



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

Minutes  
COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, May2, 2023  
6:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Randall

1. Invocation- Pastor Sammy Nelson
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

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Cameron Burrus gave an update on the Hawthorne Branch Library.

Mr. Gilbert Randall- Sewer system on SE 214<sup>th</sup> Street is having issues again.

Ms. Silvia Ardley- Large pothole on SE 61<sup>st</sup> Avenue. So far 36 vendors have registered for the Hawthorne Homecoming.

F. ROUTINE ITEMS

1. City Commission Minutes

A. City Commission Meeting- April 18, 2023

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
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## 2. Personnel Policy Changes

Moved to approve the resolution with proposed changes as presented.

Motion- Commissioner Surrency Second- Commissioner Howard

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

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## 3. Purchase of new Hustler Lawnmower

Moved to approve the resolution for purchase of mower and take the payment from the ARPA funds.

Motion- Commissioner Surrency Second- Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson

City Attorney Hoehn read the resolution by title only.

Discussion:

Mr. Gilbert Randall- staff needs a maintenance check list and what is the cut size?

City Manager Martin- we have a maintenance check list in place and the cut size is 72”.

Mr. Shawn Derrick- did staff submit an insurance claim?

City Manager Martin- we only carry insurance on city vehicles and buildings.

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

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## 4. Gator Tower

City Attorney Hoehn stated Mr. Tim Newton reached out to her about Gator Tower assigning its interest over to SWIF II Datacom Investment Co. Towers LLC.

Moved to table this item until the June meeting.

Motion- Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson Second- Commissioner Howard

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

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## G. PUBLIC HEARING

FIRST READING- None

## SECOND READING- None

### H. DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### 1. Town Hall Strategic Vision Planning

City Manager Martin- Staff is trying to find a facilitator for the upcoming Town Hall Meeting. Ms. Edith Gandy with Trisource Associates has agreed to facilitate the meeting for a cost of \$1300 - \$1500 for 3 years. Her and her staff will also provide data from the meeting back to staff and of course staff will share that data with the commission.

Discussion continued.

Moved to approve the budget of \$1300 to \$1500 and to take the money from the ARPA funds.

Motion- Commissioner Surrency      Second- Commissioner Howard

Mayor Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson	Yes
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#### 2. Alachua County Wetlands Act

City Manager Martin- this is in reference to the Weyerhaeuser Property. The county passed the Wetlands Act in 2018. When discussion first began cities were supposed to be exempt. Former County Commissioner Byerly pushed forward for the cities to not be exempt, and it passed. Recently Weyerhaeuser asked the county to exempt them since their property was completed prior to the passing of this act and the county refused. This Wetlands Act will make this property site undevelopable.

The City Commission agreed to add this topic to the upcoming Joint Meeting discussion list.

### I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

1. Pastor Sammy Nelson, the new Pastor of Lakeside Baptist Church will be offering free tutoring and want to help Hawthorne take care of our children, not the streets.

### J. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

1. City Manager Martin gave his report on Hawthorne Clean-up, staff doing a farewell party for Commissioner Surrency, Lake Johnson Drainage project, ACSO substation in Hawthorne and considering locating at City Hall, no city election, Traffic Light going by Loves in 2 years, update on street repairs, city limit signs, Farm share Event, Tourism dollars.

2. City Attorney Hoehn Report- Encourage the commission and CRA Board to be careful how the CRA money is allocated. We don't want the county to try and find fault in how we spend the CRA money. This year ended the two-year term for commissioner. All seats are now on a 3-year term. The Wireless company in Hawthorne contact information is 1-833-888-5668 opt 1.

3. City Clerk McGruder- No Report

4. City Commissioners Report

Commissioner Martin- attended the Hawthorne Library Art Fair and it was very interesting. The Farm Share event went great. On May 19, 2023, at the football stadium in Hawthorne the Bread of the Mighty will be giving away free food as well.

Commissioner Surrency- sorry for missing the Farm Share event. Arrived late but did make it to the Chamber Bowling event and it went well. FFA Banquet in Gainesville near the Gainesville racetrack.

Commissioner Howard- No Report

Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson- Farm Share event went smoothly. Happy to see most of the city staff present. Thanks to our City Clerk Lakesha McGruder for spear heading the event.

Congratulations to the City Commissioners that were unopposed and to Mr. Cue who will be replacing Commissioner Surrency. Commissioner Surrency it has been a pleasure serving with you and you are leaving a legacy and we will do our best to continue in the positive direction for the city.

5. Mayor Randall Report- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in June is Commissioner Surrency last meeting and I hope to see everyone come out to that meeting and wish him well. Clean-up is May 13. Town Hall Meeting on May 20. Graduation is upcoming so help me wish the graduating seniors well in their next adventure.

K. ADJOURN @ 8:15PM.

These minutes are submitted for approval.

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Lakesha H. McGruder, MMC  
City Clerk

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Jacquelyn Randall, Mayor