

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, June 2, 2015 @ 7:30 P.M.

City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Chakira Johnson at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Council Members Coletti, Mailman, Redmond, and Wells and City Attorney Joe Fowler. Mayor Patricia Wheeler and Council Member Higgins were absent.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Pro-tem Johnson determined a quorum was present.

INVOCATION

Council Member Redmond gave the invocation and Council Member Wells led the pledge of allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting – May 5, 2015

Council Member Wells made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Mailman. There was an opportunity for mention of additions or corrections to the minutes. No corrections noted. Motion approved 4-0.

Minutes of the Committee/Work Session – May 18, 2015

Council Member Wells made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Mailman. There was an opportunity for mention of additions or corrections to the minutes. No corrections noted. Motion approved 4-0.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Council Member Wells made a motion to adopt the agenda of the day. Seconded by Council Member Mailman. Motion approved 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE MAYOR

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda – No items.

Nomination of Cicely Austin to Historic Preservation Commission – Council Confirmation

Council Member Wells made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Mailman. There was an opportunity for further discussion.

Motion passed 4-0.

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NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2015-05 – Utility Permit Ordinance

Council Member Wells made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Mailman.

There was an opportunity for further discussion.

Motion passed 4-0.

Resolution 2015-18 – Tower Cloud

Council Member Wells made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Mailman.

There was an opportunity for further discussion.

Motion passed 4-0.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning & Zoning – No report.

Community Affairs – No report.

Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority – Mayor Pro-tem Johnson reported that the Farmers' Market is doing well and that there was a great turnout for its first partnership with the Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) program today. She also reported that Tunes by the Tracks will be continuing for the month of June 2015.

Finance – No report.

Community Outreach – Council Member Redmond reported that there has been an excess of litter on the City's streets. She asked that citizens be more vigilant about picking up litter on their streets of residence. She also suggested that the City consider putting up more "No Littering" signs. Ms. Redmond reported that there have been reports of vagrancy and theft in vacant houses. Council Member Mailman expressed that matters of this nature should always be reported to the police department. Chief Troutman suggested that the owner call the police department to have the home placed on house watch. Ms. Redmond continued her report with discussion of audio streaming of the open sessions of Council. She inquired about the accessibility of the screens within the meeting rooms. She further reported on the mosquito situation and tall grass at a property on James B. Rivers Memorial Drive. Ms. Redmond asked that more consideration be given to marketing for the Farmers Market during 2016 budget planning and she also reported on the next two performances for the Tunes by the Tracks events.

Public Safety – Council Member Mailman reported for the Public Safety Committee. He reported that City Manager Gary Peet is working to implement, through policy, some things that will help the functionality of the police department and in turn help to make the City a safer place. City Manager Gary Peet informed Council that a full report of the proposed policy implementation will be presented to Council during the July 2015 work session. Mr. Peet has met with Chief Troutman and Council Member Mailman to discuss the policy changes.

Public Works – Council Member Wells reported that DeKalb County paved a part of Ridge Avenue, therefore money has been freed up to pave a portion of East Ponce DeLeon from Tuggle Drive to James B. Rivers Memorial Drive. Public Works Director Jim Tavenner offered details about the project. Mr. Wells also reported on the paving of the Rock Gym Parking lot. He further reported that the Public Works department continues to cut back right-of-way around town and drainage issues continue on Rockborough. Mr. Wells reiterated that it is important that

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everyone make a diligent effort to pick up litter around town. Mr. Mailman concurred and suggested that a more active effort, such as writing citations for littering, may help. Mrs. Coletti suggested that trashcans be placed on the property behind Suntrust Bank. Mr. Peet is to contact the property owner about placing trashcans on the person's property. Mr. Peet publicly thanked Steve Iverson for mowing the front of the Wood's property at the street.

Historic Preservation Commission – No report.

Visitor Center – No report.

REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Council Member Mailman reported that Ms. Britt, a resident of Cloud Street, passed away a couple of days ago. He asked that prayers be offered for Mrs. Britt's family.

Council Member Coletti also asked that prayers be offered for Ms. Joan Sharpe who is ill and has just been released from a five day stay in the hospital.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Wells made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Mailman. Motion approved 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Patricia Wheeler, Mayor

ChaQuias Miller Thornton, City Clerk