



City of
HAWTHORNE
Florida

MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, November 7, 2023
6:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Randall

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

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 Cue	Yes

Vote 5-0

C. RECOGNITIONS & GUESTS

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Sheriff Emory Gainey, Alachua County Sheriff Department

Sheriff Gainey introduced his staff that was present and explained some of departments that are currently hiring. Sheriff Gainey also gave the amount of service calls provided to Hawthorne within the last month and a half.

The City Commission gave their thanks to Sheriff Gainey and his staff for the service they provide to the Hawthorne Community.

Ms. Elaine Williams, Ms. Kenyata Tucker, Ms. Heather Surrency and Mr. Eugene Lewis expressed their concerns with issues going on in Hawthorne.

2. Alachua County Energy Efficiency Program

Ms. Betsy Rollie explained the program and what it is designed to do.

Ms. Heather Surrency, Ms. Kenyata Tucker, and Mr. Gilbert Randall asked questions concerning the program.

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Cameron gave an update on the new programs at the Hawthorne Library.

Ms. Heather Surrency spoke on the image of Hawthorne and the Code Enforcement Issues.

Mr. Gilbert Randall- Branches over hanging the sidewalks throughout the city. Illegal sewage dump behind Shell Elementary. Dogs chasing golf carts at two different locations.

F. ROUTINE ITEMS

1. City Commission Minutes

Commission Workshop- October 17, 2023

Commission Meeting- October 17, 2023

Moved to approve the minutes.

Motion- Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson Second- Commissioner Howard

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

Vote 5-0

2. Resolution- City of Hawthorne Strategic Plan Proposal

Moved to approve the proposal and authorize the Mayor and City Manager to work with Edith Gandy to facilitate the plan for commission approval.

Motion- Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson Second- Commissioner Martin

City Attorney Hoehn read the Resolution by title only.

Discussion:

Mr. Gilbert Randall addressed the City Commission on this topic.

Mayor Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson	Yes
Commissioner Howard	No
Commissioner Martin	Yes
Commissioner Cue	No

Vote 3-2

3. Resolution- Increase in Sanitation Fees

Moved to adopt the Resolution as presented.

Motion- Commissioner Howard Second- Commissioner Martin

City Attorney Hoehn read the Resolution by title only.

Discussion:

Ms. Heather Surrency addressed the City Commission on this topic.

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

Vote 5-0

4. Permission for FPL for Directional Bore Property Located at 23016 S.E 65th Lane, Hawthorne

Mr. Joe Snyder from FPL was present to explain the boring process and answer questions.

Moved to grant permission.

Motion- Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson Second- Commissioner Martin

Discussion:

Mr. Gilbert Randall addressed the City Commission on this topic.

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

Vote 5-0

5. Resolution- Commission approval of amended USDA equipment grant application

Moved to approve the increase cost to the application.

Motion- Commissioner Howard Second- Commissioner Martin

City Attorney Hoehn read the Resolution by title only.

Discussion:

Ms. Marian Rucker addressed the City Commission on this topic.

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

Vote 5-0

G. PUBLIC HEARING

FIRST READING- None

SECOND READING- None

H. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. November 21, 2023, City Commission Meeting

The City Commission agreed unanimously to cancel the meeting for November 21. The next meeting will be December 5, 2023.

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Larry Tilbury- update on renovations of mural.

J. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

1. City Manager Martin gave his report.

2. City Attorney Hoehn- No Report

3. City Clerk McGruder- No Report

4. City Commissioners Report

Commissioner Martin- Attended the IEMO class in Daytona Beach and will bring back some information to the City Commission.

Commissioner Cue- HMHS next game is at home on November 17. Girls' basketball preseason begins next week.

Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson- Update on city audit?

Commissioner Howard- No Report

5. Mayor Randall Report- Laptop give away at HMHS this Thursday at 4PM and asking the Commissioners to attend and represent the city. HYS basketball signup on Monday at 6PM.

Asking for feedback on the mural at city hall. City Commission needs an update on painting the water tower. Turning off the water at the water park at HAP during the winter months.

K. ADJOURN @ 8:57PM

These minutes are submitted for approval.

Lakesha H. McGruder, MMC
City Clerk

Jacquelyn Randall, Mayor