



**CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION
MEETING MINUTES**

October 1, 2024, 6:07 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 6:07 p.m., Mayor Crissy Stile called to order the October 1, 2024 Regular Session of the Mount Dora City Council in the City Hall Council Chamber.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance were led by Councilmember Dawson.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Crissy Stile, Mayor

Marc Crail, Vice-mayor

John Cataldo, District

Cal Rolfson, District 2

Dennis Dawson, District 3

Nate Walker, District 5

Also Present

Vince Sandersfeld, City Manager

Patrick Brackins, City Attorney

Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

Members Not Present

Doug Bryant, At-large

PRESENTATIONS

1. Proclamation Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month

Mayor Stile read the proclamation into the record. Roland Nunez, President of the Hispanics of Lake County Association, spoke about the organization and commended the City for their support.

2. Proclamation Recognizing Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Stile read the proclamation into the record.

3. Proclamation Recognizing Fire Prevention Week

Mayor Stile read the proclamation into the record. Mount Dora Fire Chief Joseph Hightower, accompanied by members of the Fire Department, spoke to those present about Fire Prevention.

4. Proclamation Cybersecurity Awareness Month

Mayor Stile read the proclamation into the record.

5. Presentation by Information Technology (IT) Department

Internet Technology (IT) Department Director Jason Marlar presented information about the IT Department.

6. Mount Dora Fun Fact
Mayor Stile spoke about the history of the Farnsworth House.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Stile opened public comment.

Bill Kieran, 7821 Crosswinds Way, commended City staff on their handling of a recent wastewater issue, mentioning especially City employee Bill Milliken.

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Sandersfeld told Council that staff would like to move Consent Agenda Item One to a later date.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- ~~1. Request Approval of Task Authorization with Ovivo USA Inc. to Furnish and Install a 5-Horsepower Submerged Turbine Mixer at Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2 (WWTP2)~~
****Removed from agenda***
2. Request Approval of the Agreements for Continuing Professional Consultant Services from RFQ 24-GS-013 for the City, the Downtown CRA, and the Northeast CRA.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH THE REMOVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM ONE; COUNCILMEMBER DAWSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Request to Ratify the Rescheduling of the November 5, 2024, City Council Regular Session to November 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

At the September 17, 2024 City Council Regular Session, Council agreed to reschedule the November 5th meeting to November 4th to allow for Election Day activities. The City Charter requires a motion and majority vote of Council to reschedule a City Council regular meeting, so this item was added to the October 1st agenda to provide the opportunity for Council to ratify their decision.

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

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO RESCHEDULE THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION TO NOVEMBER 4, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.; COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 6-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS - RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

1. Request Adoption of **Resolution No. 2024-33**, Approving Fireworks Launch from the 4th Avenue Docks for 2024 Light Up Mount Dora Event

Mr. Brackins read Resolution No. 2024-33 by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE 2024 LIGHT UP MOUNT DORA EVENT; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND DOCK CLOSURE; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORITY TO THE CITY MANAGER FOR IMPLEMENTING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Cultural and Special Events Manager Chris Carson spoke about the Light Up Mount Dora event and other upcoming holiday events. Light Up Mount Dora will take place on November 23rd. Mr. Carson spoke about the recent history of the event, including the effects of Covid, and the relocation of certain elements of the event in order to address public safety concerns.

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

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WALKER TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2024-33, APPROVING THE FIREWORKS LAUNCH FROM THE 4TH AVENUE DOCKS FOR THE 2024 LIGHT UP MOUNT DORA EVENT; COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 6-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

2. Request Adoption of **Resolution No. 2024-34**, Approving Fireworks Launch and Dock Closure on December 31, 2024, New Year's Eve Event

Mr. Brackins read Resolution No. 2024-34 by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-34

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO THE 2024 NEW YEAR'S EVE BLOCK PARTY; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR FIREWORKS DISPLAY AND DOCK CLOSURE; 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

Councilmember Dawson clarified that this item approves the launching of the fireworks. The actual contracting of the fireworks display was accounted for in the approved City budget.

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

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2024-34, APPROVING THE FIREWORKS LAUNCH AND DOCK CLOSURE FOR THE DECEMBER 31ST NEW YEAR'S EVE BLOCK PARTY; COUNCILMEMBER DAWSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 6-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

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

3. Request Approval of **Resolution No. 2024-36**, Amendment to Purchasing Authority Policy

Mr. Brackins read Resolution No. 2024-36 by title only.

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-36

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO REVISIONS TO THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA'S PURCHASING POLICY MANUAL; INCREASING THE CITY MANAGER'S PURCHASING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Sandersfeld reviewed the discussions that led to this item. Approving this action will streamline procedures and move things more efficiently. Bidding requirements and all other purchasing requirements will continue to be met. Since the current spending level was established, material prices have risen. All purchases must be approved in the budget, and be reviewed by the City's attorneys. Council and staff discussed the advantages of this change.

Mr. Brackins recommended an additional change in the Section 3.2-1 in the City's Purchasing Policy in order to maintain consistency throughout the document.

Council discussed the appropriate amount for the City Manager purchasing threshold.

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

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2024-36 AND AMEND SECTION 3.2-1 TO CHANGE THE THRESHOLD TO \$100,000.00 TO MAINTAIN CONSISTENCY THROUGHOUT THE POLICY; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION PASSED WITH A 6-0 ROLL CALL VOTE.

<i>YES</i>	<i>Rolfson</i>
	<i>Walker</i>
	<i>Cataldo</i>
	<i>Dawson</i>
	<i>Crail</i>
	<i>Stile</i>
<i>NO</i>	<i>None</i>

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Sandersfeld told Council about the City sending teams to areas affected by Hurricane Helene.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Mr. Brackins spoke about a current complaint against the city.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

Councilmember Cataldo asked about a dumping site to which residents could take their own debris. Mr. Sandersfeld spoke about how this may be approached.

Councilmember Rolfson praised City staff, chiefs and directors for their preparation and recovery surrounding the storm. He also spoke about fire detectors and the service of the fire department

Councilmember Dennis Dawson commended staff, especially Mr. Langley and his staff, for their responsiveness regarding the storm. He mentioned the Florida League of Cities legislative policy committee meetings this Friday.

Councilmember Walker asked Mr. Brackins if there were a way to streamline the declaration of emergency. Mr. Brackins explained the City's options.

Vice-mayor Crail spoke of the importance of linemen.

Mayor Stile thanked staff and first responders.

Council expressed consensus to allow the City Manager to take time off to make up for the storm interfering with an earlier attempt to do so.

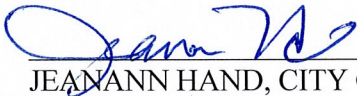
ADJOURNMENT

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

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:16 p.m.



CRISSY STILE, MAYOR
City of Mount Dora



JEANANN HAND, CITY CLERK
City of Mount Dora