

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, March 19, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

Council President/Acting Mayor John Dowless called the Edgewood City Council meeting to Order at 6:30 p.m. He gave the invocation followed by resident Les Slesnick leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

City Clerk Meeks announced there was a quorum with three of the five Council members present; absent was Council Members Chotas and Pierce.

Council Member Fortini made the Motion to excuse Council Members Chotas and Pierce; Second by Council Member Horn. Approved 3/0.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

City Clerk Meeks confirmed the seat for Mayor and two Council members were unopposed therefore; no election was held.

City Clerk Meeks administered the Oath of Office to Council Member John Dowless and Council Member Richard Alan Horn.

Council Member Dowless and Council Member Horn discussed the terms per the Charter and the transition to three year terms. It was agreed that Council Member Dowless would serve the three-year term and Council Member Horn would serve the one-year term.

Brief discussion was held regarding the election of a Council President and Council President Pro Tem.

Council Member Horn made the Motion to elect Council Member John Dowless as the Council President; Second by Council Member Fortini. Approved 3/0.

Council President Dowless made the Motion to elect Council Member Ben Pierce as the Council President Pro Tem; Second by Council Member Horn. Approved 3/0.

After brief discussion, Council President Dowless made the following designated areas of responsibility (not already under the Jurisdiction of the Mayor):

Finance & Budget – Council Member Susan Fortini
Code Enforcement Council Member Lee Chotas HAINC liaison Cypress Grove liaison
Land Development/Master Plan Council Member Ben Pierce
Public Works Council Member Alan Horn
Metro Plan Council President John Dowless Police Department* City Hall* Contract Staff*

Following Council assignments, the review and appointment of consultants per the City Charter was briefly discussed. Council President Dowless recommended that the City continue its partnerships with CPH Engineering, Holland & Reilly, McDermitt-Davis and Shepard, Smith, Kohlmyer & Hand, P.A. ***It was the consensus of Council to continue with these Agreements.***

A brief discussion was held regarding the City's street maintenance contract with New Horizon's (Jerry and Sande Reynolds). City Clerk Meeks was directed to forward the current Agreement to Council Members for their review and consideration.

PRESENTATION

FY 17/18 Audit - Tom Reilly, Holland & Reilly, PA

Tom Reilly presented the City's annual audit to Council and staff. He reported that once again, staff and consultants were great to work with. He said that GASB 68 is still requiring a lot of work. Mr. Reilly presented a PowerPoint presentation explaining the audit; Council and staff was provided with a copy of the presentation.

Council Member Horn made the Motion to accept the fiscal year 2017/2018 audit as presented; Second by Council Member Fortini. Approved 3/0.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review and Approval of Minutes
2. Updated Mutual Aid Agreements with Orange County Sheriff's Office
 - Sunrail Combined Operational Assistance and Voluntary Cooperation Mutual Air Agreement 2019
 - Combined Operational Assistance and Voluntary Cooperation Mutual Aid Agreement 2019

Council Member Fortini made the Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented; Second by Council Member Horn. Approved 3/0.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE 2019-01 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, FLORIDA, AMENDING SUBPART B "LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS", CHAPTER 101. "GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS", ARTICLE I, "PASS-THROUGH FEES", IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PASS-THROUGH TO THE APPLICANT OF CERTAIN COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY PERTAINING TO THE REVIEW, INSPECTION AND REGULATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR SIGN PERMITS AND WAIVERS FROM THE EDGEWOOD CENTRAL DISTRICT STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Clerk Meeks confirmed for City Attorney Smith that this is first reading and that the Ordinance was placed on the agenda as second reading in error.

City Attorney Smith gave the first reading of Ordinance 2019-01 in title only. He explained to Council that approval of the Ordinance will allow pass-through fees.

Council President Dowless opened for public comments; there were none.

Council President Dowless made the Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2019-01; second by Council Member Fortini.

The Motion was approved by the following roll call vote (4/0):

- Council Member Horn - Yes*
- Council President Dowless - Yes*
- Council Member Fortini - Yes*
- Council Member Pierce - Absent*
- Council Member Chotas - Absent*

PUBLIC HEARINGS (ORDINANCES – SECOND READINGS & RELATED ACTION)

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Dowless reminded everyone that Mayor Bagshaw's visitation is March 20, 2019 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION (No action required)

Channa Lloyd gave an update on the upcoming 2020 Census. She said the census can: (1) cause a gain in seats in the House and (2) can affect grant funding. She said people will be able to respond online. Ms. Lloyd said residents will receive communications in the spring regarding the 2020 census. She said census data is taken very seriously and taken in an aggregate and is held confidential. She said the census is per household. Ms. Lloyd said people will be hired who are familiar with the area.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Maria Abadal Cahill, 518 Glen Grove Lane (provided a copy of her statement for the record)

Ms. Cahill said her purpose in speaking is to preserve standing as it relates to tree in front of her parents' home at 518 Glen Grove Lane. She said her parents are not in agreement with a neighbor who requested removal of the tree. City Clerk Meeks advised Council that the tree has been inspected by an arborist, the City Engineer and Allstate Paving. City Clerk Meeks reported that to shave the roots requires removing the hardware around the tree and that it is expensive to do this. Additionally, City Clerk Meeks said in time, the tree eventually will have to be removed.

City Clerk Meeks said Ms. Cahill's brother-in-law, Jim Nicoloff, made a records request for all communications, including inspections and pictures of the tree. She said that the City Attorney was provided with a copy of her response. She said she will provide Council Members with a copy of the response.

Susan Lomas

Ms. Lomas said the subject tree is across the street from her house. She gave the history of Orange County giving oak trees to the residents prior to being annexed into the City. Ms. Lomas said the trees became a problem as they grew. She said that the trees should be replaced with a tree that will not cause damage. Ms. Lomas thanked the City for removing the three trees that were recently removed and for trimming the subject tree.

It was the consensus of Council to schedule this matter on an agenda date to be determined.

Les Slesnick

Resident Les Slesnick asked what was the process of appointing a Mayor. City Attorney Smith explained the Charter provision. Resident Slesnick spoke to all the things Mayor Bagshaw did for the City. He said the City needs someone who understands what the city has been doing, what to say and when to say it, and someone who commands respect. He recommended Council President Dowless be approved as Mayor.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

None.

M. STAFF REPORTS

City Attorney Smith: No report

Police Chief Freeburg:

- Monthly Report

Chief Freeburg reported that his department received a JAG grant for an electronic messaging sign. City Clerk Meeks said the Acceptance Letter has been signed by Acting Mayor Dowless.

Chief Freeburg reminded everyone of the upcoming accreditation. In response to Council Member Horn, Chief Freeburg said that in addition to accolades, he said that law enforcement agencies that are accredited have the same standards in place i.e. how his officers respond to warning shots. Chief Freeburg said there is comfort in backing up agencies that are accredited because he knows their standards are the same as the City.

City Clerk Meeks:

Reminded everyone of the special Council meeting scheduled for April 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

N. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

- **Council President Dowless –**

Council President Dowless ask for consideration in renaming Larue Avenue after Mayor Bagshaw.

It was the consensus of Council to rename Larue Avenue to Bagshaw Way.

City Clerk Meeks was directed to have the Resolution of Intent to rename Larue Avenue on the special Council meeting agenda.

Council President Dowless said he has talked to three people about the Mayor's position. He said he feels it is important to have continuity. For this reason he said the Mayor should be a council member, a recent council member or a Planning & Zoning Board member who has been involved with the City. In response to Council Member Fortini, Council President Dowless said the challenge is getting someone who wants to serve the 3-year term. Council President Dowless said he is open to the idea of being Mayor but feels odd recommending himself. Discussion was held regarding getting a Council Member if Council President Dowless became Mayor. Council Member Fortini said she would like to see "what is out there". Council Members Horn and Fortini said they will lend their support to Council President Dowless, and that they are willing to step up and do more.

- **Council Member Chotas:**

Absent.

- **Council Member Fortini**

No comments.

- **Council Member Horn:**


Council Member Horn followed-up on discussion held in previous Council meeting regarding the Orange/Gatlin/Holden intersection. He related an issue he encountered with the traffic at this intersection. Chief Freeburg said the City is supposed to be getting a report from MetroPlan and was told it would be received this week. He said it has been identified that the timing of the lights is the biggest problem but the easy fix. Traffic engineers say the turn lane at Le Coq Au Vin is what it has to be. Council President Dowless said he is in communications with MetroPlan regarding this matter.

- **Council Member Pierce:**

Absent.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business or discussion, Council Member Fortini made a Motion to adjourn; Second by Council President Dowless. The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.



John Dowless
Council President



Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM, CBTO
City Clerk

Approved on April 16, 2019