



# HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

## REGULAR COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 16, 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 7:30 p.m. and quorum was established through Mrs. Veronica King

**PRESENT:** (4) Councilwoman Wanda Randolph, Councilman Marlin Daniels, Councilman Theo Washington, , Mayor Angie Gardner. (Absent: Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels)

**STAFF:** (5) Demetrius Pressley, **Interim Chief Administrator Officer**, Veronica King, **Town Clerk**, Clifford Shepard, **Attorney**, Joseph Jenkins, **Deputy Chief**, 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 adding presentation on the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) Funding Interest; Moved by Councilman M. Daniels; Second by Councilman Washington; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

### PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION –

**READING OF PROCLAMATION:** Proclamation for Emancipation Day In Florida was read by Mayor Gardner; the proclamation will be displayed in the lobby of town hall.

**PRESENTATION:** NY Nathiri presented information on the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) Funding Interest Indicator (Not a grant) that was submitted on Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>; funding is based on a 10-year projection. On June 16<sup>th</sup> between 9am-12noon, the Association to Preserve the Eatonville Community (PEC) is tentatively scheduled to make a presentation before the Taskforce; requesting for all to attend. The TDT funding request is for \$87,857,524.00. The eligible category for allowable use is for museums that are owned and operated by a not-for profit organization and open to the public. (Handouts were provided to Council).

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

**Joyce Irby** – Leadership is hard; acknowledged Mayor Gardner for putting the interest of the town ahead of own self-interest when nominating the Vice Mayor. Vice Mayor R. Daniels .

**Tiffany Simmons** – Provided updates for the upcoming activities surrounding the 2023 Juneteenth Celebration; June 16-19, 2023.

**APPROVAL CONSENT AGENDA:** **Mayor Gardner Motions** to approve the consent agenda approving the Town Council Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2023 and the GIS Services MOU Between Orange County and the Town of Eatonville; Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Councilwoman Randolph; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

## **COUNCIL DECISIONS: (No Council Decisions)**

### **REPORTS:**

#### **INTERIM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:** Demetrius Pressley

Updates were made on water meter change out, candidates for public works director, chief of police, crime prevention on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm, schedule on charter review and budget workshops (CRA budget will need to be considered in the schedule, request preliminary budget at the beginning July), and audit will be at town hall May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT:** Attorney Clifford Shepard – Gave an update on the preliminary settlement statement for Part 1 for the hurricane damage claim; the appraisal amount is \$137,968.24 and the net amount to the town is \$84,516.21 after all assessed costs (\$13,796.82-legal, \$30,264.52-precedings/appraiser/other, \$9,300-claims consultant). Part 2 of the claim is not known at this time. Documents need to be signed off on confirming the amounts are correct; they are ready to settle.

#### **TOWN COUNCIL REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS-**

**Councilman M. Daniels** – Happy belated Mother's Day, inquired about Opioid Settlement from Walgreens (received and went to general fund); inquired about committee and budget for Founder's Day; (Vacancies) inquired about applications for CAO (Only application from Mr. Pressley received); no applications for Chief of Police; there are two candidates for public works director's position; (Partnership) opportunity with work with ECC, Bishop McCrae in receiving free tablets with one year Wi-Fi (30-50 tablets) for eligible recipients;

**Councilman T. Washington** – Happy belated Mother's Day. Glad to see efforts to apply for the Tourist Development Tax (TDT) Funding.

**Councilwoman W. Randolph** – Happy belated Mother's Day; raised awareness about slot machines (legal need to determine if they are legal, law enforcement is checking into the machine types to determine if they are illegal. (Updates Newly apartment complexes on W. Kennedy Blvd.) construction are coming along; there are have incentives for first responders and others (O.C. Engineers) concerned about the safety of turning left/right into the new apartment complexes (requesting CAO to follow up with engineers); there is training opportunities for the Historic Preservation board (refer to email sent from the clerk's office and reach out to clerk for more information); attended the Tourist Development Board (great opportunity for funding)-\$87 mil over 10 years; what is next for the Hungerford property; building revenue and bringing in businesses; in favor of a museum that the town owns and managed by PEC. The TDT funding is a projection and is no guarantee. Further discussion about possible turning lanes and/or lights to be considered during the construction of the new apartments on W. Kennedy Blvd.; on the Lake Weston agreement traffic study /mitigation was requested and at the cost of the developer.

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Mayor Angie Gardner** – Condolences to the families who have lost loved ones; Painting with a twist will take place at the Boys & Girls Club on May 20<sup>th</sup> (free for children). Happy belated Mother's day and Emancipation day. (What's next for the Hungerford Property) the studies, the stakeholder meetings are steps towards identifying what the town wants. Met with Orange County School Board member Dentel (School Board); spoke about the 17 acres with a possible multisport complex to help minimize youth violence, bring foot traffic to the town. For the 100 acres, it depends on what the people want; in favor of a museum. Thanks to Mr. Pressley for the hard work and dedication to the job. (Partnership) in reference to the partnership distributing tablets, we should have a MOU since it will be town wide.

**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**

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**Veronica L King, Town Clerk**

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**Angie Gardner, Mayor**