



City of
HAWTHORNE
Florida

MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, November 1, 2022
6:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Randall

1. Invocation-Commissioner Surrency
2. Pledge of Allegiance- Commissioner Martin

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved to approve the agenda with amendments.

Motion- Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson Second- Commissioner Martin

Mayor Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Yes
Commissioner Martin	Yes
Commissioner Surrency	Yes

Vote 5-0

C. RECOGNITIONS & GUESTS- None

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS- None

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS- None

F. BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

1. Open Public Hearing- Mayor Randall
2. Variance 22-01 (Elkhider Setback) – Interim City Manager Martin
3. Public Comments

Commissioner Surrency asked if the adjacent property was inside the city limits because we have city utilities that run across these properties.

Discussion continued

Moved to table until the next meeting.

Mayor Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Yes
Commissioner Martin	Yes
Commissioner Surrency	Yes

Vote 5-0

4. Close Public Hearing- Mayor Randall

G. ROUTINE ITEMS

1. Commission Meeting Minutes

A. City Commission Meeting October 18, 2022

Moved to approve the minutes.

Motion- Commissioner Howard

Second- Commissioner Martin

Mayor Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Yes
Commissioner Martin	Yes
Commissioner Surrency	Yes

Vote 5-0

2. Garbage Rate Increase

Moved to approve the resolution by title only.

Motion- Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson

Second- Commissioner Surrency

City Attorney Hoehn read the resolution by title only.

Mayor Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Yes
Commissioner Martin	Yes
Commissioner Surrency	Yes

Vote 5-0

3. City Manager Next Steps

The City Commission agreed to review the resumes and chose their top 5 candidates and bring their choices to the next meeting.

4. Bank Access

Mayor Randall stated a concern from a staff member was brought to the City Commission attention of her concerns regarding which staff members should have access to the online banking.

The City Commission and staff discussed the issue.

Moved to put the City Clerk, Interim City Manager or City Manager and the Finance Clerk on the Ameris and Capital City online accounts with the Interim City Manager to have view access only and to pay the extra \$10 to Capital City for the 3rd individual.

Motion- Commissioner Surrency

Second- Commissioner Howard

Mayor Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Yes
Commissioner Martin	Yes
Commissioner Surrency	Yes

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H. PUBLIC HEARING

FIRST READING

1. Ordinance- Check Signers

Moved to approve the ordinance on 1st reading.

Motion- Commissioner Surrency Second- Commissioner Howard

City Attorney Hoehn read the Ordinance by title only.

Mayor Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Yes
Commissioner Martin	Yes
Commissioner Surrency	Yes

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SECOND READING- None

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS- None

J. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Larry Tilbury- Does the city provide utilities to unincorporated property?

Commissioner Surrency- Yes, but they are charged a higher rate.

K. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

1. Interim City Manager Martin Report- ICM spoke on street repairs, cross training staff, Christmas festival, old vehicles at the WWTP, Garbage Policy, FEMA Reimbursement, update on school enrollment, Circus, FPL projected changes in 2023, code complaints, permanent files.

2. City Attorney Hoehn Report- Since staff has not heard back from Advance Satellite, she will reach out to them.

3. City Clerk McGruder Report- No Report

4. City Commissioners Report

Commissioner Howard- No Report

Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson- No Report

Commissioner Surrency- asking if its okay to send flowers to Eddie Higginbotham funeral. Gave an update on the door at the file room and the CRA Meeting at the County. Hurricane supplies will be going to a small community in Hardee County. The High School is selling Turkeys and Hams on for \$40 the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Martin- attended the Trunk and Treat and it was a well-attended event.

5. Mayor Randall Report- Thank you to our citizens and Vice Mayor and her pickleball club for the donations. Encourage the City Commission to read the memo from Alachua County League

of Cities regarding the WSPP. HMHS middle school football game tonight. Homecoming this Friday at HMHS. Voting next Tuesday.

L. ADJOURN @ 8:20PM.

These minutes are submitted for approval.

Lakesha H. McGruder, MMC
City Clerk

Jacquelyn Randall, Mayor