

CITY OF HAWTHORNE

COMMISSIONERS:

Eleanor Randall, Mayor
William Carlton, Vice Mayor
DeLoris Roberts
Harry Carter
Matthew Surrency

INTERIM CITY MANAGER:

Linda Rice Chapman
CITY CLERK:
LaKesha H. McGruder

CITY ATTORNEY:

Audrie Harris

REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 4, 2009
MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randall called the Regular Commission Meeting to order at 6:30PM. Mayor Randall gave the Invocation and Commissioner Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance. Board Present: Mayor Randall, Vice Mayor Carlton, Commissioners Carter, Roberts and Surrency. Staff Present: Interim City Manager Chapman, Interim City Attorney Harris, and City Clerk McGruder.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved to approve the agenda.

Motion- Vice Mayor Carlton

Second- Commissioner Carter

Vote- 5-0

C. RECOGNITIONS AND GUESTS

1. Joy Deperault, Florida Division of Emergency Management was not present at this time. Mayor Randall suggested moving to the next agenda item.

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS

1. CRA Board Members

Mayor Randall announced only one application was received from Ms. Vivian Wagner to serve on the CRA Board and asked the Commission Board if they wanted to nominate someone to serve. No nominations were made.

E. PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

1. R2009-21 FEMA National Flood Insurance Program

Ms. Joy Deperault was not present at this time so the Mayor suggested moving to the next agenda item.

2. R2009-23 Surplus Property

Interim City Manager Chapman informed the Board the City Of Hawthorne purchased a self-contained breathing apparatus system in 2007 from Channel Innovations for \$7200.00. The Company offered to buy it back for \$2500.00. Attorney Harris read the Resolution by title only.

Moved to adopt Resolution 2009-23 on surplus property from Channel Innovations.

Motion- Commissioner Surrency

Second- Commissioner Carter

Discussion- None

Vote- 5-0

Ms. Joy Deperault was present at this time and the Board decided to move back to item E1.

Ms. Deperault stated she came to encourage the City Commission Board to adopt the FEMA Resolution. By adopting this Resolution Hawthorne citizens could purchase flood insurance if they built in a flood zone or not. It is voluntary and you do not have to live in a flood zone to purchase flood insurance if the City adopts this Resolution. The City would also be eligible for more assistance for grants. Ms. Deperault added that if someone purchased the flood insurance and their property was damaged 50% or more they could rebuild as long as they build up to code, unless the area becomes a designated flood way, which does not currently exist in the City Of Hawthorne. Interim City Attorney Harris read the Resolution by title only. Interim City Manager Chapman added the City could not obtain flood insurance through FEMA if this Resolution is not passed.

Moved to adopt Resolution 2009-21 on FEMA Flood Insurance

Motion- Commissioner Surrency

Second- Commissioner Carlton

Discussion- None

Vote- 5-0

F. REGULAR AGENDA

1. Uniforms vs. T-Shirts

Interim City Manager Chapman stated this item had come before the Commission Board before and was denied, but two of her employees were present and would like to address the Board on this matter. Street Crew Leader Jimmy Floyd and Public Works Supervisor William Cuthbert asked the Commission Board to please allow them to do away with the uniforms and allow them to wear t-shirts which will be cooler. The uniforms are very hot. The Commission Board expressed their approval.

Moved to allow city employees to wear city t-shirts instead of uniforms.

Motion- Commissioner Carter

Second- Commissioner Roberts

Discussion- None

Vote- 5-0

2. Volleyball Lease Agreement

Interim City Manager Chapman explained that Mr. Bob Nichols sent a draft proposal to the City to lease a portion of the City's Recreation field to construct a volleyball facility. Interim City Manager Chapman asked the Commission Board to authorize her to negotiate the contract and

bring it back before the Board. Commissioner Carter said he would like to see plans of the volleyball facility before we move any further. Interim City Manager asked to negotiate the lease and present the lease agreement back to the Board. She also added she spoke with Mr. Nichols today and he has the money to move forward with the project. Commissioner Roberts said Mr. Nichols never came before the Commission Board before and would like to know if he plans on addressing the Board. Interim City Manager Chapman said she would try to make contact with him to see if he could be present at a Commission Board meeting.

Moved to give the Interim City Manager permission to enter into negotiations on the lease agreement for the volleyball facility.

Motion- Commissioner Surrency Second- Commissioner Carter
Vote- 5-0

G. CITIZEN COMMENT

Jeff McMeekin- Representing the Mayor/Commissioner advisory board. The Advisory Board went through the FY Budget 09/10 line by line and discussed several items at great length and found nothing out of line. The Advisory Board recommended to the Commission Board to adopt FY 09/10 Annual Budget.

Eddie Lee Martin- Was asked to serve on the City Manager search committee and the committee has not met concerning the City Manager applications and would like to know when the Committee will meet. Mayor Randall informed Mr. Martin and all the citizens that Interim City Attorney Harris retrieved all the resumes back today and she would be contacting the committee members to begin the process.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

Moved to approve the Consent Agenda with corrections.

Motion- Vice Mayor Carlton Second- Commissioner Carter
Vote- 5-0

I. REPORTS

Interim City Manager Chapman- The gentleman injured behind City Hall is recovering. Discovered yesterday along with City Clerk McGruder money was never deposited in the CRA Account from the General Fund. August 26 is a workshop on the museum. The street crew is out cleaning stop signs as requested by the Board.

Interim City Attorney Harris- Retrieved the City Manager resumes today. Explained to the Board the proper procedure on approving the Agenda and the Consent Agenda based on Roberts Rules of Order. Explained the purpose of advertising the Ordinance titles is because it's required by Florida Statue to advertise before the second reading so the public will know what's being considered.

Mayor Randall- World Wide Christian Ministry is having a back to school event this Saturday at 10:00AM-2:00PM at HHS Gymnasium. School pep rally August 16 at HHS Football Stadium to meet the two new principals. Clean up day at the Recreation Park on September 26 from 8:00AM- 3:00PM, volunteers needed. There are 5 free recreation football scholarships left and if anyone is interested please contact Coach Wayne. Asked the Commission Board to give their name and the committee they would like to serve on. Commissioner Surrency said if no one is interested he would like to serve on the Florida League of Cities, Recreation Department, SAC Committee, and the County Wide Visioning Committee.

Vice Mayor Carlton- No Report

Commissioner Carter- Called by Commissioner Roberts after the accident behind City Hall and is requesting the Commission Board send letters to Alachua County Fire Rescue, Alachua County Sheriffs Office, Gainesville Fire Department, and Shands Helicopter commending them on a job well done. Interim City Manager Chapman suggested contacting the newspaper also.

Commissioner Roberts- Concurred with Commissioner Carter. She saw a team of people working together to save a mans life. She will have shoulder surgery on August 17. Communities for Life spokesperson will attend the September 14 Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Surrency- Reminded the citizens of a "to do list" going up in City Hall for citizens to volunteer on. A gentleman in the community that has volunteered with the Recreation Department for several years is moving and would like to see the City do a proclamation recognizing him. Fire Station in Grove Park should be open by the end of this month. Created a twitter site at twitter.com to communicate with the public. Interim City Attorney Harris replied no two Commissioners can communicate on twitter about City business.

Mayor Randall asked if the August 26 workshop could be rescheduled because she can not attend. If it can't be rescheduled then Vice Mayor Carlton can run the workshop. Interim City Manager Chapman advised Mayor Randall to contact her tomorrow to reschedule the workshop and she will contact the everyone else.

J. ADJOURN

Moved to adjourn the Regular Commission Meeting at 7:50PM.

Motion- Commissioner Roberts

Second- Commissioner Surrency

Vote- 5-0

These Minutes of the August 4, 2009 Regular Commission Meeting are submitted for approval.

LaKesha H. McGruder, City Clerk

Eleanor Randall, Mayor