

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



**December 21, 2021
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 5:30 p.m. in the Mount Dora Council Chambers.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Walker led a moment of silence and the 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
Nate Walker, District 5
Doug Bryant, At Large

Also Present

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

Members Not Present

Austin Guenther, District 3

PRESENTATIONS

1. MPO Lake-Sumter Presentation

Michael Woods, Executive Director MPO, provided council with a presentation on transportation and gave an overview of the MPO officers and appointments for the year 2022.

2. Recreation Programs Update

Megan Matthews, Youth and Family Supervisor, provided council with an overview of the programs that the city offers in regards to before and after care, the summer camps, and winter break camps.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Stile opened public input

Bobby Rowe, 1155 Clayton, spoke about his concerns for the Northeast community and asked them to keep open minds and Mr. Rowe gave thanks to the Mount Dora police department for

helping out with the Northeast in writing letters to Santa.

Mayor Stile closed public input

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Patrick Comiskey, City Manager, announced that the Mount Dora Grove project will hold a community meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Mr. Comiskey requested if council would pull item number three off the consent agenda and place it as action item number two for further discussion and also asked that the item under the City Manager's report regarding the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) could be moved to action item number one for further discussion.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES STATED BY THE CITY MANAGER; COUNCILMEMBER CATALO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

1. Advisory Board Appointments

Councilmember Bryant nominated Miles Beach to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER BRYANT TO APPOINT MILES BEACH TO SERVE ON THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION; COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Lake County and the City of Mount Dora for ARPA Grant related to the AWE Literacy Terminals Through Lake County Library System
2. Request Approval of Assignment between Fred Wilson & Associates, Inc., and Chen Moore and Associates, Inc.

3. Request Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-135, Approval of Lake County designating Vista Ridge Drive and Innovation Boulevard as City Collector Roadways

****This item was pulled off consent and placed under action item number two for further discussion.***
4. Request Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-137, Lake County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
5. Request Authorization to Declare Surplus Property
6. Request Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - September 29, 2021 Special City Council Session
 - October 5, 2021 Regular City Council Session
 - October 19, 2021 Regular City Council Session
 - October 19, 2021 CRA Governing Board Session
7. Request authorization to close at noon on December 23, 2021 in observance of the holiday

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE CHANGES STATED BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) - Donnelly Street Stabilization and Boardwalk Safety Improvements.

****This item was moved from the City Manager's Report.***

Joe Grusauskas, Public Works and Utilities Director, provided the council with background information about this item and mentioned the County Local Mitigation Strategy (LMS) working group approved and prioritized the Donnelly Street Stabilization and Boardwalk Safety Improvements project as its #1 priority for Federal funding. Due to the grant application being due by midnight tonight, the Mayor, pursuant to the purchasing policy, will sign the grant application and it will be brought back to council for ratification.

Mayor Stile opened public input

No one spoke

Mayor Stile closed public input

MOTION BY VICE-MAYOR CRAIL TO APPROVE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE APPLICATION FOR HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP) DONNELLY STREET STABILIZATION AND BOARDWALK SAFETY IMPROVEMETS; COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES	Vice-Mayor Crail Councilmember Rolfson Councilmember Walker Councilmember Bryant Councilmember Cataldo Mayor Stile
NO	None

Mayor Stile called the meeting to a short recess at approximately 6:18 p.m.

Mayor Stile called the meeting back to order at approximately 6:21 p.m.

2. Request Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-135, Approval of Lake County designating Vista Ridge Drive and Innovation Boulevard as City Collector Roadways

**** This item was pulled off of the consent agenda and placed as item number two under action items.***

Sherry Sutphen, City Attorney, read Resolution No. 2021-135 , Approval of Lake County designating Vista Ridge Drive and Innovation Boulevard,by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-135

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE DESIGNATION OF VISTA RIDGE DRIVE AND INNOVATION BOULEVARD AS CITY COLLECTOR ROADWAYS; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR REQUEST FOR CITY COLLECTOR ROADWAY DESIGNATION; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK.

Tim Wilsion, Economic Development Director, gave an overview of the agenda item and spoke about the process.

Discussion ensued on what a collector roadway was and the cost of the project.

Mayor Stile opened public input

No one spoke

Mayor Stile closed public input

MOTION BY TO THE REQUEST ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2021-135, APPROVAL OF LAKE COUNTY DESIGNATING VISTA RIDGE DRIVE AND INNOVATION BOULEVARD AS CITY COLLECTOR ROADWAYS; NONE SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES	Vice-Mayor Crail Councilmember Cataldo Councilmember Rolfson Councilmember Walker Councilmember Bryant Mayor Stile
NO	None

3. Request Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-121 Acceptance of SJRWMD Grant for the Overlook Baffle Box

Ms. Sutphen read Resolution No. 2021-121, Acceptance of SJRWMD Grant for the Overlook Baffle Box, by title only.

RESOLUTION NO.2021-121

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE ST. JOHNS RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT COST SHARE AGREEMENT, CONTRACT NUMBER 36912; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Grusauskas provided a history of the agenda item.

Discussion ensued on baffle boxes.

Mayor Stile opened public input

Josh Hemmingway, 1177 East 5th Avenue, inquired about the placement of the baffle box.

Mayor Stile closed public input

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2021-121 ACCEPTANCE OF SJRWMD GRANT FOR THE OVERLOOK BAFFLE BOX; VICE-MAYOR CRAIL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES	Councilmember Rolfson Vice-Mayor Crail Councilmember Cataldo Councilmember Walker Councilmember Bryant Mayor Stile
NO	None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

1. Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-19, Comprehensive Plan Text Amendments

Ms. Sutphen read Ordinance No. Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2021-19, Comprehensive Plan Text Amendments by title only.

Ordinance No. 2021-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE PROPERTY RIGHTS ELEMENT TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2045; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL OF AMENDMENT; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR NONCODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE, LEGAL STATUS OF PLAN AMENDMENT AND INCORPORATION INTO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Ms. Sutphen stated for the record there have been no changes from the first reading of the ordinance.

Mayor Stile opened public hearing.

Josh Hemmingway, 1177 East 5th Avenue, stated he noticed other cities had taken the language and tailored it to their city.

Ms. Supthen stated we took what the statue required and put it in our ordinance format, and mentioned that it has passed at the state level.

Mayor Stile closed public hearing.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-19, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TEXT AMENDMENTS; COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES	Councilmember Rolfson Councilmember Cataldo Councilmember Walker Councilmember Bryant Vice-Mayor Crail Mayor Stile
NO	None

2. Consider request for reduction of imposed fines – 1209 Jackson Street

Mr. Comiskey gave an overview of the item and Ms. Sutphen provided council with an overview of the Code Enforcement Magistrate and how the violations go in front of the magistrate and mentioned that council has the authority to reduce the fines imposed.

Eric Johnson, principal of HD Home, LLC, stated they purchased the company of HD Home, LLC, and with that purchase of the company the property of 1209 Jackson Street. Mr. Johnson stated he was assured by the previous owner that the title was free of lien judgments and that ended up not being the case. Mr. Johnson is requesting that the lien be waived. As a practical business matter. The amount of the fine is equal to the profit he would expect from building on this lot.

Discussion took place on the purchase of the property, lien searches, the previous owner, and the notices that were given out.

Discussion further took place on staff time, other city resources used in this matter and the costs already incurred by the city.

MOTION BY VICE-MAYOR CRAIL TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OWED TO \$5,000 TO BE PAID BY JANUARY 21, 2022 BY 5:00 P.M. OR IT WILL BE REVERTED BACK TO THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT OWED. COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION WAS APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES	Vice-Mayor Crail Councilmember Rolfson
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NO Councilmember Walker
Councilmember Cataldo
Councilmember Bryant
Mayor Stile

Discussion took place on the advantage of the motion and the advantage of having a home built on the property.

CITY MANAGER

1. Lobbyist Update

Mr. Comiskey stated an update on the lobbyist report was provided in the agenda packet.

2. City Manager's Report

Mr. Grusauskas stated that when the city was involved in doing a project with the state, on 46, the city donated land to the state. We are now in the process of receiving that property back.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

1. Discussion and direction pertaining to appointment terms for City Boards and Committees.

Ms. Sutphen provided an overview of the item and stated we are interested in making the boards/committees consistent and would like council's direction on what they would like to see.

Discussion ensued on council with term limits of board members, resident members verses non-residents, provisions of qualifications, allowing zoom call-ins for meeting members, and training of board/committee members.

Monique Richardson, 745 Hilltop Court, inquired about the Police Pension Board

Ms. Sutphen stated that with the general direction that council has given, the staff and herself will start working on making those corrections and bring it back to council.

Mayor Stile recessed the meeting at approximately 8:28 p.m.

Mayor Stile called the meeting to order at approximately 8:32 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

1. Council Member Austin Guenther Not present

2. Council Member Cal Rolfson

Councilmember Rolfson asked council to consider a workshop on reviewing written policies that affect the City Council. Councilmember Rolfson inquired about the possibility of revisiting a resolution on masks due to the recent COVID surge.

Councilmember Rolfson wished everyone a happy holiday.

3. Council Member Walker

Councilmember Walker mentioned the Northeast's Christmas party and inquired about having discussion on future Northeast Community projects being placed on a City Council agenda.

4. Council Member Doug Bryant

Councilmember Bryant inquired about having a workshop on current and upcoming projects.

Gave thanks to everyone that helped out with the past weekend's events.

5. Council Member John Cataldo

Councilmember Cataldo thanked the Chief of police for helping with the resident's concerns.

Wished everyone happy holidays.

6. Vice-Mayor Marc Crail

Vice- Mayor Crail wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

7. Mayor Crissy Stile

Mayor Stile thanked all the city staff that had a hand in making the city a winter wonder land.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

1. January 4,2022, 6:00 PM, Regular Session

2. January 18, 2022, 6:00 PM, Regular Session

3. February 1, 2022, 6:00 PM, Regular Session
4. February 15, 2022, 6:00 PM, Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.



Jessica Burnham, City Clerk



CRISSY STILE, MAYOR
CITY OF MOUNT DORA