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CITY COMMISSION MEETING
MINUTES
October 13, 2016

Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Invocation by Pastor Byran Williams, Mt. Carmel United Methodist Church.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Mayor Byran Williams – Present
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
Scott Walker, City Attorney
Joel DeCoursey, Police Chief
Jennifer Stull, Finance Director
Bruce Gillingham, Fire Chief

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**Motion Commissioner Weller to approve the agenda as presented.
Second Vice Mayor James.
Motion carried 4-0.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**Motion Vice Mayor James to approve the minutes of September 19, 2016 Commission Workshop as presented.
Second Commissioner Weller.
Motion carried 4-0.**

CONTINUED BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ON REQUEST FOR PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEDICATION OF FUNDS FOR WATER CONSERVATION PROJECTS IN NORTH AND CENTRAL FLORIDA.

Commissioner Weller stated that after additional information that has come forward on this, she is not willing to move forward.

Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River, spoke against the resolution.

CONSIDER CODE BOARD MEMBER KRISTEN RUBIN'S REQUEST TO BE ASSIGNED TO THE PLAN BOARD.

**Motion Commissioner Weller to approve the appointment of Kristen Rubin to the Plan Board.
Second Commissioner Jamison.
Motion carried 4-0.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CITY ATTORNEY UPDATE ON PARCELS 01098-000-000 AND 00826-000-000 AND REQUEST FOR DIRECTION TO STAFF ON DONATION OF PARCELS TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY.

Attorney Walker presented an update on the properties. He states the deed is ready for the first listed property. He adds that the seconded listed property has a reverter clause that it is to be used for a park or lift station for the wastewater treatment facility. He states that the quickest, easiest way to handle that property is to deed it back to the County. There is no guarantee the County will deed it to Habitat, but they are promising they will and are working with Habitat now.

CITIZEN REQUESTS AND COMMENTS – FOR ISSUES NOT ON AGENDA (PLEASE STATE NAME FOR THE RECORD – LIMIT COMMENTS TO 5 MINUTES)

Jim Tatum, Our Santa Fe River, requests a letter of opposition of Phosphate Mining in Bradford and Union Counties. Item will be put on agenda for next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

DISCUSSION ON IMPACT FEE ORDINANCE AND WHEN FEES ARE TO BE PAID.

Mr. Booth explains that the Impact Fees have in the past been paid at time of C/O (Certificate of Occupancy), but our ordinance says it is to be paid at time of connection to the sewer.

Attorney Walker states that they will look at this and implement this clearly, that the intent is to have the Impact Fees paid at C/O. Attorney Walker states that they will have by next meeting.

Jack Londono, Developer Bailye Estates, speaks of the impact fees being paid at time of sale, paying a

minimal nominal fee for irrigation , and not paying for sewer despite the water usage until the house is sold.

Rick Howe, Developer of Oak Ridge, expresses his agreement with Mr. Londono. He speaks of the County collecting impact fees at time of C/O.

DISCUSSION ON SEWER RATES FOR DEVELOPERS.

Commissioner Jamison states that he is fine with adding sewer at C/O, as long as, no one is using the building for an office or any kind of occupancy.

Mr. Howe stated that he cannot see any incentive to hold off on issuing a C/O for a house.

Commissioner Weller wants to make sure the City Manager has authority in the Ordinance to make the builder/developer get a C/O if need be.

Mr. Londono wants to hold off on the C/O until the house sells to keep from paying taxes on the house.

Attorney Walker stated they will work on this and bring back to commission.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF VOLUNTARY COOPERATION AND OPERATIONS ASSISTANCE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Motion Commissioner Weller to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement with Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

Second Vice Mayor James.

Motion carried 4-0.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL, SCHOOL BEACONS WITH THE CITY OF GAINESVILLE.

Motion Commissioner Weller to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Gainesville for the Maintenance and Operations of Traffic Signals and School Beacons.

Second Commissioner Jamison.

Motion carried 4-0

CONSIDER DECLARING HSPD 2006 LETC SPEED TRAILER (VIN A132042) SURPLUS AND DONATING TO SANTA FE COLLEGE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Decoursey explained that this is an item we no longer need, and Santa Fe College Police Department is in need of.

Motion Vice Mayor James to approve declaring HSPD 2006 LETC Speed Trailer as surplus and donating it to Santa Fe College Police Department.

Second Commissioner Weller.

Motion carried 4- 0.

CONSIDER APPOINTING REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ALACHUA LEAGUE OF CITIES.

**Motion Commissioner Jamison to appoint Mayor Byran Williams as the Representative to the Alachua League of Cities.
Second Vice Chair James.
Motion carried 4-0.**

ESTABLISH ALTERNATE DATES FOR THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH THE HOLIDAYS.

Discussion on setting alternate meeting dates for November and December as November 17, 2016, November 29, 2016, and December 8, 2016.

**Motion Commissioner Jamison to approve the alternate meeting dates for November and December 2016.
Second Vice Mayor James.
Motion carried 4-0.**

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT/UPDATE.

Nothing at this time.

Eva Wright spoke of her concern with the Shell Station at CR340, and the gas fumes when trucks are filling tanks making her and her family sick. Mr. Booth advised that Codes has complaint and will address on Monday.

CITY MANAGER REPORT/UPDATE

Advised that the Fire Chief will take day to day complaints for Code Enforcement. The Building Official will take building complaints, and he, Mr. Booth, will taking care of the overgrown properties.

Advised the storm that came through, we were ready for. He adds that he is convinced that we are prepared for storms if they come through. He spoke of the problem with storm debris. He stated that the pick-up of the storm debris is not part of our Solid Waste Contract.

Advised that the house that the County gave the City will be auctioned off in 30 days. House will be up for bid without showing it.

COMMENTS AND CONCERNS:

COMMISSIONERS.

Commissioner Jamison wants to make sure we remain diligent on the overgrown lots and dilapidated houses. He does not think that WCA should charge extra for hurricane or storm debris removal.

Vice Mayor James reminded everyone to register and vote, and that registration has been extended.

MAYOR

Mayor Bryan Williams reminds everyone that the next food drive will be on Nov 5th. He commended staff on Hurricane Matthew preparations. He stated that the new Library renovations are very nice

Motion Commissioner Weller to adjourn.

Second Vice Mayor James.

Mayor Williams adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.