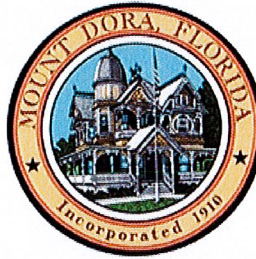


**CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**



**April 5, 2022
City Hall
510 N. Baker St.
Mount Dora, FL 32757**

CALL TO ORDER

Having been duly advertised as required by law, Mayor Crissy Stile called the Regular Session of City Council to order at 6:00 P.M. in the Mount Dora Council Chambers.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Mayor Crail led a Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Crissy Stile, Mayor
Marc Crail, Vice-Mayor
John Cataldo, District 1
Cal Rolfson, District 2
Austin Guenther, District 3
Nate Walker, District 5
Doug Bryant, At-Large

Also Present

Patrick C. Comiskey, City Manager
Sherry G. Sutphen, City Attorney
Jessica Burnham, City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. Donation of Emma Sears Marsh Paintings by GFWC Mount Dora Woman's Club

Cathy Lundy, Library Services Manager, provided the council with a presentation in regards to paintings by Emma Sears Marsh which have been donated by the GFWC.

2. Earth Day Proclamation 2022

Mayor Stile read the Earth Day Proclamation into the record.

3. Mount Dora Friends of the Environment

Andrea Burr-Yatsuk, introduced the volunteers of the Mount Dora Friends of the Environment and spoke about the organization.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Stile opened public comments

Janet Gamache, 1004 North Rossiter Street, Provided the council with an update in regards to the Mount Dora Center of the Arts,

Mayor Stile closed public comments

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Bryant asked for his board appointment to be removed and stated he would like to have it brought back at the next meeting.

COUNCILMEMBER BRYANT MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE STATED CHANGE; COUNCILMEMBER CATLADO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION WAS APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

1. Advisory Board Appointments

Vice-Mayor Crail nominated Kathy Benjamin to the Historic Preservation Board.

COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON MOTION TO APPOINT KATHY BENJAMIN TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD; COUNCILMEMBER GUENTHER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION WAS APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request approval of Task Authorization with Halff for Utility Engineering for the Eudora Roundabout
2. Request approval of the Piggyback Contracts for On-call Building Inspection Services between the City of Mount Dora, C.A.P. Government, Inc., and American Building Safe Associates, Inc.
3. Request approval of the Piggyback Agreement between the City of Mount Dora and Renaissance Planning Group, Inc., related to General Consulting Services for Planning & Development
4. Request Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - March 7, 2022 Worksession City Council Minutes
 - March 15, 2022 Regular City Council Minutes
 - March 15, 2022 CRA Governing Board Minutes
 - March 4, 2022 Building Height Advisory Committee Minutes
 - March 17, 2022 Building Height Advisory Committee Minutes

5. Request to approve Resolution No. 2022-23, Information Technology Policy Manual Revisions

MOITON BY COUCNILMEMBER GUENTHER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA; COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO SECONDED. MOTION WAS APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Report and Recommendation from the Building Height Advisory Committee and Council direction related to the Report and Recommendations

Lynn Tipton, Chairperson of the Building Height Committee, spoke on the recommendations provided by the building height committee.

Thomas Pauls, Building Height Advisory Committee Member, provided the council with an overview of the summary and proposed code changes as part of the building height advisory committee's recommendation.

Discussion ensued on the building height impact district, the recommendations, summary of the proposal, variance process, and if placing the building height limit in the charter is appropriate.

The council expressed their views on placing the building height issue in the charter.

It was agreed the ballot would need to be clear to ensure individuals know what they are voting on.

Mayor Stile opened public comment

Frank Kirwin, 110 East 5th Avenue, stated the council needs to address the issues at hand and it needs to be placed on the ballot.

Jay Smith, 1046 McDonald Street, provided thanks to the committee and the petitioner group. Mr. Smith spoke on behalf of the grassroots group and stated the goal is to maintain the 35 feet height limit and it should be placed on the ballot so it can be voted on.

Josh Hemingway, 1177 East 5th Ave, provided thanks to the building height advisory committee. Mr. Hemingway mentioned that he believes the petition is valid and is not a development order.

Laurie Tillett, 101 North Grandview Unit 106, stated she believes the recommendation is a very reasoned and logical one and mentioned it should be placed on the ballot.

Joseph Lewis, 148 Charles Ave, inquired about what the magic is with the number 35 feet and mentioned that a survey should be conducted for the business owners to be able to

provide their input.

Melissa Delmarco, 2121 Suzanne drive, spoke about the Envision Mount Dora group and how it was important that the waterfront be connected to the town. Ms. Delmarco stated that limiting the waterfront to twenty-five feet closes off the opportunity to extend the downtown.

John Tucker, 1826 Overlook Drive, mentioned he does not believe the issue belongs in the charter and does not understand the rush to place it on the ballot in November.

Suzanne Scheck, 308 North Tremain Street, spoke about the petition and stated the citizens should be able to vote on the issue.

Daniel Blodgett, 249 Highland Street, stated he owns property that this would affect and he would like to have developed but would not be able to if this passes.

Mayor Stile closed public comment

COUNCILMEMBER BRYANT MOTION TO HAVE CITY STAFF AND THE CITY ATTORNEY TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER TO REFLECT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BUILDING HEIGHT COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD BE PLACED ON THE NOVEMBER 2022 BALLOT AND DRAFT AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO ADD A SPECIAL VARIANCE PROVISION SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED FOR BUILDING HEIGHTS IN THE IMPACT AREA;COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION.

Discussion ensued on the motion and the possibility of conducting a survey in the building height impact district.

Councilmember Bryant amended the motion to include the survey. Councilmember Cataldo agreed to the amended motion.

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YES Councilmember Bryant
Councilmember Cataldo
Councilmember Rolfson
Councilmember Walker
Vice-Mayor Crail
Mayor Stile

NO Councilmember Guenther

2. Request approval of Utility Service Agreement and Annexation Covenant for CSD Groves between the City of Mount Dora, CSD Groves and Ashton Orlando Residential, L.L.C.

Mayor Stile called the meeting to recess at 8:00 P.M.

Mayor Stile called the meeting back to order at 8:10 P.M.

Adam Sumner, Deputy Planning and Zoning Director and CRA Manager, requested to postpone this item until the next meeting due to new comments that had been submitted.

Thu Pham, Akerman Law Firm, stated their client is against postponing this item as the matter that is before council is just to consider the approval of a utility agreement.

Discussion ensued on the Joint Planning Agreement, Exhibit B of the agreement, and if Vince Sanderfeld, Planning and Zoning Director, would approve this item, moving forward with new comments that were submitted.

Mr. Sumner mentioned he had just received word from Mr. Sanderfeld that he was in favor of the item moving forward.

Tina Lee, Ashton Orlando Residential LLC, stated she would appreciate it if this agreement moved forward.

Mayor Stile mentioned that the adjacent property owner reached out to her in an effort to propose swapping their portion of land with Ashton Orlando Residential's portion of land. To which, Ms. Leigh stated the adjacent property owner knows how to reach them.

MOTION BY VICE-MAYOR CRAIL TO APPROVE THE UTILITY SERVICE AGREEMENT AND ANNEXATION COVENANT FOR CSD GROVES BETWEEN THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, CSD GROVES AND ASHTON ORLANDO RESIDENTIAL, L.L.C.; COUNCILMEMBER BRYANT SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES

Vice-Mayor Crail
Councilmember Bryant
Councilmember Cataldo
Councilmember Rolfson
Councilmember Guenther
Councilmember Walker
Mayor Stile

NO

None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - RESOLUTION/ORDINANCES

CITY MANAGER

1. City Manager's Report

Patrick Comiskey, City Manager, asked Toni Deland, Customer Services Manager to speak about the thirty dollar late fee on utility bills for customers.

Ms. Deland spoke about the process in regards to the late fee and mentioned that since the late fee has been in effect, it has dropped customers being delinquent by more than half.

Discussion ensued on utility billing in the city.

Steve Langley, Electric Utility Director, spoke about how the city must increase the power cost charge, primarily due to higher than expected fuel costs.

2. Approve Designation of Acting City Manager for Future Leave

City Manager Comiskey stated he would like the council to approve designating Sharon Kraynik, Human Resources Director, as acting city manager for any of his future leave.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE DESIGNATION OF SHARON KRAYNIK AS ACTING CITY MANAGER FOR FUTURE LEAVE; COUNCILMEMBER GUENTHER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Sutphen mentioned there has been a cause of action filed against Councilmember Rolfson and herself and the city would be covering the costs for Councilmember Rolfson's defense and her firm would be covering the costs for herself.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

1. Council Member Cal Rolfson

Councilmember Rolfson spoke on Senate bill 620 and mentioned it may increase from a budget stand point.

2. Council Member Nate Walker

Councilmember Walker spoke about the raising of the walls for fire station thirtyfive and provided thanks to the Public Works Department.

3. Council Member Doug Bryant

Councilmember Bryant spoke about the sunflowers in the downtown area.

4. Council Member John Cataldo

Councilmember Cataldo inquired about an email that was sent out by the City Manager in regards to the urban committee and when he would like to have comments back.

5. Council Member Austin Guenther

Councilmember Guenther gave thanks to the staff involved with the new format of streaming the meetings live.

6. Vice-Mayor Marc Crail

No report

7. Mayor Crissy Stile

Mayor Stile spoke about the event Sleep in heavenly peace.

Mayor Stile also spoke on Sentate bill 620 and asked the council if they would support her signing and sending a letter to the Governor to oppose the bill.

**COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON MOTION TO GIVE THE MAYOR THE
AUTHORITY TO SIGN THE LETTER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
MOUNT DORA TO THE GOVERNOR TO VETO SENTAEE BILL 620;
COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION WAS
APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.**

Mayor Stile also asked for a consensus of council to have the City Attorney bring back a resolution for these kinds of items. The council provided consensus.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

1. April 19, 2022, 6:00 PM, Regular Session

2. May 3, 2022, 6:00 PM, Regular Session

3. May 17, 2022, 6:00 PM, Regular Session

4. June 7, 2022, 6:00 PM, Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

***MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO ADJOURN;
COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION
APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.***

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.


JESSICA BURNHAM
City Clerk


CRISSY STILE, MAYOR
City of Mount Dora

