



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 3, 2024, at 7:30 PM

Denton Johnson Center (Location Change) – 400 Ruffle Street. 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 a quorum was established by Mrs. King

PRESENT: (4), Mayor Angie Gardner, Vice Mayor Theo Washington, Councilman Rodney Daniels, Councilwoman Wanda Randolph (Absent: Councilman Tarus Mack)

STAFF: (6) Demetrius Pressley, **Chief Administrator Officer**, Veronica King, **Town Clerk**, Clifford Shepard, **Town Attorney**, Katrina Gibson, **Finance Director**, Chief Stanley Murray, **EPD**, Valerie Mundy, **Public Works Director**

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mayor Gardner Motions to **APPROVE** the meeting agenda; **Moved by** Councilwoman Randolph; **Second by** Vice Mayor Washington; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION – (2)

Joyce Irby – Acknowledged staff (Mrs. Katrina and Ms. Mundy) for competency and for holding things down; expressed that often staff are overlooked; expressed concerns in having meetings and public hearings at the last minute (referenced CRA meeting), without holding off on items for reconsideration due to the urgency of having to do things immediately, is inappropriate.

Angela Johnson – Request to move 2nd budget meeting to 6:30pm to align with the needs of the community; inquired about when the HostDime agreement will be updated; inquired as to who's responsibility is it to maintain the streetscape in front of Family Dollar, feels the town has wasted \$15,000, it is overgrown with weeds; inquired about the projected timeline for rate increases for water, solid waste, waste water, sewer, and what type of notices will be given to residents; inquired about the compensation study and if it will be workshopped and adopted or will positions be pulled and included in the budget for approval (leads to biases); requested for an update on the community policing grant (ring cameras, internet accessibility); inquired about the status on the 2023 audit;

APPROVAL CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Gardner Motions to APPROVE Consent Agenda approving the council meeting minutes for August 20, 2024, Resolution 2024-24 approving the Drinking Water Asset Management and Fiscal Sustainability (AMFS) Plan, and Approval of Resolution 2024-25 approving the Wastewater Asset Management and Fiscal Sustainability (AMFS) Plan; **Moved by** Councilwoman Randolph; **Second by** Councilman Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

COUNCIL DECISIONS: No Items

REPORTS:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Demetrius Pressley – No Report

ATTORNEY: Clifford Shepard – There are no new lawsuits; still have the existing lawsuit with UP Development, will initiate discussions with Troy Smith to seek a resolution.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS -

Councilman Rodney Daniels – Do not agree with the budget process, there are other avenues to follow procedures and every dollar, suggest that the budget is sent out to a firm or purchase software to account for every dime, trust the staff but do not like the process.

Councilwoman Wanda Randolph – No Report

Vice Mayor Theo Washington – Congratulations to the Lake Mary Little League baseball team (the brooks have a family member who played on the team and is a resident); agree and disagree with some items in the budget, need to get through the budget process as best as we can, there are issues.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Angie Gardner – will get with Mr. Pressley about HostDime and the streetscape; will go over the recommendations for the rate study for water and sewer at the next meeting, from there a timeline can be determined; yielded to Chief Murray for an update on the policing grant: the ordering process for the ring cameras have begun, will have an information session for people to learn about the program and how it will work, a letter will go out to those who signed up for a ring camera, the information session will discuss the internet and what can and cannot be provided, National Night Out will take place in Eatonville on October 8th at 6pm located at both CRA lots; the audit will be on the next agenda; council agreed by consensus to change the 2nd budget hearing to 6:30 p.m.; (Gibson) inquired about the new charter not indicating the third Monday as the date for the 2nd budget hearing, legal could not find anything in Section 4.05 but to follow the statute which is currently being done, the 2nd budget hearing will take place on September 16 at 6:30 p.m.; condolences to the families who have lost loved ones.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Gardner Motions for Adjournment of Meeting; **Moved** by Councilman Daniels; **Second** by Vice Mayor Washington; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Meeting Adjourned at 7:47pm P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted by:


Veronica L King, Town Clerk

APPROVED


Angie Gardner, Mayor