



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

REGULAR COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 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 7:30 p.m. and quorum was established through 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**, Albert English, **Public Works Director**, and Katrina Gibson, **Finance 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 add the March 16, 2023 Special Council Meeting Minutes; Councilman M. Daniels asked that item two be moved to council decision. **Mayor Gardner Motions** to approve agenda with all of the amendments as stated. Moved by Vice Mayor R. Daniels; Second by Councilwoman Randolph; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

PRESENTATIONS

Widening of Kennedy Boulevard – Introduced by Councilwoman Randolph, Brian Sanders along with accompanying staff from Orange County presented the construction plans and proposed timeline for the Widening of Kennedy Boulevard from two lanes to four lanes. Cost: Approximately \$72 million dollars (Not fully funded); the west side of the project is funded, and the east side of the project is not yet funded. Expect full funding by construction time. A traffic study can be requested; with future construction coming, the dynamic of construction could change requiring additional safety measures i.e. traffic lights. Mr. English will contact Mr. Williams at Orange County to set up a meeting to discuss the utilities associated with the project. Transit facilities have been incorporated into the plan in conjunction with links.

Artwork as part of the Ultimate Art Endowment Program – Presentation on the Artwork Presented As Part of the Ultimate Art Endowment Program was presented by Mayor Gardner. (offers \$1.5 million for the project) Examples of artwork from other municipalities were discussed. The artist Jefre' will come to present to Council at the April 4, 2023 meeting.

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

Ryan Novak – Consider hiring an event coordinator who could assist with larger projects to lighten the load, having events that generate revenue for the town and curate sponsorship; farmer's market, food truck bazaar.

CRA owes (5) five parcels of land; request information for the intended plans for those properties (future use). Request updates on considering pickleball courts for activities for the citizens, when refurbishing the tennis courts.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-2 Amending Ordinance 2020-9 To Repeal Certain Provisions: No Public Comments. No changes since first reading. Mayor Gardner Motions to approve the second Reading of Ordinance 2023-2 Amending Ordinance 2020-9 To Repeal Certain Provisions; Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Vice Mayor R. Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-3 Repealing Ordinance 2021-4; No Public Comments. No changes since first reading. Mayor Gardner Motions to approve second Reading of Ordinance 2023-3 Repealing Ordinance 2021-4; Moved by Councilwoman Randolph; Second by Councilman Washington; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

Approval of Second Reading of Ordinance 2023-4 Repealing Ordinance 2010-4; No Public Comments. No changes since first reading. Mayor Gardner Motions to approve second Reading of Ordinance 2023-4 Repealing Ordinance 2010-4; Moved by Second by Councilman M. Daniels; Second by Vice Mayor R. Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

APPROVAL CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Gardner Motions to approve the consent agenda approving the Town Council Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2023 and the Special Meeting for March 16, 2023; Moved by Councilman M. Daniels; Second by Councilman Washington; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.** (Items two was moved previously moved to council decision)

COUNCIL DECISIONS:

(Moved from consent agenda) Approval of Extension for the Utilization of Vacation Accumulations for Employees: Mayor Gardner Motions to approve the Extension for the Utilization of Vacation Accumulations for Employees; Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Vice Mayor R. Daniels; **Discussion:** Made concessions and officers times are on the books; everything will be taking care of by April 30th if approved. Policy being put in place will enforce anything over 240 hours by December 31st will be lost. Due to the possible increase cost in overtime, the Chief should go back and look at the budget. **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

Approval of Resolution #2023-2 Appointment of Vice Mayor per Section 2.04 of the Town of Eatonville's Charter. In the absence of the Mayor, the Vice Mayor steps in. The recommendation is for Councilman Washington as Vice Mayor; made on the basis of upon the voting path and relationship with the citizens; Mayor Gardner Motions to approve Resolution #2023-2 Appointment of Councilman Washington as Vice Mayor; Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Councilman M. Daniels; **AYE:** Councilman Washington, Mayor Gardener **NAYE:** Vice Mayor R. Daniels, Councilman M. Daniels, Councilwoman Randolph; **MOTION FAILS. Discussion:** There are no other recommendations for the Vice Mayor; there is no provision for Council to nominate, there is no language to speak to the Mayor recommending more than one. We are at a stalemate. Legal recommendation is for the Mayor to present two options for Vice Mayor.

REPORTS:

INTERIM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Demetrius Pressley

Impact Fees: Ranges \$23,000-33,000; suggest 30 days to secure funding and in the meantime put a package together with the fee study. Orange County has presented a MOU for the town to use the Geographical

Information System to look at the land development and infrastructure; will send to legal for review and then bring before Council for consideration. CBS News Article: Suggesting in follow up to the news article, to organize as Stakeholders meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.; to address any misinformation and to prepare for the upcoming strategic plan session being proposed for the end of April. The Training Workshop will be moved up to 6pm to accommodate the 7:30pm Stakeholders meeting. Will be bringing the quarterly budget report soon. Reminder: Clean up day this week.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Clifford Shepard

This next Training Workshop is critical; learning the difference between legislative decisions and Quasi Judicial decisions. Recommending a Charter review in which Council would review; Council made an approval through consensus to move forward with recommendation.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS-

Councilman M. Daniels – Federal Funding: Consider looking into federal funding to municipalities for infrastructure (Response by CAO, there are several grants to get a handle on; looking to bring in a grant coordinator to assist; need to ensure staffing levels). Summer Programs: requesting updates and info on funding and personnel. Juneteenth: Should collaborate. Support Women's History.

Vice-Mayor R. Daniels – Great meeting attorney, looking forward to working together to get things right. The town is as strong as its legal.

Councilman T. Washington – Several things have passed in 2016-2017 but has not been carried out, grass in median, resurface of tennis courts; need to get things done. Development on the right of way needs to be addressed and established by the town.

Councilwoman Wanda Randolph – Financial Accountability: no financial report, no representation as a council member on signature cards at the banking institutions since being elected in March 2022, under oversite with the State of Florida for several years. Same issue with the CRA signature cards after (6) six visits to the bank. These types of issues can create a liability to the town with the inefficiencies in management of finances. Must clean up internal controls, no confidence in the Finance Director. Administrative Positions: Inconsistency on the front desk, unqualified Code Enforcement officer hired against the former CAO's decision, and unqualified permitting clerk. Why are we not hiring for, CAO, Chief of Police, Recreation Supervisor/Director, and shortage of officers. Other: Honoring Women History Month. Completed the 4-hour Ethics Training and Public Records.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Angie Gardner – Banking: Attorney, is going to the bank legislative or administrative; neither, who signs checks, or who is on the bank account is legislative but interaction with the bank institution is a decision to determine by the Council. Property Purchase: CXRA purchased property as a requirement for building Main Street; the goal is to develop and grow economically. CAO: Is the point of contact for all administrative concerns and matters; there is no direct contact with the staff. Mr. Pressley will get the answers that are needed. Thanks to Ms. Gibson and Chief Jenkins for holding things in place. Impact Fees: Have identified finding source; currently working out the numbers.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Gardner Motions for Adjournment of Meeting (Moved by Councilman M. Daniels; Second by Councilman Washington; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted by:


Veronica L King, Town Clerk

APPROVED


Angie Gardner, Mayor