



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

MINUTES  
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING  
Monday, September 16, 2019  
6:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Surrency

1. Invocation- Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham
2. Pledge of Allegiance – Commissioner Randall

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA with amendments

Motion- Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham Second- Commissioner Howard

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| Commissioner Bouie          | Yes |
| Commissioner Howard         | Yes |
| Commissioner Randall        | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham | Yes |
| Mayor Surrency              | Yes |

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C. RECOGNITIONS & GUESTS- None

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

1. Proclamation- Daughters of the American Revolution Constitution Week

The City Commission adopted the Proclamation proclaiming the week of September 17 – 23, 2019 as Constitution Week

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS - None

F. ROUTINE ITEMS

1. Special Commission Minutes September 5, 2019

Moved to approve the Special Commission Minutes from September 5, 2019

Motion- Commissioner Bouie Second- Commissioner Randall

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| Commissioner Bouie          | Yes |
| Commissioner Howard         | Yes |
| Commissioner Randall        | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham | Yes |
| Mayor Surrency              | Yes |

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2. Resolution- Economic Ad Valorem Tax Abatement

City Attorney Hoehn read the Resolution by title only.

Moved to adopt the Resolution Adopting the Guidelines for the Economic Ad Valorem Tax Abatement.

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| Motion-Commissioner Howard  | Second- Commissioner Bouie |
| Commissioner Bouie          | Yes                        |
| Commissioner Howard         | Yes                        |
| Commissioner Randall        | Yes                        |
| Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham | Yes                        |
| Mayor Surrency              | Yes                        |

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## G. PUBLIC HEARING

### FIRST READING

#### 1. Economic Ad Valorem Tax Abatement Ordinance

City Attorney Hoehn read the Ordinance by title only.

Moved to adopt the Ordinance detailing the specifics of the exemption for the Economic Ad Valorem Tax Abatement Ordinance.

Motion- Commissioner Bouie                      Second- Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham

#### 2. Update to the Capital Improvements Element

City Attorney Hoehn read the Ordinance by title only.

Moved to approve on 1<sup>st</sup> reading the Ordinance amending the Capital Improvements Plan.

Motion-Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham                      Second- Commissioner Howard

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| Commissioner Bouie          | Yes |
| Commissioner Howard         | Yes |
| Commissioner Randall        | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham | Yes |
| Mayor Surrency              | Yes |

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### SECOND READING

#### 1. Final Adoption of the FY 2019-2020 Preliminary Millage Rate

City Attorney Hoehn read the Resolution by title only.

Moved to approve the final adoption for FY 2019-2020 Preliminary Millage Rate.

Motion- Commissioner Bouie                      Second- Commissioner Howard

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| Commissioner Bouie          | Yes |
| Commissioner Howard         | Yes |
| Commissioner Randall        | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham | Yes |
| Mayor Surrency              | Yes |

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#### 2. Ordinance Adopting the Final Budget for FY 2019-2020

City Attorney Hoehn read the Ordinance by title only.

Moved to adopt the Ordinance creating the Final Budget for FY 2019-2020 on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading.

Motion- Commissioner Randall                      Second- Commissioner Bouie

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| Commissioner Bouie          | Yes |
| Commissioner Howard         | Yes |
| Commissioner Randall        | Yes |
| Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham | Yes |
| Mayor Surrency              | Yes |

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#### H. DISCUSSION ITEMS - None

#### I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Jimmy Hutchinson- He is having issues with the drainage ditch in front of his home. Was told it's the property owner's responsibility to maintain the ditch but he thinks the problem is the drainage line that runs under the street is clogged and it makes his yard flood.

City Manager Vause- the North ditch of your home is on private property but she will have staff look into it.

#### J. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

1. City Manager Vause gave her City Managers Report
2. City Attorney Hoehn Report- No report
3. City Clerk McGruder Report- No report
4. City Commissioners Report

Commissioner Randall- HMHS school grade is officially a "C" grade. Trying to create a Youth Council with students at HMHS along with Mayor Surrency. PTA Meeting was a success. Thank you to Commissioner Bouie and New Hope Church for contributing supplies to the PTA Closet.

Commissioner Bouie- The PTA is trying to get all the churches in the community to donate supplies to the PTA. Commissioner Randall is doing a great job. Mr. Gilbert Randall gave the city staff a good report about the wonderful work being done at the Hawthorne Athletic Park.

Commissioner Howard- No report

Vice Mayor Roberts-Cheatham- Thank you to the staff for pulling together at the Recreation Park. Things are coming together.

5. Mayor Surrency Report- the Youth Council was a great success. They are taking under their wing the "Be Kind" slogan. Mayor Surrency explained the different things going on in the Hawthorne Community. Recreation football is going on and HMHS football is going on as well.

#### K. ADJOURN@ 7:31PM

These minutes are submitted for approval.

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LaKesha H. McGruder, MMC

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Matthew Surrency, Mayor