



MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Horn called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

B. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

City Clerk Riffle confirmed that a quorum was present.

City Council Present:

John Dowless, Mayor
Richard A. Horn, Council President
Chris Rader, Council President Pro-Tem
Susan Lomas, Councilmember

Staff Present:

Sandra Riffle, City Clerk
Dean DeSchryver, Police Chief
Miguel Garcia, Deputy Chief
Stacey Salemi, Code Enforcement Officer,
Drew Smith, City Attorney
Ellen Hardgrove, City Planner

C. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. November 28, 2024 Special Council Meeting Draft Minutes
2. December 19, 2023 City Council Draft Minutes

City Clerk Riffle noted corrections to the November 28, 2023 minutes, removing the last two words on page 2, paragraph 2, line 2.

Councilmember Rader made a motion to approve both sets of minutes with corrections. Councilmember Lomas seconded the motion. Motion approved by voice vote (3/0).

E. ORDINANCES (FIRST READING)

1. **2023-18 County to City Rezoning Lake Mary Jess Shores Court**

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2023-18 in title only.

Planner Hardgrove said the area to be rezoned from County R1AA to City R1AA-CA is the Lake Mary Court subdivision. Staff recommends approval.

There was no public comment.

Councilmember Rader made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-18. Councilmember Lomas seconded the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote (3/0).

Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor

2. 2023-19 County to City Rezoning Lake Mary Court

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2023-19 in title only.

At the December 19, 2023 public hearing, Council considered establishing R-1AA-CA for the lots of the Lake Mary Court subdivision. Based on public input from a subdivision resident, Mr. Muszynski, who opposed establishing the City R1-AA-CA due to the minimum living area (1,200 square feet), the Council tabled the item to allow for more analysis.

Planner Hardgrove’s recommendation was to rezone Lots 1-6 and 10-13 to R-1A-CA, and R-1AA-CA for Lots 7-9, which are lakefront lots.

Planner Hardgrove said staff sent out over 200 letters to property owners on the premise that the only change would be to impervious surface ratio (ISR) and did not want to mislead those property owners. Homes in this area have been here since the 1960s. It would also set a precedent for other zoning areas to have special zoning.

Public Comment:

James Muszynski spoke about his concerns that the minimum square footage of 1,200 square feet for a single-family residence in the proposed zoning district would be too small. Planner Hardgrove said R-1AA CA is for existing subdivisions. Mr. Muszynski said there is a benefit to a higher standard.

Councilmember Rader said the objective is to remove an administrative burden and protect property rights. Making a new larger minimum would remove existing property rights because this area already has a right to be a 1,200-square-foot home.

Councilmember Rader made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-19 with the amended exhibit; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. Motion approved by roll call vote (3/0).

Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor

3. 2023-20 County to City Rezoning John Scott Property

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2023-20 in title only.

Planner Hardgrove said this ordinance affects only one lot.

There was no public comment.

Councilmember Rader made a motion to approve Ordinance 2023-20; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. Motion approved by roll call vote (3/0).

Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor

4. Ordinance 2024-01 Golf Carts

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2024-01 in title only.

He said that under State Law, underage drivers are no longer able to drive golf carts. Lines 139-143 of the ordinance list age requirements.

The Police Department will go to Edgewood residents’ homes to register golf carts. Non-Edgewood residents will have to take their golf carts to the police station.

In response to Council President Horn, Chief DeSchryver said Edgewood has two or three registered golf carts.

Chief DeSchryver said that the level of enforcement depends on the violation. They issue warnings first.

There was no public comment.

Council President Horn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-01; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. Motion approved by roll call vote (3/0).

Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS (ORDINANCES – SECOND READINGS & RELATED ACTION)

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Lomas made a motion to nominate Councilmember Rader for Council President Pro-Tem; seconded by Council President Horn. Motion approved by voice vote (3/0).

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

J. CITIZEN COMMENTS

- Vernon Hardgrave spoke about the accumulating sand on Mary Jess Road originating from the business, L&W, which is located at the former Rosen location. It is not a new use. Mr. Hardgrave submitted pictures. The sand continues to build up.

Council President Horn said that he had witnessed sand coming off the trucks.

Code Enforcement Salemi said that L&W was coded, and she stopped them from blowing onto the street. L&W told her they would get a street sweeper every other week. She suggested to them that they install a water trench at the exit.

Councilmember Rader said the sand needs to be controlled on-site, not after it leaves the site. He noted that the sand goes onto a public street.

Attorney Smith said code could come into play if there is an immediate health and safety. The magistrate can order them to stop the violation, and a street sweeper may be a solution. The City could get them to sign a contract for services.

- James Muszynski suggested sharing the Centennial Celebration with Belle Isle as they are also celebrating their 100th year.

K. BOARDS & COMMITTEES

L. STAFF REPORTS

- **City Attorney Smith**

- Attorney Smith introduced Holly New, who will substitute for him when needed.
- There is recruitment for cities to join a lawsuit against Form 6, costing \$10,000 each. He will watch what is happening with it.
- Code Enforcement Salemi and Deputy Chief Garcia updated him on code cases. Orlando has an ordinance dealing with on-street trailer parking. **It can be towed if it is on a city street for more than 72 hours without having moved.**
- The ordinance gives teeth beyond code enforcement. Chief DeSchryver said the City gets two to three complaints a month for trailers parking on the street. When this happens, they have to find out who the vehicle belongs to and get them to move it.

The Council did not object to creating an ordinance.

- **Police Chief DeSchryver**

- The Police Department hired three officers, now sworn in and in training.
- Code enforcement will start working one weekend per month.
- There is an appearance that there is an uptick in crime because the reporting has changed. The Police Department will separately list each crime that occurs within each situation.

- **City Clerk Riffle** – No report.

M. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**• Mayor Dowless**

- Mayor Dowless said he wanted to cover the proposed charter amendments in the next newsletter.
- The Tri-County League of Cities luncheon will be at the FOP Lodge on Thursday, January 18th.
- The Centennial Celebration is scheduled for March 23, 2024. He is finalizing the contract to book the talent.

• Council Member Rader

Councilmember Rader remarked that Zillow lists homes in Haven Oaks selling in the \$ 500s for a single-story home.

• Council Member Lomas

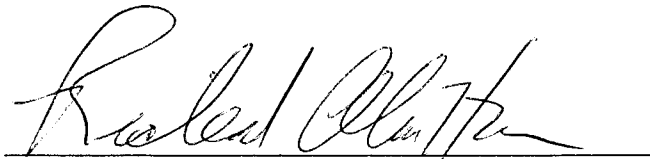
In response to Councilmember Lomas, Mayor Dowless said that the City is looking at new options to replace the bad City banners.

• Council President Horn

In response to Council President Horn, Chief DeSchryver said the electronic sign on Gatlin Avenue is working but not yet keeping data. Council President Horn asked if the signs could be available to neighborhoods with speeding problems. Mayor Dowless thought there was a possibility of getting funding for that.


N. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.



Richard A. Horn, Council President

Attest:



Sandra Riffle, City Clerk