



City of
HAWTHORNE
Florida

Minutes
COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, March 7, 2023
6:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Randall

1. Invocation- Commissioner Surrency
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Howard

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved to approve the agenda with amendments.

Motion- Vice Mayor Bouie-Howard Second- Commissioner Howard

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- Water Conservation Month

Mayor Randall read the proclamation proclaiming March as Water Conservation Month.

2. Presentation- Commissioner Randy Martin & Mr. Rodney Long, of Long & Associates Consulting, LLC gave a presentation on Economic Opportunity to the City of Hawthorne for Indoor Commercial Amusement Establishments (Internet Café).

Mr. Gilbert Randall, Mr. Shawn Derrick, and Ms. Laura Williams spoke against the Internet Café.

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Tim Thorick- Tomorrow at 6pm is the first meeting for the Hawthorne Area Community Committee on the 2023 Christmas Parade.

F. ROUTINE ITEMS

1. Commission Meeting - February 21, 2023

Moved to approve the minutes.

Motion- Commissioner Surrency Second- Commissioner Howard

Mayor Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson	Yes

Commissioner Howard	Yes
Commissioner Martin	Yes
Commissioner Surrency	Yes

Vote 5-0

2. CRA Board Member

Moved to appoint Mr. Tim Thorick as the new CRA Board member.

Motion- Commissioner Surrency Second- Commissioner Martin

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

Vote 5-0

3. April 4, 2023, City Commission Meeting

Moved to cancel the April 4 Commission Meeting.

Motion- Commissioner Surrency Second- Commissioner Martin

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

Vote 5-0

4. Joint Meeting with ACBOCC Discussion Topics

The City Commission agreed to add the following topics on the agenda for the upcoming Joint Meeting:

Timeline for In Kind Services, Options for Surtax Split, combining with county to do projects with wild space public place such as a multipurpose facility, Interlocal agreement on Code Enforcement, Traffic Study on SE 69th Avenue, Wastewater Project, and Economic Development.

5. CDBG Grants – Bid Opening

The City Commission agreed to hold a workshop or special meeting for them to serve as the selection committee for the CDBG bids for an Engineer and Grant Administrator.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

FIRST READING- None

SECOND READING- None

H. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Representative for Joint Water and Climate Policy Committee

Mayor Randall read the letter from the Joint Water & Climate Policy Committee. None of the City Commissioners agreed to volunteer.

2. City Commission issued credit cards

Commissioner Surrency stated in the past the commissioners did have credit cards that would be kept at city hall and checked out by the clerk before traveling for city business.

Moved to request 5 additional credit cards for each city commissioner.

Motion- Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson Second- Commissioner Surrency

Mayor Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson	Yes
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I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Cameron Burris, Alachua County Library gave updates on events at the Hawthorne Library.

Ms. Ashley Depieza and Ms. Deloris Collier announced the Hawthorne Homecoming Committee is hosting a prayer breakfast on April 15 at 9am. The event is at the American Legion Building and tickets are \$10. Prayer walk this Saturday at 9am starting at the Lakeview Baptist Church.

J. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

1. City Manager Martin gave his city manager report.

2. City Attorney Hoehn- No Report

3. City Clerk McGruder- No Report

4. City Commissioners Report

Commissioner Martin- Attended the Hawthorne Flea Market at the American Legion and gave an update on his attendance at the FBC conference.

Commissioner Surrency- Apologize for not making the workshop. He was attending the Alachua County Youth Fair and HMHS Ag program did very well. Suggested having a workshop with Fred Fox to update us on the CDBG grant planning. Ask for an update on the award for the grant to fund the HARC building. Ask staff to relocate the city limit sign.

Commissioner Howard- No report

Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson- FBC was very informative, and she learned a lot.

5. Mayor Randall Report- would like to have workshops on the following: polling the commission on a Spring Town Hall, ARPA Funds, CDBG Grants with Fred Fox, Reddish & White (new auditors), and Weyerhauser. Mayor Randall informed the city commission that the county manager and county chair asked to have a zoom meeting with her to discuss the agenda topics for the upcoming joint meeting. Mayor Randall informed staff to cancel the zoom meeting. She also enjoyed the FBC event with her colleagues.

K. ADJOURN @ 8:40pm.

These minutes are submitted for approval.

Lakesha H. McGruder, MMC
City Clerk

Jacquelyn Randall, Mayor