



**Edgewood City Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 19, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER – INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Horn called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence followed by leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

City Clerk Meeks announced that Councilmember Rader was absent due to a work conflict and requested to be excused.

Councilmember Chotas made the Motion to excuse Councilmember Rader from the meeting; second by Councilmember Lomas. Approved 4/0.

Council President Horn announced there would be a couple of changes to the agenda. It was noted that proper notice was not provided; therefore, he requested that Item #11(SunCoast) be tabled to the November 16, 2021 Council meeting.

Councilmember Chotas made the Motion to table Item#11; Second by Councilmember Pierce.

Council President Horn asked to move Ordinance 2021-12 up on the agenda to address Mayor Dowless and Councilmember Rader’s requests to table the Ordinance to the November 16, 2021.

ORDINANCE 2021-12 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, FLORIDA, RELATING TO SIGNS; AMENDING CHAPTER 122 OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REFINE DEFINITIONS AND CERTAIN REGULATORY TERMS TO PROVIDE FOR MORE EFFECTIVE APPLICATION AND BETTER CLARITY IN INTERPRETATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, CONFLICTS, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney read the Ordinance in title only.

Councilmember Lomas made the Motion to table Ordinance 2021-12 to the November 16, 2021 agenda; Second by Councilmember Pierce. Approved 4/0.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayoral Proclamation – Week of the Family

City Clerk Meeks announced that there currently was no one in attendance to accept the Proclamation and asked if Mayor Dowless would like to hold off on the presentation until those accepting the Proclamation were in attendance; the Mayor agreed. *(Note: Week of the Family Foundation representatives were unable to attend.)*

REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES

a. September 21, 2021, City Council Meeting

The following corrections were given by Council President Horn:

1. On Pages 4 and 5 of the minutes, change Council President Rader to Councilmember Rader.
2. Correct as follows on Page 6 of the minutes: “Planner Hardgrove confirmed to City Clerk Meeks that window signage of up to 25% is no longer ~~is~~ exempt from being calculated with the allowable allocation for all signage.”
3. Correct as follows on Page 8 of the minutes: “Council President Horn said we are transferring \$191,344.00 from reserves to balance the budget and not raise taxes.”

Councilmember Lomas noted that in the rollcall on Page 2 that Councilmember Rader’s first name was omitted and needed to be added.

Councilmember Chotas requested the following correction on Page 8 of the minutes: Councilmember Chotas said he appreciates the not-for-profit's way of raising money but that he would vote **against giving tax dollars to not-for-profits unless there is a compelling reason why the City needs to do that.** ~~it, even for a good cause.~~

Councilmember Chotas made the Motion to approve the minutes as amended; Second by Councilmember Lomas. Approved 4/0.

ORDINANCES (First Reading)

- a. Memo RE: Planning & Zoning Board Recommendation
- b. **Ordinance 2021-11** – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 134, “ZONING,” SECTION 134-514, RELATED TO AUTOMOBILE SERVICE STATIONS; PROVIDING THAT AUTOMOBILE SERVICE STATIONS MAY BE PERMITTED IN THE CITY’S INDUSTRIAL ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, CONFLICTS, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2021-11 in title only. He gave a brief introduction explaining the legislation that says gas stations cannot be prohibited. He said the Ordinance removes the expressed prohibition and moves gas stations into the City’s industrial area. There was no public comment.

Councilmember Chotas made the Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-11; Second by Councilmember Pierce. The Motion was approved by a roll call vote 4/0.

Council President Horn	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember	Favor
Councilmember Chotas	Favor
Councilmember Rader	ABSENT

PUBLIC HEARINGS (Ordinances – Second Readings & Related Action)

- a. **Ordinance 2021-08** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 102-71 OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE PUBLISHED BY THE INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL, WITH CERTAIN AMENDMENTS, THERETO TO CONFORM TO FLORIDA LAW AND THE CITY’S EXISTING CODE OF ORDINANCES; REGULATING AND GOVERNING THE CONDITIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF ALL PROPERTY, BUILDINGS, AND STRUCTURES TO ENSURE THAT STRUCTURES ARE SAFE, SANITARY, AND FIT FOR OCCUPANCY AND USE; PROVIDING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE SHALL BE SUPPLEMENTAL TO ALL OTHER CODES AND ORDINANCES OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, AND CONFLICTS, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2021-08 in title only.

Councilmember Pierce made the Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-08; Second by Councilmember Lomas. There was no public comment. The Motion was approved by a roll call vote 4/0.

Councilmember Chotas	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember Pierce	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor
Councilmember Rader	ABSENT

- b. **ORDINANCE 2021-09** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, FLORIDA REPEALING THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD FIRE/RESCUE SERVICES IMPACT FEE, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2021-09 in title only.

Councilmember Chotas made the Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-09; Second by Councilmember Pierce. There was no public comment. The Motion was approved by a roll call vote 4/0.

Councilmember Pierce	Favor
Councilmember Chotas	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember Rader	ABSENT

- c. **ORDINANCE 2021-10** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, RANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 134, "ZONING," SECTION 134-518, RELATED TO HOME-BASED BUSINESSES; MAKING THE CODE CONSISTENT WITH RECENT STATE LEGISLATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, CONFLICTS, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2021-10 in title only. He said he made the changes requested in the September council meeting.

Councilmember Chotas made the Motion to approve Ordinance 2021-10; Second by Councilmember Lomas. There was no public comment. The Motion was approved by a roll call vote 4/0.

Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor
Councilmember Chotas	Favor
Councilmember Pierce	Favor
Councilmember Rader	ABSENT

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

GENERAL INFORMATION (No action required)

None.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Carol Gort, 5114 Lecward Way

Resident Gort brought the following two complaints before Council:

(1) Residents walking dogs with no leash: she asked if there is a code that addresses this. City Attorney Smith explained the code and confirmed that dogs must be maintained on a leash. Resident Gort asked if this information could be included in the newsletter. Mayor Dowless said it would be a good article to include in the newsletter. City Attorney Smith explained that to be enforceable, Police Officers and/or Code Enforcement would have to observe an unleashed dog. It was agreed that now that the Police Department and Code Enforcement have been

made aware of the complaint, they will be observing more. Ms. Gort's second complaint was regarding speeding on Harbour Island Road. She said the speed sign is not working.

BOARDS & COMMITTEES

This item was moved to the beginning of the agenda and then approved to be tabled to the November 16, 2021 agenda.

STAFF REPORTS

a. City Attorney Smith

City Attorney had no report.

b. Police Chief Freeburg (Sgt. Ireland attended for the Chief)

Sgt. Ireland explained the "Porch Pirates" program. He explained that during the holidays, residents can have their packages delivered to the Police Department starting November 1st through January 3rd. Monthly Report

c. City Clerk Meeks

City Clerk Meeks provided the following:

- Confirmed completion and submittal of TRIM Compliance Package to Florida DOR, which was found to be in compliance.
- Confirmed completion and submittal of Annual Finance Report to Florida Economic & Demographic Research.
- Confirmed completion and submittal of Depositor Annual Report to State of Florida Chief Financial Officer
- Prepared budget notebooks for Council and Staff.
- Confirmed Health Reimbursement Account is set for 21/22 fiscal year.
- Reported on work with Police Department Chief of Staff Patterson on the 21/22 payroll, including preparing a spreadsheet of pre/post cafeteria plans. This information was provided to the City's payroll service.
- Confirmed an update was provided to Orange County's Emergency Management Plan by providing current BEBR Population (2791).
- Reported on work with Police Department Chief of Staff Patterson on SAMS/Dunn renewal and submittal; the renewal was due in December. City Clerk Meeks explained that they submitted early because of the recent ARPA funds the City received.
- Reported that City Hall staff has started transitioning work in preparation of the City Clerk's retirement.

MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS

a. Mayor Dowless reported on the following:

- Held meeting with vendor who is assisting the City with the ARPA funds and further explained the process. The Mayor said he would like to use the funds for storm water management but not sure there are enough funds for this kind of project. He said that Chief Freeburg and Police Department Chief of Staff Shannon Patterson are taking the lead on this project. City Clerk Meeks said the Balmoral group will be in the November Council meeting.
- The Mayor explained the legislation he is pushing forward for small businesses.
- The Mayor said he has talked to Deputy City Clerk Riffle about stepping up for the City Clerk transition and passing on duties to Administrative Assistant Brett Sollazzo. He said he met with Chief Freeburg and Police Department Chief of Staff Patterson and explained that some of City Clerk duties will go to the Police Department side.
- Announced that he will be hosting a retirement party for City Clerk Meeks on January 28, 2022, at his home.
- Reported that the Gatlin/Holden/Orange realignment report is being finalized and there will be a public meeting (TBA).

At the conclusion of his report, Mayor Dowless asked Council President Horn to explain his concerns he had with construction at 1141 Windsong Road and protocol. Council President Horn explained his observations in July regarding pipe being laid at 1141 Windsong Road near the lake. He walked Council through what took place following his initial contact with Orange County Environmental Protection Department and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. At the completion of Council President Horn's explanation, City Attorney Smith said he did not see any misuse of position.

Brittany Reliford, 1141 Windsong Road came to the podium to speak. She said Council President Horn said he only saw one day of work and she said it was a multi-day project. She said it was perception versus reality based on one day of installation. Ms. Reliford explained what followed. Ms. Reliford said two requests were made for a meeting with the Mayor and Mr. Horn. She said they (Brittany Reliford and Melinda Elannan) simply wanted their side to be heard and understood. She said that they want to be good neighbors.

Mayor Dowless explained why he did not accept the meeting and said he believes that the intentions of Mr. Horn and his wife were good.

Council President Pro-Tem Pierce was handed the gavel. He said that they have reached a resolution, as they have gone as far as they are going to go with the matter and the discussion is concluded. The gavel was then returned to Council President Horn.

b. Councilmember Chotas

No report.

c. Council Member Pierce

No report.

d. Councilmember Rader

Absent.

e. Councilmember Lomas

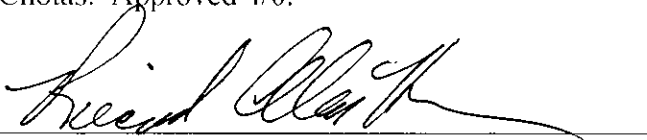
No report

f. Council President Horn

No report

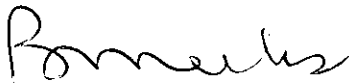
ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Pierce made the Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.; Second by Councilmember Chotas. Approved 4/0.



Richard A Horn
Council President

Attest:



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

Approved in the 11/14/21 Council Meeting.