



City of
HAWTHORNE
Florida

MINUTES
COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, December 19, 2023
6:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Randall

Mayor Randall announced Commissioner Howard was out sick and Commissioner Cue was coaching at a HMHS basketball game.

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

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved to approve with amendments.

Motion- Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson Second- Commissioner Martin

Mayor Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Not Present
Commissioner Martin	Yes
Commissioner Cue	Not Present

Vote 3-0

C. RECOGNITIONS & GUESTS- None

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS- None

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Tara Leflaur- SE 229 Drive- Reservation Subdivision has HOA and city does not maintain city streets out there what can the residents do.

City Attorney Hoehn stated she will look into the matter.

F. ROUTINE ITEMS

1. City Commission Minutes

Commission Meeting- December 5, 2023

Moved to approve.

Motion- Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson Second- Commissioner Martin

Mayor Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Not Present
Commissioner Martin	Yes
Commissioner Cue	Not Present

Vote 3-0

2. Request for donation for Hawthorne Middle High School

Moved to authorize expenditure up to \$100 for the request from HMHS.

Motion- Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson Second- Commissioner Martin

Mayor Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Not Present
Commissioner Martin	Yes
Commissioner Cue	Not Present

Vote 3-0

3. CRA Audit

Moved to approve the funds for the CRA Audit.

Motion- Commissioner Martin Second- Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson

Mayor Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Not Present
Commissioner Martin	Yes
Commissioner Cue	Not Present

Vote 3-0

4. Standalone Audit

City Manager Martin- This information was in the original contract they are just telling us we will have an additional charge.

City Attorney Hoehn- Since this information was in the original contract, this is information to notify you that the original contract amount of \$26K will increase by \$6500 because of the standalone audit. No action is needed. For information only.

G. PUBLIC HEARING

FIRST READING- None

SECOND READING

1. Rezoning from Planned Unit Development to Agriculture 23-01 (Little Orange Lake Investors, LLC)

Mr. Erick Bredfeldt, City Planner of Inspire, gave a short explanation of the rezoning.

Mr. Clay Swagger, of EDA, representing the applicant, Mr. Ed Mayer, was present for any questions.

Moved to approve the rezoning on 2nd reading upon the condition that the applicant check clears the city account.

Motion- Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson Second- Commissioner Martin
City Attorney Hoehn read the Ordinance by title only.

Mayor Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Not Present
Commissioner Martin	Yes
Commissioner Cue	Not Present

Vote 3-0

Mr. Michael Wells reminded the City Commission to take into consideration the traffic issues approving the RV Park and Campground will create.

2. Re-Adoption of the FY 2023-2024 Millage Rate

Moved to adopt the resolution as presented.

Motion- Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson Second- Commissioner Martin
City Attorney Hoehn read the resolution by title only.

Mayor Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Not Present
Commissioner Martin	Yes
Commissioner Cue	Not Present

Vote 3-0

3. Re-Adoption of Ordinance Adopting the Final budget for Fiscal Year 2023-24

Moved to adopt the ordinance approving and adopting the Final Budget for FY 2023-24.

Motion- Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson Second- Commissioner Martin
City Attorney Hoehn read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Randall	Yes
Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson	Yes
Commissioner Howard	Not Present
Commissioner Martin	Yes
Commissioner Cue	Not Present

Vote 3-0

H. DISCUSSION ITEMS- None

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Mona Moore- question about Cox Cable and fiberoptic?

City Manager Martin stated there is a company going door to door to see if people want a better internet connection. Cox Internet is coming to Hawthorne with a high-speed fiberoptic internet service. A cox representative will be at City Hall on January 16, 2024, at 5PM to meet with the public.

Mr. Aaron Roberts Jr.- spoke on the fiberoptic with cox internet and think this is the best choice for the citizens.

J. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

1. City Manager Martin gave his City Manager's Report

2. City Attorney Hoehn- No Report

3. City Clerk McGruder- going on vacation starting tomorrow until January 3, 2024. So Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. If it's the Lords will, I will see you all next year.

4. City Commissioners Report

Commissioner Martin- Attended the community Wi-Fi meeting at the community center. The next food drive is in March before Easter.

Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson- When will the lights be up at the LOCNP?

City Manager Martin- we are waiting for the material so hopefully in the next 2-3 months.

City Manager Martin- How the holiday fall we will not have the 1st meeting in January. The next meeting will be on January 16, 2024.

5. Mayor Randall Report- we need better lighting down by the Hawthorne Museum. Goodie bags were given to the HMHS students and Shell Elementary students. These donations for the goodie bags were made by city commissioners and different organizations in the city. HMHS Basketball has started. HYS Basketball starts in January 2024.

K. ADJOURN @ 7:49PM

These minutes are submitted for approval.

Lakesha H. McGruder, MMC
City Clerk

Jacquelyn Randall, Mayor