



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

REGULAR COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 18, 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**, Clifford Shepard, **Attorney**, Joseph Jenkins, **Deputy Chief**, Katrina Gibson, **Finance Director**, Rachel McCoy, **Finance**

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 removing unrelated pages 29-32 from council package; pages were mistakenly included in the package; Moved by Councilman Theo Washington; Second by Councilman Marlin Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

PRESENTATIONS

Denton Johnson Tennis Corp. – Tina Waters presented a history of the Denton Johnson Tennis Corporation and its contribution to the Town of Eatonville. It was established in 1968 and has serviced over 700 youth and adults. The program offers a summer program serving 100-150 youth. The summer program will run from Jun 12 until the first week in August. The cost is \$5500 which sponsors help to underwrite the summer program; more sponsors are welcomed. The council supports partnership; need to get the tennis courts up to standard.

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

Melanie Feliciano – Withdrew request to speak.

Julius Dix – Spoke on inconsistencies in the permitting fees. He was overly assessed fees for his permit. (Mayor Gardner will have Ms. Robinson to reach out to further discuss the details.)

Angela Thomas – Concern that staff is not in place at 8am to take payment for water bills; staff is arriving late. Unfair to be charged a late fee after payments beyond the 16th when there is a business who had a \$11,000 bill owed without being assessed any late fees.

Julian Johnson – Invites everyone to come out to the community meeting on April 19th, 6 p.m. to learn more about the lawsuit pertaining to the Hungerford property and to the community celebration on April 22 at the Denton Johnson Center.

PUBLIC HEARING: (Preamble read by Town Clerk) - Approval of 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-6 Establishing A Temporary Moratorium On The Issuance of New Building Permits: Ordinance was written and vetted by Attorney Shepard who introduced and presented to council. A time of reprieve from future developments and to put impact fees in place. Impact fees are critical important to the survival of the town. The ordinance will stop the issuance of building permits for multifamily, mix use, plan use, or anything under 2500 sq.ft. of single family residential; does not apply to development in the pipeline. In the absence of a moratorium, we do not have a fee ordinance. On the other hand, the ordinance will allow for time to get the previous approval for a rate study completed and then an ordinance with a fee structure will require two readings to adopt and 90 days for fees to go into effect by law. The process for implementing a fee schedule could take up to 6 months to a year.

Public Comments: (*Angela Johnson*) Ask for clarity on ordinance to mean no construction due to the average home being under 2500 sq.ft.; yes, per legal (*Tiffany Simmons*) Ask for clarity on what is being done with the ordinance cannot impose fees on existing developments; do not have ordinance to allow it. (*Julian Johnson*) If a developer is in the process of building, does this ordinance affect the development; for developments in the pipeline, the answer is no. (*Angela Thomas*) How does the new “Live Well” house bill affect this; will create a challenge for those who want more control when it comes to affordable housing. The bill will change the comprehensive plan as the as being the constitution for land use as it relates to affordable housing. Also, the limits on how long affordable housing is to stay affordable would be flexible. **Council Comments:** Developments over 2500 sq.ft. for single family homes could be built without delay; Council changed 2500 sq.ft. to all single-family homes without the square footage stipulation. **Mayor Gardner Motions** to approve 1st Reading of Ordinance 2023-6 Establishing A Temporary Moratorium On The Issuance of New Building Permits; Moved by Councilman Theo Washington; Second by Councilman Marlin Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

APPROVAL CONSENT AGENDA: **Mayor Gardner Motions** to approve the consent agenda approving the Town Council Meeting Minutes for April 4, 2023; Resolution 2023-7 Reappointing Vera King to EPD Retirement Trust Board; Town of Eatonville – Master Water and Wastewater Plans by CHP Engineering, LLC; Public Works Surplus of Two Vehicles (Public Works); Moved by Councilman Theo Washington; Second by Councilman R. Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

COUNCIL DECISIONS:

Approval of Resolution 2023-6 approval review of the Town’s Charter - (*Councilman M. Daniels*) The Charter is up for review, and it is important to start the process for review towards the necessary changes. It is the opinion of legal as stated consistently in the resolution that Council should be the Charter Review Committee. The next step would be to establish a schedule beyond the regular scheduled meetings; schedule should be inclusive of any deadlines established by the Supervisor of Election in order to make the next election as well as the requirements for adoption of ordinance by way of two readings. (Preamble of the amended resolution was read by the Clerk); **Mayor Gardner Motions** to approve the amended Resolution 2023-6 approval review of the Town’s Charter; Moved by Councilman Theo Washington; Second by Councilman R. Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Comments:** Council can choose who they would like to facilitate the Charter Review.

REPORTS:

INTERIM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Demetrius Pressley

Reported out on the following: Getting with Mr. Dix, Mr. English resignation, Monthly report, Strategic Planning for April 22nd, the Budget, the upcoming Solid Waste Renewal, Impact Fee Study, the collection of information for the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), the Audit, Meetings with Maitland discussing improvement needed by the town for Keller Rd, Updates on the pool (Citation for cleaning, state and

condition with no leakage, and operations by summer), conducting a pay rate study, confirmed attendance to the APAC conference, acknowledgement of the Community Celebration, and confirmation on Career Source as a current vendor.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Shepard

Reported out on "Live Local" Legislation; pay attention. Efforts are being done to affect the Home Rule of local power; resulting in less power.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS-

Councilman T. Washington – Condolences to the Haynes family; Assessment of fees for permitting needs attention; need to get a fix on residential and commercial assessment fees; Need to look at the impact of these new developments on the roads; need determine if turning lanes are needed among other needs due to the development's impact.

Councilman M. Daniels – Need education and awareness of current legislation in Tallahassee: Live Local, 999 Piggyback; need lobbyist to represent the Town. Encourage People over Politics, Partnerships; Thanks to Tina Waters and support of the Summer Program; request update on Founder's Day

Vice-Mayor R. Daniels – Emphasize a need for a Vice Mayor; there are others who could be considered as Vice Mayor; Meeting Decorum, Council members should be given the courtesy (respect) without interruption to give their report during their allotted time; Condolences to Loretha Brooks and those families who lost loved ones; thanks to Mr. English for service to the town; apology of absence to the health fair due to funeral obligation; traffic light at Keller Rd. is not working properly; need to look into clients released from Lakeside; concerned about the mental capacity of the clients and the safety of children; transportation of youth (Deacon Jones area) to the Boys and Girls Club; How do we move forward: looking for ideas for council to mend and interact better; Request from CAO more effort in assisting Tina Waters with the tennis summer program; concluded with birthday acknowledgements

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Angie Gardner – Condolences to all families who have lost love; Acknowledge the Easter Egg Hunt and the Health Fair that took place in the community; Thanks to Mr. English for commitment to the Town; Acknowledgement of Mr. Pressley for doing a wonderful job with ensuring the Quarterly 1 & 2 Reports; Excited about the pool; Would like to sit down with Mr. Dix to resolve the permitting issues; Need clarity with the policy and on the ordinance associated with assessing fees for permits; Website is coming along with additional adjustments to be made; Charter for the County is up and welcome those interested to provide input and assistance (Call 406-623-8913 to express interest); Support working with Ms. Waters on the summer tennis program.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Gardner Motions for Adjournment of Meeting (Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Councilman M. Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Meeting Adjourned at 8:44 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

APPROVED

Veronica L King, Town Clerk

Angie Gardner, Mayor