



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

REGULAR COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:30 PM

Town Hall (Council Chamber) - 307 E Kennedy Blvd. 32751

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CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM:

Mayor Gardner called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and quorum was established through Mrs. Veronica King

PRESENT: (5) Councilwoman Wanda Randolph, Councilman Marlin Daniels, Councilman Theo Washington, Councilman Rodney Daniels, Mayor Angie Gardner.

STAFF: (6) Demetrius Pressley, **Interim Chief Administrator Officer**, Veronica King, **Town Clerk**, Patrick Brackins, **Attorney**, Joseph Jenkins, **Deputy Chief**, Albert English, **Public Works Director**, and Katrina Gibson, **Finance Director**

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Rev. Critton led the Prayer of Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mayor Gardner Motions to approve agenda Moved by Councilman Marlin Daniels; Second by Councilwoman Randolph; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

PRESENTATIONS

Artwork as part of the Ultimate Art Endowment Program – Introduction of artist Jefre'; presented on his idea for the proposed artwork as part of the Ultimate Art Endowment Program. Looking for site ideas to create an iconic piece that identifies the strength of Eatonville, the town that freedom built, with emphasis on Freedom. Jefre' will donate his artist fee and ask that a percentage is used to further marketing efforts; with a narrated mini documentary talking about the artist work as a point in history. Idea: The word Freedom lit up in LED lights suspended in the air with an approximate base size of 20'x20'; can work with other artists to collaborate ideas into the final base design; placement ideas can be in a dedicated location or within a park. The results of a Jefre' piece will attract sponsors and people.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - (The Three-minute rule was strictly enforced)

Joyce Irby – Extended gratitude to the council members for their vote and their conversation, and to everyone who came to every meetings, keep coming out. Special thanks to Julian Johnson for the push and Ryan Novak for ideas.

Ryan Novak – Bicycle stolen off back porch after the community cleanup by six feet tall white male wear black shirt, gray slacks, and sandals. Orange County just approved a \$150,000 budget for license plate readers installed in high crime areas; recommend push back through ordinance. We should be free from governmental oversight; logging, keeping of data, and whereabouts. Information will be stored for three years, violation of the

4th amendment right. Will support an ordinance to scan license plate and delete information if nothing comes back, criminal activity. Consider the budget for cameras in specific public areas.

Julian Johnson – We won the battle but not the war; keep moving. Community planning and meeting: Sunday Catalina Park is hosting an Easter egg hunt (Francis Jerry Park), Community Conversations, April 11 at 6pm at PEC, Macedonia Health Fair April 15, and communicate with PEC concerning the lawsuit, Help CDC Weekend Wellness Workshop April 22, 11am (Library), also looking to have an organized community celebration event at the Denton Johnson Center. For the stakeholders meeting, if several meetings are needed, lets do it; people have to get involved.

APPROVAL CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Gardner Motions to approve the consent agenda approving the Town Council Meeting Minutes for March 21, 2023; the GIS Agreement between Orange County and the Town; and the Impact Fee Feasibility Study; Moved by Councilman Theo Washington; Second by Councilman M. Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

COUNCIL DECISIONS:

Approval of Resolution #2023-2 Appointment of Vice Mayor. Presenting again the recommendation of Councilman Washington as Vice Mayor; to step in for the Mayor in the absence of; recommendation is made on the basis of the voting path, support of town events, respected by the citizens, willing to make decisions to move the town forward, and understands role; **Mayor Gardner Motions to approve Resolution #2023-2 Appointment of Councilman Washington as Vice Mayor;** Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Councilman M. Daniels; **AYE:** Councilman Washington, Mayor Gardener **NAYE:** Vice Mayor R. Daniels, Councilman M. Daniels, Councilwoman Randolph; **MOTION FAILS.** **Discussion:** Councilwoman Randolph recommends Councilman R. Daniels as an alternative option for the Mayor to consider. Legal feedback: Under Charter, the Mayor recommends the Vice Mayor.

REPORTS:

INTERIM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Demetrius Pressley

Stakeholders Meeting: Follow up meeting is to be scheduled for April 18 at 6pm to discuss the results of the SWOT analysis and discuss further plans. An electronic survey is being prepared for the community; will be available on the Town and CRA websites as well as Facebook. Monthly updates will be sent tomorrow to Council; thanks for Mr. English, and Mrs. Gibson for working extra hours to complete tasks required. Financial Quarter one and two reports will be at the next meeting (4/18), continuing current assessments of the town; pay grade study. Upcoming meeting with key stakeholders; the School Board and Spectrum.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Patrick Brackins

No Report.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS-

Councilman T. Washington – Inquired about the Westside apartments, requesting information on permitting. Concern: that development did not come before Planning and Zoning nor Council; need to look into this matter.

Councilman M. Daniels –Concerns: last Friday, spoke with Orange County Commission in reference to appropriation of funds to Eatonville; learned that we submitted for appropriation funds of \$2.5 million dollars proposed for a development in Elizabeth Park; council does not know; possibly losing a park; unaware of the number of units. Request explanation of how did this happened; created in the CRA but it is town property. Great job on the workshop; knowledge is key. Must understand due process before speaking on a matter of one's decision; some matters are sensitive to the Sunshine Law. **Charter Reference:** Section:2.03 (a); Days to put departments head in place is 120 days of vacancy. Under Charter, the Mayor

has the authority to appoint, suspend, and remove; within 120 days. There is no direction in the Charter when the vacancies are not filled by the Mayor beyond 120 days: no expressed results.

Vice-Mayor R. Daniels – Request assessment of the pool; pool is salvable, and options will be brought to council at the next meeting. Thanks to Ms. Joyce Irby along with another citizen for the concerns and extra steps taken to learn more about Councilman Daniel's conviction/position. Town cleanup was great.

Councilwoman Wanda Randolph – Pertaining the Hungerford property, it is important to ask where we go from here, what are the plans, the needed funds, the direction of the town. Accumulation of hours for law enforcement; completed confirmed Chief Jenkins. Concerned about the new proposed development not shared with the council; request to be part of any future matters as such that should come before council. Attorney Shepard is working on the town logo matter. Violence and Crime: Are we prepared and trained for active shooting; yes, confirmed Chief Jenkins. The health fair details forthcoming and will update Julian Johnson once date is confirmed. Great presentation for the Juneteenth. Properties in Eatonville: many are zoned inconsistently with the Comprehensive plan; considering moratorium on building permits. Legal provided feedback on the zoning and the comprehensive plan needing to be consistent with one another; either change the zoning or change the comprehensive plan. Effective Friday, any properties zoned commercial or industrial can be developed as mix-use or multi-family without having to go through an application process, without council vote; when state law conflicts with local law, state law prevails effective July 1st. This will affect affordable housing and price controls. Every community in Florida will be affected by the ramification of this law.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Angie Gardner – In explanation, I did not want the funds for appropriations to walk; had it been known, letters of reference/support would have been asked of those who attended the stakeholders meeting. Because staff is stretched line, the grant was written by the Mayor; is for \$5.5 million dollars. Elizabeth Park was proposed because of its inclusion in the CRA Masterplan available on the CRA website with appropriate documents. If the town council says no to the subsidized townhomes, the funds will be reappropriated. Apologized for any inconvenience; it was a time sensitive matter. Thanks to Mr. Pressley for doing your job; not trying to make it hard for you. To Attorney Brackins and Attorney Shepard, thank you for the training. Attended the Greek Civic Fraternal Service at St. Paul AME and was also an honoree at the Coalition of 100 Black Women event. Mentioned the cleanup day and yard sale; the Jerry Park cleanup was nice. There is a Metro Mayor's forum on April 12, 2023, 11:30 am Winter Park Event Center; will be attending as a participating Mayor. Already spoke with Attorney Shepard about the Moratorium being a resolution versus an ordinance. Thanks to Tara Salmieri for the GIS consent agenda item; it is a big step forward. To Attorney Brackins, requesting a time to meet about an agreement; there are conditions of the agreement that have not been met.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Gardner Motions for Adjournment of Meeting (Moved by Councilman M. Daniels; Second by Councilman Washington; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

APPROVED

Veronica L King, Town Clerk

Angie Gardner, Mayor