

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



**September 6, 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 6:09 PM in the Mount Dora Council Chambers.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilmember Walker 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 Brynat, At-Large via
Zoom

Also Present

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

PRESENTATIONS

1. Recognition of Representative Keith Truenow for Legislative Advocacy on Behalf of Mount Dora

**This item was heard second under Presentations.*

Representative Keith Truenow spoke to the council about the past legislative session and mentioned that if there is any way to redirect revenue back to the community, that is what they are trying to make happen.

2. 2022 Legislative Session Recap and 2023 Legislative Session Preview by Ryan Matthews and Angela Drzewiecki of Gray Robinson, P.A.

**This presentation was heard first under Presentations.*

Ryan Matthews, Gray Robinson, presented Council with an overview of the 2022 Legislative Recap.

Angela Drzewiecki, Gray Robinson, discussed the financial outlook at the state level.

Mr. Matthews introduced Representative Keith Truenow

3. Certificate of Recognition for the 100th Birthday of Joyce Conliffe
Mayor Stile read the Certificate of Recognition for the 100th Birthday of Joyce Conliffe into the record and presented Ms. Conliffe with the certificate.
4. Certificate of Recognition for the 100th Birthday of Wilton Adams
Mayor Stile read the Certificate of Recognition for the 100th Birthday of Wilton Adams into the record and presented Mr. Adams with the certificate.
5. Recognition of Girl Scouts for New Little Free Library
Cathy Lunday, Library Director, introduced the Girl Scouts and spoke about how the New Little Free Library came to fruition. Baley Burkett and Lydia Mercer thanked council for allowing the installation of the Little Free Library and mentioned that they received the bronze award for completing this project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Stile opened public comment.

Josh Hemingway, 1177 East 5th Avenue, encouraged Council to sit down with IT Director Jim Faulkner and look over more of the data and information in regards to the Fire Department and the Public Works building.

Deina Brignoni, 1912 Hilltop Drive, inquired about the fire station and Public Works building situation.

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Patrick Comiskey, City Manager, asked Council to consider moving Consent item number three to Action Item number one and moving Public Hearing item number three to Public Hearing item number one.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - August 16, 2022 City Council Regular Session
 - August 29, 2022 City Council Budget Work Session

2. Request Approval of Task Authorization with Neel-Schaffer for Phase 2 Engineering for the North Donnelly Street Sidewalk Improvements
3. Request Approval of Agreement with Rent.fun, LLC, for Self-service, Person Powered, Recreational Watercraft Rental Operator Services

**This item was moved to Action Item number one.*

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Request Approval of Agreement with Rent.fun, LLC, for Self-service, Person Powered, Recreational Watercraft Rental Operator Services

** This item was moved from Consent item number three.*

Sherry Sutphen, City Attorney, mentioned that the vendor agreed to add protection language to paragraph B, section 8.

Mayor Stile opened public comment.

No one spoke.

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH RENT.FUN, LLC, FOR SELF-SERVICE, PERSON POWERED, RECREATIONAL WATERCRAFT RENTAL OPERATOR SERVICES; COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES	Councilmember Rolfson
	Councilmember Cataldo
	Councilmember Guenther
	Councilmember Walker
	Councilmember Bryant

Vice-Mayor Crail
Mayor Stile

NO None

PUBLIC HEARINGS - RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

1. Request Approval of **Resolution No. 2022-55**, Final Fire Assessment Fee for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

**This item was moved from Public Hearings item number three.*

City Attorney Sutphen read Resolution No. 2022-55, Final Fire Assessment Fee for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-55

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS IN THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR REIMPOSITION OF FIRE SERVICES ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFIRMATION OF PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION; PROVIDING FOR EFFECT OF ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Aneta Barton, Budget Director, provided the council with an overview of the resolution and mentioned that the fee has decreased from the last budget work session from two hundred nineteen dollars (\$219.00) to two hundred and two dollars (\$202.00).

Mayor Stile opened public comment.

No one spoke.

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-55, FINAL FIRE ASSESSMENT FEE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES Councilmember Rolfson
 Councilmember Walker

Councilmember Bryant
Councilmember Cataldo
Vice-Mayor Crail
Mayor Stile

NO Councilmember Guenther

2. Request Approval of **Resolution No. 2022-48**, Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

City Attorney Sutphen read Resolution No. 2022-48, Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 , by title only.

RESOLUTION NO.2022-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND PERCENTAGE INCREASE; PROVIDING FOR FINAL BUDGET HEARING; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Ms. Barton spoke on the agenda item and stated the resolution before council proposes the millage rate for the City of Mount Dora be set at 5.9603 mills.

Mayor Stile opened public comment.

Adam Deffes, 922 North Side Drive, inquired about the millage rate from last fiscal year.

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

MOTION BY VICE-MAYOR CRAIL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-48, TENTATIVE MILLAGE RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

NO Councilmember Guenther

Vice-Mayor Crail restated his motion to include certain information needed for the record.

MOTION BY VICE-MAYOR CRAIL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2022-48, ESTABLISHING THE FINAL FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023, OPERATING MILLAGE RATE FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA AT 5.9603 MILLS AND PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE THAT THE FINAL OPERATING MILLAGE RATE IS 8.31% MORE THAN THE COMPUTED ROLLED-BACK RATE OF 5.5029 MILLS AND AUTHORIZING ADVERTISEMENT OF THE CITY'S INTENT TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS TO ADOPT THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE AND BUDGET; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

NO Councilmember Guenther

3. Request Approval of **Resolution No. 2022-49**, Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023

City Attorney Sutphen read Resolution No. 2022-49, Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023, by title only.

RESOLUTION NO.2022-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23; PROVIDING FOR FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING; 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.

Ms. Barton stated this resolution sets the tentative budget at one hundred thirty four million, nine hundred fifty one thousand, one hundred and fourteen dollars (\$134,951,114). This resolution also establishes the date, time, and place for the final public hearing for the budget and millage rate for fiscal year 2022-2023.

Mayor Stile opened public comment.

No one spoke.

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-49, TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023; COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES

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

NO None

4. Request Approval of **Resolution No. 2022-39**, Lake Franklin Estates Final Plat (6 Lots)

City Attorney Sutphen read Resolution No. 2022-39, Lake Franklin Estates Final Plat, by title only.

RESOLUTION NO.2022-39

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA RELATED TO THE FINAL PLAT ENTITLED “LAKE FRANKLIN ESTATES”; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF FINAL PLAT; 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.

Adam Sumner, Deputy Planning Director, provided City Council with an overview of the item and stated that staff recommends approval.

Mayor Stile opened public comment.

No one spoke.

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

MOTION BY VICE-MAYOR CRAIL TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-39, LAKE FRANKLIN ESTATES FINAL PLAT (6 LOTS); COUNCILMEMBER GUENTHER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

5. Request Approval of First Reading of **Ordinance No. 2022-12**, Amending Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances to allow for Electric Carriages

City Attorney Sutphen read Ordinance No. 2022-12, Amending Chapter 42 of the Code of Ordinances to allow for Electric Carriages, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 42 OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Misty Sommer, Economic Development Manager, introduced the agenda item and spoke about the city staff process and mentioned that each permit would be evaluated by provisions within the ordinance.

Discussion took place on the number of permits allowed, insurance, suspension of a permit if the ordinance is violated, the cost to the company of five percent of the revenue, posting the rates to avoid price gouging, and regulating the roads for traffic impacts.

Mayor Stile opened public comment.

No one spoke.

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12, AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ALLOW FOR ELECTRIC CARRIAGES; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES	Councilmember Rolfson Councilmember Walker Councilmember Bryant Councilmember Cataldo Councilmember Guenther Vice-Mayor Crail Mayor Stile
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NO	None
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6. Request Approval of First Reading of **Ordinance No. 2022-10**, Land Development Code Amendment

City Attorney Sutphen read Ordinance No. 2022-10, Land Development Code Amendment, by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO REVISIONS TO THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS TO CITY OF MOUNT DORA LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, CHAPTER II, GENERAL, CHAPTER III ZONING REGULATIONS, AND CHAPTER VIII, DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Deputy Planning Director Sumner provided the history on the agenda item and stated that to be consistent, we have to go through making sure the land development code matches the city charter. Mr. Sumner also mentioned if the ballot measurement does not pass, this will not be in effect.

Discussion ensued on the super majority of Council having to be present, and the possibility of having the Planning and Zoning Commission review the item again, since not all members were present.

Mayor Stile opened public comment.

Josh Hemingway, 1177 East 5th Avenue, spoke about the Planning and Zoning board's recommendation.

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

Council discussed parking issues, parking garages, staff recommendations, and the vote of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WALKER TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-10, LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AMENDMENT; COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

7. Request Approval of **Resolution No. 2022-56**, Establishing the *Mount Dora Cares* Program to Provide a Temporary Credit to Electric Utility Customers
Mayor Stile called the meeting to recess at 7:40 P.M.
Mayor Stille called the meeting back to order at 7:45 P.M.
Mayor Stile mentioned that there was an oversight in the motion that was made by Vice-Mayor Crail in regards to Resolution No. 2022-48, Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

****The revised motion is placed under the corresponding agenda item, Resolution No. 2022-2023.***

City Attorney Sutphen read Resolution No. 2022-56, Establishing the Mount Dora Cares Program to provide a Temporary Credit to Electric Utility Customers, by title only.

RESOLUTION NO.2022-56

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE MOUNT DORA CARES PROGRAM TO PROVIDE A TEMPORARY CREDIT TO ELECTRIC UTILITY CUSTOMERS; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL OF THE MOUNT DORA CARES PROGRAM; 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.

Patrick Comiskey, City Manager, spoke about the agenda item and the increasing natural gas prices and, that because of the increasing rates, staff looked at the money that was in reserve to apply for a temporary monthly credit to the accounts of all electric utility customers.

Steve Langley, Electric Utility Director, said it is difficult for our customers to pay their bills with the natural gas increases, so staff is looking into ways to help.

City Attorney Sutphen spoke about the program and stated it was acceptable.

Discussion took place on the benefits versus the non-benefits of the Resolution, residential versus commercial, those who need the money versus those who do not.

Tim Bridges, Director of Lake Community Action Agency, spoke about the different programs that are in place for assistance within Lake Community Action Agency.

Vershurn Ford, Public Information Officer, spoke about the ways the City will be marketing to streamline the Lake Community Action Agency.

The Council unanimously agreed to take no action on the resolution.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Mayor Stile's Proposal for Deferred Utility Billing
2. Youth Council

City Clerk Jessica Burnham spoke about the city establishing a Youth Council and mentioned that a Resolution would be brought back to Council at the following meeting to officially create the Youth Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Comiskey mentioned that the County would be holding a Planning and Zoning Board meeting and there is an item in regards to the Orange Groves on the agenda.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No new claims.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

1. Council Member Cal Rolfson
Councilmember Rolfson thanked Representative Truenow for attending the City Council meeting.
2. Council Member Nate Walker
Councilmember Walker spoke about the discussions that Council had this evening.
3. Council Member Doug Bryant
Councilmember Bryant apologized for not being in person at the meeting and stated he would be back for the meeting on the 20th.
4. Council Member John Cataldo

Councilmember Cataldo thanked George Marek for his response in regards to a damaged tree, Vershurn Ford for bringing Lake Community Action Agency to the meeting, Misty Sommer for her involvement with tourism, and Jessica Burnham for establishing a Youth Council. Councilmember Cataldo mentioned the City has a terrific staff.

5. Council Member Austin Guenther

Councilmember Guenther mentioned that he appreciated Councilmember Walker's comments.

6. Vice-Mayor Marc Crail

Vice-Mayor Crail spoke about the meeting and stated he is very thankful to be part of the community.

7. Mayor Crissy Stile

Mayor Stile thanked all of staff and Council and stated her respect for each of them.

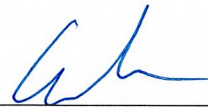
FUTURE MEETING DATES

1. September 20, 2022, 6:00 PM, Regular Session
2. October 4, 2022, 6:00 PM, Regular Session
3. October 18, 2022, 6:00 PM, Regular Session
4. November 1, 2022, 6:00 PM, Regular Session

ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:54 P.M.



CRISSY STILE, MAYOR

City of Mount Dora



JESSICA BURNHAM
City Clerk