



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

MINUTES  
COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, June 18, 2019  
6:30 PM

- A. CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Surrency  
1. Invocation- Commissioner Roberts-Cheatham  
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Floyd

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved to approve the agenda

Motion- Vice Mayor Howard

Second- Commissioner Bouie

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

Vote 5-0

C. RECOGNITIONS & GUESTS

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Annual City of Hawthorne Report- Alachua County Sheriff's Office  
Sheriff Sadie Darnell gave the sheriff's office annual report for the City of Hawthorne and announced they are having an open house job fair for anyone that is interested in becoming a 911 dispatcher. If selected you will receive a \$5K hiring bonus. The City Commission thanked the Sheriff's staff for their hard work in Hawthorne.

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

F. ROUTINE ITEMS

1. Commission Minutes

A. Commission Meeting June 4, 2019

Moved to approve the minutes.

Motion- Vice Mayor Howard

Second- Commissioner Bouie

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

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The City Commission and City Staff recognized outgoing Commissioner Jimmy Floyd for his years of service with the City of Hawthorne. Commissioner Floyd thanked the City Commission and staff.

2. Commissioner Swearing in Ceremony- City Attorney Hoehn  
(Commissioner Tommie Howard, Commissioner Jacquelyn Randall & Commissioner Matthew Surrency)

City Attorney Hoehn led the oath and the Commissioners repeated the oath publically.

Commissioner Randall, Vice Mayor Howard and Mayor Surrency address the citizens of Hawthorne and thanked everyone for their support in selecting them to represent them on the city commission.

3. Election of Mayor

Commissioner Bouie nominated Mayor Surrency to serve another year as the Mayor for the City of Hawthorne.

Mayor Surrency accepted the nomination.

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

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4. Election of Vice Mayor

Commissioner Randall nominated Commissioner Roberts-Cheatham.

Commissioner Roberts-Cheatham accepted the nomination.

Vice Mayor Howard nominated himself.

No other nominations were given.

Vote for Roberts-Chatham

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

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Vote was not taken for Vice Mayor Howard because City Commission could only vote once.  
Commissioner DeLoris Roberts-Cheatham is the new Vice Mayor.

5. Block Party Workshop Discussion

Mayor Surrency gave the history of the last block party in Hawthorne and announced their will be no block parties without the proper permits. No action was taken. Information only.

6. Resolution- Cemetery CD's

City Attorney Hoehn read the Resolution by title only.

Moved to approve the CD's for the Cemetery.

Motion- Commissioner Bouie

Second- Commissioner Howard

Brief Discussion

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

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7. Park & Recreation Advisory Board

City Manager Vause stated the Park and Recreation Advisory Board members that regularly attend their meetings suggested reducing the board from 9 to 5 board members. Instead of the members being appointed by the City Commission they would have to complete volunteer applications.

The City Commission agreed to direct staff to make the changes to the Park & Rec Advisory Board and prepare an Ordinance for 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

8. Charter Review Committee

Commissioner Howard named Mr. Leonard Jones

Commissioner Bouie named Mr. Gilbert Randall

Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham stated she is waiting on a return phone call from her recommendation.

No vote was taken because there isn't a full committee.

9. Additional Street Lights

City Manager Vause announced she need input from each Commissioner with areas of concern for additional lighting in the city.

Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham said she would turn in her additional locations to the city clerk.

Mr. Gilbert Randall asked if lights could be placed in the parking lot and on the street leading to the Hawthorne Athletic Park.

City Manager Vause stated the parking lot is paid separately on the city's utility bill, but the street lights could be added if agreed upon by the City Commission.

10. Wild Space Public Place Report & Future Projects

City Manager Vause gave the list of items proposed at Hawthorne Athletic Park, Little Orange Creek Nature Park (LOCNP) and Lindsey Phillips Park to purchase with Wild Space Public Place funds.

Discussion continued.

The City Commission directed staff to come back with engineering proposals, cost analysis and to look into getting a credit line against WSPP money and pay for it as the money come in. And to also get information on the designation of city parks.

11. Resolution- Museum Paintings- City Manager Vause

Moved to accept the \$15K for the settlement from Superior Custom Painting Insurer.  
Motion- Commissioner Bouie                      Second- Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham  
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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#### G. PUBLIC HEARING

FIRST READING- None

SECOND READING- None

#### H. DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

#### I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Gilbert Randall- The culvert on SE 215<sup>th</sup> Street and SE 66<sup>th</sup> Avenue is backed up again and causing SE 214<sup>th</sup> street to flood when we get a hard rain.  
City Manager Vause said she would look into the issue.

#### J. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

1. City Manager Vause gave her report.
2. City Attorney Hoehn- No Report
3. City Clerk McGruder- No Report
4. City Commissioners Report

Commissioner Howard- Congratulations to Mayor Surrency and Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham and Commissioner Randall.

Commissioner Bouie- Congratulations to Mayor Surrency, Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham and Commissioner Randall.

Commissioner Randall- Thank you again for the vote of confidence. She's doing a lot of reading to learn the process, but she is very excited to serve.

Commissioner Roberts-Cheatham- Thank you for the nomination to serve as the Vice Mayor and thank you to the young people for staying the entire meeting. Super Seniors Christmas in July on July 10, 2019 at 11AM.

5. Mayor Surrency Report- Thank you to everyone. It is our job to work together as a team. The Wrap Shack will open the end of this month. Should receive the school reports soon and will keep everyone posted.

#### L. ADJOURN @ 8:45PM.

These minutes are submitted for approval.

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LaKesha H. McGruder, MMC  
City Clerk

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Matthew Surrency, Mayor