

City of Davenport Regular Meeting Minutes of October 7, 2024

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City of Davenport, Florida, held Monday, October 7, 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: Linda Robinson, Commissioner Bobby Lynch, and Donna Fellows-Coffey. Also present were City Manager Kelly Callihan and City Attorney Elisabeth Crane.

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

Taking a few minutes, Mayor Summerlin asked those present to take this hurricane very serious, especially the new residents that have never been through one. He asked them to make sure that they had their homes prepared to the best of their ability. The city was prepared to the best of their ability to make sure that they would be able to maintain services through the storm. He was also able to participate with the City Manager and senior staff on Sunday for the first County EOC meeting.

PROCLAMATION

The Proclamations Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month and National Service Dog Month were read out loud by the City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Motion by Vice-Mayor Clark and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve the Order of Business. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Commissioner Fellows-Coffey to approve the Consent Agenda which consisted of the September 19, 2024 Planning Commission minutes and the September 19, 2024 2nd Budget Public Hearing & Regular Meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

1. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1288 ASSIGNING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION TO 0-425 SOUTH BOULEVARD EAST FROM RESIDENTIAL LOW (RL) TO COMMERCE ACTIVITY CENTER (CAC)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1288 by title.

City Planner Raymond Perez explained that this was second and final reading of this 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 Robinson to approve Ordinance No. 1288 on its second and final reading. Motion carried unanimously

2. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1292 ASSIGNING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION TO 310 43RD STREET FROM POLK COUNTY RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM (RM) TO CITY RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM (RM)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1292 by title.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Lynch that the Commission adopt Ordinance No. 1292 on its second and final reading. Motion carried unanimously.

3. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1293 ASSIGNING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO 310 43RD STREET FROM POLK COUNTY RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM (RM) TO CITY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-5)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1293 by title.

Raymond explained that this was second and final reading of this 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-Coffey and seconded by Vice-Mayor Clark that the City Commission approve Ordinance No. 1293 on second and final reading. Motion carried unanimously.

4. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1294 ASSIGNING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION TO 623 SYLVAN RAMBLE ROAD FROM COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN (RS) TO CITY RESIDENTIAL LOW (RL)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1294 by title.

Raymond explained that this was second and final reading of this 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 Lynch to approve Ordinance No. 1294 on second and final reading. Motion carried unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1295 ASSIGNING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO 623 SYLVAN RAMBLE ROAD FROM COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN (RS) TO CITY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-5)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1295 by title.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Vice-Mayor Clark that the City Commission approve Ordinance No. 1295 on second and final reading. Motion carried unanimously.

6. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1296 ASSIGNING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION TO 619 SYLVAN RAMBLE ROAD FROM COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN (RS) TO CITY RESIDENTIAL LOW (RL)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1296 by title.

Raymond explained that this was second and final reading of this 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-Coffey and seconded by Commissioner Lynch that the City Commission approve Ordinance No. 1296 on second and final reading. Motion carried unanimously.

7. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1297 ASSIGNING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO 619 SYLVAN RAMBLE ROAD FROM COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN (RS) TO CITY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-5)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1297 by title.

Raymond explained that this was second and final reading of this 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 Robinson to approve on second and final reading, Ordinance No. 1297. Motion carried unanimously.

8. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1298 ASSIGNING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION TO 109 E. FULLER STREET FROM COUNTY RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM (RM) TO CITY RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM (RM)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1298 by title.

Raymond explained that this was second and final reading of this 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 both Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Fellows-Coffey to approve Ordinance No. 1298 on second and final reading. Motion carried unanimously.

9. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1299 ASSIGNING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO 109 E. FULLER STREET FROM COUNTY RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM (RM) TO CITY LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-5)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1299 by title.

Raymond explained that this was second and final reading of this 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. 1299. Motion carried unanimously.

10. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1300 ASSIGNING THE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION TO CINTRA ENTERPRISES (0 JAMES STREET) FROM COUNTY RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM (RM) TO CITY COMMERCE ACTIVITY CENTER (CAC)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1300 by title.

Raymond explained that this was second and final reading of this 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-Coffey and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve Ordinance No. 1300 on second and final reading. Motion carried unanimously.

11. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1301 ASSIGNING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO CINTRA ENTERPRISES (0 JAMES STREET) FROM COUNTY RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM (RM) TO CITY COMMERCIAL NEIGHBORHOOD (C-1)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1301 by title.

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

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

Motion by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Vice-Mayor Clark that the City Commission approve Ordinance No. 1301 on second and final reading. Motion carried unanimously.

12. PUBLIC HEARING AND SECOND AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1308 ASSIGNING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO 0-425 SOUTH BOULEVARD EAST FROM CITY LOW DENISTY RESIDENTIAL (R-5) TO CITY COMMERCIAL NEIGHORHOOD (C-1)

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1308 by title.

Raymond explained that this was second and final reading of this 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 Lynch to approve Ordinance No. 1308 on second and final reading. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The City Manager noted that the next few items were approved during their Budget process and were well needed.

1. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A CATERPILLAR 930 WHEEL LOADER FROM RING POWER THROUGH THE FLORIDA SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$238,389.00

Operation Superintendent James Coker stated that staff was requesting the purchase of a Caterpillar loader in the amount of \$238,389.00. This equipment would be for emergencies and for usage in cases of hurricanes to be able to move large amounts of dirt or push trees out of the way.

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

Motion by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve the purchase of the Caterpillar 930 Wheel Loader from Ring Power in the amount of \$238,389.00. Motion carried unanimously.

2. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) DUMP TRAILERS FROM TEXAS TRAILERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,493.57 EACH FOR A TOTAL OF \$66,987.14

James explained that this was a request to purchase two (2) dump trailers for the BCR process which would allow them to alternate them. When one got full they could pull the other one in. James further stated that these were almost 24-yard dump trailers and would be pulled with the F350 being requested later down on the agenda.

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 the purchase of two (2) dump trailers from Texas Trailer in the collective amount of \$66,987.14. Motion carried unanimously.

3. REQUEST TO APPROVE THE QUOTE BASED OFF THE PASCO COUNTY CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FIBER TO LIFT STATIONS 19, 20 AND 17, NORTH BOULEVARD MASTER (L.S.2), WATER PLANTS 1 AND 2 AND THE NEW LIFT STATION AT FIRE STATION 1 FOR A TOTAL OF \$106,242.00

James stated that staff had already installed the conduit infrastructure in house. This would eliminate the use of sim cards at these locations, and it would also allow staff to remote in.

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

Motion by Vice-Mayor Clerk and seconded by Commissioner Fellows-Coffey to approve the fiber installation based off the Pasco County contract. Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF AN R-52 TRACKED SLOPE MOWER FROM JET-VAC PER THE FLORIDA SHERIFF'S CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,414.05

James explained that this was the purchase of a tracked slope mower to be utilized in the Utilities Department for mowing the banks of the RIBs.

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

Motion by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Vice-Mayor Clark to approve the purchase of an R-52 Tracked slope mower in the amount of \$67,414.05. Motion carried unanimously.

5. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A SPARE PUMP FOR LIFT STATION 28 FROM BARNEY'S PUMPS INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$68,233.00

James stated that this was a request to purchase a spare 40hp pump.

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

Motion by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve the purchase of a spare pump for lift station 28 from Barney's Pumps, Inc. in the amount of \$68,233.00. Motion carried unanimously.

6. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF TWO (2) FORD F-250 SERVICE TRUCKS (\$136,948.10) AND ONE (1) FORD F-350 (\$67,536.05) FROM JARRETT GORDON FORD FOR A TOTAL OF \$204,484.15

James explained that this was a request to purchase two (2) F-250 service trucks with service bodies and pipe racks and one (1) F-350 Flatbed from Jarrett Gordon Ford.

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 the purchase of three (3) trucks from Jarrett Gordon Ford for a collective total of \$204,484.15. Motion carried unanimously.

7. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF BIT DEFENDER AS A FULL SECURITY AND MONITOR SUITE FROM VTECHIO THROUGH THE NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE (NCPA) STATE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,383.82

IT Manager Jose Alarcon explained that as part of the city's IT infrastructure improvements plan. This was the purchase of a complete security suite to upgrade the City's network security software with the continuous attempts by hackers. He also added that the \$67,383.82 was for a 3-year contract and would be paid over the course of 3 years.

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

Motion by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Vice-Mayor Clark to approve the purchase of the BIT Defender security and monitor suite from Vtech10 on the state contract in the amount of \$67,383.82. Motion carried unanimously.

8. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE REPLACEMENT SERVER FROM VTECH10 THROUGH THE NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE (NCPA) STATE CONTRACT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,342.24

Jose explained that they had budgeted \$70,000 and this had come in slightly under budget. Jose further added that this was for the purchase of two (2) servers. If one went down or one needed to be serviced, it wouldn't cut out service for anybody. It would also allow them to expand almost indefinitely and best met current and future needs. The flexibility of this configuration made it ideal as the city redeveloped its IT infrastructure and grows physically and virtually.

The Mayor stated that the city has been behind on its technology and he had encouraged Jose to get them into the 21st century and was pleased with the results.

Jose also informed them that this had a life expectancy of 5 to 7 years.

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

Motion by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Lynch to approve the purchase of the replacement server from Vtech10 through the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance in the amount of \$64,342.24. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance Director Donald Carter explained that the next six (6) ordinances dealt with the Police Officers/Firefighters' pension plan and the General Employees' pension plan. He further explained that the ordinances provided several changes designed to enhance the retirement plan. The changes included:

1. Extends the DROP period from 5 years to 8 years.
2. Adds a Buy Back Provision allowing a member to buy back previous governmental or military years of service.
3. Amends Section 2-248 - Distribution of Benefits and Section 2-256 - Deferred Retirement Option Plan due to changes made in the Internal Revenue Code in the Secure Act 2.0.

Commissioner Robinson asked if an employee would be allowed to buy back the time at what their salary was 10 years ago or at the current rate. Donald responded that he couldn't answer but he would probably say that they would factor it in with the current and they would calculate it based on that.

Commissioner Robinson further added that the buyback program was a very good program and a great thing to offer the employees.

9. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1311 AMENDING THE CITY OF DAVENPORT POLICE OFFICERS/FIREFIIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AMENDING SECTION 2-248 - DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS AND SECTION 2-256 - DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN DUE TO CHANGES MADE IN THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE IN THE SECURE ACT 2.0.

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1311 by title.

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

Motion by Vice-Mayor Clark and seconded by Commissioner Lynch to approve Ordinance No. 1311 on first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

10. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1312 AMENDING THE CITY OF DAVENPORT POLICE OFFICERS/FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM EXTENDING THE MAXIMUM DROP PARTICIPATION PERIOD FROM FIVE (5) YEARS TO EIGHT (8) YEARS

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1312 by title.

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. 1312 on first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

11. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1313 AMENDING THE CITY OF DAVENPORT POLICE OFFICERS/FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO PROVIDE A BUY BACK PROVISION ALLOWING A MEMBER TO BUY BACK PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTAL OR MILITARY YEARS OF SERVICE

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1313 by title.

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

Donald noted that all of these provisions were going to be funded 100% by the employee.

Motion by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Lynch that the Commission approve Ordinance No. 1313 on first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

12. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1314 AMENDING THE CITY OF DAVENPORT GENERAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AMENDING SECTION 2-248 – DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS AND SECTION 2-256 – DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN DUE TO CHANGES MADE IN THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE IN THE SECURE ACT 2.0.

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1314 by title.

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

Motion by Commissioner Fellows-Coffey and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to approve Ordinance No. 1314 on first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

13. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1315 AMENDING THE CITY OF DAVENPORT GENERAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM EXTENDING THE MAXIMUM DROP PARTICIPATION PERIOD FROM FIVE (5) YEARS TO EIGHT (8) YEARS

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1315 by title.

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. 1315 on first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

14. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1316 AMENDING THE CITY OF DAVENPORT GENERAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO PROVIDE A BUY BACK PROVISION ALLOWING A MEMBER TO BUY BACK PREVIOUS GOVERNMENTAL OR MILITARY YEARS OF SERVICE

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1316 by title.

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

Motion by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Vice-Mayor Clark that the Commission approve Ordinance No. 1316 on first reading.

Commissioner Robinson asked that if an employee was a retiree from another governmental agency and they were taking a pension from that agency, would they be allowed to buy in to this plan and basically double dip. Donald responded that he could not specifically answer the question at this moment, but his thought would be that they could not but would find out for their next meeting.

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

15. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1317 AMENDING WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES, FEES, CHARGES AND RELATED POLICIES AND RULES

At this time the Attorney was instructed to read Ordinance No. 1317 by title.

Utilities Director Mike Stripling explained that this ordinance was to implement rates that were discussed at their May 6th workshop, along with a presentation from the Polk Regional Water Cooperative which provided the cost of the alternative water supply funding that would be required from the city. These rates also included operating costs, Capital improvements, personnel, and alternative water supply needs for the water and wastewater utility.

Mike further shared that the PRWC was still in a flux of what they were going to charge.

Mayor Summerlin asked if these numbers were reflective of the last set of numbers they had gotten from the PRWC. Mike answered that they were reflective of the numbers they had gotten in May. He also informed them that from May when they had come and done their presentation, the number had gone up \$2 million dollars per year.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing.

Scott Woodlee of 1636 Aspen Avenue commended the Commission for what it was doing for its residents but asked what they were going to do for its residents that were getting water from Haines City. Mayor Summerlin answered that he was not sure what they could do since the service area was set during a court order and lawsuit and the city was bound by those boundaries. He wished he could give him a good answer that would help him with his water rate problem.

The Mayor voiced that his concern was that they would catch up to Haines City if they weren't careful. Water was going to be a very expensive commodity, and it was going to affect everybody. He further stated that the one holding the ax was the Water District and they have been told that if they didn't play nice that they were not going to let them play at all. But going back to Mr. Woodlee's issue, he was not sure what they could do and did not have an answer.

Freida Priest of 105 E. Maple Street asked why they would give the city's water away and hike their prices up because they were giving water to someone else. Mike answered that there would be an opportunity for them to reduce the bill if they came up with a contract but there was no guarantee they would be able to give that water to anyone else. There was also no guarantee that the well they had just dug was going to be an Alternate Water Supply. They also didn't know if the Water Management District was going to allow them to use that water as an Alternate Water Supply. So if they didn't do this now, four years from now their water bill would go up 98% in one year. Conservation was part of the key and they had done everything the Water District had asked them to do.

The Mayor stated that historically Davenport has enjoyed some of the best water rates and cleanest water in Central Florida. Their water rates have always been historically low. They also hadn't done any maintenance for 50 years and they've had to spend a lot of money to replace these lines and the cost of this has been factored into these rates.

Commissioner Lynch recalled the rates not being adjusted for 10 to 12 years.

Mike shared that because of the Commission's insight, Davenport was the only city that had a lower Floridan well.

Commissioner Fellows-Coffey voiced that growth, or no growth, water and more specifically clean water has been and would always be a scarce resource. But the fact of the matter was that they had to provide their residents with clean drinking water and enough of it. It would be great not to have to raise the rates. It would also be huge if they were allowed to use the well and curb some of that expense. They had to make sure that they had the water if they needed it. They have committed themselves to a million gallons of water and they had to stand up to their commitments.

There being no one else, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing

Motion by Vice-Mayor Clark and seconded by Commissioner Fellows-Coffey to approve Ordinance No. 1317 on first reading. Motion carried unanimously.

16. APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A CONTINUING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOP SIX RESPONDENTS TO THE CONTINUING ENGINEERING SERVICES

Mike explained that staff was asking for approval of the Continuing Services Agreement with the top six respondents. He also noted that there was no financial impact for these until a separate task authorization was approved by them.

Motion by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Commissioner Robinson to enter into a continuing services agreement with the top six respondents to the continuing engineering services. Motion carried unanimously.

17. APPROVE THE REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A CONTINUING SERVICES CONTRACT WITH THE TOP SIX RESPONDENTS TO THE SURVEYOR AND GIS SUPPORT ENGINEERS

Mike explained that this was the approval for the top six respondents to the Surveyor and GIS Support Engineers.

Motion by Commissioner Lynch and seconded by Vice-Mayor Clark to approve the request to enter into a continuing services contract with the top six respondents to the Surveyor and GIS Support Engineers. Motion carried unanimously.

18. APPROVE THE TASK AUTHORIZATION WITH CPH ENGINEERS FOR WATER USE PERMITTING ALTERNATIVE WATER USE

Mike explained that their Water Use permit would expire October 20, 2025, and included the use of an alternative water supply. The city has completed a lower Floridan aquifer well that has been designated an alternative water supply by the Southwest Florida Water Management District. The normal time frame for applying for a new water use permit would be six (6) months prior to the expiration of the permit, however with the new water supply nearing completion and moving forward with the construction of the improvements to put this well into service the Utilities Department was ready to submit the new information to the Water Management District to secure the quantities of that well. This was likely to be a lengthy project and would include likely impacts from the Central Florida Water Initiative (CFWI) rule that has a moratorium on upper Floridan withdrawals on December 31, 2025, based on actual usage at that time.

The City Manager stated that before they officially gave them the contract that he would like to sit down and meet with them because he felt that 2 years was too long of a timeframe for them and he wanted them to shorten that timeframe, and didn't want it in the contract.

Motion by Commissioner Fellows-Coffey and seconded by Vice-Mayor Clark to approve the Task Authorization with CPH Engineer for water use permitting Alternative Water Use with the modification by the City Manager. Motion carried unanimously.

19. APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) 2025 FORD EXPLORER POLICE INTERCEPTOR VEHICLES AT \$46,000.05 EACH FOR A TOTAL OF \$184,000.20; THREE (3) 2025 FORD EXPLORER VEHICLES AT \$40,971.05 EACH FOR A TOTAL OF \$122,913.15; AND ONE (1) 2025 FORD F-150 POLICE RESPONDER TRUCK AT \$48,662.05 FROM JARRETT-GORDON FORD IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$355,535.40

Chief Parker explained that due to increased staffing and a review of the condition of the existing fleet, they were requesting the purchase of eight (8) vehicles. These included:

- Three (3) unmarked, non-pursuit vehicles for detectives and the Patrol Commander. The existing unmarked pursuit-rated Ford Explorer Interceptors currently assigned to these members will be converted to marked patrol vehicles and transferred to patrol officers.
- Four (4) pursuit-rated vehicles for patrol, three (3) of which will replace the aforementioned disposed vehicles and one (1) new patrol vehicle.
- One (1) unmarked vehicle for the Chief of Police. The existing vehicle issued to the Police Chief will be reassigned to the Administrative Officer.

Chief noted that they would be retiring three (3) vehicles.

Motion by Commissioner Robinson and seconded by Commissioner Lynch to approve the purchase of the eight (8) vehicles as specified in the agenda item in the amount of \$355,535.40.

Commissioner Robinson asked where the retired vehicles went. Chief Parker responded that they went to an auction.

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

Coming up to the podium, Fire Chief JT Torrance announced that he wanted to go on the record and state that the Fire Department had not asked for anything.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

The City Manager drew their attention to the monthly Departmental reports at their places. He also thanked city staff and sponsors for all their help at the multicultural event.

He also announced that Staff was boarding up all its facilities in preparation for the hurricane.

He also shared that they had received a phone call from one of their newest contractors, Southern Elevation, and they were supplying two loaders and two operators if the city needed them. In addition, QCS who was the Powerline contractor had brought a loader to the EOC. The City's equipment was ready and on standby, if needed. Florida Tankers had also supplied them with a tanker. He also wanted to thank city staff for their participation at their first EOC meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

The City Attorney asked that everyone stay safe and secure their homes and to make sure their pets were safe also.

CITY CLERK REPORT

In jest, the City Clerk stated that with all the vehicles that had been purchased tonight that she would have to take her lunch to the tag office because it was going to take all day long to get tags for them.

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Fellows-Coffey asked that everyone stay safe and dry. She was looking forward to the upcoming Halloween event. Unfortunately, with the timing of the storm, it had pushed the homecoming parade and Polk State College groundbreaking back.

Commissioner Lynch shared that the multicultural event had turned out great and had been well attended. He asked everybody to stay safe and hoped that it wasn't as bad as they said it would be. He also informed them that the Ridge League of Cities dinner had been cancelled.

Commissioner Robinson also voiced that the multicultural event had been great and was amazed at the number of people that had shown up. City Staff had worked hard and had done a great job. She had also attended the Polk Vision Workshop and it had been very interesting. She was proud on how complimentary they had been of the Tom Fellows Community Center and the staff. She thanked Kelly and his staff for the hurricane preparedness.

In regard to the Domestic Violence Proclamation read tonight, she stated that they always think about a husband and wife but they also needed to keep in mind that children were also victims of domestic violence and needed to keep them in their prayers. She asked everyone to be safe

The Vice-Mayor stated that he was not able to attend the multicultural event but had heard that it had been amazing. He thanked staff for all their hard work, and they would be in their thoughts and prayers for the next few days. He thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their service and hard work. He also asked those using generators to please place them outside.

Mayor Summerlin drew their attention to the monthly utilities report, further noting that this year they have been averaging over 100 new water accounts per month which in 9 months amounted to 1,000 new water accounts or about 5,000 new residents. He further pointed out that a lot of the residents in town have not been through a hurricane before.

In closing, the City Manager stated that the county had announced that they would be closed Wednesday and Thursday and the city was following suit, with only essential personnel on duty.

There being no further business, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn which was provided by Vice-Mayor Clark.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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



Raquel Castillo, City Clerk