



**City of**  
**HAWTHORNE**  
**Florida**

MINUTES  
COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, July 16, 2019  
6:30 PM

**A. CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Surrency**

1. Invocation- Commissioner Howard
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Bouie

**B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved to approve the agenda

Motion- Commissioner Bouie

Second- Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham

Commissioner Bouie	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Yes
Commissioner Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham	Yes
Mayor Surrency	Yes

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**C. RECOGNITIONS & GUESTS**

Mayor Surrency thanked everyone for coming out.

**D. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

1. Feral & Community Cat Colonies Issue- Alachua County Assistant County Manager Ms. Gena Peebles & Mr. Ed Williams Alachua County Animal Control

Mr. Ed Williams explained the Community Cat Management Program. How they trap, sterilize and vaccinate the cats and then return them back to the community they come from.

Ms. Jennifer (Last name exempt) explained the issues she's having with the feral cats. Fleas, urinating on her dog bed, damaging her property and she and her dog have been scratched trying to trap the feral cats. She is publically requesting the cats be removed from her property and not returned.

Mr. Luke Smith (Operation Cat Nip) the goal is zero outdoor cats. Operation Cat Nip offers free spray and neutering. In order to make this successful everyone has to help.

Mr. Samuel Ford- Live in Lake Breeze and he can hear the cats breeding in the wooded area across from his home.

Mrs. Tammy Scott- Issue with the cats have been happening for 28 years because that is how long she has lived in the Ashley Oaks subdivision. She agree with Mr. Luke Smith about trapping the cats. By doing this the cat colony near her home is fed and well taken care of.

Ms. Angela Fisher- explained the issue she's had with the feral cats at her home in Ashley Oaks. They have damaged her vehicle and her guest vehicle, break flower pots on her porch, killed birds, etc.

Mr. Larry Tilbury- Neutering does not solve all the problems. Cats are very destructive and he don't want cats on his property because he don't own cats. The City need to be more pro-active if Alachua County don't fix the problem.

Ms. Jessica Carroll- Cats poop in her vegetable garden and scratches her car.

Mr. Gilbert Randall- That is his biggest problem with the cats in his area. They always poop in his garden.

The discussion on the feral cat issue continued with the City Commission and County Staff. The City Commission suggested having a community workshop on this issue in the near future.

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

#### F. ROUTINE ITEMS

##### 1. Commission Minutes

A. Commission Meeting June 18, 2019

Moved to approve the minutes

Motion- Commissioner Bouie                      Second- Commissioner Howard

Commissioner Bouie	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Yes
Commissioner Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham	Yes
Mayor Surrency	Yes

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##### 2. Resolution- SE 19-04 Amendment to expand a special exception

Moved to approve the recommendation of approval of SE 19-04 to allow automotive repair and auto detailing.

Motion- Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham                      Second- Commissioner Bouie

City Attorney Hoehn read the resolution by title only.

Commissioner Bouie	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Yes
Commissioner Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham	Yes
Mayor Surrency	Yes

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##### 3. Resolution- Gator Gobblers License Agreement

Moved to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Manager to execute the License Agreement.

Motion- Commissioner Bouie                      Second- Commissioner Howard  
City Attorney Hoehn read the resolution by title only.

Commissioner Bouie	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Yes
Commissioner Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham	Yes
Mayor Surrency	Yes

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4. Resolution- Little Orange Creek Nature Park Fees & Policies

Moved to table this until the end of the fiscal year so the City Manager can give a full report.

Motion- Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham                      Second- Commissioner Howard

Commissioner Bouie	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Yes
Commissioner Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham	Yes
Mayor Surrency	Yes

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5. Resolution- 2019-2020 Florida Job Growth Grant Fund Application

Moved to approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign and apply for the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund for the City of Hawthorne.

Motion- Commissioner Howard                      Second- Commissioner Bouie  
City Attorney Hoehn read the resolution by title only.

Commissioner Bouie	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Yes
Commissioner Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham	Yes
Mayor Surrency	Yes

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6. FDOT Traffic Study US 301 & SE 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue

City Manager Vause announced FDOT has received our request for a new traffic study at the intersection of US301 and SE 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue. No action needed. Information only.

7. Cost Estimates for Re-Striping SE 221<sup>st</sup> Street

City Manager Vause- Engineers have given us two options on striping SE 221 Street. Need to schedule a CRA Meeting.

The City Commission agreed on August 20, 2019 at 5:30PM.

8. Letter from Hawthorne Area Historical Society

City Manager Vause- Repairs to the Museum is needed and we have recommendations from the restoration expert.

The City Commission directed staff to prepare the scope of work for bids to resurface the museum with hardy board, work with HAHS with funding opportunities and prepare necessary documents to dedicate the Hawthorne Historical Museum Park.

Ms. Mona Moore was present for questions.

#### 9. Children at Play signs

The City Commission ask staff to bring this issue back to give the commissioners time to view the area the signs are requested.

### G. PUBLIC HEARING

#### FIRST READING

##### 1. LDR 19-03 Amendment to Recreational Vehicle Park Ordinance

Mr. Ed Mayor with Elite Resorts was present to answer questions.

Moved to recommend approval of LDR 19-03 on first reading.

City Attorney Hoehn read the ordinance by title only.

Motion- Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham      Second- Commissioner Bouie

Commissioner Bouie	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Yes
Commissioner Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham	Yes
Mayor Surrency	Yes

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##### 2. Ordinance- Revise Noise Ordinance

Moved to adopt the revised Noise Ordinance for first reading.

City Attorney Hoehn read the ordinance by title only.

Motion-Commissioner Bouie      Second- Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham

Commissioner Bouie	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Yes
Commissioner Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham	Yes
Mayor Surrency	Yes

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SECOND READING- None

H. DISCUSSION ITEMS - None

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS – None

### J. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

1. City Manager Vause gave her City Manager report

2. City Attorney Hoehn- No Report

3. City Clerk McGruder- Ice Cream Truck approved for business license and presented the City Commission with a list of properties that received a courtesy letter or notice of violation for code enforcement.

4. City Commissioners Report  
Commissioner Howard- No Report

Commissioner Bouie- No Report

Commissioner Randall- Thank you to the citizens of Lake Breeze and Ashley Oaks for their passion about the topic of the feral cats. It shows their love for the community.

Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham- No Super Senior luncheon in August. We will return in September.

5. Mayor Surrency- School grades are out. Shell Elementary School received a “C” grade and Hawthorne Middle High School received an “I” grade again this year. Mayor Surrency also gave a brief update on the different programs at the schools.

L. ADJOURN @ 8:27PM.

These minutes are submitted for approval.

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LaKesha H. McGruder, MMC  
City Clerk

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Matthew Surrency, Mayor