



City of
HAWTHORNE
Florida

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION ZOOM MEETING
Tuesday, August 4, 2020
6:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER Mayor Surrency @ 6:35PM

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

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved to approve the agenda

Motion- Commissioner Bouie

Second- Commissioner Randall

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

Vote 5-0

C. RECOGNITIONS & GUESTS

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Presentation- Sheriff Sadie Darnell, Alachua County Sheriff's Office
Sheriff Darnell gave her 2019 Annual Report for the City of Hawthorne. The City Commission thank the Alachua County Sheriff Office.

2. Presentation- Ms. Ayesha Solomon, Candidate for Alachua County Property Appraiser
Ms. Solomon gave her background in the Alachua County Property Appraisers for the past 19 years and asked for the citizens support on August 18, 2020.

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

F. ROUTINE ITEMS

1. Commission Virtual Meeting (Zoom) July 21, 2020

Moved to approve the minutes

Motion- Commissioner Randall

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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2. Resolution- Little Orange Creek Nature Park Rental Rates

Moved to approve the fee schedule and policy changes for rentals with the addition that the City Manager shall have the authority to approve additional employee rentals if the requested weekend is NOT already booked by a non-employee person or organization.

Motion- Commissioner Bouie Second- Commissioner Randall

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. COH Project list update

City Manager Vause gave updates on the completed projects done in the City of Hawthorne. No action needed. Informational purpose only.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

FIRST READING- None

SECOND READING- None

H. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Building Inspections

City Manager Vause explained the City of Hawthorne does not have a Building Inspector and staff have been in discussion with Alachua County Growth Management regarding Alachua County doing inspections in the City of Hawthorne.

City Commission agreed to have staff continue the path we have started and come back to the City Commission.

No action needed.

2. Paddle Boards

Mayor Surrency announced a paddle board company is interested in bringing paddle boards to the City of Hawthorne free of charge to Lindsey Phillips Park Lake and Little Orange Creek Nature Park once the creek is cleaned out. The company handle all the Liability Insurance and the City will get 20% of the rental fees. He put the idea on Facebook and got mixed reviews.

The City of Lake Butler just did this. The City Commission asked questions.

Moved to approve the Mayor, City Manager and City Attorney to proceed and sign the contract to allow the paddle board at Lindsey Phillips Park Lake and Little Orange Creek Nature Park.

Motion- Commissioner Bouie Second- Commissioner Randall

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

Mayor Surrency	Yes
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** Commissioner Bouie lost video signal and left the meeting.*

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Chat Box Message- When will the parks reopen?

Mayor Surrency- All parks are open except for the playground areas. HYS must follow the Babe Ruth standards. Right now, with the construction in the Recreation area we have limited access in the area, and we agreed to hold off until the construction was completed. So, its limited to just practice right now to limit the amount of people in the area. The practice is asked to start after 6PM and no games until mid-September.

Mr. Gilbert Randall- have been contacted by the media wanting to know our stance on the upcoming seasons. Do not want to practice and we can not play. Are we certain it will be mid-September for games?

City Manager Vause- Right now they are on schedule, but weather may play a factor.

Mayor Surrency- Will have a fall season but I would schedule any home games until the first part of October just in case it is a delay.

The discussion continued.

Mr. Billy Harrod- Have two parents designated to disinfect everything and take all the temperatures before the practice. Explain to the team moms that their duties have changed, and they are now in charge of helping keep the team safe by keeping things clean and disinfected. May have to change locations if our area is not usable.

* UTV/Golf Carts

Mayor Surrency- Both golf carts are down again, and we need to think of getting a UTV or Golf Cart. Need direction from the City Commission.

City Manager Vause- Suggest getting a Golf Cart even though they are not the ideal situation to go, but since they are cheaper than a UTV. So, a \$7K budget expense is better than a \$12K budget expense until we get stabilized and out of this crisis. Then maybe get the UTV in a few years and donate the Golf Cart to the Park and Rec Department.

Discussion between Staff and the City Commission.

Moved to purchase a gas Golf Cart in replace of the original allocations for the UTV.

Motion- Commissioner Randall Second- Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham

Commissioner Bouie	Not Present
Commissioner Howard	Yes
Commissioner Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham	Yes
Mayor Surrency	Yes

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J. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

1. City Manager Vause- gave her City Manager's Report
2. City Attorney Hoehn- No Report

3. City Clerk McGruder- No Report, but Ms. Marian Rucker would like to thank everyone for the Happy Birthday wishes.

4. City Commissioners Report

Commissioner Howard- No Report

Commissioner Randall- No Report

Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham- No Report

Commissioner Bouie- Lost connection, left meeting

5. Mayor Surrency Report- Dr. Michelle Mulberry is full time in Hawthorne located next to Burger Bar. Thank everyone for attending tonight. School opening August 24. Cares Act Funding has information on website. Hawthorne has a certain allocation for our community which is \$2500 per family. Business should complete the application also. Next meeting is Monday, August 17 and Voting is Tuesday, August 18.

L. ADJOURN @ 8:26PM

These minutes are submitted for approval.

LaKesha H. McGruder, MMC
City Clerk

Matthew Surrency, Mayor