



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 06, 2023 at 6:30 PM

City Council Chambers, 16 Colomba Rd.

DeBary, Florida 32713

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### 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; Kurt Ardaman, City Attorney; Elizabeth Bauer, Finance Director; Annette Hatch, City Clerk; David Rodriguez, Information Technology Technician; and, Shari Simmans, Economic Development & Government Affairs Director.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** For any items **NOT ON THE AGENDA**, citizen comments are limited to three (3) minutes per speaker. For 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.

Howard Gates addressed Council.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Council Member Stevenson to approve the minutes from the Regular City Council Meeting August 2, 2023, and the Special City Council Meeting August 23, 2023. Seconded by Vice-Mayor Butlien. Motion passed unanimously.

**ADDITIONS, DELETIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Ms. Rachel Hazel, Deputy Superintendent Volusia County Schools, highlighted some of the programs and legislative updates in the school district. Mr. Angel Gomez, Communications & Legislative Affairs Director, was not able to attend.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

City Manager is requesting the City Council to adopt Resolution No. 2023-10 to set the tentative millage rate of 2.9247 for the collection of ad valorem taxes for fiscal year 2023-2024. This tentative millage rate of 2.9247 is 7.65% higher than the rolled-back rate of 2.7168.

City Manager is requesting the City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-11 to approve the tentative annual operating budget for fiscal year 2023-2024.

City Manager gave a presentation on both items which included major projects, operational expenses, law enforcement and fire services.

No one addressed Council.

City Attorney read Resolution No. 2023-10 and Resolution No. 2023-11 into the record.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Butlien to adopt Resolution No. 2023-10 to set the tentative millage rate. Seconded by Council Member Pappalardo. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Council Member Stevenson to adopt Resolution No. 2023-11, approving the tentative annual operating budget. Seconded by Council Member Pappalardo. Motion passed unanimously.

City Manager is requesting City Council approve the Central Florida Community Pet Clinic's Memorandum of Understanding for veterinary services related to DeBary's TNR Program.

City Manager reviewed the 3-year agreement.

No one addressed Council.

Motion by Council Member Stevenson to approve the Central Florida Community Pet Clinic's Memorandum of Understanding. Seconded by Council Member Sell. Motion passed unanimously.

City Manager is requesting City Council award the Request for Qualifications Bid for Lobbying Services to Ballard Partners, Inc.

Staff reviewed the RFQ process and timeline.

No one addressed Council.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Butlien to award the lobbying services contract to Ballard Partners and allow the City Manager to finalize and execute the contract. Seconded by Council Member Pappalardo. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff requests City Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-19, establishing a Hometown Heroes Committee.

City Attorney read the Resolution into the record.

Staff discussed the committee's purpose and responsibilities.

Dorothy Pehowic addressed Council.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Butlien to adopt Resolution No. 2023-19. Seconded by Council Member Sell. Motion passed unanimously.

City Manager is requesting City Council affirm Resolution No. 2023-18, Declaration of State of General Emergency due to Hurricane Idalia.

City Attorney read the Resolution into the record.

City Manager explained the emergency nature of the resolution and authority granted by the Charter due to an emergency.

No one addressed Council.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Butlien to affirm Resolution No. 2023-18. Seconded by Council Member Stevenson. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff is requesting City Council approve Resolution No. 2023-20, modifying the Florida Department of Transportation's Joint Participation Agreement reducing project scope of connector trail.

City Attorney read the Resolution into the record.

City Manager explained the grant requirements and trail modifications.

No one addressed Council.

Motion by Vice-Mayor Butlien to approve Resolution No. 2023-20. Seconded by Council Member Pappalardo. 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:** Special City Council Meeting September 20, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

**CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF DEBARY, FLORIDA**

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**Karen Chasez, Mayor**

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**Annette Hatch, CMC, City Clerk**