



# HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

## REGULAR COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 7:30 PM

Town Hall (Council Chamber) - 307 E Kennedy Blvd. 32751

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### CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM:

Mayor Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and quorum was established through Mrs. Veronica King

**PRESENT:** (5) Mayor Angie Gardner, Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels, Councilman Theo Washington, Councilman Marlin Daniels, Councilwoman Wanda Randolph

**STAFF:** (6) Demetrius Pressley, **Interim Administrative Officer**, Veronica King, **Town Clerk**, Jacob Schumer, **Town Attorney**, Joseph Jenkins, **Deputy Chief**, Katrina Gibson, **Finance Director**, Albert English, **Public Works Director**

### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Rev. Critton led the Prayer of Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

**Mayor Gardner Motions** to approve the amended meeting agenda; adding the Interim Administrative Officer Report and moving item #2 (Extension for the Utilization of Vacation Accumulations for Employees) down to Council Decision; Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Councilman M. Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Note:** Original Motion Withdrawn

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: (The three-minute rule was strictly enforced)

**James Benderson – (Submitted by email read by Clerk)** Comments on objection to Integrity Group Contract and its potential fiscal impact to the town. Request update on the Town establishing Impact Fees

**Ryan Novak–** Commented on researching media platforms beyond Facebook, and improving Online Presence

**Charles Bargaineer –** Comments thanking Town Council and Staff for the training opportunity extended to the Planning and Zoning Board

**Angela Johnson –** Comments with inquiry on the Denton Johnson Center Rental Contract and thanking Town Council and Staff for the training opportunity extended to the Planning and Zoning Board

**Joyce Irby –** Comments acknowledging and thanking Council members for what they do; expressed concern about the previous speaker who presented at the Town Council Workshop

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Gardner Motions** to approve the consent agenda; amended meeting minutes for 2-7-23, amended Contract for Denton Johnson To Include Price Increases; Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Councilman M. Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Note:** Item #2 (Extension for the Utilization of Vacation Accumulations for Employees) was moved to Council Decision. Councilman Washington stated to ensure that the paid rentals have priority over the free community-based rentals.



## COUNCIL DECISIONS:

**Mayor Gardner Motions** to approve Extension for the Utilization of Vacation Accumulations for Employees Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Councilman M. Daniels with discussion; **AYE: Mayor Gardner, Councilman Washington; NAYE: Councilman M. Daniels, Vice-Mayor R. Daniels, Councilwoman Randolph; ALL, MOTION FAILS.** Note: This item was moved from Consent Agenda to Council Decision

**Mayor Gardner Motions** to approve the Integrity Group (Blue Sky) General Contract for Services Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Councilman M. Daniels with discussion; **AYE: Mayor Gardner; NAYE: Councilman Washington, Councilman M. Daniels, Vice-Mayor R. Daniels, Councilwoman Randolph; ALL, MOTION FAILS.** Note: Numbers for the Overtime pay to include options requested.

## REPORTS:

**INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER** – Thanks for the opportunity to serve; come by way of Jacksonville with experience in municipal government. Goals: conduct analysis of department heads, state of the town, establish path in moving forward, Council desires, and request time/attention to ensure quality reporting to Council.

**TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT** – No Report

### TOWN COUNCIL REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS

**Councilwoman Wanda Randolph** – Reported out and inquired on various items; backup issues with homeowners, employee/training, adequate equipment, customer service, proper attitude & response with public engagement, electrical boxes, water status, code enforcement, recreation, \$5.9 million reimbursable grant, status on town logo, Juneteenth, MLK Steering committee, and the town zip code (boundary review).

**Councilman Washington** - Reported out and inquired on Public Work's equipment (missing, the upkeep, maintenance), and community (survey).

**Councilman M. Daniels** – Reported out and inquired about various items; disparities in the town, media live options, the community pool (analysis), Possible \$50,000+ grant for tennis courts, impact fees (Resolution), Hungerford project (30 day waiting period), 70 acres update, Monthly budget actuals, CPA status, recommend budget adjustments, inconsistencies with the issuance of permits, removal of MLK banner/sign, and a community roundtable.

**Vice-Mayor R. Daniels** – Reported out and inquired on opposition to the Integrity Group, acknowledgement of Steven Martin presentation, showing respect (argument vs. debate), utilizing & refurbishing the tennis/basketball courts, Salary of Interim CAO, acknowledgement of staff, and Heritage Festival (Parade)

### MAYOR'S REPORT

**Mayor Angie Gardner** – Reported out and inquired on social media platforms (updates), grant funds, water issues, Juneteenth (Collaboration), MLK Parade banner/sign, budget actuals (need a clean audit), CPA (training and review), budget adjustments (trust administration), permit (instituting a new system), and Rallying around the Mayor.

**ADJOURNMENT** Mayor Gardner Motions for Adjournment of Meeting (Moved by Councilman M. Daniels; Second by Councilman Washington ; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Meeting Adjourned AT 9:08 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
Veronica L King, Town Clerk

APPROVED  
  
Angie Gardner, Mayor