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CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP
MINUTES
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Vice Mayor James called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m.

Invocation by Vice Mayor Gloria James.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Byran Williams – Present arrived at 5:47 p.m.
Vice Mayor Gloria James – Present
Commissioner Jason Evans – Absent
Commissioner Scott Jamison – Present
Commissioner Sue Weller – Present

Staff Present: Ed Booth, City Manager
Jenny L. Parham, City Clerk
Angela Stone, Assistant City Clerk
Scott Walker, City Attorney
Amanda Rodriquez, CRA Executive Director

DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE RENAMING OF N.W. US HWY 27.

Keith Godwin, Alachua County Fire Recuse E911 Coordinator, advised that the road does not have to be named N.W. US Hwy 27.

Commissioner Weller advised that she put this on the agenda as she was approached by businesses about having a named road instead of N. W. US Hwy 27.

Keith Godwin stated that it does not have to be a railroad name, but we do not want to duplicate another road name within the county. He adds that the name should not be difficult to pronounce or spell, and you do want to have names that are associated with the area; gave an example of Micanopy using Indian names. He did strongly suggest that we use a railroad name.

Commissioner Weller asked what the process is to make the change. Mr. Godwin gave an overview of the coordination process. He stated the city would notify them and they would do all the coordination.

David Benton stated that all the street signs are up for N.W. US HWY 27. He stated that it would cost \$1500 to \$1600 for new signs plus the cost of the signs at the red light. There will be 46 signs plus the

ones at the red light.

Keith Godwin stated that during the process of the current renaming that they received a lot of angry citizens and businesses about the street renaming. He added that with an additional change there may be additional costs to the citizens and businesses with letterhead, business cards, and Driver's License.

Ross Ambrose questioned what area would be renamed. Commissioner Weller stated from the split at U.S. HWY 441 to the river. He states that having a name makes sense from the corner to the split, as US HWY 27 turns at the corner. He states that this could possibly cause an issue and people could end up at US HWY 441.

Sharon Cantor, Cootie Coo Creations, asked about the merchants from the red light to the split.

John Par NW 1st Avenue questioned why the streets are being renamed. Mr. Godwin stated that the entire county is on a grid system except High Springs. Mr. Par stated that why is it he could not get packages delivered from UPS. Mr. Godwin explained the issue that they had with getting the information to UPS. Mr. Par asked why are we trying to rename again with all this trouble. Commissioner Weller explained that the businesses and residents will have a year to have mail delivered with the old address.

Johnny Sheppard stated that the road was US HWY 27 before it was 1st Ave and spoke of the Driver's License fees that citizens would have to pay if they changed it again.

Paul Regensdorf spoke of being in support of the CCC dispatching. He stated he was not in favor of renaming the streets. He spoke of the old address being more reflective of a small town and now we are just big numbers. He stated he can no longer tell people how to get to their business with the new streets. He spoke of customers complaining that their GPS directions did not match street signs. He stated there are a lot of expenses. He stated they should give more names than just NW 1st Ave. He suggested we keep the flavor of this town.

Mayor Williams spoke of over ten years ago his address being changed and both the old street name and newer names showing on GPS. Mr. Godwin stated he wrote a letter to Google, TOM TOM, and Garmin about the renaming of the streets.

Ms. Cantor explained that when you get to the light and continue straight to the split it is not US HWY 27.

Ross Ambrose stated his business is on W US HWY 27 and is still not in GPS. Spoke of the County promising citizens input with the street naming. He suggested a street name of Skiles Avenue, after Wes Skiles.

Mr. Sheppard explained that you are detoured down the split to get to US HWY 27 coming off US HWY 441.

Mr. Godwin stated this meeting has been great input, and his office will do whatever it is that the city wants done.

Lucie Regensdorf asked if the 911 operator asks what City the caller is in. Mr. Godwin stated they do but it adds time to the response.

Mr. Godwin stated they give the map to the dispatchers as the blades in the City are put up. He stated the responders have maps in their vehicles as well.

Consensus to add this item to the January 28th agenda.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.