



City of
HAWTHORNE
Florida

MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION HYBRID MEETING
Tuesday, May 4, 2021
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 with the amendments.

Motion- Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham Second- Commissioner Howard

Commissioner Bouie-Hutchinson	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- Municipal Clerk Week

Mayor Surrency read the Proclamation.

2. Proclamation- National Police Week

Mayor Surrency read the Proclamation.

3. Proclamation- ACPS Teachers-Staff Month

Mayor Surrency read the Proclamation.

4. Proclamation- Recognition of Ms. Elnora Turner

Ms. Turner was family was not present and Mayor Surrency asked until they arrived to do this proclamation. The City Commission agreed.

City Manager Ellen Vause asked to address the City Commission. At this time City Manager Vause read a letter giving the City Commission a 30-day notice to end her employment with the City of Hawthorne.

The City Commission thank Ms. Vause for her service to the City of Hawthorne.

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Teresa Warden- Not surprised the City Manager resigned. She has had enough.

Ms. Sherly Williams- Was a supervisor and witnessed other supervisor's mistreating their staff and she did not want to be a part of that. The city will bounce back.

Mr. Teddy Whittington also addressed the City Commission.

F. ROUTINE ITEMS

1. Commission Minutes – April 6, 2021 City Commission Hybrid Meeting
April 20, 2021 Special City Commission Meeting

Moved to approve the above minutes.

Motion- Commissioner Bouie-Hutchinson Second- Commissioner Howard

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

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2. Hawthorne Tennis Court- Pickleball Request

Request from a citizen asking to volunteer the tennis court for pickleball. The money is not available in the budget, but you can get the money from Wild Spaces Public Places.

City Attorney Hoehn read the Resolution by title only.

Staff will follow up with the gentleman that wrote the letter and find out what his interest are.

3. Hawthorne Athletic Park- Clay for Infields

City Attorney Hoehn read the resolution by title only.

Moved to purchase 1-2 pallet and come back and visit late in the year.

Motion- Commissioner Howard Second- Commissioner Bouie-Hutchinson

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

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4. Request for waiver of rental & cleaning fees for LOCNP for HMHS Jr/Sr. Prom

City Attorney Hoehn read the resolution by title only.

Mr. Michael Cassels was present to answer questions.

Moved to direct staff to waive the \$200 rental fee and hold the \$149.99 cleaning fees for the two events until staff verify the building was cleaned.

Motion- Commissioner Howard Second- Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham

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

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5. City Facility Naming Discussion

Moved to rename the Museum Park to Hawthorne Historical Park in Honor of Eleanor “Kit” Randall and New Hope UMC.

Motion- Commissioner Howard Second- Bouie-Hutchinson

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

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6. County Agreement for Service

Moved to authorize staff to draft the letter requesting the formal agreement with Alachua County Board of County Commission for public works to provide services to the City of Hawthorne.

Motion- Commissioner Howard Second- Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham

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

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7. Calling the 2021 Annual Election

City Attorney Hoehn read the resolution by title only.

Moved to approve the resolution.

Motion- Commissioner Bouie-Hutchinson Second- Commissioner Randall

Ms. Nateisha Walker introduced herself and announced she is running for seat #1.

Commissioner Tommie Howard introduced himself and announced he has held that seat for the past 8 years and is running for re-election for seat #1.

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

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8. FMIT Insurance Renewal

City Attorney Hoehn read the resolution by title only.

Moved to approve the resolutions for renewal of FMIT insurance with FMIT.

Motion- Commissioner Bouie-Hutchinson Second- Commissioner Randall

G. PUBLIC HEARING

FIRST READING

4. City Commissioners Report

Commissioner Howard- No Report

Commissioner Bouie-Hutchinson- No Report

Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham- Super Senior round up in September and the seniors will start back meeting. Super Seniors was able to give 5 scholarships to seniors at HMHS. Will keep everyone posted.

Commissioner Randall- Testing going until June 11. Happy Mother's Day to every mother present.

Ms. Elnora Turner family arrived, and Mayor Surrency read the proclamation and presented the proclamation to the family.

5. Mayor Surrency Report- Suggest doing a workshop on July 8. Must start a city manager search and get a board for that. So, we will need to do a workshop and/or a special meeting. We also need to do the evaluation form and decide which form we want to use for the City of Hawthorne in the future. It is going to take all of us to make things work in the city. City Manager Vause has done a great job and she has taking us to the next level. Most City Manager's only last 3-4 years and commend her for being with us for 10 years. Discussion continued. From him personally he cannot think Ms. Vause enough for all she has done for the city and for him personally.

L. ADJOURN @ 8:33PM

These minutes are submitted for approval.

LaKesha H. McGruder, MMC
City Clerk

Matthew Surrency, Mayor