



City of Newberry

Special Commission Meeting

May 26, 2020
7:00 PM

25440 West Newberry Road
Newberry, Florida 32669

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marlowe called the virtual Special Commission meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Marlowe asked for approval of the agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Coleman to approve the agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner Marden.

Commissioner McKinley entered into the meeting.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner McKinley, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Marden, and Commissioner Norfleet

MOTION PASSED 5-0

VIRTUAL QUORUM CHECK

Mayor

Jordan Marlowe

Commissioners

Ricky Coleman
Rocky McKinley
Monty Farnsworth
Tim Marden
Paul Norfleet

City Attorney

Scott Walker

City Attorney

Rich Maltby

City Manager

Mike New

City Clerk

Judy Rice

Staff:

Director of Finance and Administration
Director of Public Works and Utilities
Director of Planning and Economic Development
Principal Planner, Planning and Economic Department

Dallas Lee
Jamie Jones
Bryan Thomas
Wendy Kinser-Maxwell

INVOCATION

Mr. Bill Conrad, Deacon, Westside Baptist Church, provided the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Marlowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Emergency Medical Services Week Proclamation

Mayor Marlowe read the proclamation.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no public announcements.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Power Cost Adjustment (PCA)

3. Amendment to Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT)

4. Request by the Florida Department of Transportation to Provide a Temporary Construction Easement on SW 15 Avenue to Facilitate an Intersection Improvement Project (Resolution 2020 - 23)

5. May 11, 2020, Commission Meeting Minutes

Mayor Marlowe asked for approval of the consent agenda.

Motion made by Commissioner Marden to approve the consent agenda.

Seconded by Commissioner McKinley.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner McKinley, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Marden, and Commissioner Norfleet

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PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

6. Quasi-Judicial Public Hearing: Ordinances 2020-13 and 2020-14, First Reading of Ordinances of the City of Newberry, Florida, to Voluntarily Annex Certain Portions of Unincorporated Alachua County.

Attorney Maltby read Ordinance 2020-13 by title only on first reading.

Mayor Marlowe read the Quasi-Judicial Procedures.

Clerk Rice swore in Principal Planner Kinser-Maxwell and Director Thomas for Ordinance 2020-13 and Ordinance 2020-14.

Mayor Marlowe asked for ex parte communications for both ordinances.

Nay: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner McKinley, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Marden, and Commissioner Norfleet

There was none.

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN

Principal Planner Kinser-Maxwell provided the staff overview and presentation. Staff's recommendation is to pass the ordinance on first reading.

Applicant was not present.

No third party intervenor.

No public comment.

No cross-examination.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Discussion ensued.

Attorney Maltby reminded the Commission of applicable law.

Motion made by Commissioner Marden to pass Ordinance 2020-13 on first reading.

Seconded by Commissioner Farnsworth.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner McKinley, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Marden, and Commissioner Norfleet

MOTION PASSED 5-0

Attorney Maltby read Ordinance 2020-14 by title only on first reading.

Mayor Marlowe read the Quasi-Judicial Procedures.

Mayor Marlowe asked for ex-parte communication.

Nay: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner McKinley, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Marden, and Commissioner Norfleet

There was none.

PUBLIC HEARING OPEN

Principal Planner Kinser-Maxwell remained sworn and provided the staff overview and presentation. Staff's recommendation is to pass the ordinance on first reading.

Applicant was not present.

No third party intervenor.

No public comment.

No cross-examination.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Attorney Maltby reminded the Commission of applicable law.

Motion made by Commissioner Farnsworth to pass Ordinance 2020-14 on first reading and establish June 8th, 2020, as enactment hearing for both ordinances.

Seconded by Commissioner Marden.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner McKinley, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Marden, and Commissioner Norfleet

MOTION PASSED 5-0

AGENDA ITEMS

7. Gatorback Special Exception Five -Year Review

Principal Planner Kinser-Maxwell presented this item stating based on research; staff has determined that the Special Exception remains in compliance with the conditions of its current permit, and it is staff's recommendation that the Special Exception be maintained as currently approved. The City's next 5-year compliance review of the Gatorback Special Exception would be in 2025.

8. Drugfree Workplace Policy Update (Resolution 2020 - 13)

Attorney Maltby read Resolution 2020-13 by title only.

Director Lee presented this item. Discussion ensued.

Motion made by Commissioner Farnsworth to adopt Resolution 2020-13.

Seconded by Commissioner Coleman.

Voting Yea: Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner McKinley, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Marden, and Commissioner Norfleet

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9. Covid-19 Update

Manager New provided an update to the City Commission. Discussion ensued.

Attorney Walker provided updates on court cases involving the State of Florida.

COMMENTS

City Manager

Provided updates on City business. A budget workshop will be held on Tuesday, June 16th.

Commission

Commissioner McKinley spoke on the Grand Opening at *Destiny Community Church* on Sunday, June 7th. There will be multiple services at 50% capacity, sign up online to attend the services.

Commissioner Marden spoke on data he has reviewed that points to higher suicide rates due to the isolation right now and encouraged everyone to reach out and talk.

Mayor

Thanked City and County staff for hosting the *Drive-thru Covid-19 Testing* held at the Newberry Fire Station.

He spoke about a conversation he had with a veteran who suffers from PTSD. The veteran thanked the City of Newberry for not requiring masks to be worn; as he cannot wear one and has been turned away from businesses.

Citizens

No public comment.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Signed and approved this 8th day of June 2020.

Jordan Marlowe, Mayor

Judy S. Rice, City Clerk