



# HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

## REGULAR COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 5, 2023 at 7:30 PM

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

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**(PLEASE NOTE: Date was changed to Wednesday due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday)**

### CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM:

Mayor Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and 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: (8)** Demetrius Pressley, **Interim Chief Administrator Officer**, Veronica King, **Town Clerk**, Ryan McKnight, **Attorney**, Joseph Jenkins, **Deputy Chief**, Katrina Gibson, **Finance Director**, Nicole Bonds, **CRA Executive Director**, Cobbin McGee, **Planner I**, Valerie Mundy, **Interim Public Works Director**,

### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Grader led the Invocation through a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

**Mayor Gardner Motions** to approve Council Meeting Agenda adding a presentation item (Denton Johnson Tennis Corp.) for council decision and moving item two (CDBG Interlocal Agreement with Orange County) down to Council Decision; Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Councilman M. Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

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

**Angela Johnson** – Inquired and discussed items related to Founder's Day (budget, location, contingency plan due to inclement weather, is the \$12,000 coming from the RWJF funding), the CDBG Grant (was it the \$5.9 mil and when was it last received), Catalina Park (stormwater mitigation), and what is status of the Code Enforcement, automobile/chop shops needs to be addressed, road erosion, status of the Stakeholder's meetings, requesting information of the newly constructed apartments, will send email to follow up on other matters.

**Anthony Grant** – Inquired and discussed concerns pertaining to the CDBG Interlocal Agreement. Sent email to and thank the clerk's office for providing requested information, historically the town has opted to not participate in the CDBG grant but rather choose to stay competitive, observed insufficient information given to Council makes it hard to make decisions (without data).

**Ryan Novak** – (Logo/branding) Spoke on options for branding of town's logo; provided examples through pictures displayed on the Meeting Master PowerPoint.

**APPROVAL CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Gardner Motions** to approve the consent agenda approving Town Council Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2023 and approval of the Hurricane Preparedness Plan; Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Councilman M. Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

**COUNCIL DECISIONS:**

Approval of CDBG Interlocal Agreement With Orange County (Moved from Consent Agenda):

**Mayor Gardner motions for approval** to Approval of CDBG Interlocal Agreement With Orange County; Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Councilwoman Randolph; **Discussion: (Washington)** 2018 was the last time the town applied for the CDBG grant. Why is Fred Fox no longer representing the town (annually the town applied for the CDBG grant that assisted with parks and infrastructure projects; do not support going through the county to apply for the CDBG **(Randolph)** stated that Fred Fox is not involved because the town elected to go with the county, and he has a three-year waiting period before he can get back involved (request that staff follow up). **(Gardner)** To partner with the county does not prevent the citizen from applying for the housing rehabilitation funds. The town has not been consistent with grant writing, and we do not have the staff to facilitate grant writing. We would still be eligible for the federal grant and possibly state funding if the state allows it. The cities of Oakland and Edgewood are partners with the county and have been receiving funding. **AYE:** Councilwoman Wanda Randolph, Councilman Marlin Daniels, Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels, Mayor Angie Gardner; **NAYE:** Councilman Theo Washington, **MOTION PASSES.**

Approval and Consent of Emergency Water Main Repair Kennedy Blvd: Introduced by Mr. Pressley; received two emergency quotes and the cost for the emergency repair is \$72,483.45; there were further discussions about costs of previous repairs and current available funds for emergency repairs **Mayor Gardner motions for approval** and Consent of Emergency Water Main Repair Kennedy Blvd; Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Councilman M. Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

Approval of Funds For The Founder's Day Celebration: Ms. Bonds provided updates on plans for Founder's day. The plan is to have an old-fashioned outdoor picnic at the Denton Johnson Center. The building will be the contingency plan and will also be used for the seniors. The proposed meal is hot dogs, chips, dessert, and drink (In consideration of a population of 2200 at a cost of \$2500-3000 for the food; tents, tables, chairs, and safety at a cost of \$2222.97; activities/kids' corner is about \$1100 and entertainment at \$1000; **(R. Daniels)** recommend reaching out to the Ms. Sealey to inquire about the cost of the senior's event. **(W. Randolph)** Celebrating 137 years, expect more than a picnic; recommend reaching out to the churches, businesses who can be informed, invite former Mayors and council members. It is a high-cost budget; recommend trimming the budget. **(A. Gardner)** Staff will continue to move forward; the cost is not set and can be adjusted. **(Mr. Pressley)** In considering a reduced budget, what is the desire of council **(M. Daniels)** \$6,000 is not enough; allocations can be reconsidered, and everyone can come together. **(T. Washington)** Need entertainment and make Founder's Day an all-day event. **(K. Gibson)** Recommending funds to come out of general contingency (\$476,601.00). Funds for special events are \$25,678.82 as of June 30th. The proposed Founder's Day quotes have an error in the food amount and will be adjusted; plan to come under budget. **Mayor Gardner motions for approval** of Funds For The Founder's Day Celebration up to \$15,000; Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Councilman M. Daniels; **AYE:** Councilman Theo Washington, Councilman Marlin Daniels, Mayor Angie Gardner; **NAYE:** Councilwoman Wanda Randolph, Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels **MOTION PASSES.**

Approval of Funds Towards The Denton Johnson Tennis Corp (Added to Agenda through consensus of Council): **Mayor Gardner motions for approval** of Funds for The Denton Johnson Tennis program; Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Councilman M. Daniels **Comments: (R. Daniels)** Requested clarity on the salary; the salary of \$35/hr. is less than the average of \$65/hr. The program has already begun. Advanced students donate their rackets to beginning students. There are two sessions of (30) thirty students (ages 3yrs and up). Tennis Courts need to be brought back up to standard; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

## REPORTS:

### **INTERIM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:** Demetrius Pressley

Sent CAO report/updates to Council in an email (available on website), Stakeholder's Meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 17, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., Code Enforcement is under legal counsel review and pending date for a meeting, thanks to Mr. Novak for assisting in updating and launching the town's YouTube as a platform for the live Town Council Meetings, the new hired Planner I Mr. McGee is present and has experience with impact fees and planning and zoning.

**TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Attorney Ryan Knight – No Report

## **TOWN COUNCIL REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Councilman Theo Washington** – No Report

**Councilman Marlin Daniels** – Stay involved and connected, prayers for families experiencing lost (Dr. Bracy a trailblazer who fought for Civil Rights). Looking forward to the upcoming budget hearings.

**Councilwoman Wanda Randolph** – No Report

**Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels** – Consider old water tower as part of the logo branding, request the RWJF Award amount and criteria, consider scaling back Founder's Day and be creative, the Senior's event was a great event.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Mayor Angie Gardner** – The Supreme Seniors program was great, staff is appreciated, council should have already received the 2 million grant/agreement to look over; will discuss further in the CRA meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT** Mayor Gardner Motions for Adjournment of Meeting; Moved by Councilman M. Daniels; Second by Councilman Washington; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Meeting Adjourned at 9:04 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
Veronica L King, Town Clerk

**APPROVED**  
  
Angie Gardner, Mayor