



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

City Hall – Council Chamber
405 Bagshaw Way, Edgewood, Florida
Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

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

Council President Horn called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He asked for a moment of silence and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Riffle confirmed a quorum with Mayor Dowless and all Councilmembers in attendance.

Elected Officials Present:

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

Staff Present:

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

C. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

1. Congressman Soto - Grant Presentation

Congressman Darren Soto spoke to the City Council and said he was pleased to announce that the City of Edgewood is the recipient of the Edgewood Pedestrian Safety Redevelopment Initiative. This is a grant for \$1,000,000. He presented the check to Mayor Dowless, City Council and City staff.

2. Police Department Awards Presentation

Chief DeSchryver presented the following awards:

Mr. John Mark Andre was presented with a life-saving award for his heroic actions in saving his neighbor's life. On May 5, 2024, officers Kane and Arellano-Zane responded to a call from Mr. Andre, who had administered medical assistance to his neighbor. Mr. Andre thanked the officers for their response to the critical situation.

Officer Meade was awarded a life-saving award. Officer Meade responded to a vehicle crash during which the driver had a life-threatening health emergency. He began CPR until Orange County Rescue's arrival, thus saving the driver's life.

3. 2024 Week of the Family Proclamation

Mayor Dowless read a proclamation for the 2024 Week of the Family and presented it to Elizabeth Rahter. November 2-9, 2024 will mark this year's National Family Week to encourage, promote, and celebrate healthy families and communities.

4. Half-Cent Sales Tax Extension

Lisa Bourne, Senior Specialist of Public Relations for Orange County Public Schools gave a presentation about funding for public education and the need for support of the continuation of the half-cent sales tax.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. September 27, 2024 Final Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Rader made a motion to approve the September 27, 2024, Final Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes as presented; seconded by Councilmember McElroy. The motion was approved by voice vote (5/0).

E. ORDINANCES (FIRST READING)**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS (ORDINANCES – SECOND READINGS & RELATED ACTION)****1. Ordinance 2024-08: County to City Rezoning Jessamine & Posada**

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2024-08 in title only. This ordinance addresses parcels along Jessamine Lane and a parcel on Posada Drive.

Planner Hardgrove said there were no changes for any of the rezoning ordinances except for Ordinance 2024-18 where one parcel was removed.

Public Comment:

Brittany Reliford, an Edgewood resident, spoke as an opponent to all of the rezoning ordinances. She said she was present to protect her property rights and that of her neighbors. She said Orange County already has language in place for recreation space. She suggested changing the maximum Impervious Surface Ratio (ISR) to midway between Orange County's 75% and Edgewood's 45%.

In response, Planner Hardgrove said she thought about how the ISR could go up. Her advice is not to change the percentage unless a study is done. In 1988, a maximum of 45% ISR was established as part of best practices for stormwater management. She said general welfare means a community situation that includes habitats for wildlife. Her strong recommendation is to remain at 45% unless the city wants to do a study, which would cost upwards to \$55,000.

Councilmember Rader said he has no problem with establishing a free variances process for those affected by the change.

Engineer Lane said he looked at the Legacy at Lake Jessamine stormwater pond, designed for 38% IS, and the IS in that subdivision is over that amount. The Jessamine Woods pond is also over the planned IS and is prone to flooding.

Council President Horn directed the City Clerk to include Planner Hardgrove's email to City Council into the record.

Public Comment:

Greg Slohoda, an Edgewood resident in Harbour Island, spoke as an opponent. He believes the best move forward would be to compromise. His neighborhood does not experience flooding except for one older house that is located under grade. He wants more research before a change is made.

Sara Schlossman, an Edgewood resident in Harbour Island, proposed to wait and see the implications of what could happen there.

In response to Mayor Dowless, Attorney Smith said a waiver or a variance process could be worked into the code.

Councilmember Rader made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-08; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. The motion was approved by roll call vote (5/0).

Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember Steele	Favor
Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor

2. Ordinance 2024-09: County to City Rezoning Cranes Point

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2024-09 in title only. This ordinance addresses parcels located in the Cranes Point subdivision.

There was no discussion or public comment.

Councilmember Lomas made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-09; seconded by Councilmember Steele. The motion was approved by roll call vote (5/0).

Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember Steele	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor

3. Ordinance 2024-10: County to City Rezoning Granada Woods 1

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2024-10 in title only. This ordinance addresses parcels located in the original Granada Woods subdivision.

There was no discussion or public comment.

Councilmember Rader made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-10; seconded by Councilmember Rader. The motion was approved by roll call vote (5/0).

Councilmember Steele	Favor
Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor

4. Ordinance 2024-11: County to City Rezoning Granada Woods 2

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2024-11 in title only. This ordinance addresses parcels located in the Granada Woods subdivision Unit 2.

There was no discussion or public comment.

Councilmember Steele made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-11; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. The motion was approved by roll call vote (5/0).

Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember Steele	Favor
Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor

5. Ordinance 2024-12: County to City Rezoning Granada Woods 3

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2024-12 in title only. This ordinance addresses parcels located in the Granada Woods subdivision Unit 3.

There was no discussion or public comment.

Councilmember Lomas made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-12; seconded by Councilmember Steele. The motion was approved by roll call vote (5/0).

Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember Steele	Favor
Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor

6. Ordinance 2024-13: County to City Rezoning Granada Woods 4

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2024-13 in title only. This ordinance addresses parcels in Granada Woods Unit 4.

There was no discussion or public comment.

Councilmember McElroy made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-14, seconded by Councilmember Steele. The motion was approved by roll call vote (5/0).

Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember Steele	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor

7. Ordinance 2024-14: County to City Rezoning Harbour Island

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2024-14 in title only. This ordinance addresses parcels in the Harbour Island subdivision.

Councilmember Rader asked to look at associated waivers and to consider other possibilities.

Councilmember Rader made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-14; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. The motion was approved by roll call vote (5/0).

Councilmember Steele	Favor
Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor

8. Ordinance 2024-15: County to City Rezoning Jessamine Glen

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2024-15 in title only. This ordinance addresses parcels in Jessamine Glen subdivision.

There was no discussion or public comment.

Councilmember Lomas made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-15; seconded by Councilmember Steele. The motion was approved by roll call vote (5/0).

Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember Steele	Favor
Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor

9. Ordinance 2024-16: County to City Rezoning Woods of Jessamine

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2024-16 in title only. This ordinance addresses parcels located in the Woods of Jessamine subdivision.

There was no discussion or public comment.

Councilmember Steele made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-16; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. The motion was approved by roll call vote (5/0).

Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember Steele	Favor
Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor

10. Ordinance 2024-17: County to City Rezoning Lake Jessamine Estates

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2024-17 in title only. This ordinance addresses parcels in Lake Jessamine Estates.

There was no discussion or public comment.

Councilmember Rader made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-17; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. The motion was approved by roll call vote (5/0).

Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember Steele	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor

11. Ordinance 2024-18: County to City Rezoning Remaining Miscellaneous Properties

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2024-18 in title only. This ordinance addresses miscellaneous parcels not located in subdivisions.

There was no discussion or public comment.

Councilmember Steele made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-18; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. The motion was approved by roll call vote (5/0).

Councilmember Steele	Favor
Councilmember McElroy	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS**I. GENERAL INFORMATION****J. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Brittany Reliford, a resident in Harbour Island, said she did not think it was worth her time to come and not be considered. She thought that Council railroaded the rezoning ordinances through without discussion or consideration.

Councilmember Lomas said there was significant consideration and thought made throughout the process. The Council also weighed the opinion of the professional planner because of her profession and expertise.

Councilmember McElroy said there were inaccuracies because it is not all apples to apples and the suggested compromises were not applicable. Definitions between different governments are not the same.

K. BOARDS & COMMITTEES**L. STAFF REPORTS**

- **City Attorney Smith** – no report
- **Police Chief DeSchryver**

Chief's Report September 2024

Chief DeSchryver spoke about hurricane preparedness. He said when he requested a Deputy Chief, this was the type of situation he had in mind to have a team with experience to rely on.

He said the police department participated in the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over DUI campaign and Railway Safety Week, raising awareness about not stopping on the railroad tracks.

- **City Clerk Riffle** City Clerk Riffle gave a brief report about Hurricane Milton, including Code Enforcement Officer Salemi's and her attendance at Orange County EOC during the storm. There will be an assessment of the debris on Thursday to get an idea of how much there is to pick up. Army Corps of Engineers said they would assist with the assessment at no charge to the City.

M. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

- **Mayor Dowless**

Mayor Dowless thanked the Police Department and City Hall for storm management during Hurricane Milton.

- **Council Member Lomas**
- **Council Member McElroy**

Councilmember McElroy confirmed that the Planner's memo regarding City rezoning needs to be added to the public record.

Planner Hardgrove said she would work on the language for waivers.

She noted the citizen's comment that they pay for stormwater, but they don't. Hargrove said it came up before when there was no quorum. There was no member of the public at that meeting.

- **Council Member Rader**

Councilmember Rader asked Planner Hardgrove about the miscellaneous properties for rezoning.

Planner Hardgrove said there will be a new ordinance for the Deporter property on Holden Ave, Oakwater Circle and the C-3 and I-3 zoning districts.

Council Member Steele – no report

Council President Horn – no report

N. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Lomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm.



Richard A. Horn, Council President

Attest:



Sandra Riffle, City Clerk