



City of
HAWTHORNE
Florida

MINUTES
COMMISSION VIRTUAL MEETING (ZOOM)
Tuesday, May 5, 2020
6:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Surrency

1. Invocation- Mayor Surrency
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Surrency

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

Vote 5-0

C. RECOGNITIONS & GUESTS - None

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation - Water Conservation Month

2. Proclamation- HMHS Girls and Boys Basketball Team

The City Commission congratulated the Girls and Boys Basketball Teams on winning the State Championship Title. The 1st in Girls History.

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

F. ROUTINE ITEMS

1. Meeting Procedures

City Attorney Hoehn- Staff has done a great job. Do not see any changes as long as we make sure our citizens are able to comment.

2. Approval of Commission Minutes

Moved to approve the March 17, 2020 Commission Minutes.

Motion- Commissioner Howard

Second- Commissioner Randall

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

Vote 5-0

3. Resolution- Calling the 2020 Annual Election

Moved to postpone the Annual Election to August 18, 2020.

Motion- Commissioner Randall Second- Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham

City Attorney Hoehn read the Resolution by title only

Discussion: Candidates: Commissioner Bouie stated either date is fine with her and Mr. Wallace F. Russell (zoom chat box) as one of the candidates I have no objection to either date.

Mr. Gilbert Randall (zoom chat box) the county will be hold elections anyway.

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

Vote 5-0

4. Resolution- HYS Utility Bills Waiver

Moved to approve the waiving of the utility fees for HYS for the 2019-2020 season.

Motion- Commissioner Bouie Second- Commissioner Howard

Discussion: Mr. Gilbert Randall (zoom chat box) we have talked with the city about how old this agreement was.

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

Vote 5-0

5. Resolution- Appointment of CRA Member (**Ms. Bonita DeWiliby-Moore**)

Moved to appoint Ms. Bonita DeWiliby-Moore to the CRA Board.

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

Vote 5-0

6. Resolution- Small Match Grant Writing for Hawthorne Museum

Moved to approve the Small Match Grant Writing for Hawthorne Museum.

Motion- Commissioner Randall Second- Commissioner Bouie

City Attorney Hoehn read the Resolution by title only

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

Vote 5-0

7. Resolution- Special Match Grant Writing for Hawthorne Museum

Moved to approve the Special Match Grant Writing for Hawthorne Museum with \$44,255 for CRA Match since \$15K is already in reserve.

Motion- Commissioner Randall Second- Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham

Discussion: Mr. Gilbert Randall (zoom chat box) asked if volunteers could help on workdays. Mayor Surrency- as it gets closer, we will invite Mr. Parks to meet with staff and see how volunteers can help.

City Attorney read the Resolution by title only.

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

Vote 5-0

G. PUBLIC HEARING

FIRST READING

Ordinance- Tobacco Shops, Vape and E-Cigarette Shops

Moved to adopt the Ordinance on 1st reading.

Motion- Commissioner Randall Second- Commissioner Bouie

City Attorney Hoehn read the Ordinance by title only.

Commissioner Bouie	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Loss video/audio connection
Commissioner Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham	Yes
Mayor Surrency	Yes

Vote 4-0

SECOND READING- None

H. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Radio Communications Alachua County

City Manager Vause- Alachua County BOCC have discussed the radio communication towers and the possible sale tax they are going to put on the referendum. They need \$13M to put in new towers for the communication for EMS and the Sheriffs department. They were partnering with the City of Gainesville and that partnership is over with. So, you will be hearing more on this. Just brought it to you for your information. If you want more information you can call her individually and she will give you more information.

2. Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

Mayor Surrency gave an update on the Coronavirus. Things are working great here at City Hall by doing business through the drive thru. He has not received any complaints. The guys on the outside are doing great catching up on jobs through out the city. We have had 2 large Food Distribution and city staff have helped with this. Regarding the wearing a face mask stipulation put out by the County, his suggestion is that city staff does not get involved in the enforcement just in the education part of it. He does suggest wearing your face mask. Update and discussion continued for opening parks and options using Greater Gainesville Magazine to get input on using them to promote Weyerhouser property.

Mr. Gilbert Randall (spoke through zoom audio) and gave an update of HYS starting in July if the virus is over and what decisions the city make to open the parks.

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS (From Virtual Zoom Chat Box)

Mr. Wallace Russell- HARC is much appreciative of the efforts of the city in helping us to distribute the produce they bring from the county. The city staff have been absolutely great at all times. Thank you to all of the staff for their help.

J. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

1. City Manager Vause gave her City Managers Report

2. City Attorney Hoehn- No Report

3. City Clerk McGruder- No Report

4. City Commissioners Report

Commissioner Bouie- No Report

Commissioner Howard- No Report

Commissioner Randall- HMHS Graduation is May 30 at the HMHS Football Field. United Way helping with tablets for kids in the same household. They sponsored 7 Hawthorne household. Private donors also donated tablets to additional 9/10 household. This is Teacher Appreciation Week.

Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham- Congratulations to graduates and would like to donate to the teacher's appreciation.

5. Mayor Surrency Report- Thank you to the City Clerk for checking with all the City Commissioners and staff to make sure everyone can log into the 1st Virtual Meeting. When you get a chance, please thank all the staff for making sure the City is still running smoothly. Please wear your mask and stay safe.

L. ADJOURN @ 8:27PM

These minutes are submitted for approval.

Lakesha H. McGruder, MMC
City Clerk

Matthew Surrency, Mayor