



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

**MINUTES**  
**COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 21, 2023**  
**6:30 PM**

**A. CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Randall**

1. Invocation- Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson
2. Pledge of Allegiance- Commissioner Martin

**B. APPROVAL OF 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**

1. Proclamation- Gun Violence Survivor Week

The City Commission recognized February 1-7 as Gun Violence Survivor Week.

2. Mr. Larry Green- Mobile Mental Health outreach program will be in Hawthorne on Fridays from 10AM-5PM starting in mid-March.

**E. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mr. Shawn Derrick- Has the City Commission considered developing a community code group?

Ms. Laura Williams- Have notice several code issues in Hawthorne. And Hawthorne needs signage letting people know there are businesses in the downtown area.

Mr. Jonathan Franklin- What is the Hawthorne Area Community Foundation?

**F. ROUTINE ITEMS**

1. Commission Meetings

A. Special City Commission Meeting- January 24, 2023

B. City Commission Meeting- February 7, 2023

Moved to approve the above minutes.

Motion- Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson      Second- Commissioner Surrency

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Commissioner Howard	Yes
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2. Wild Spaces & Infrastructure Surtax Split between the Nine Municipalities  
Moved to approve option #4.

City Attorney Hoehn read the Resolution by title only.

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

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3. City Cell Tower Lease Agreement

The City Commission suggested to leave it as is and counteroffer with a request for a 10% increase with a 5-year contract.

4. Date & Topics for Discussion with ACBOCC at Joint Meeting

The City Commission asked staff to bring back the Joint Meeting topics for discussion from the previous 3 years and to confirm if the date is Monday, May 15 or Tuesday May 16.

5. Hawthorne Area Chamber of Commerce Community Bowl Event Sponsor

The City Commission agreed that each commissioner will pay \$10 to go toward the \$50 lane sponsor for the Hawthorne Chamber.

6. CRA Meeting Date

The City Commission agreed on April 18 at 5:30PM.

## G. PUBLIC HEARING

FIRST READING- None

SECOND READING- None

## H. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. CRA Board Member

City Manager Martin explained we are short one CRA Member and staff have placed on the website that we are accepting volunteer applications.

## I. CITIZEN COMMENTS- None

## J. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

1. City Manager Martin- Gave updates on city spring clean-up on April 8; Hawthorne signage; Farmers Market at Tractor Supply; NFRPC Representative email for virtual meeting; updates for funding with WWTP; Loves RV Park; Moore's Duct Plan #2; Kirk Reeb volunteer annexation; Elite Resorts; Ranch Motel; Royal Restrooms infiltration system.

2. City Attorney Hoehn- 2020 sale of surplus real property. Mr. Rufus Williams bid on the sale of one parcel, but it was not completed. Now it is moving forward, and the city will receive \$8500.00.

3. City Clerk McGruder- No Report

4. City Commissioners Report  
Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson- No report

Commissioner Howard- No report

Commissioner Martin- No report

Commissioner Surrency- Mr. Shawn Park County Commissioner for Lake County did grant for Hawthorne Museum. April 1 opens the grant cycle and think we will get the money. Think about approving a resolution for the meat packing facility to be in the City of Newberry. CDBG money update. Loves RV Park need to address the noise ordinance and dumping. Alachua County youth fair.

5. Mayor Randall- Congratulations to HMHS boys' basketball on going back to state and girls softball for their win over Eastside; We need to create a safe place for our kids to go; Town Hall Meeting; Letter for lighting at Love's Travel Stop; ASO doing a good job at the school crosswalk; Hawthorne prayer walk.

K. ADJOURN @ 8:52PM.

These minutes are submitted for approval.

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Lakesha H. McGruder, MMC  
City Clerk

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Jacquelyn Randall. Mayor