

**CITY COUNCIL Regular Meeting
City Hall – Council Chamber
Tuesday, August 20, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Horn called the Edgewood City Council meeting to Order at 6:35 p.m. He ask for a moment of silence followed by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

City Clerk Meeks announced a quorum, with four Council Members present. The following attendance is noted:

Attendees

Richard Horn, Council President
Ben Pierce, Council President Pro-Tem (Arrived at 6:45 p.m.)
Susan Fortini, Council Member
Chris Rader, Council

Absent

John Dowless, Mayor
Lee Chotas, Council Member

Staff

Bea L. Meeks, City Clerk
John Freeburg, Police Chief
City Attorney Drew Smith
Shannon Patterson, PD Office Manager

PRESENTATION

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review and Consideration of City Council Meeting Minutes

- July 16, 2019 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
- July 29, 2019 Budget Workshop Minutes
- August 6, 2019 Budget Workshop Minutes

City Clerk Meeks presented the following corrections from Council Member Rader:

July 16, 2019 City Council Meeting

- Page 2, last paragraph. "in" missing.

Should read "... Mayor Dowless said he is IN favor of..."

- Page 3, paragraph on Susan Lomas comments.

Council Member Rader said he referred to Jessamine Lane as a residential street and not a private street.

- Page 5, first paragraph. "as" is missing.

The sentence should read "..., as well AS working..."

July 29, 2019 City Council Budget Workshop

- Page 1, last paragraph.

Council Member Rader said it was the parking area that needed to be paved in Oakwater; not the parking area.

Council Member Fortini made the Motion to approve the minutes of July 16, 2019, July 29, 2019 and August 6, 2019 with the stated correction; Second by Council Member Rader. Approved (3/0)

ORDINANCES

1. **ORDINANCE 2019-05** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 18 – “ELECTIONS” BY PROVIDING FOR THE CITY COMMISSION TO SET BY RESOLUTION THE QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR CITY ELECTIONS HELD CONCURRENT WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Smith gave the first reading of Ordinance 2019-05 in title only. There were no public comments.

City Clerk Meeks explained that the Presidential Preference Primary is March 17, 2020. She said the way the Code is currently written, qualifying could not begin until after the date that the Supervisor of Election's office needs the candidate's information, which is December 13, 2019. Qualifying will be scheduled for Monday, December 2, 2019 at 9 a.m. thru Friday December 6, 2019 at 4 p.m. City Clerk Meeks said that to accommodate qualifying on Friday December 6, 2019, City Hall will remain on Friday through 4 p.m., instead of closing at the usual noon hour.

City Clerk Meeks explained that prior to the March election, City Council will have to reschedule the March 17, 2020 Council meeting due to the election. She reminded Council that Council Chamber is the City's polling place.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (ORDINANCES – SECOND READINGS & RELATED ACTION)

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Non-ad Valorem Arrearage Assessment

City Clerk Meeks referred to her memo and explained that since the July Council meeting, she learned that the non-ad valorem arrearages will not be on the TRIM bill. She said that residents will receive a separate bill. City Clerk Meeks said that she brought the matter before Council again, because Council based their decision on the information given, and some of the information was incorrect. Council discussed the pros and cons of the assessment.

6:45 p.m. Council Member Pierce arrived

Resident Susan Lomas questioned why Council is so apprehensive about moving forward with requesting the arrearages; Resident Rick Fawcett agreed with Ms. Lomas.

Council Member Pierce was concerned that a home-owner may not have lived in the home the full three years. City Clerk Meeks said she can verify whether or not the current homeowner has owned the home for three years; if not, she will only provide assessment form for the number of years owned.

Council Member Pierce made the Motion that the non-ad valorem arrearages be based on the pro-rate of 3 years of three years; Second by Council Member Fortini. Approved (4/0)

NEW BUSINESS

1. LGIP Participant Account Maintenance Form [RE: State Board of Administration Investment Funds (SBA)]

City Clerk Meeks explained that the current authorization on file with SBA needs to be updated. She explained currently she is the only authorized user on the account.

There were no public comments.

Council Member Rader made the Motion that Mayor Dowless, Council Member Fortini and City Clerk Meeks be the authorized users on the SBA accounts; Second by Council Member Pierce. Approved (4/0).

GENERAL INFORMATION (No action required)

CITIZEN COMMENTS

City Clerk Meeks read the following email from Resident Les Slesnick, who was unable to attend the meeting:

I was going to address the Gatlin/S. Orange/Holden intersection again, which has recently had the culprit left turn lane minimally restriped. Is that it? Is that what FDOT calls an improvement? There has been zero improvement in westbound cars on Gatlin wishing to continue left/west on Holden. Inside through-lane on northbound S. Orange still being routinely blocked. Cars are honking at the blocking car's driver, and are having to slow down and go around the car into the outside lane between cars. Both problem are an invitation for a serious accident. And what we have driven through has not been at rush hour. [Sic]

Chief Freeburg said that the "don't block intersection" signs will be installed, and the timing will be changed. He said the turn lane into Le Coq Au Vin stays.

City Clerk Meeks explained the delay in installing the "don't block intersection" signage.

In response to Council Member Horn, Chief Freeburg he is reaching out the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT). He said that the Orange Blossom Trail is a County and State issue. Chief Freeburg said he has to have DOT's cooperation because it is DOT's property. Chief emphasized proper and enforceable signage. Council President Horn said he will be available for a meeting to discuss this with DOT and asked to be included in emails

Council Member Rader questioned whether or not Boise Cascade is covered under the "local delivery" Ordinance. City Attorney Smith said "it is about local trips". Chief Freeburg said he has talked to Chris Mello at Boise Cascade about the truck traffic generated from his business.

Susan Lomas

Resident Lomas questioned the donations included in the 2019/2020 fiscal year budget. City Clerk Meeks said consideration was given for Cornerstone and Pine Castle Historical Society.

Rick Fawcett

Resident Fawcett said he agrees with giving a donation to Cornerstone.

Council Member Rader said he recalled a discussion about having representation from Edgewood on Cornerstone's Board. City Attorney Smith said the City decided they did not want to participate at this time.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

None.

STAFF REPORTS**City Attorney Smith:**

None.

Police Chief Freeburg:

Chief Freeburg said the City's message board has arrived. He said the sign was paid for with a grant. He also reported on the return of the ATVs being back in town. He the number of ATV drivers had doubled in numbers, but agency support moved them out quickly. Chief Freeburg said the 19/20 FY budget includes funds for a new phone system for the City. He said he wants a small committee to be part of the group to interview for the new phone system. Chief Freeburg said the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Debris Management is almost done.

City Clerk Meeks:

City Clerk Meeks reported the following:

- Attended FLC Conference held on August 15th thru the 17th. She said there was a lot of discussion concerning cyberattacks and ADA website lawsuits. She said a lot of cities have minimized their websites only to those documents required to be posted on a website by statute. She said as FACC President, she was part of the legislative body that voted on the Resolutions submitted to or by the Florida League of Cities. City Clerk Meeks said one Resolution approved was regarding requirements for ADA Website Compliance.
- No update regarding FEMA reimbursement. Waiting for response to last email sent to Jay Pickard, a contractor for the Florida Department of Emergency Management.
- Regarding the quiet zones, she said she is in receipt of the Annual Average Daily Traffic count report and will incorporate into the inventory forms required by the Federal Railroad Authority as soon as budget and TRIM compliance is complete.
- Noted she will be attending a meeting at the city engineer's office on August 27th, along with DEP personnel to cover the City's MS4 audit. She explained that the MS4 audit is related to the City's NPDES Permit. NPDES is a permit program that addresses water pollution through certain regulations. The City adopted Ordinance 98-450 which amended Sec. 26-144 and 26-145 of the Article XIV of Chapter, which addresses control of erosion and sediment runoff related to construction activities, and to control and regulate non-storm discharge in the City's storm sewer system.
- Confirmed that she has prepared the draft of Ordinance adopting the city's millage rate, and drafted the Resolution approving the City's budget. She said she

has the Department of Revenue (DOR) check her calculations and her calculations were confirmed as correct. City Clerk Meeks said she is working on the budget summary that has to be advertised. This too will be reviewed by DOR prior to publication. City Clerk Meeks emphasized that that it does not matter if Council approves a 4.95 millage or 5.25 millage rate, four council members must be in attendance and four votes are needed to approve the millage, as the city is required a 2/3 majority vote. This information has been confirmed with DOR.

- Reported that City Planner Ellen Hardgrave confirmed with her in a phone conversation, that Orange County Board of County Commissioner agreed with the County's Planning & Zoning Board and denied the Hansel Avenue property's request for rezoning.
- Reported that Business Tax Receipts are steadily coming in. She said Code Enforcement Officer Virginia Renteria handles all duties associated with BTRs including online research to confirm all state licenses and registrations are current. These documents are supposed to be provided with the business owner's renewal; however, most ignore this requirement. The documents requested are required by Florida Statute.
- Noted that the Planning & Zoning Board meeting scheduled for August 12, 2019 was called to order; however, there was no quorum and the meeting was adjourned. Due to the lack of quorum, Deputy City Clerk Sandy Riffle has to re-advertised and send out new notices.
- Confirmed attending an Orange County meeting regarding Mayor Deming's push for a .01 sales tax for transportation funding. Noted that because Orange County is a Charter County; therefore, the County does not have to allocate funds to the Cities. Byron Brooks, Orange County Administrator, said Mayor Deming's wants to share the funds.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Dowless –

Absent.

Council President Horn –

Reported on his attendance at the Council of Mayors he attended while attending the Florida League of Cities annual conference. He said he sat in on the ADA Website session, and reported that the attorney speaking on the matter said shrink your websites downs.

Council Member Chotas –

Absent.

Council Member Fortini

No report.

Council Member Pierce

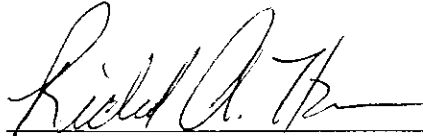
No report

Council Member Rader -

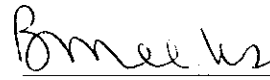
Noted the Orlando Sentinel's article about the City's tentative millage rate.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the Council meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Richard Alan Horn
Council President



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

Approved on September 17, 2019.

