



City of
HAWTHORNE
Florida

MINUTES
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, September 13, 2023
6:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Randall

1. Invocation- Commissioner Martin
2. Pledge of Allegiance- Commissioner Cue

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved to approve the agenda.

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

C. RECOGNITIONS & GUESTS- None

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS- None

E. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Jennifer Tozzo- Thank you to the Hawthorne Community for the donations donated to Yankee Town.

F. ROUTINE ITEMS

1. City Commission Minutes

A. City Commission Workshop (Weyerhaeuser) - August 15, 2023

B. City Commission Meeting- August 15, 2023

C. City Commission Budget Workshop- August 16, 2023

D. City Commission Budget Workshop- August 23, 2023

E. City Commission Budget Workshop- September 6, 2023

Moved to approve the above minutes.

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

2. Hurricane Idalia State of Emergency

Moved to adopt the Resolution as presented.

Motion- Commissioner Martin 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 Cue	Yes

Vote 5-0

3. Hawthorne Christmas Foundation Christmas Festival

Mr. Thorick invited the City Commission to participate in the Christmas parade.

Mr. Thorick asked if city staff could help with the setup like they have done previously.

Mr. Thorick asked about the reimbursement for electrical work done on the poles in the downtown area.

The City Commission agreed to take the funds from the CRA Budget to reimburse the HCF for the electrical work on SE 221 Street.

Moved to approve HCF reimbursement not to exceed \$1K.

Motion- Commissioner Howard Second- Commissioner Martin

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

Vote 5-0

Moved to waive the \$100 permit fee for the Hawthorne Christmas Festival.

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

4. Tracey Smith-Hollingshed

Moved to reject Ms. Hollingshed two offers and suggested she get the property appraised and come back with an additional offer.

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

Vote 5-0

5. ACSO Substation

Moved to recommend the commission approve the agreement by adopting the resolution as presented.

Motion- Commissioner Howard Second- Commissioner Martin

City Attorney Hoehn read the Resolution by title only.

Discussion: Mr. Gilbert Randall asked the location of substation.

The City Manager explained and stated ASO would pay for all the reconstruction for the substation.

Ms. Jennifer Tozzo stated she believes having a substation in the city will help reduce crime.

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

Vote 5-0

6. Engie Insight EFT Set Up Agreement- City Manager Martin

Moved to approve the Resolution.

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	Yes
Commissioner Martin	Yes
Commissioner Cue	Yes

Vote 5-0

7. CDBG 20 DR Lake Johnson Drainage Improvements

Moved to approve the CDBG 20 DR Lake Johnson Drainage Improvements change order.

Motion- Commissioner Howard Second- Commissioner Martin

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

1. Tentative Adoption of the FY 2023-2024 Preliminary 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	Yes
Commissioner Martin	Yes
Commissioner Cue	Yes

Vote 5-0

2. Ordinance Adopting the Tentative Budget for FY 2023-2024

Moved to adopt the Ordinance approving and adopting the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Motion- Commissioner Howard Second- Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson

City Attorney Hoehn read the Ordinance by title only.

Discussion: Mr. Tim Thorick commented on the cost-of-living increase for staff.

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

Vote 4-0

* Commissioner Howard stepped out before the vote.

SECOND READING- None

H. DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

I. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Tim Thorick thanked the City Commission for the card he received regarding his business.

J. REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/INFORMATION

1. City Manager Martin Report- update on New Sheriff Gainey, Redi Grant, Welcome to Hawthorne Signage, Thanks to former City Manager Sapp, city staff and the city commission for the current budget because we were able to keep our expenses under the budgeted amount.

2. City Attorney Hoehn- No Report

3. City Clerk McGruder- No Report

4. City Commissioners Report

Commissioner Martin- No Report

Commissioner Cue- Football game at home on Friday against South Sumpter. Upward Bound starting back at UF. It's a college prep program that prepares students for college.

Commissioner Howard- Should be a folder in city hall about signage.

Vice Mayor Bouie-Hutchinson- Daughter attended the upward bound program and she loved it. So, if anyone knows of students that can benefit from this program it would be beneficial.

5. Mayor Randall Report- Next City Commission Meeting is September 26, 2023. October 28 HAP and YMCA partnering to do the "Trunk or Treat" at the athletic park.

K. ADJOURN @ 8:06PM

These minutes are submitted for approval.

Lakesha H. McGruder, MMC
City Clerk

Jacquelyn Randall, Mayor