



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Hall – Council Chamber
405 Bagshaw Way, Edgewood, Florida
Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 6:30 PM

MINUTES

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

Council President Horn called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

B. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

City Clerk Riffle announced a quorum with four City Councilmembers and Mayor Dowless present. Councilmember Pierce requested to be excused.

The following were in attendance:

City Council Present

John Dowless, Mayor
Richard A. Horn, Council President
Lee Chotas, Councilmember
Susan Lomas, Councilmember
Chris Rader, Councilmember

City Council Absent

Ben Pierce, Council President Pro-Tem

Staff

Sandra Riffle, City Clerk
Dean DeSchryver, Police Chief
Shannon Patterson, Police Chief of Staff
Jesse Bird, Police Officer
Mike Fraticelli, Police Sergeant
Chris Meade, Police Officer
Ryan White, Police Officer
Ellen Hardgrove, City Planner
Drew Smith, City Attorney

C. PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION

D. CONSENT AGENDA

1. July 17, 2023 City Council Draft Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Lomas said that as Councilmember Rader was not at the July 17, 2023 meeting, verbiage referring to his email request should be added. The sentence will read, "Councilmember Rader sent an email stating that he opposes the variance as he does not believe that criteria #2, that special conditions and circumstances do not result from the actions of the applicant, is met as the expansion is their choice."

Councilmember Rader made a motion to approve the July 17, 2023 minutes with the requested changes; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. Motion approved by voice vote (4/0).

E. ORDINANCES (FIRST READING)

1. Ordinance 2023-09: CBA Adoption

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2023-09 in title only.

Councilmember Chotas asked if the police officers had any comments; there were none.

In response to Councilmember Rader, Mayor Dowless said longevity is folded into the step program. Attorney Smith added that the steps consider longevity.

Discussion ensued regarding personal time accrual and the negotiation process. Attorney Smith explained that everything involving dollars was negotiated, including having the officers pay \$50 per paycheck toward their insurance cost.

There was no public comment.

Councilmember Rader made a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2023-09; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. Motion approved by roll call vote (4/0)

Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Chotas	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor
Councilmember Pierce	Absent

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

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion of Impervious Surface Ratio Requirements - removed from agenda**

2. Discussion of Mecatos Outdoor Light Replacement

(Note: Business was moved forward in the agenda to be heard after the Consent Agenda.)

Planner Hardgrove said there is a request to change the lighting to reflect the architecture of the building better.

In response to Councilmember Chotas, Planner Hardgrove said she did not have objections to the height or style of the request.

Planner Hardgrove said the ECD is about the consistency on the avenue, not parking lots, as they will generally be in the back. Mecatos' submittal was for a renovation, which is why their parking lot is located in the front.

There was no public comment.

Planner Hardgrove confirmed to Councilmember Rader that the parking lot lights are not tied to a variance or waiver.

Councilmember Chotas made a motion to approve the requested parking lot lights for Mecato's Bakery at 5645 Hansel Avenue; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. Motion approved by voice vote (4/0).

I. GENERAL INFORMATION**J. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Kim Cullars, an Orlando resident, is a local historian and is planning a 19th-century regatta on Lake Conway that could be tied into Edgewood's 100th anniversary celebration in 2024.

Councilmember Chotas said it would be helpful if Billy Morgan of the Pine Castle Historical Society approved of the event and asked what Ms. Cullars would need from the City. Ms. Cullars said she did not anticipate a need for a large amount of money for the event but might need people to assist with boat traffic.

Councilmember Chotas encouraged finding a co-sponsorship with Orlando. Chief DeSchryver suggested they get a buy-in from the Orange County Sheriff's Office and Belle Isle, as they have a marine patrol.

K. BOARDS & COMMITTEES**L. STAFF REPORTS****• City Attorney Smith**

- The September agenda should have the suggested changes and an Ordinance for first reading resulting from Charter Review.
- He also expects to have a resolution amending personnel policy.

- **Police Chief DeSchryver**
 - He said there was not much change in crime.
 - There has been a lot of interest regarding speed on Gatlin Avenue. The City may be able to buy a digital speed sign.
- **City Clerk Riffle**
 - Requested permission from Council to move forward and start a month early with Archive Social as no extra money will be spent. There was no objection from Council.
 - Discussed infrastructure projects and submitted a spreadsheet showing different projects that need to be addressed. Attorney Smith confirmed that competitive bids are required even if CPH refers a contractor, but it is possible to piggyback with another city if the terms are appropriate.

M. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

- **Mayor Dowless**
 - Mayor Dowless continues to look for sponsors for the 100th anniversary. He is also talking to Belle Isle who will also celebrate their centennial.
 - He directed Clerk Riffle to arrange a virtual meeting with Vision Zero Action Plan. They may be able to pay for a speed limit sign.
 - After the budget, the City needs to talk about contracting with an engineering company rather than using Orange Company.
 - Mayor Dowless thanked Council President Horn for helping pick up snipe signs around the City.
- **Council Member Chotas** – no report
- **Council Member Pierce** - absent
- **Council Member Rader** - no report
- **Council Member Lomas** - no report
- **Council President Horn** – no report

N. ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Rader made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 pm.



Richard A. Horn, Council President

Attest:



Sandra Riffle, City Clerk