



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

REGULAR COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 5, 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 7:30 p.m. and a quorum was established through roll call by Mrs. Veronica King

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

STAFF: (6) Demetrius Pressley, **Interim Chief Administrator Officer**, Veronica King, **Town Clerk**, Clifford Shepard, **Town Attorney**, Joseph Jenkins, **Deputy Chief**, Katrina Gibson, **Finance Director**, Valerie Mundy, **Interim 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 agenda with amendment removing #4 (Approval of Establishing A Special Event Advisory Committee) and adding item #5 (Approving of Organizational Chart) to Council Decision; Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Mayor Gardner; **AYE:** Councilwoman Randolph, Councilman M. Daniels, Vice Mayor R. Daniels, Mayor Gardner: **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

PRESENTATION AND RECOGNITION:

Coach Taylor from the Olympian Fortress Swim Academy, LLC. presented through PowerPoint; the program provides swimming lessons to infants, toddlers, children, youth, and adults; program currently provides private lessons at a cost of \$448 (a sibling package for two children for twelve sessions) Payment plans are available. Looking for a home for the Olympian Fortress Swim Academy. Would consider a rental option for the program.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - (The Three-minute rule was strictly enforced)

Charles Bargaineer – Inquired on the status of the Code Enforcement Board and the credentials of the Code Enforcement Officer.

KingMark Bertrand – (Provided Handouts) – Concerns: have reached out and receive no return calls; would like to work with the Town; informed about the affordable housing initiative; presented to Town Council for consideration a Land Use and Zoning Incentive for Eligible Projects. Inquired about if the Town has adopted an expedited permitting process (In response, the process for electronic submitting of permits has begun). Inquired on the status of the Moratorium on permits and if the Town has had any discussion on the Live Local

Act; the moratorium is pre-existence live local; inquired about an application that was submitted (Encouraged to get with Mr. Pressley).

Angela Johnson – Acknowledged council for their support during Cornell’s funeral; (concerns): no financial impact for confirming the CAO; the recommended salary for the Public Works Director is possibly \$8,500 greater than current budget; fees for use of new online utility billing payment; sidewalk inventory and repairs; recommend creating programs and partnership that would bring more African Americans into the community.

APPROVAL CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Gardner Motions to approve the consent agenda approving the Town Council Meeting Minutes for - 8-15-2023; Moved by Councilman M. Daniels; Second by Councilwoman Randolph; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

COUNCIL DECISIONS: (Item #4 was removed from council decision (Approval of Establishing A Special Event Advisory Committee))

Mayor Gardner Motions (Accomplishments since February 2023 were provided) to Approve Confirmation of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for The Town of Eatonville; Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Councilwoman Randolph; **Discussion:** where has position been posted (town website, FLC with no other application submitted); current salary is \$85,000 (Range \$80,000 – 125, 000), (Randolph/R. Daniels) would like to table until the budget is completed; **AYE:** Councilman M. Daniels, Councilman Washington, Mayor Gardner; **NAYE:** Councilwoman Randolph, Vice Mayor R. Daniels; **MOTION PASSES**

Mayor Gardner Motions to Approve of Confirmation of the Director of Public Work for The Town of Eatonville; Moved by Councilwoman Randolph; Second by Councilman Washington; **Discussion:** where has position been posted (town website, FLC with one other applicant who submitted requesting a higher salary); observed efforts in bringing the town up to another level and dealing with staff, seeking OSHA certification, answering to the state, training staff; current salary of \$73,000 is more than the salary range (Councilwoman Randolph is requesting for the \$73,000 salary to remain instead of honoring the \$82,000 salary request); honor the seven percent increase after the six month probationary period; cost levels for vendor/contractors should decrease with this position being filled; **AYE:** Councilwoman Randolph, Councilman Washington, Mayor Gardner; Councilman M. Daniels, **NAYE:** Vice Mayor R. Daniels; **MOTION PASSES**

Discussion and Approval of the Town’s Organizational Chart (Walk On Item); Discussion: (Pressley) Modifications and changes were made from previous discussions; operations manager was removed, positions added/modified: Human Resource/Risk Manager (part-time), Record’s Clerk/Coordinator (part-time), unfreezing of the Community/Youth/Recreations Manager, and the Community Development Director/CRA have all been included in the chart; **Mayor Gardner Motions** for approval of the Town’s Organizational Chart (approximately 43 employees (with all part/full-time positions)- with nine vacancies; Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Councilman M. Daniels; **Discussion:** provided further discussions on position status, titles, job descriptions; request that one of the part-time positions under recreation be established on a need basis; coordinator under recreation should be expected to oversee programs with a flex schedule; **Mayor Gardner restate Motions** to approve the Town’s Organizational Chart as is; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

REPORTS:

INTERIM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Demetrius Pressley

Thanks for the opportunity to serve; will be bringing before council the sewer wholesale agreement with Altamonte Springs; acknowledge staff who worked diligently and overtime for the storm efforts; budget hearing is tomorrow (9-6-23), asked that Council provide any questions prior to the meeting and the requested budget changes will be emailed today in preparation for the budget hearing.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Clifford Shepard – Prepared an ordinance for the next charter review with proposed amendments for the meeting on Thursday (9-7-23).

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS-

Councilman Marlin Daniels – Acknowledged families who lost loved ones; concerned about the certification of the Code Enforcement officer; if not completed by end of the budget hearing, request will be made to move position out of budget and outsource the services for code enforcement; request update on the I.T. services; impact fees (60% completed); the Point of Sell (POS) and finance system is on the website (last session for the POS is scheduled)-should be up and running by end of month; request information on the process for building homes in the historic district; business owner (140 S. West Street) indicated that they are having issues with zoning (request updates and ordinance for non-conforming use and for documents since 2019 pertaining to the purchase and sell of 142 S. West Street pertaining to the pool); requested that council members along with the attorney be allowed to follow up and speak with the Orange County Public School pertaining to the Hungerford property; resolution was requested (legal stated that a resolution is not needed); recommend the Mayor meet with the school board or send a delegate, the CAO with comments from the council (any board member can ask questions to the school board). A meeting will be set up to include the Mayor, the CAO, and the attorney (recommend putting together a team to attend and for council to send over their questions).

Councilwoman Wanda Randolph – Requested information as to is there is a medical marijuana store in the town (old laundry mat); inquired on status on the \$5,000 funding for the tennis program through Tina Waters (completed over the summer/check was provided); inquired about the Tommy Dixon property (eviction is in process, about three weeks to obtain court order to possess property); request for the County to do a presentation providing updates to the road widening project; request an update on the Winter Park grant (waiting for funding approval).

Councilman Theo Washington – Acknowledged families who lost loved ones (McWhite/Johnson); need to be together when we meet with the school board concerning the Hungerford Property.

Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels – Acknowledged families who lost loved ones (Chamber's family); looking forward to getting the pool up; request information on four roots mentioned from Councilman M. Daniels water leak was detected on Eaton Street and it is being addressed; would like to see more grants on infrastructure; requesting information on the removal of the garbage dumpster on the corner of Lincoln; Parliamentary Procedures should be followed when a motion to table is presented; nothing prohibits any board member wanting to ask questions to the school board concerning the Hungerford property;

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Angie Gardner – Condolences to families who have lost loved ones; provided clarity to meeting with the school board representative who stated that she had already spoken with other member of the council, must move to the next step in considering the community land trust, commercial businesses; wanting to present a resolution to the school board that show a solidarity among the council.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Gardner Motions for Adjournment of Meeting; Moved by Councilman M. Daniels; Second by Councilman Washington; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Meeting Adjourned at 9:14 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted by:


Veronica L King, Town Clerk

APPROVED


Angie Gardner, Mayor