



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, July 16, 2019

CALL TO ORDER – DETERMINATION OF A QUOREM

Council President Horn called the July 16, 2019 City Council meeting to order. Council President Horn asked for a moment of silence and then led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Meeks announced a quorum, with the Mayor and three (3) Council Members present.

The following attendance is noted:

Attendees

John Dowless, Mayor
Richard Alan Horn, Council Member
Lee Chotas, Council Member
Chris Rader, Council Member

Absent:

Susan Fortini, Council Member
Ben Pierce, Council Member

Staff

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

City Clerk Meeks said that Council Member Fortini gave advance notice of her absence; however, she was not made aware that Council Member Pierce would be missing the meeting. ***Council Member Chotas made the Motion to excuse the absence of Council Member Fortini; Second by Council Member Rader. Approved (3/0).***

PRESENTATION

None.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Review and Consideration of City Council Meeting Minutes

City Clerk Meeks reported that Council Member Rader provided corrections to the May and June City Council meeting minutes. She stated the corrections for each meeting minutes.

- May 21, 2019 City Council Meeting

Council Member Rader made the Motion to approve the May 21, 2019 Council meeting minutes with corrections; Second by Council Member Chotas. Approved (3/0).

- June 18, 2019 City Council Meeting

Council Member Rader made the Motion to approve the June 18, 2019 Council meeting minutes with corrections; Second by Council Member Chotas. Approved (3/0).

ORDINANCES

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS (ORDINANCES – SECOND READINGS & RELATED ACTION)

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. New Horizon's Contract

Public Comments

Resident Susan Lomas said she is asking again that the City not be too ambiguous in the contract.

Mayor Dowless confirmed for Council Member Chotas that he endorses the contract as written. City Attorney Smith said the contract is enforceable.

Council Member Chotas made the Motion to approve New Horizon's contract as presented; Second by Council Member Rader. Approved (3/0).

2. Non-Ad Valorem Assessment

City Clerk Meeks referred to her memo and gave a brief summary regarding Edgewood residents whose tax bills did not include their non-ad valorem assessment. In response to Council Member Chotas, Mayor Dowless said he is in favor of requesting the arrearages.

There were no public comments.

Council Member Chotas made the Motion to approve collecting non-ad valorem arrearages as presented; Second by Council Member Rader. Approved (3/0).

NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution 2019-02 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUED MAINTENANCE OF THAT CERTAIN LANDSCAPED AREA WITHIN AND ADJACENT TO THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF HOLDEN AVENUE WHICH LIES ADJACENT TO THE JESSAMINE GLEN NEIGHBORHOOD

City Attorney Smith read Resolution 2019-02 in title only.

Public Comments:

Resident Susan Lomas said there were a couple of things lacking; mowing the right of way on Jessamine Lane and Granada Woods. City Attorney Smith said Granada Woods' residents should make their own request. Council Member Rader said he does not believe that the County would maintain Jessamine Lane since it is a residential street. Council Member Chotas said his inclination is to prepare a second Resolution for the mowing on Holden where it fronts Granada Woods. Council President Horn said in his mind all that was being discussed was Jessamine Glen.

Council Member Chotas made the Motion to approve Resolution 2019-02 as presented; Second by Council Member Rader. Approved (3/0).

It was agreed to look into the mowing at Granda Woods.

2. Set tentative millage rate, set public hearing date for final millage and proposed FY 2019/2020 Budget

City Clerk Meeks referred to her memo provided in the agenda packet and gave a brief summary regarding the calculations, and reminded Council they can lower the tentative millage rate they set; however, they cannot increase the tentative millage rate.

Mayor Dowless recommended 5.25 mills or 5.3 mills for latitude in the budget.

Council Member Chotas made the Motion to set the tentative millage rate at 5.25 mills; Second by Council Member Rader. Approved (3/0).

City Clerk Meeks reminded Council they previously agreed to hold the public hearing and tentative adoption of the proposed millage rate on Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. She said this will be a special meeting. She said this public hearing will be on residents' TRIM Notice.

GENERAL INFORMATION (No action required)

Council Members Chotas, Rader and Pierce filed a FORM 8B Memorandum of Voting Conflict with the City Clerk following the June 18, 2019 City Council meeting. Their conflicts were related to the consideration of the neighborhood grants requested from Legacy HOA and Harbour Island HOA. A copy of their conflict forms were placed in the June 18, 2019 agenda file and the originals were filed in the FORM 8B file located in the City Clerk's office.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

None.

STAFF REPORTS**City Attorney Smith:**

City Attorney Smith reported that he is working with Mayor Dowless on a potential Ordinance for tree maintenance issues in the city. He said specifically trees that fall into the right of way. He explained that the Ordinance will, (1) provide the city an opportunity to identify tree owner's responsibility, and (2) notify owners of sick/diseased tree(s). The Ordinance would include an assessment if owners fail to remove trees that are a threat. In response to Council Member Rader, City Attorney Smith said acts of God where tree falls in right of way are the City's responsibility.

Public Comment

Resident Cindy Frongello requested that when Council decides what they are going to do, make sure the Ordinance is clear. She said the former Mayor designated trees to be cut down and there is a lot of controversy in their neighborhood about the trees.

Police Chief Freeburg:

Council members had no questions regarding the Chief's report. Chief Freeburg ask council to send in any ideas of programs they would like to see. He explained the well care program that is being set up. Chief Freeburg said they do have a good data base but want to follow up and identify the needs, and get residents in touch with the available programs. Council President Horn said this information should be put in the newsletter.

City Clerk Meeks:

City Clerk Mecks reported that she is continuing with the budget preparation, as well as working with FEMA in getting debris management reimbursements. She reported that Attorney Patrick Brackins is working on getting the City reimbursed for the hydraulic spill on Harbour Island Road. She reminded Council that the spill was a result of a debris hauling truck during the hurricane Irma clean-up.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor Dowless

Mayor Dowless recommend resident Steven Kreidt to the Planning and Zoning Board. Mayor Dowless said Mr. Kreidt is an engineer and willing to serve. *Council Member Rader made the Motion to accept Mayor Dowless recommendation; Second by Council Member Chotas. Approved (3/0).*

Mayor Dowless provided Council with a letter and requested their signature of support regarding a request for rezoning of a property on Hansel, that is in unincorporated Orange County. Mayor Dowless explained that the property owner is asking for zoning that will allow outside storage, which is not conducive to the Edgewood Central District (ECD) design standards. Mayor Dowless said he is going to attend the Orange County Planning & Zoning meeting.

Recess at 7:29 p.m. to allow Council Members to review letter to Orange County Board of County Commissioners and the Planning & Zoning Board.

Reconvene at 7:31 p.m.

In response to Council Member Rader, Mayor Dowless said he thinks the property is not in Edgewood because they were formerly owned by a County commissioner. *Council Member Chotas made the Motion for Council Members to execute the letter; Second by Council Member Rader. Approved (3/0).*

Mayor Dowless reported on a meeting he and Chief Freeburg attended with Orange County's Department of Transportation and Control Specialists, regarding the Holden/Gatlin intersections. He explained what will be done to hopefully correct the problems at these intersections.

Mayor Dowless thanked Council President Horn for addressing the issues with Harbour Island Road and other city roads. Mayor Dowless said that the issue Council Member Chotas brought up regarding a gap in FDOT's plan, was voted on by MetroPlan and it will be corrected. Mayor Dowless reminded Council that the gap was a portion of Orange Avenue within Edgewood's City limits.

Council President Horn

Council President Horn explained what FDOT is going to do to correct the low area on Harbour Island. He said the area is just as you turn off of Orange Avenue onto Harbour Island Road.

Council Member Chotas

No report.

Council Member Fortini

Absent.

Council Member Pierce

Absent.

Council Member Rader

Council Member Rader announced that the City of Edgewood has a LinkedIn Page, and invited people to join.

City Attorney Smith said the Annexation Agreement with Oakwater HOA is prepared and being circulated with Jim Nicoloff. He said the HOA wanted the things that were removed from the Agreement after the last discussion with Jim Nicoloff, reincorporated into the Agreement.

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 7:40 p.m.


Richard Alan Horn
Council President


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

Approved on August 20, 2019.