



**CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 5, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Mount Dora City Hall
510 N. Baker St., Mount Dora, FL 32757**

CALL TO ORDER

Having been duly advertised as required by law, at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Crissy Stile called to order the meeting of the Mount Dora City Council in the City Hall Council Chambers.

MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Councilmember Bryant,

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Crissy Stile, Mayor
Marc Crail, Vice-mayor
John Cataldo, District 1
Cal Rolfson, District 2
Dennis Dawson, District 3
Nate Walker, District 5
Doug Bryant, At-large

Also Present

Vince Sandersfeld, Acting City Manager
Patrick Brackins, City Attorney
Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mount Dora Fun Fact

Mayor Stile spoke about Lena Richardson, who founded Mount Dora Hospital, and read a proclamation in honor of Women's History Month.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Stile opened public comment.

Joe Lewis, 148 Charles Avenue, spoke about the recent actions leading to the City Manager's departure.

Charlie Sands, 980 Page Lane, expressed her dissatisfaction with the City's treatment of the former City Manager.

John Tucker, 101 North Grandview, #301, spoke about his dissatisfaction with Council's actions regarding the former City Manager.

Sharon Crow, 380 North McDonald Street, spoke against the conversion of the 4th Avenue Pedestrian mall into a parking area for golf carts.

Jay Smith, 1046 McDonald Street, spoke in favor of waiting until after the election to search for a new City Manager.

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA; COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

BOARD APPOINTMENT

Councilmember Walker proposed to appoint Bailey Stack to the CRA Advisory Board.
Councilmember Bryant proposed to appoint Mark Slaby to the CRA Advisory Board.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO TO APPROVE THE TWO APPOINTMENTS; VICE-MAYOR CRAIL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request Approval of Task Authorizations with Faden Builders for the Renovation of Gilbert Park Restroom, Renovation of Sunset Park Restroom, and the Construction of Summerview Park Basketball Court.

2. Request Approval of Meeting Minutes: January 22, 2024 City Council Special Meeting Minutes

Mayor Stile opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Stile closed public comment.

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

ACTION ITEMS

1. Request Approval of Interlocal Agreement Between Lake County and the City of Mount Dora for Vista Ridge Drive

Mr. Sandersfeld explained that this agreement will ratify the planned Vista Ridge Drive. Concerning aspects of an earlier draft have been addressed. The County has reviewed the agreement and approved it. City staff recommends approval.

Without this agreement, developers would potentially be able to build in the corridor. This agreement sets up a better policy for the City, and contributes to the connectivity of the Wolf Branch area.

When the property is annexed, Vista Ridge will become a City road. The City will assume the maintenance burden, but that responsibility also empowers the City to protect its interests for the road and the area.

The extensive detail included in the agreement ensures that the developer is aware of the City's requirements up front. Road configuration was discussed.

MOTION BY VICE-MAYOR CRAIL TO APPROVE THE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAKE COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA FOR VISTA RIDGE DRIVE; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES Crail

Walker
Cataldo
Rolfson
Dawson
Bryant
Stile

NO *None*

PUBLIC HEARING-RESOLUTIONS-ORDINANCES

1. Request Approval First Reading of Ordinance No. 2024-05, 1st Amendment PUD Master Plan for Vista Hills

Mr. Brackins read Ordinance No. 2024-05 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, ADOPTING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MASTER PLAN FOR THE VISTA HILLS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT AS SET FORTH HEREIN; AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-20 BY ADOPTING UPDATED VISTA HILLS PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT MASTER PLAN TERMS AND CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR NON-CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Sandersfeld reminded Council of the actions that had been taken prior to bringing this ordinance to Council for a first reading. The preliminary and final PUD were approved by Council. Nothing has changed since that time. There will be 25 acres with 442 residential units, and 8 acres devoted to personal-service type commercial.

This item was delayed due to the developer seeking a credit for a Niles Road extension. This first amendment reestablishes the PUD. The developer is projecting a 4-year time frame.

The amendment also clarifies the parking formula, which is embedded in the amendment. The Planning Commission recommends approval. City staff also recommend approval.

Mayor Stile opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Stile closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05; COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES *Rolfson*
Cataldo
Dawson
Walker
Bryant
Crail
Stile

NO *None*

2. Request Final Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 2024-06, Amendment to Section 42-203 Mount Dora Code of Ordinances Operator of a Golf Cart Minimum Driver's Age.

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA PERTAINING TO THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA CODE OF ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 42, ARTICLE V, GOLF CARTS AND LOW SPEED VEHICLES; 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.

Mr. Sandersfeld told Council there had been no changes since the first reading of the ordinance.

Mayor Stile opened public comment. No one spoke. Mayor Stile closed public comment.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING AND ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06; COUNCILMEMBER DAWSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 7-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

***YES Rolfson
Dawson
Cataldo
Walker
Bryant
Crail
Stile
NO None***

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. FY 24-25 Budget Calendar Discussion

Budget Director Aneta Barton announced the dates set for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget Workshops. Councilmembers consulted their schedules to determine their availability for meeting dates.

2. Mount Dora Police Department Recruitment and Retention Program

Police Chief Mike Gibson explained the purpose of the program and spoke about the reasons this program is necessary. He provided statistics regarding the Mount Dora Police Department's hiring and retention history. He emphasized the need to hire and retain officers of high quality. He spoke about the City's plans for promotions, starting-salary increases and training opportunities. Budget Director Aneta Barton explained the budget impact of these changes, which would be minimal during this fiscal year. Council and staff discussed the less effective methods for recruitment and retention that the City implemented in the past.

It was determined that the March 19th City Council agenda would include an item for the pay increase for current Police staff.

3. City Manager Selection Process

Council discussed the best approach to hiring a new City Manager. It was agreed that Mr.

Sandersfeld would continue as Interim City Manager and Steve Langley would continue as Acting Assistant City Manager through Budget Season. Councilmember Dawson would work with Mr. Sandersfeld to formulate a timeline for moving forward from this state. A workshop would be held to address this matter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Sandersfeld spoke about the Wekiva Parkway grand opening and the North East clean-up event.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Brackins spoke about the possibilities for Charter Review. He mentioned the upcoming AMCO evidentiary hearing.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Rolfson spoke about legislative issues.

Councilmember Dawson thanked Chief Gibson for the police department's success in apprehending a threat to his neighborhood.

Councilmember Walker thanked those who participated in the North East Cleanup Day. He acknowledged Carl Davis from the Tri-City NAACP and his wife, who were present at the meeting.

Councilmember Cataldo broached the topic of social media comments, which are currently not visible on the City's social media pages. He, Mr. Brackins and Mr. Langley discussed progress for the repair of damaged CenturyLink boxes. He asked Mr. Brackins about the allowance for public comment at the AMCO hearing, where the City will be defending the denial of the PUD.

Vice-mayor Crail spoke about the Cleanup Day. He distributed the latest summary of the City's legal bills. He voiced his support for devising measurements and defining clear priorities in relation to the selection of a City Manager, and for the City's strategy for moving forward from this point.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO TO ADJOURN; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:06 p.m.



CRISSY STILE, MAYOR
City of Mount Dora



JEANANN HAND, CITY CLERK
City of Mount Dora