



CITY COMMISSION MEETING

**COMMISSION CHAMBERS - CITY HALL
234 South US Hwy 1
Oak Hill, FL 32759
386-345-3522**

**September 9, 2013
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

A. OPENING

1. Invocation
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

Present at Roll Call: Mayor Douglas Gibson, Vice Mayor Jeff Bracy, Commissioners Kathy Bittle, Robert Livingston and Ron Engele.

B. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

The Mayor closed the Commission Meeting and Opened the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING

RESOLUTION 2013-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OAK HILL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY,
FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE LEVYING OF AD VALOREM
TAXES FOR VOLUSIA COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013/2014;
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Vice Mayor Bracy made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Livingston to approve Resolution 2013-05 including the correction. Roll Call Vote: Mayor Gibson, Yes; Vice Mayor Bracy, Yes; Commissioner Engele, Yes; Commissioner Livingston, Yes; Commissioner Bittle, Yes. The motion carried, 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2013-06

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OAK HILL OF VOLUSIA COUNTY,
FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR
2013/2014; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Vice Mayor Bracy made a motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Bittle to approve Resolution 2013-06. Roll Call Vote: Mayor Gibson, Yes; Vice Mayor Bracy, Yes; Commissioner Engele, Yes; Commissioner Livingston, Yes; Commissioner Bittle, Yes. The motion carried, 5-0.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

C. CITY ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. FDOT Mowing Agreement Update

The City Clerk stated she had spoken with Carol Loecken with FDOT and she confirmed that the City's request for additional funds to maintain the sidewalk has been approved and she will contact the office when she has the final amount.

2. Florida Rural Waters Update

The City Clerk stated Florida Rural Waters will be finished with the feasibility study by the end of September.

Commissioner Engele stated the Commission had requested that Florida Rural Waters contact various business owners including the Flea Market owners and the Fire Department, and at this time the owners had not been contacted.

The City Clerk stated she would contact Sterling Carroll in reference to that request.

3. Homestead Exemptions

The City Clerk stated citizen Mr. Willie Wood brought the Volusia County Ordinance approving homestead exemption for low income senior citizens who have lived in their home for 25 years or longer; and he would like the City to approve the Ordinance as well. The Clerk also informed the Commission that only the County has approved this Ordinance; no other City has adopted it at this time.

The Commission directed the City Clerk to ask other Cities if they intend to put this Ordinance on future agendas.

D. CITY ATTORNEY NON-AGENDA ITEMS (Scott Simpson) - NONE

E. POLICE DEPARTMENT RELATED ITEMS (Captain Summers) - NONE

F. CITY PLANNER ITEMS (Montye Beamer)

1. Morehead Property

Mr. Morehead stated that nothing was solved at the last meeting; he then passed out a letter and attachments for the Commission to review.

The Mayor stated that after reviewing the existing land use map from 1989 the property in question is considered Conservation and it is his opinion that the property owner (Mr. Morehead) should file for a land use change.

The City Planner stated that in 2007 Mr. Morehead went to the property appraiser and had his land registered as wasteland and it was approved.

The Mayor also stated in 2007 Mr. Morehead requested the Commission change his land use to Residential and he is asking for Commercial. Again he reiterated he felt Mr. Morehead needs to apply for a land use change.

Commissioner Engele stated he is comfortable with the City Planner's recommendation.

Mr. Morehead asked if he could finish his presentation. The Mayor gave him permission to continue.

Mr. Morehead stated he agreed with a portion of the City Planner's recommendation; he still thinks more of the land should be changed to commercial.

The Mayor stated Mr. Morehead is using more heart than documentation; and unless Mr. Morehead has any further documentation to support his request then he considers the issue solved by the Planner's recommendation.

Commissioner Engele stated he is willing to look at a topographic survey Mr. Morehead stated he has.

The City Planner stated she had already used the city's tax payer money to research this property and she felt it was not in the best benefit to continue this cost.

The Commission agreed and directed the Planner not to spend any more time on this property. The Commission also agreed to place this on the next agenda so they can review the topography survey Mr. Morehead has.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Bills and Paid Interim Bills for September 9, 2013

Commissioner Bittle made a motion and it was seconded by Vice Mayor Bracy to approve the consent agenda. Roll Call Vote: Mayor Gibson, Yes; Vice Mayor Bracy, Yes; Commissioner Engele, Yes; Commissioner Livingston, Yes; Commissioner Bittle, Yes. The motion carried, 5-0.

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Public Works – Mowers

Commissioner Livingston made a motion seconded by Commissioner Bittle to accept the Proposal from Sanford Mower.

Commissioner Livingston withdrew his first motion and made a motion to accept Robinson's proposal for two mowers.

Commissioner Livingston withdrew his previous motion and made a motion to accept Mower Depot's proposal and purchase one mower, and this was seconded by Commissioner Engele. Roll Call Vote: Mayor Gibson, Yes; Vice Mayor Bracy, Yes; Commissioner Engele, Yes; Commissioner Livingston, Yes; Commissioner Bittle, Yes. The motion carried, 5-0.

2. Bench Advertising Proposal

Commissioner Engele made a motion to accept Waverly Media's contract.

The Commission decided after discussion to further review this with the City Attorney and put this on the next agenda.

3. Public Works Building

Vice Mayor Bracy stated he had spoken with Darwin Schneider of Steelmasters in reference to the placement of the building. Mr. Schneider stated the north side had the benefit of a shell road that is in place.

Commissioner Engele expressed his concern with the collection of rain water on the north side and he felt strongly the building should be on the South side.

After some discussion the Commission directed the City Clerk to request proposals for clearing the North side and to prepare the site for the building.

I. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

J. BOARDS & COMMITTEES

EZDA (Enterprise Zone Development Agency)

Mike Arman, EDZA Chair, informed the Commission that Southeast Volusia Chamber will be hosting a session about running a utility company. He will forward the information to the City Clerk.

He also spoke about a article in the New York Times about Indian River Lagoon and he gave a copy to the Commission.

Waterfront Committee
PLDRC (Planning & Land Development Regulation Commission)
Parks and Recreational Advisory Board

K. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (Non-agenda – 15 Minutes)

Douglas Conniff, North Putnam Grove Road, stated he was unsuccessful with SCORE and now he will be taking classes and learn more about the process.

Mr. Conniff stated he would still like to move forward with an erosion testing at the City's Fishing Pier and asked if this item could be placed on the next agenda so that he may discuss it with the Commission. The Mayor agreed to place this item on the Agenda.

L. COMMENTS/CONCERNS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner Livingston stated he had researched acquiring fire hydrants. He found each hydrant could cost \$1600 or more and the professionals he spoke with stated they would not recommend performing the job without the assistance of a professional.

The Mayor stated the City Clerk sent a letter to the County requesting their help in this matter.

The Mayor stated the City has City Goals written down but they are outdated. He requested the City Goals be placed on the next agenda.


Commissioner Engele stated he had read a news article about the SEV Ad Authority entering an agreement with an internet news company, where someone lost their job. He wants to be sure the Commission is cautious about spending taxpayers' money.

M. ADJOURNMENT – 8:25PM



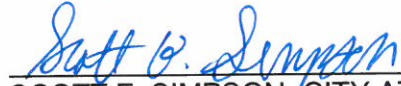
DOUGLAS GIBSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



KOHN EVANS, CITY CLERK/ADMINISTRATOR

APPROVED FOR LEGALITY AND FORM:



SCOTT E. SIMPSON, CITY ATTORNEY

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