

**EDGEWOOD CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 21, 2011**

On Tuesday, June 21, 2011, Council President Judy Beardslee opened the regular meeting of the Edgewood City Council at 6:30 p.m., Council Member Powell gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of the Allegiance.

The following attendance was noted:

Present: Council President Beardslee  
Council Member Powell  
Council Member Bozeman  
Council Member Dowless

Excused Absence: Council Member Henley

Staff: City Clerk, Bea L. Meeks  
Police Chief, Pete Marcus  
City Attorney, Virginia Cassidy (Attending for Attorney Smith)  
Art Miller, Engineer

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve the minutes of the regular scheduled City Council meeting; February 15, 2011.
2. Review and Consider Planning & Zoning Board's Recommendation of Approval of Variance Application No. 2011-02 Sean Milligan – Sean and Megan Milligan, 4905 Lake Gatlin Woods Court are requesting a variance for a minimum side set back in a R-1AA Zoning, for the purposes of constructed a boat dock.

*Motion by Council Member Dowless to approve the consent agenda, with Second by Council Member Powell; the Motion was unanimously approved.*

**A. PRESENTATIONS**

Council President Beardslee deferred to Chief Marcus who introduced Phil Finley, who has been assisting the Police Department with maintaining their accreditation.

1. Proclamation: Police Officer Appreciation Day (presented after recess)

Mayor Bagshaw presented a Proclamation recognizing Police Officer Appreciation Day.

*Motion by Council Member Powell to approve the Proclamation, with Second by Council Member Dowless; the Motion was unanimously approved.*

2. Honor & Recognition of Officer Don Melville

Chief Marcus introduced Officer Don Melville, who has been an officer with the City of Edgewood for four years however, he has served many years as an officer (1971-2011). Officer Melville was presented with a plaque and acknowledged with a standing ovation. Chief Marcus also recognized Kelly Melville, Officer Don Melville's wife, who is also a deputy with Orange County Sheriff's Department. Officer Cardinal also presented Officer Melville with a gift card from the Police Department.

Chief Marcus recognized Officer Tim Cardinal with a gift from the local 7-11. Chief Marcus recognized “Jim” the owner of 7-11. Chief Marcus did the unveiling of a cake to celebrate Officer Melville’s retirement.

Council President Beardslee called for a recess.

Following the recess, City Clerk Meeks noted there are some technical difficulties with the recording system and, the meeting is not being recorded.

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (ORDINANCES – SECOND READINGS & RELATED ACTION)**

None.

**C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1. Newsletter

Council President Beardslee noted the deadline for the newsletter and asked everyone to have their articles to the City Clerk by Thursday, July 7, 2011.

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Consideration and Approval of Preliminary Non – Ad valorem Assessment – FY 11/12

Council President Beardslee deferred to City Clerk Meeks who explained the process. Council President Beardslee presented her view as to why she thinks the recommended increase is negligible, as it works out to \$1.11 increase. Mayor Bagshaw explained why he isn’t comfortable not making an increase.

Council President Beardslee deferred to JT Blanton, who served on the contract committee when the contract was renewed with Waste Management. Mr. Blanton explained how the increase was done in the past. He also noted how other cities are charging 20% more versus the City of Edgewood’s increase of 15%. Mr. Blanton said he would like to see the City change the calculation to the way it was done before. City Clerk Meeks pointed out that when she and Mr. Blanton compared calculations, they were pennies a part.

*Council President Beardslee made the Motion to approve the preliminary assessment with a 5% increase, with Second by Council Member Dowless; the Motion passed unanimously.*

**E. GENERAL INFORMATION (No action required)**

- 1. Annual Filing of Financial Disclosure

<b>WHO FILES</b>	<b>WHEN FILED</b>	<b>WHERE FILED</b>
Local Officers as defined in <u>Section 112.3145(1)(a), F.S.</u> Council Members, Planning & Zoning Board Members, Municipal Attorney, Police Chief and Municipal Clerk	Within 30 days of appointment or employment and then annually by July 1 of each year.	Supervisor of Elections in county where local officer resides.

Council President Beardslee encouraged everyone to comply with the information City Clerk Meeks provided regarding the annual filing of the financial disclosure.

## **F. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Dr. Richard Coble, 3906 S. Summerlin Avenue, Orlando, FL - Dr. Coble stated he has Pop's Mobile Service. Council President Beardslee asked Dr. Coble to stop, and noted that he brought similar complaints to Council before. Dr. Coble referenced pictures he sent of harassment by Code Enforcement Officer, Debbie Wallace. Council President Beardslee reiterated his concerns are a code enforcement matter however; Council is not barring him from talking. Council President Beardslee referred Dr. Coble to Attorney Victor Chapman. Dr. Coble said he wanted to make it clear that since there is not a recording of the meeting, he plans on attending every meeting. He also noted his email request to every Council member. City Attorney Cassidy asked Council Members to not make any comments. Dr. Coble noted the following:

- Sent pictures.
- Police officers parking together at Jiffy Mart and blocking right-of-way.
- Has provided pictures of cars for Debbie Wallace's file but no action taken on the other cars, i.e. BIG 10 Tires (referenced '92 license plate). Ask why the discrimination?
- Request sworn statements from Chief Marcus and Sgt. Freeburg.
- "Forcing me to go to FDLE and State Attorney"

(If you people keep doing what you are doing) Council President Beardslee stopped Dr. Coble mid-sentence and told him his time is up.

Leslie O'Neal Coble (Attorney) – Mrs. Coble said she submitted a request for records and now understands City retained new Council. She asked for Attorney Chapman's contact information, and the info was provided.

## **G. BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

## **H. STAFF REPORTS**

**VC: None**

### **1. Police Chief**

Chief Marcus provided GATSO preliminary review and report regarding traffic study. The City Clerk was asked to place this item on the July 19, 2011 agenda. Chief Marcus asked Council to let him move forward. Chief Marcus noted that the report has recommendations however; he has not talked to representatives yet. Chief Marcus said that he thinks the City is moving in the right direction.

Chief Marcus said he appreciated the proclamation and the attendance at the event that took place prior to the council meeting. Council President Beardslee noted the positive comments made towards the police department. Chief Marcus noted he and the Mayor are working together on the budget particularly as it relates to the reserve officers. Chief Marcus said his department is meeting Council's mandate to have two officers on duty all the time. He said sacrifices have been made to make this happen. Chief Marcus thanked council for making Edgewood a viable place to make a career as a police officer, stating it is no longer a training ground.

Resident, Regina Dunay said she walks her dogs late at night but walks with her phone. She noted a time when she was walking her dog when someone came out and startled her and her dog. She called the on-duty officer and asked if he was in the area where she was and they said no but they could be. Ms. Dunay thanked the Chief for his department's assistance. Ms. Dunay asked if the on-duty officer's number could be put in newsletter or other way to get the information out to the public.

## I. MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

### Mayor Bagshaw

Mayor Bagshaw said he received a report on the top 100 cities in the state of Florida and Edgewood was 73 out of 100, which he thought was good for a little city (population of 2,503). He reported that he is still working on resolving issues regarding dead trees, or trees that pose a danger. He noted that Progress Energy is also topping-out trees. He said there are some trees in the area that are infested with mistletoe, which will kill the tree. He told Council "We are working on cleaning up Orange Avenue; there is a plan in place and we are moving forward". He said the City is following the Code to the letter of the law.

Council President Beardslee announced a delegate is needed at the Florida League of Cities Conference the week of August 11-13, 2011; *consensus for Mayor Bagshaw to represent the City.*

### City Clerk Meeks

City Clerk Meeks updated the Mayor and Council on the resume review and interview process for the hiring of an administrative assistant.

### Council Member Powell

Council Member Powell said that he is working with CSX about mowing. He noted a request by a citizen on Harbour Island Road, and reported the work is done. Mayor Bagshaw asked Council Member Powell about the residents at Straemeyer wanted to know about rocks and railroad ties. Council Member Powell said CSX does not know. Council Member Powell said he will call his contact to see if they can get them moved. He said the City is responsible for the crossing, and that this was a result of the development and the agreement that was made.

### Council Member Dowless

Council Member Dowless told the Mayor that he would be glad to team up with him at the Florida League of Cities conference, and also work with him on growth management issues.

### Council President Beardslee

Council President Beardslee said Council needs to look at calendar to schedule budget workshops, and also discuss desires to annex. Mayor Bagshaw said Planner Hardgrove has already been working on a map for squaring it off, and that he met with her (today) to discuss. Council President Beardslee agreed with Mayor Bagshaw on establishing a baseline. Council President Beardslee noted that there is no money in the current fiscal year budget for the Comp Plan. Council President Beardslee asked about the week of July 11<sup>th</sup>. *It was agreed to hold a workshop on July 12, 2011 at 1:30 pm regarding annexation.* Council President Beardslee noted if there is a council member who wants to put something on the Agenda to let City Clerk Meeks know.

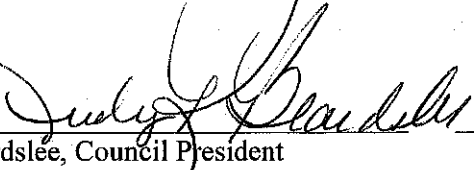
Council Member Powell would like to get with the Mayor for an Ordinance cleanup. Council President Beardslee said that if there is a particular Ordinance in question, it can be put on the agenda. Council President Beardslee suggested that each council member take a section of the Code. Attorney Cassidy gave history of when Faye Craig was City Clerk and their work with Municode, and knows the land development regulations need to be updated. She suggested contacting Municode. City Clerk Meeks noted the codification that has been done and noted her discussion with Fay from Municode at the Clerk's Academy, and that the last codification was done in 2010.

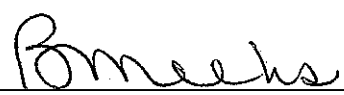
Council President Beardslee said to add review of the Code of Ordinances as suggested by Council Member Powell to the September agenda.

**J. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business,

*Council Member Powell made the Motion to adjourn the meeting, with Second by Council Member Bozeman; Motion passed unanimously (8:10 p.m.).*

  
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Judy Beardslee, Council President

  
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Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM  
City Clerk

CITY COUNCIL APPROVED: December 20, 2011 (Regular Council Meeting)