noticed that everything was slowly getting back to normal and it looked great.

The Vice-Mayor congratulated the incumbents for 3 more years on the Commission. On a personal note, he shared that his parents would have been married 57 years today if his dad were still living. This day was hard on his mother so if they knew his mother he asked them to give her a call.

Mayor Robinson thanked the Commission and the staff for all their help. They were a city on the go and they were all working together.

Addressing the Boy Scouts, he informed them that he would stay a few minutes after the meeting to answer any questions.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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

Raquel Castillo, City Clerk