



City of Eustis, Florida

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Meeting Minutes – Final* City Commission

Thursday, June 18, 2015

6:00 PM

City Hall

INVOCATION: Pastor Jerald Blue Sr., Eustis Mt. Zion Primitive Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner LeHeup-Smith

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Mayor Holland - 6:02 p.m.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF QUORUM AND PROPER NOTICE

Present: 3 - Commissioner Karen LeHeup-Smith; Commissioner Linda Bob; and Acting Mayor Michael Holland

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bill Brett

I. AGENDA UPDATE - None

II. APPOINTMENT OF CITY CLERK AS TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Acting Mayor Holland turned the meeting over to City Clerk Mary Montez.

III. ELECTION OF MAYOR

15128 Election of New Mayor and Vice Mayor

Ms. Montez explained the procedure to be used for the election of Mayor and then Vice Mayor. She opened the floor to nominations.

Commissioner LeHeup-Smith nominated Acting Mayor Holland as Mayor. There being no further nominations forthcoming, Ms. Montez asked for a motion to close the nominations.

Commissioner Bob moved to close the nominations for Mayor. Commissioner LeHeup-Smith seconded the motion. The motion to close the nominations passed unanimously.

Commissioner LeHeup Smith moved to appoint Commissioner Holland as Mayor. Commissioner Bob seconded the motion. The motion to appoint Commissioner Holland as Mayor passed unanimously.

Ms. Montez returned control of the meeting to Mayor Holland.

IV. ELECTION OF VICE MAYOR (IF REQUIRED)

Mayor Holland opened the floor for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Commissioner Bob nominated Commissioner LeHeup-Smith as Vice Mayor. There being no further nominations forthcoming, Mayor Holland asked for a motion to close the nominations.

Mayor Holland moved to close the nominations. Commissioner LeHeup-Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Holland moved to appoint Commissioner LeHeup-Smith as Vice Mayor. Commissioner Bob seconded the motion. The motion to appoint Commissioner LeHeup-Smith as Vice Mayor passed unanimously.

V. SEATING OF MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

15127 June 4, 2015 - Regular City Commission Meeting

A motion was made by Commissioner Linda Bob, seconded by Commissioner Karen LeHeup-Smith, that the Minutes be Approved. The motion PASSED by an unanimous vote.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

15126 Central Florida Expressway Authority 2040 Master Plan and Visioning Survey

Alayna Currey, Community/Government Relations Coordinator for the Central Florida Expressway Authority, provided an overview of the Authority's creation, Vision and 2040 Master Plan. She also reviewed their visioning survey, noted there were hard copies available to the public and that the survey may also be accessed online.

The Commission confirmed "multi-modal" could include bike trails.

VIII. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD - No one came forward.**IX. ORDINANCES, PUBLIC HEARINGS & QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS**

15119 Resolution No. 15-37: Conditional Sign at 16831 U.S. Highway 441

Derek Schroth, City Attorney, announced Resolution No. 15-37: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Eustis, Florida; approving an inflatable sign as a conditional sign to be displayed June 19, 2015 through July 4, 2015 for a fireworks sales special event on approximately 3.91 acres located at 16831 U.S. Hwy. 441.

Lori Barnes, Senior Planner, reviewed the conditional sign permit requested by Justin Driggers to be used in conjunction with a fireworks sale. She explained the location of the site on U. S. Highway 441 across from Hobby Lobby and provided a photo of the proposed sign. She reviewed the City ordinance concerning conditional signs, confirmed the public notice and advertising, and summarized staff's recommendation for denial due to the prohibition in the City's regulations of inflatable signs and the height of the proposed sign.

Mr. Schroth opened the public hearing at 6:15 p.m. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 6:15 p.m.

The Commission discussed the proposed sign, its location and possible danger to traffic.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bob, seconded by Mayor Holland, to Deny Resolution No. 15-37. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Vice Mayor LeHeup-Smith; Commissioner Bob; and Mayor Holland

15129 Resolution No. 15-38: Amending the Gateway Corridor Improvement Matching Grant Program

Mr. Schroth announced Resolution No. 15-38: A Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Eustis, Florida; amending a corridor improvement matching grant program now known as the Gateway Corridor Improvement Matching Grant Program.

Tom Carrino, Economic Development Director, reported on the program's success to date and noted that funds will be included in the draft budget. He explained the proposed changes to the program as follows: 1) expanding the program area three blocks to the north of the current area which would include another 27 to 28 parcels; and 2) clarification of language regarding eligible signage improvements.

The Commission expressed support for the program.

Mr. Schroth opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 6:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bob, seconded by Vice Mayor LeHeup-Smith, to Approve Resolution No. 15-38. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Vice Mayor LeHeup-Smith; Commissioner Bob; and Mayor Holland

SECOND READING

- 15112 Ordinance No. 15-10: Voluntary Annexation of Approximately .35 acres Located at 34 Ohio Blvd.**

Mr. Schroth read Ordinance No. 15-10 by title on second and final reading: An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Eustis, Florida; voluntarily annexing approximately 0.35 acres of real property at 34 Ohio Boulevard.

Mr. Schroth opened the public hearing at 6:21 p.m. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 6:21 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor LeHeup-Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bob, to Adopt Ordinance No. 15-10 on second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Vice Mayor LeHeup-Smith; Commissioner Bob; and Mayor Holland

- 15113 Ordinance No. 15-11: Small Scale Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for .35 Acres Located at 34 Ohio Blvd.**

Mr. Schroth read Ordinance No. 15-11 by title on second and final reading: An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Eustis, Lake County, Florida, amending the City of Eustis Comprehensive Plan pursuant to 163.3187(1) F.S.; changing the Future Land Use Designation of approximately 0.35 acres of recently annexed real property located at 34 Ohio Boulevard from Urban Medium in Lake County to Mixed Commercial/Residential (MCR) in the City of Eustis.

Mr. Schroth opened the public hearing at 6:22 p.m. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 6:22 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor LeHeup-Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bob, to Adopt Ordinance No. 15-11 on second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Vice Mayor LeHeup-Smith; Commissioner Bob; and Mayor Holland

- 15114 Ordinance No. 15-12: Design District Assignment for Approximately .35 Acres Located at 34 Ohio Blvd.**

Mr. Schroth read Ordinance No. 15-12 by title on second and final reading: An Ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Eustis, Lake County, Florida; assigning the Design District Designation of Suburban Corridor to approximately 0.35 acres of recently annexed real property located at 34 Ohio Boulevard.

Mr. Schroth opened the public hearing at 6:23 p.m. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed at 6:23 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor LeHeup-Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bob, to Adopt Ordinance No. 15-12 on second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Vice Mayor LeHeup-Smith; Commissioner Bob; and Mayor Holland

X. OTHER BUSINESS**15130 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Honorary Street Designation**

The Commissioner discussed the diversity and low number of the survey responses, the number that were from outside the City limits, and the number of votes that were for the City not to do anything. It was suggested that the City not take any action until it can receive clearer direction from the City's residents. It was also suggested that one method would be to place something in the City's utility bills, distribute information through the schools and have a booth at the monthly events.

CONSENSUS: It was a consensus of the Commission to refer the issue back to staff to determine a better method for surveying the public regarding the best method for recognizing Dr. King.

XI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS - None**XII. COMMENTS****City Commission**

Commissioner Bob reported on her attendance at the Lake Sumter MPO meeting and an MPO event with the City Manager. She noted how quickly transportation projects will be undertaken. She emphasized the need for the community to do what is right and fair.

Vice Mayor LeHeup-Smith cited the funeral of Bill Kelsey, a former Eustis High School teacher. She announced the Lake Eustis Museum of Art 4th of July event in the Lakeview Room, and Faith Lutheran Church and School Independence Day event on Saturday, June 27th.

Mayor Holland expressed condolences to the family of Sarah Barto, a retired teacher. He announced the Eustis Kiwanis Club Father's Day weekend event "Touch a Truck" to be held at Faith Lutheran Church. He also announced the City's 4th of July event in Ferran Park.

City Manager

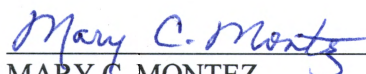
Ron Neibert, City Manager, commented on the Lake Sumter MPO event and noted his upcoming attendance at the Bay St. Player's "Hello Dolly" performance.

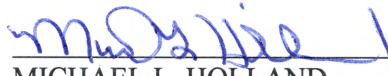
Mayor Holland asked the Commission if they want the Interim Commissioner applications sent as they come in or all at one time with a consensus to have them sent to the Commission all at one time following the closing of the application period.

City Attorney - None**Mayor**

Mayor Holland thanked the Commission for their support and commented on the new hires in the City's management staff and the need to work together.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT - 6:36 p.m.


MARY C. MONTEZ
City Clerk


MICHAEL L. HOLLAND
Mayor/Commissioner

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