



City of  
**HAWTHORNE**  
Florida

Minutes  
COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, July 18, 2023  
6:30PM

A. Call to Order – Mayor Randall

1. Invocation – Commissioner Howard

Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Cue

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved to approve with amendments.

Motion – Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson      Second – Commissioner Cue

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

Vote 5-0

C. RECOGNITIONS & GUESTS – none

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS/ PRESENTATIONS/ PROCLAMATIONS – none

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Mrs. Sharon Surrency gave a report on HARC. They have changed their hours to 9:30am-2:00PM. HARC has 25-30 volunteers that serve 700 households. They provide 35-40 interventions to people in crisis. They are partnering with Hitchcock's to provide staples, as well as Twisted oaks Rescue for pet food. Their cooler is repaired, and they are seeking a grant for a refrigerated truck. The community businesses, like Hitchcock's, Cricket, Radiant Credit Union and Off the Rails Pizza help when needed. They need volunteers, donations and/or money.
- Mr. Robinson asked that the fire hydrants be purged; He would like 72<sup>nd</sup> Way paved.
- Mr. Nesbit – He would like 72<sup>nd</sup> Way paved.

F. ROUTINE ITEMS

1.A. City Commission Minutes – June 20, 2023

Moved to approve the above minutes.

Motion – Commissioner Howard      Second – Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson

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

Commissioner Cue	Yes
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2. P&Z Board Member - Opening on the board, Mr. Lussier resigned. Ms. Ardley wants to be a permanent member of the board. The board is seeking an alternate member.

Moved to approve Ms. Ardley as permanent member.

Motion – Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson      Second – Commissioner Martin

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3. FPL Lighting Proposal for LOC Nature Park – FPL, City of Hawthorne and Gator Gobbler are joining together to increase security with lighting, at the same time trying to keep the ambiance of the Nature Park.

- Mr. Scott – Explained how streetlights operate.
- Gilbert Randall – Asked how this would affect Gator Gobbler and would want security for their children who participate.
- Ms. Ford – Has the City thought about solar light?

Moved to approve the lighting.

Motion – Commissioner Howard      Second – Commissioner Martin

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4. Purchase of Backhoe –  
Citizen Comments

- Mr. Robinson – Has the City investigated Ynamar which is substantially less than Cat or John Deere? Has the City tried RB Auctioneers?
- Mr. Nesbit – He previously worked on backhoes, suggested looking into a heavy equipment mechanic.
- Mr. Derrick – Has the City looked into leasing because there are many benefits to leasing.
- Ms. Lithford – Property where she lives is overgrown, she is requesting attention.
- Mr. Randall – Asked does the city have a maintenance plan in place? Before purchasing equipment look at the specs to see if it fits the City's needs.

Moved to Table and continued doing research on new and used backhoes.

Motion - Commissioner Howard      Second – Commissioner Martin

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5. Code enforcement Officer - Discussion Item - No Vote Taken

- Mayor Randall – Thank you for presenting the information at this time, continue to reach out to Alachua County.

Citizen Comment

- Ms. Kirkland – Codes help to benefit our community because they make people comply with rules and are a benefit for property values.
- Ms. Rucker – How much would the city have to pay Alachua County for a code Enforcement office?

6. Annual Contract for Community Center Rental by Sheryl Scott – Discussion Item – No vote taken.

Ms. Scott was present, Leave her rental month to month with a Maximum of 6 months. Mayor Randall wished her well and the city should be a beacon of equity.

7. Request to Vacate a Portion of SE 225<sup>th</sup> Way –

Attorney Hoehn asked to table the discussion until after the P&Z Board meets and decides.

Motion – Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson Second – Commissioner Martin

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Commissioner Martin	Yes
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G. PUBLIC HEARING

First Read – none

Second Read – none

H. DISCUSSION ITEMS

One Meeting the third Tuesday in August, which would be held on August 15, 2023, at 6:30PM

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Guthrie – Is the Sewer System Complete?

City Manager Martin replied with a brief description of the sewage system and who is hooked into it. It is on a case-by-case basis. A grant has been approved with the backing of Representative Hinson for a GIS System to be put in place for Hawthorne.

J. REPORTS

1. City Manager –

- TeenWorks is ending soon, we had three students participate. They were able to get most documents scanned electronically with the assistance of our Administrative Assistant.

- DOT will be having a zoom meeting tomorrow to collaborate on putting the championship signs in place.
- CSX – meeting with DOT Inspector about paving father down 221<sup>st</sup> Street
- Food Pantry is moving forward I was able to get approval to conduct appraisals.
- Alachua County Sherriff's Office is closer to the proposed substation in Hawthorne.
- Broadband is coming to Hawthorne. 1G Provided by AT&T
- 2 bidders on the Lake Johnson Drainage Project

2. City Attorney Report – none

3. City Clerk Report – Rebekah Thorick, Administrative Assistant filling in for City Clerk – none.

4. City Commissioners Report

Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson - none

Commissioner Howard – none

Commissioner Martin – none

Commissioner Cue – none

5. Mayor Randall Report

- Backpack drive will be held at REC Park, July 29, 2023, at 11:00AM
- Skills Camp first day is tomorrow at the Hawthorne Football Stadium
- School starts the second week in August.
- Students need support to keep the community thriving. The city promotes fairness.
- Volunteers need to welcome teachers, August 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> please contact Angela Moore for more details or to help.
- New Staff at the Hawthorne High School: Principal, Assistant Principal, and Guidance Counselor; Shell Elementary: Assistant Principal

K. ADJOURN @ 9:59PM

These minutes are submitted for approval.

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Rebekah Thorick  
Administrative Assistant filling in for City Clerk

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Jacquelyn Randall, Mayor