City of Eustis, Florida

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Meeting Minutes – Final*
City Commission

Tuesday, May 22, 2018 | **5:30 PM** | **City Hall**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Morin - 5:45 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF QUORUM AND PROPER NOTICE

Present: 4 - Commissioner Linda Bob; Commissioner Carla Gnann-Thompson; Vice-Mayor Marie Aliberti; and Mayor Robert Morin

I. ORDINANCES, PUBLIC HEARINGS & QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

18-0127 Resolution No. 18-35: Finding of Necessity for Downtown & East Town Community Redevelopment Area Expansion

Mary Montez, City Clerk, announced Resolution No. 18-35: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Eustis, Lake County, Florida; relating to community redevelopment pursuant to Chapter 163, Part III, Florida Statutes (the "Community Redevelopment Act"); said resolution being supported by data and analysis, defining the City of Eustis Community Redevelopment Expansion Area; finding the existence of conditions in certain areas of the City of Eustis that warrant the expansion of the Community Redevelopment Area; making a legislative finding that the conditions in the City of Eustis Redevelopment Expansion Area meet the criteria described in Section 163.340 (7) or (8), Florida Statutes ("finding of necessity"); providing for filing with the city clerk; and providing for an effective date.

Mayor Morin opened the public hearing at 5:47 p.m. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 5:47 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bob, seconded by Vice-Mayor Aliberti, to Approve Resolution No. 18-35. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Bob; Commissioner Gnann-Thompson; Vice-Mayor Aliberti; and Mayor Morin

18-0128 Resolution No. 18-36: Amendment to 2016 Redevelopment Plan - Downtown and East Town CRA Expansion Plan

Ms. Montez announced Resolution No. 18-36: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Eustis, Lake County, Florida, amending City of Eustis 2016 Redevelopment Plan by adopting the Downtown & East Town CRA Expansion Plan, to provide for an expanded Community Redevelopment Area boundary; and providing an effective date.

Mayor Morin opened the public hearing at 5:49 p.m. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 5:49 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bob, seconded by Vice-Mayor Aliberti, to Approve Resolution No. 18-36. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Commissioner Bob; Commissioner Gnann-Thompson; Vice-Mayor Aliberti; and Mayor Morin

II. CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM COMMISSIONER

18-0131 Appointment of Interim Commissioner, Seat #2

Mayor Morin asked that the Interim Commissioner applicants retire to the Development Services conference room to await their turn. The applicants were invited to remain to first hear the process to be used.

Ms. Montez stated the appointment would be for a partial term to serve until whomever is elected in November is sworn in. She reviewed the process to be utilized and reminded the Commission that once a nominee was selected, then the Commission would approve Resolution No. 18-37 to formally appoint the nominee after which she would administer the Oath of Office.

At that time, the applicants left the Commission Room and the Commission began the interviews.

Each candidate was then allowed three minutes to give a presentation and answered any questions from the Commissioners. The following applicants addressed the Commission: Bill Gay, James Hagarty, Lorenzo Hagins, Michael Holland, Karen LeHeup-Smith, Charles McMaster, Monte Stamper and Leonard Wheeler.

Mayor Morin opened the floor to nominations at 6:18 p.m.

The Commissioners commented on the application process, attributes necessary for an Interim Commissioner and thanked the applicants for their interest in serving.

Mayor Morin opened the floor to nominations at 6:23 p.m.

Vice Mayor Aliberti nominated Michael Holland.

Commissioner Bob nominated James Hagarty.

Commissioner Bob also nominated Karen LeHeup-Smith.

Commissioner Gnann-Thompson moved that the nominations be closed. Vice Mayor Aliberti seconded the motion. On a unanimous vote, the nominations were closed.

On the appointment of Michael Holland, the vote was 3 to 1 as follows:

Aye: 3 - Vice Mayor Aliberti, Commissioner Bob, Mayor Morin

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Bob

On the appointment of James Hagarty, the vote was 1 to 3 as follows:

Aye: 1 - Commissioner Bob

Nay: 3 - Vice Mayor Aliberti, Commissioner Bob, Mayor Morin

On the appointment of Karen LeHeup-Smith, the vote was 1 to 3 as follows:

Aye: 1 - Commissioner Bob

Nay: 3 - Vice Mayor Aliberti, Commissioner Bob, Mayor Morin

Ms. Montez announced that Michael Holland was the successful applicant.

18-0132 Resolution No. 18-37: Appointment an Interim Commissioner to Seat #2

Ms. Montez announced Resolution No. 18-37: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Eustis, Lake County, Florida, appointing a qualified elector (voter) and resident of the City of Eustis to fill a vacancy created on the Eustis City Commission through the resignation of one of its members; such appointment to be made on an interim basis until a newly elected city commission member is qualified.

A motion was made by Vice-Mayor Aliberti, seconded by Commissioner Gnann-Thompson, to Approve Resolution No. 18-37 for the appointment of Michael Holland as Interim Commissioner. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Commissioner Gnann-Thompson; Vice-Mayor Aliberti; and Mayor Morin

Nay: 1 - Commissioner Bob

III. SWEARING-IN OF NEW COMMISSIONER

Ms. Montez administered the Oath of Office to Michael Holland as Interim Commissioner, Seat #2.

IV. ADJOURNMENT - 6:31 p.m.

Mary C. Montez

MARY C. MONTEZ
City Clerk

Robert R. Morin, Jr.

ROBERT R. MORIN, JR.
Mayor/Commissioner

*These minutes reflect the actions taken and portions of the discussion during the meeting. To review the entire discussion concerning any agenda item, go to www.eustis.org and click on the video for the meeting in question. A DVD of the entire meeting or CD of the entire audio recording or verbatim transcript of the meeting can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk for a fee.

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OATH OF OFFICE

I, Michael Holland, do solemnly swear that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and of the State of Florida; that I am duly qualified to hold office under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Florida and the Charter of the City of Eustis; and that I will faithfully perform all the duties of the office of City Commissioner, Seat #2, on which I am now about to enter, so help me God.

City Commissioner, Seat #2

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd day of May, 2018, by Michael L. Holland*, who is personally known to me.*

Mary C. Montez

Mary C. Montez, City Clerk, City of Eustis, Florida