

CITY OF HAWTHORNE

COMMISSIONERS:

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

CITY MANAGER:

Edward F. Smyth Jr.

CITY CLERK:

LaKesha H. McGruder

INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY:

Audrie Harris

MINUTES
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2010

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Randall called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. Mayor Randall gave the Invocation and Commissioner Roberts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Commission Present: Commissioners Carter, Surrency and Roberts, Vice Mayor Carlton and Mayor Randall.

Staff Present: City Manager Smyth, Interim City Attorney Harris, City Clerk McGruder and City Planner Moosbrugger.

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved to approve the agenda with amendments: adding Surplus Property.

Motion- Commission Roberts

Second- Commissioner Surrency

Commissioner Carter	Yes
Vice Mayor Carlton	Yes
Commissioner Roberts	Yes
Commissioner Surrency	Yes
Mayor Randall	Yes

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C. RECOGNITIONS AND GUESTS

Aerial Sasso and Sandy Goldman from American Cancer Society stated Hawthorne is opening its first cancer center at Hawthorne Medical.

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS/APPOINTMENTS/INFORMATION/PRESENTATIONS

1. Code Enforcement Board

City Clerk McGruder gave the background analysis of the Code Board.

Moved to accept the recommendation of the City Clerk for Ms. Patsy Bertuselli and Ms. Beatrice Brooks Sheppard for permanent members of the Code Enforcement Board.

Motion- Commissioner Roberts

Second- Vice Mayor Carlton

Commissioner Carter	Yes
Vice Mayor Carlton	Yes
Commissioner Roberts	Yes
Commissioner Surrency	Yes
Mayor Randall	Yes

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Commissioner Carter announced Hawthorne Middle High School is also a sponsor of the event.

Commissioner Carter	Yes
Vice Mayor Carlton	Yes
Commissioner Roberts	Yes
Commissioner Surrency	Yes
Mayor Randall	Yes

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Vice Mayor Carlton	Yes
Commissioner Roberts	No
Commissioner Surrency	Yes
Mayor Randall	Yes

City Manager Smyth- There are 3 proposals presented.

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Commissioner Carter- Would like to address the letter from the County to bring this to open session and ask the City Manager if he would find out who the architect Eugene Davis works for or represents and how he come to arrive at asbestos being in the fire station.

City Manager Smyth- The email was forwarded to him and during his walk through he didn't see the problems that this gentleman talked about.

Moved to adopt the Resolution on engineering services at the Fire Station.

Motion- Commissioner Carter Second- Commissioner Surrency

Commissioner Carter	Yes
Vice Mayor Carlton	Yes
Commissioner Roberts	Yes
Commissioner Surrency	Yes
Mayor Randall	Yes

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F7a. Resolution on engineering service at the Community Center

Moved to adopt Resolution on the engineering service at the Community Center

Motion- Commissioner Carter Second- Commissioner Surrency

Discussion:

Commissioner Surrency- Engineers are charging \$1,800 per inspection. The 3 inspections will probably be done in the same day. Can they give us a cut in the cost?

City Manager Smyth- This is the terms of the contract we negotiated with them but I will speak with the engineer regarding this.

Vice Mayor Carlton and Commissioner Roberts agrees with Commissioner Surrency.

Commissioner Carter- Can we ask the engineer to donate their time on the Maxwell House since this is a historical site?

Commissioner Carter	Yes
Vice Mayor Carlton	Yes
Commissioner Roberts	Yes
Commissioner Surrency	Yes
Mayor Randall	Yes

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F7b. Resolution on engineering service at the Maxwell House

Moved to adopt a Resolution and have the City Manager to ask the engineer if they can do the inspection free of charge since the Maxwell House is a historical site.

Motion- Commissioner Carter Second- Commissioner Surrency

Discussion:

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Commissioner Surrency- Could we direct the City Manager to take action if they say no, so things will not get held up?

Commissioner Carter- It shouldn't take them 2 or 3 hours to look at the building. If they can't do it then we will do something different.

Commissioner Carter	Yes
Vice Mayor Carlton	Yes
Commissioner Roberts	Yes
Commissioner Surrency	Yes
Mayor Randall	Yes

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City Manager Smyth- Would like to add 2 additional items on the agenda at this time. These items need to be addressed. If the City Commission choose to postpone that is fine. City Planner Moosbrugger will present the items.

8. Resolution for railings on the concession building

City Planner Moosbrugger read the Resolution by title only.

City Planner Moosbrugger- Money is left over from the FRDAP Grant and the Wild Spaces Public Places money is available. No money will come from the City's general fund.

Commissioner Surrency- He has walked upstairs at the concession stand and this is more of a safety reason.

Moved to adopt the Resolution authorizing R. Grimes Construction, Inc to fix the railings at the concession stand in the amount of \$2K.

Motion- Vice Mayor Carlton Second- Commissioner Surrency

Commissioner Carter	Yes
Vice Mayor Carlton	Yes
Commissioner Roberts	Yes
Commissioner Surrency	Yes
Mayor Randall	Yes

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9. Resolution for electrical work in the concession building.

City Planner Moosbrugger read the Resolution by title only.

Moved to delay the resolution and get local bidders for the electrical work at the Recreation Department.

Commissioner Carter	Yes
Vice Mayor Carlton	Yes

Commissioner Roberts	Yes
Commissioner Surrency	Yes
Mayor Randall	Yes

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G. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Ordinance 2009-23

City Planner Moosbrugger read Ordinance by title only.

Moved to adopt Resolution 2009-23 on the 2nd reading by title only.

Motion- Commissioner Surrency Second- Vice Mayor Carlton

Commissioner Carter	Yes
Vice Mayor Carlton	Yes
Commissioner Roberts	Yes
Commissioner Surrency	Yes
Mayor Randall	Yes

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2. Ordinance for local implementation of water conservation rule for landscape irrigation

Moved to mirror the state law and pass this Ordinance for water conservation rule for landscape irrigation of St. Johns Water Management District in the city limits of Hawthorne.

Motion- Commissioner Carter Second- Commissioner Surrency

Discussion:

Commissioner Roberts- When and if this is passed on the final reading under the analysis it says irrigation may not occur between 10AM-4PM. Will the citizens be notified?

City Manager Smyth- We will make sure we do door hangers to everyone.

Commissioner Carter	Yes
Vice Mayor Carlton	Yes
Commissioner Roberts	Yes
Commissioner Surrency	Yes
Mayor Randall	Yes

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H. SURPLUS PROPERTY

Vice Mayor Carlton- The city has property sitting down at the fire station depreciating and we need to advertise the property and put out bids to sale the property.

Moved to put out bids to advertise and sale the surplus property.

Motion- Vice Mayor Carlton Second- Commissioner Roberts

Discussion:

City Manager Smyth- We can advertise in the newspaper, or on the internet. The most efficient way will be through the League of Cities. Will advertise the Fire Trucks as a fixed price after we determine what the fixed price will be.

The City Commission continued this discussion.

Commissioner Carter	Yes
Vice Mayor Carlton	Yes
Commissioner Roberts	Yes
Commissioner Surrency	Yes
Mayor Randall	Yes

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I. CITIZEN COMMENT

William Saputo- Please consider fixing the ramp or build a new one at the town park on 301 with the Wild Spaces Public Places money.

Scott Kelly- Do we have an economic development council? City Manager Smyth stated not at this time.

Scott Kelly- Would like to see and help with bringing new businesses to the area to see Hawthorne grow.

Memory Stewart- Agree with Mr. Kelly and go locally and use our local vendors in Hawthorne or the Hawthorne area.

Diana Saputo- Asked for an update on the DOT meeting. The speed limit should be reduced on HWY 301 and State Road 20 when traveling through town. City Manager Smyth said he would contact DOT to reschedule the meeting.

J. REPORTS

City Manager Smyth- County has agreed to January 19, 2010 Joint Meeting, Had severe water line break on HWY 20 and the guys finally got it under control. The City will bill the property owner for the cost the City incurred fixing the break because he violated the sunshine law by not calling for line locates before he digged. City will receive new employees through Florida Works Program. The City will not be paying their salary that will come from Florida Works. Attempting to put together a local vendors list. If anyone knows a vendor send them in and he will explain what is required to be a vendor for the City of Hawthorne.

Interim City Attorney Harris- No numbers on the Ordinances and Resolutions until they are adopted. Reviewed the adult entertainment regulations. Before that type of business can come into town it will have to come before the City Commission.

Commissioner Carter- No Comment

Commissioner Surrency- City of Hawthorne is hosting the Florida League of Cities on January 26, 2010 at 6PM and we need to decide what type of food we will serve.

Moved that we provide heavy hors d' oeuvres for the League meeting.

Commissioner Carter	Yes
Vice Mayor Carlton	Yes
Commissioner Roberts	Yes
Commissioner Surrency	Yes
Mayor Randall	Yes

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January 6- Babe Ruth kick off for Recreation Department at the fire station, January 8-9 work day at the Recreation Park, January 16- at noon there is a baseball and softball clinic free of charge at the Recreation field for ages 4-18, January 19 Youth Council Meeting at City Hall.

Commissioner Roberts- Still in physical therapy. Will be absent at the January 19, 2010. The City Commission should be notified when new businesses come into town so we can welcome them to the City. Senior citizen committee is meeting at the Hawthorne Library and we already have classes scheduled for the seniors in the community.

Vice Mayor Carlton- Wanted to change his vote on the J.A.M Construction. Interim City Attorney Harris informed Vice Mayor Carlton that he could not change his vote but his comments would be noted in the minutes. There is a process to go through for that to happen.

Mayor Randall- Happy New Year to everyone. Thanks to the Hawthorne Lions Club for their donations to citizens in the City of Hawthorne for paying a portion of their utility bills over the Christmas Holiday. Any items any City Commissioner would like to see on the Joint Meeting Agenda please submit it to the City Manager.

Commissioner Roberts- The House on HWY 20 and the County coming back to the Hawthorne Fire Station were her 2 items for the Joint Meeting Agenda.

Moved to adjourn the Regular Commission Meeting at 8:50PM.

Motion- Commissioner Carter

Second- Commissioner Surrency

Commissioner Carter	Yes
Vice Mayor Carlton	Yes
Commissioner Roberts	Yes
Commissioner Surrency	Yes
Mayor Randall	Yes

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These Minutes are submitted for approval.

LaKesha H. McGruder, City Clerk

Eleanor Randall, Mayor