



SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM

City Council Chambers, 16 Colomba Rd.

DeBary, Florida 32713

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Chasez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Chasez, Vice-Mayor Butlien, and Council Members Pappalardo, Sell and Stevenson are present.

Others present: Carmen Rosamonda, City Manager; Giffin Chumley, City Attorney; Steven Bapp, Growth Management Director; Erik Frankton, Information Technology Director; Wesley Grissom, Deputy Finance Director; Annette Hatch, City Clerk; and, Richard Villaseñor, City Engineer.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: For any items **ON THE AGENDA**, citizen comments are limited to five (5) minutes per speaker. Speakers will be called when the item is introduced for discussion.

DELETIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA (City Charter Sec. 4.11): None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Jay Strother, Principal, and Shaunn Smith, Support Facilitator, Highbanks Learning Center, gave an overview of the changes, efforts, and expansion of the school.

DeBary Dinosaur Costume Committee Recognition: Committee members were recognized and given plaques of appreciation for decorating the DeBary Dinosaur.

NEW BUSINESS:

City Manager is requesting the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-12 to set the final millage rate of 2.9247 for the levy of ad valorem tax for fiscal year 2023-2024. The final millage rate of 2.9247 is 7.65% above the computed rolled back rate of 2.7168.

City Manager is requesting the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-13 for the final annual operating budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

City Manager gave a presentation on both items which included major projects and operational expenses.

No one addressed Council.

City Attorney read Resolution No. 2023-12 and Resolution No. 2023-13 into the record.

Motion by Council Member Stevenson to adopt Resolution No. 2023-12, setting the final millage rate. Seconded by Council Member Pappalardo. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Pappalardo to adopt Resolution No. 2023-13 approving the final annual operating budget. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Butlien. Motion passed unanimously.

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting Council approve the annual renewal for the Gateway Center for the Arts Facility Use Agreement.

Staff reviewed the agreement and the benefits of the facility.

Terri Haug, Executive Director, Gateway Center for the Arts, addressed Council and presented the annual budget and highlights of the year.

Richie Coloni addressed Council regarding the annual budget reporting.

Mayor Chasez asked for and received Council consensus for City Manager and Staff to work with Gateway to move the reporting to October.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Butlien to approve the annual renewal. Seconded by Council Member Stevenson. Motion passed unanimously.

Ritchie Coloni re-addressed Council and requested consideration of allowing a second Board Member to communicate with City Staff in order to relieve some of the duties of the Director.

Staff is requesting the City Council approve Resolution No. 2023-17 adopting an official list of City-owned real property appropriate for use as affordable housing, pursuant to Florida Statute 166.0451(1).

Staff reviewed the requirement.

City Attorney read the Resolution into the record.

No one addressed Council.

Motion by Council Member Stevenson to approve Resolution No. 2023-17. Seconded by Council Member Sell.

Motion passed unanimously.

Staff is requesting City Council approve Resolution No. 2023-21 for establishing the determination for the respective maintenance responsibilities of the City and FDOT for the Integra and Town Park projects.

City Attorney read the Resolution into the record.

Staff reviewed the right-of-way and sidewalk areas affected.

No one addressed Council.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Butlien to approve Resolution No. 2023-21. Seconded by Council Member Sell. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff requests City Council approve the Vacant Land Contract to purchase 114 vacant platted lots owned by Richard D Carlson, which is generally located south of DeBary Mansion.

Staff reviewed the location of the lots, conservation area and drainage areas.

No one addressed Council.

Motion Vice-Mayor Butlien to approve the vacant land contract. Seconded by Council Member Pappalardo. Motion passed unanimously.

City Manager is requesting City Council approve Resolution No. 2023-22, opposing the construction of the Belvedere Fuel Farm near Ormond Beach.

Mayor Chasez reviewed the purpose of the resolution.

City Manager explained the efforts of Volusia County and the Florida League of Cities.

City Attorney read the Resolution into the record.

No one addressed Council.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Butlien to approve Resolution No 2023-22. Seconded by Council Member Stevenson. Motion passed unanimously.

COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS / COMMUNICATIONS:

Member Reports/ Communications

- A. Mayor and Council Members
- B. City Manager
- C. City Attorney

DATE OF UPCOMING MEETING / WORKSHOP: Regular City Council Meeting October 4, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

**CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF DEBARY, FLORIDA**

Karen Chasez, Mayor

Annette Hatch, CMC, City Clerk