



Edgewood City Council Meeting Minutes - June 16, 2020

Call to Order

Council President Alan Horn called the Edgewood City Council meeting to Order at 6:30 p.m. He asked for a moment of silence then led everyone in in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Confirmation of Quorum

Deputy City Clerk Riffle announced there was a quorum with Mayor and all five Council members present.

Presentation(s)

There were no presentations.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of May 19, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes

City Clerk Meeks said that Council Member Rader provided her with the following correction prior to the meeting:

Page 4 “Council Member Rader reported that he created GIS based maps for the City and a draft Future Land Use and Zoning Maps.”

Council Member Chotas provided the following correction:

Page 3/Line 7 - “Council Member Chotas said that he is not in favor of amending the Code; however...”

Council Member Rader made the Motion to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections; Second by Council Member Lomas. Approved 5/0.

Proposed Ordinances

There were no proposed Ordinances.

Public Hearings

There were no public hearings.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business discussed.

New Business

a. Non-ad Valorem Assessment – City Clerk Meeks

City Clerk Meeks reported that the City has issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for solid waste services, as Waste Management provided the City with a letter of non-renewal of the current services. City Clerk Meeks stated that the current annual rate is \$292.96 per unit (container). She gave examples of two similar cities in sizes and shared their service providers' rates; however, she cautioned that Edgewood may not get the same rate. City Clerk Meeks said that currently, the City pays Waste Management \$20.88 per unit. Council Member Pierce said there is an estimated \$30,000 spread between receipts and disbursements.

In response to Council Member Chotas, Mayor Dowless said costs will go up no matter what, particularly if service is provided two times a week. Council Member Pierce said the rate would have to go up around sixteen percent (16%) for a loss.

Council Member Chotas made the Motion to leave the rate the same.

Mayor Dowless reminded Council Members that if the City gets hit by a big storm, the City covers the up-front costs for clean-up. Mayor Dowless said he feels there should be money set aside from this fund just for hurricane cleanup. Mayor Dowless said he is not opposing the motion but he has an issue with their being no buffer for cleanup. Council Member Chotas said he is reluctant to increase taxes.

Council Member Lomas Second Council Member Chotas' Motion. Approved 5/0.

b. Annexation Procedure for Oakwater Professional Park – City Attorney Smith

City Attorney Smith said he has the Pre-Annexation Agreement with signed petitions from the unit owners in Oakwater Professional Park. He said that the Association is ready to move forward with annexation into the City of Edgewood. City Attorney Smith said the City will now need to follow the process laid out in the memo he provided to the Mayor and Council Members. In response to Council President Horn, City Attorney Smith said he did not know if the non-signers are against the annexation, he only knows they did not sign the petition.

Council Member Lomas expressed her concern that that if the City spends fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) on the roadway that is not an acceptable level to the Association, will they pay to make additional improvements. City Attorney Smith confirmed that the road would become the City's road. Mayor Dowless confirmed for Council Member Lomas he had one quote (\$30,000 to \$40,000); however, he will get another quote. Council Member Lomas said there is curbing that needs to be repaired. In response to Council Member Pierce, Mayor Dowless said the City would

get the contractor. City Attorney Smith said that the improvement to the road is dependent on the annexation being approved.

In response to Council Member Chotas, City Attorney Smith said a title search will be done and it will ensure that the right-of-way easement is sufficient.

Council Member Chotas made the Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the Pre-Annexation Agreement; Second by Council Member Lomas. Approved 5/0.

c. Lake Mary Jess MSTU – City Attorney Smith

City Attorney Smith reported on the request to extend the Lake Mary Jess MSTU. He said the County is asking to add language that would automatically extend the MSTU. Council President Horn said the request was reasonable. Council President Horn said he is okay with moving forward. ***It was the consensus of Council to move forward with preparing the Ordinance and bring back to Council for their consideration.***

d. Sample Ordinance RE: Chicken Keeping as an Accessory Use – City Attorney Smith

City Clerk Meeks referred the Mayor and Council to her memo in the agenda packet regarding another request for the City to allow chickens. She reminded them that when resident Corey Phillips made his request to allow chickens in the May Council meeting, Mayor Dowless said he asked Mr. Phillips to talk to his HOA to see if they were amenable to the idea before Council took any action. City Clerk Meeks referred to City Attorney Smith to explain the template Ordinance. City Attorney Smith said the template ordinance was included in the agenda packet so that Council could see what one looks like. He said he was looking for Council to give the direction they want him to go. City Attorney Smith noted the Code that City Clerk Meeks included with her memo regarding when live poultry is prohibited; placing emphasis on the part of the Code that states “when such action constitutes a hazard to the residents or a nuisance to the neighborhood.” City Attorney Smith said the issue is what defines a nuisance. He explained the code enforcement proceedings for these type of complaints.

City Clerk Meeks announced that resident Don Smart was in attendance. She explained the complaint she received regarding resident Smart’s chickens and pet pig. Mr. Smart confirmed that he has three chickens and wants one more. He said his pet pig is in the process of being certified as a service pig. City Attorney Smith said Council might want to consider a maximum of four chickens and no roosters, which would be easier. In response to Council Member Pierce, City Attorney Smith said any structure built for housing the animals would have to be permitted. Council Member Rader said that he has no inclination to prohibit, and does not want to move against HOAs. Council President Horn said he prefers to wait for it to become a problem before moving forward with an Ordinance. ***No action was taken.*** Council President Horn said he will provide feedback to Corey Phillips.

e. Request for Proposals/Qualifications Issued – City Clerk

City Clerk Meeks reported on the two Requests for Proposals (RFP) and one Request for Qualifications (RFQ) that have been issued. She said because the debris monitoring will work in

tandem with debris management, she would like to keep the same members who reviewed the debris management RFPs, to review the debris monitoring proposals. City Clerk Meeks said the issued requests are posted on DemandStar and the City's website. She explained the services that DemandStar provides, noting that there is no fee to the City for the service. City Clerk Meeks said that she needs members for the review committees and reiterated her request to have the same members who reviewed the debris management proposals, review the debris monitoring proposals. She said including herself, the members are Council Member Pierce, Chief Freeburg and resident Tom Perley. *It was the consensus of Council to accept City Clerk Meeks recommendation for debris monitoring committee.*

City Attorney Smith confirmed that Mayor Dowless can nominate members for the review committees. Council President Horn and Council Member Lomas volunteered for the solid waste review committee; it was agreed that Council President Horn would sit on this committee. Council Member Chotas suggested resident John Sharpe and Heath Spore to serve on the solid waste review committee. Council Member Pierce volunteered for the auditing review committee. Mayor Dowless said he might possibly have residents to serve but asked Council if they know someone to let him know. It was confirmed that the committees will be in place before the review dates.

City Clerk Meeks explained that staff cannot release information on bids until after approval. If any potential contractors contacts Council Members, they should not talk with them. She said Friday, June 19th, a mandatory pre-proposal conference for solid waste is scheduled.

Council Member Rader said that he wanted make sure neighboring solid waste providers were aware of the issued RFP. City Clerk Meeks said she contacted Belle Isle's solid waste provider, noted that DemandStar sent notification to providers who use their service and Belle Isle's provider was on the list. In response to Council Member Rader's questions regarding the Solid Waste RFP, City Clerk Meeks said she would send him a copy of the RFP. In response to Council President Horn, City Attorney Smith said Council can authorize the Mayor to select the audit committee.

Council Member Rader made the Motion to authorize Mayor Dowless to select the audit review committee; Second by Council Member Chotas. Approved 5/0.

Public Comments

- a. Steven Kreidt – Lake Jessamine Estates (Written request to address Mayor and Stratemeyer Road)

Steven Kreidt, 5148 Stratemeyer Drive, Edgewood, FL

Resident Steven Kreidt addressed his request to Council regarding the "No Parking" signs along Avignon Court, to the south end of the County side of the road. He said he spoke with Chief Freeburg and took his advice and went to neighbors with a petition. Resident Kreidt said he received support from twenty-two neighbors to remove the signs on one side of the road; there was one objection. He said when he and his wife moved to Edgewood in 2004 there were no parking restrictions. Resident Kreidt said the petition did not indicate what side of the street was preferred.

Council Member Rader asked for confirmation as to which side of the street to remove sign, so that the City does not become the conflict should Council agree with the request. Council Member Rader said he did want to not conflict with the HOA. City Attorney Smith said Council has the authority to choose which side of the street to remove the signs. Resident Kreidt said one side of the street has fire hydrants. He confirmed for Council Member Chotas that there is currently no parking on the side with the hydrants.

Holly Spoonley, 5145 Stratemeyer Drive, Edgewood, FL

Resident Holly Spoonley said that she has lived in Edgewood for almost 30 years. She said before the recent change with the signs, there already was no parking allowed on one side of the street. She said resident were not abiding by the signs and were parking on both sides of the street. Resident Spoonley said that Chief Freeburg told her that the signage was not correct. Chief Freeburg confirmed that this was correct. Resident Kreidt said the HOA president drew up a map with the signs. Resident Kreidt requested that signs not be on the curves was because of safety issues. Resident Spoonley said that even with the new signs, they are not being enforced. She said if you put the signs up, please enforce them. Resident Spoonley said she has photos of the parking that is not being enforced.

Chief Freeburg explained that that about one year ago, his office received multiple complaints. He said the signs and the spacing were wrong. Chief Freeburg said when the signs were reinstated properly, he learned from City Clerk Meeks that there was supposed to be signs on the other side of the road prohibiting overnight parking. City Clerk Meeks explained that in her research of the 2008 minutes, the form of the motion was that there would be no parking on one side of Stratemeyer, and no overnight on the other side. Chief Freeburg said that when the signage for no overnight parking was added, large number of residents approached him. He said he referred them to their HOA. Chief Freeburg said he suggested to the residents that they decide what they want to do, then the city will enforce. Chief Freeburg said he cannot ticket 24/7. He said that when residents get a ticket, they come to the Police Department complaining that do not know where to park. He noted that tickets have also been issued for blocking driveways. Chief Freeburg said that the street does not look good with the all the signs. He said two signs have been removed until the matter is decided. In response to Council Member Chotas, Chief Freeburg said one side of the street with signs would be safe. Resident Kreidt said that the road is twenty-four feet wide. In response to Council Member Lomas, Chief Freeburg said City Code prohibits parking a car on the sidewalk, he said it is an ADA issue.

Discussion continued regarding the pros and cons of the signage and safety concerns. Council discussed whether or not to withhold making a decision until after the HOA meeting. Chief Freeburg confirmed that he will be attending the meeting. Council Member Rader said he did not see a reason to delay making a decision.

Council Member Chotas made the Motion to remove the signage that prohibits overnight parking that is on the interior curve; Second by Council Member Rader. Approved 5/0.

Boards & Committees

City Attorney Report

City Attorney Smith reported on the Boozehound applicants' request to consider giving credit for parking if applicants were to improve the road. City Attorney Smith said an Ordinance would be required; therefore, he is seeking direction from Council. City Attorney Smith said the credits would apply only for cross streets and the improvement would be striping the street. He said spaces would not be reserved although some cities will allow credits for parking. Council President Horn asked what the cost of an Ordinance would be versus the City striping the road. City Attorney Smith said it would be a limited benefit to the City right now. Council Member Rader said his preference would be striping only on one side of the road. City Attorney Smith said the credit given for the road improvement would reduce the onsite parking of the business. Council Member Rader said if extra spaces were created and landscaping provided, the City would see a benefit. City Attorney Smith said if a street does not have room for parking and the street is widened, anyone can use the spaces and the City still adds extra spaces. Council President Horn said he could only think of three streets that this would work for, and Boozehounds already has a seventy-five percent (75%) credit. Council Members Rader and Lomas agreed with Council Member Chotas' comment that he does not want to go forward unless the planner directs it and it makes sense. *No action taken on the matter.*

Police Chief & City Clerk Reports

Chief's Report

Chief Freeburg referred to his report included in the Council agenda packet; there were no questions. He said that there were some burglaries in Legacy and that two suspects were caught. He cautioned everyone about having unlocked vehicles. Chief Freeburg reported on the recent protests and the reform that is occurring. He said the Edgewood Police Department already meets most of the requirements of the initiatives and are accredited. Council Member Chotas complimented Chief and his staff. The Chief said he rewrote the discipline policy and is waiting to hear from the union. He said other policies will not pass until his discipline policy is approved. Chief Freeburg noted that the union is not an adversary; it is a partnership. He said the Mayor is even part of the grievance process.

City Clerk's Report

City Clerk Meeks reported on the following:

- Currently contacting service providers under contract regarding fees associated with the services to confirm whether or not they will be increasing their fees/rates in the 20/21 fiscal year. To date, no increases provided.
- Business Tax Receipts have been sent out to commercial and home businesses within the City of Edgewood.

- Working with County Building & Safety Division to renew Interlocal Agreement for permitting/inspection services. Agreement should be on July Agenda. Agreement expires in August.
- The City recently cited Rosen Materials for the fence that fronts their property and serves as fencing around their retention pond. Rosen was asked to address some concerns with the fencing and the pond. On Friday, June 12, 2020, Engineer Lane and Code Enforcement Officer Renteria met with the Rosen staff to address the items and their concern regarding a concrete drainage flume. Code Enforcement Officer Renteria pulled the file of former City Engineer Miller, and she found that the concrete drainage flume is the responsibility of the City. The flume is in need of restoration and needs to be removed for replacement of the fence that Rosen was cited for. Engineer Lane estimates a \$2000 cost. Calculations have been sent to CPH for further review. Their report will be forwarded to Mayor Dowless and Council Member Lomas upon receipt of same.
- Reminded Mayor and Council Members that they should be receiving their Form 1 (Financial Statement) from the Supervisor of Elections. It was noted that some Council Members still need to take their required ethics training.
- FRS Contribution Rate change effective July 1, 2020
- FDOT reimbursed the City \$10,849.13 for the damage claims submitted.
- In recognition of July 4th (Independence Day); City Hall will be closed on Friday July 3, 2020.
- Sandy and Virginia coordinated cleaning service and had the carpet in City Hall cleaned, the cloth chairs cleaned and the tile and grout was cleaned and sanitized.
- Natasha Furniss with Bombardier, the contractor performing the dynamic envelope installation at Holden, Jamaica, Stratemeyer and Mary Jess sent a work update; however, the project start date is pending. The work will be performed at night between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m.; there will not be work scheduled at Holden on a Wednesday night. An update will be provided upon receipt.

Mayor & Council Reports

Mayor John Dowless

Mayor Dowless said the roads and streets inventory is complete and he asked for Council Members to review. The Mayor said he does not want to miss any infrastructure needs. Additionally, the City needs to update their Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). Mayor Dowless said he and Council Member Lomas will review and then discuss recommendations on which streets to pursue. Mayor Dowless said a budget amendment will be done to move money to the roads and streets, so that repair/improvements can be funded. He said an arborist will go through the City and give a status report on trees that need to be removed due to disease and/or compromising infrastructure.

Mayor Dowless said that he and City Clerk Meeks both participated on a call with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) regarding the road work planned on Orange and Hansel.

Council Member Chotas

Council Member Chotas announced that he will be out-of-town from July 4th to August 4th. He asked to attend and participate in the budget workshops remotely. City Attorney Smith confirmed that Council Member Chotas can attend remotely. Council Member Chotas said he will be back for the first budget hearing scheduled in September. He confirmed that the next Community Action Board meeting isn't until September and he will be attending the meeting.

Council Member Pierce

Council Member Pierce said he may need to attend workshop remotely as well. He will confirm with the City Clerk when he knows for sure.

Council President Horn

No report.

Council Member Lomas

No report.

Council Member Rader

In response to Council Member Rader's request, City Clerk Meeks said she will forward him a copy FDOT's report regarding road work on Orange and Hansel. In response to Council Member Rader, City Clerk Meeks said she will contact Commissioner Uribe's office to inquire about the utility work activity on Holden Avenue.

Adjournment

Having no further business or discussion, Council Member Chotas made a Motion to adjourn; Second by Council Member Rader. The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



Richard A. Horn
Council President



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

Approved July 21, 2020 City Council Meeting.