



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

REGULAR COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 15, 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 a quorum was established through roll call by Mrs. Veronica King

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

STAFF: (6) Demetrius Pressley, **Interim Chief Administrator Officer**, Veronica King, **Town Clerk**, Clifford Shepard, **Town Attorney**, Joseph Jenkins, **Deputy Chief**, Katrina Gibson, **Finance Director**, Valerie Mundy, **Interim Public Works Director**

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mayor Gardner Motions to approve agenda with amendment adding item #5 (Reimbursement for overage charges on building permit #17-12-001, Clinton-Dix Properties LLC) to consent agenda; Moved by Councilwoman Randolph; Second by Councilman M. Daniels; **AYE:** Councilwoman Randolph, Councilman M. Daniels, Vice Mayor R. Daniels, Mayor Gardner; **NAYE:** Councilman Washington; **MOTION PASSES.**

(2nd Motion): Councilman Washington motions to move item #4 (Award To Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc. For Grant Administration Services) from Consent Agenda to Council Decision; Moved by Councilwoman Randolph; Second by Councilman Washington; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

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

Angela Thomas – Request status on Code Enforcement; called code enforcement with no return call or resolution. Grass needs to be cut on Clark street (Owned by Macedonia MBC); In response, a letter has been issued to the owner who has in return responded, Mr. Pressley will follow up tomorrow with updates.

Ryan Novak – Provided alternative logo and crest options for the town after receiving feedback; all files are freely available to use, modify, and leverage. Recommend a clean, easy, and not so busy logo/crest for branding purposes.

Charles Bargaineer – (Concerning the \$2-mil dollar grant for purchase of hotel) Request clarification: There are no negotiations at this time; funding is up to 2 mil. The grant is for purchase of land with possible redevelopment at a later time; what happens to the residents who live there; language that speak to and address existing residents is provided in the proposal for legal to review; has Maitland been contacted about the sewer

capacity; where will the funds come from for this project; In response, the initial request was for \$13-mil; \$2-mil of appropriations has been granted for the purchase; can request for appropriation or other funding options at a later date for development; (legal input) the town is a CRA and F.S.163, Pt 3 (Section 380) allows for a 30 day notice to the community at large to discuss a potential desired project consistent with the town's vision and for further negotiation (fair value vs fair market value) unique to the redevelopment efforts and what the town is getting back; there will be provisions extended to existing residents based upon how the leases are structured (type options would be to honor lease or offer a cash relocation option); there is a legitimate concern for gentrification.

Angela Johnson – Congratulations on the Founder's Day celebration; request information on the fencing at Ekos at Lake Shadow; is it temporary fencing? Does the town allow Airbnb (cannot prohibit); if there were a short-term rental ordinance prior to the recent legislation that takes away the rights to regulate, the ordinance would have allowed for reinforcement; request for status and council thoughts on revisions to the logo; what is the notice and requirements when two or more council members attend a meeting/event (i.e. tour a town facility/development, town community meeting, or event); can attend the same meetings/events but cannot talk to each other, if it is a public meeting, it must be properly noticed and minutes taken; it is the burden of the officials to comply with the law; request status of the grants and the CIP and how will the residents be provided updates; the Clerk has a general statement posted on the bulletin board that addresses officials attending meetings and events together.

APPROVAL CONSENT AGENDA: Mayor Gardner Motions to approve the consent agenda **not** including item #4 (Award To Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc. For Grant Administration Services) that has been moved to Council decision; consent agenda consist of Town Council Meeting Minutes - 8-1-2023 (Not Charter Review as indicated in error on the agenda), Charter Review Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2023, Town Council Meeting Minutes – July 18, 2023, an added item #5 (Reimbursement for overage charges on building permit #17-12-001, Clinton-Dix Properties LLC); Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Councilwoman Randolph; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

COUNCIL DECISIONS: (Item #4 was moved from consent agenda to council decision - (To approve Award To Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc. For Grant Administration Services)

Approval of Award To Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc. For Grant Administration Services; Discussion: (Pressley)
Two candidates submitted proposals; Public opening date was July 14, 2023; staff reviewed and voted resulting in Fred Fox being the leading candidate of choice. Councilman Washington feels it is a conflict of interest; it is confirmed that Fred Fox is being hired to administer the current grant (will not be identifying grants); the grant is for a full-time administrative operation to assist with vetting the grant process to include meeting all requirements, making presentations, and management of all documents from implementation stage to completion. Mr. Pressley will provide the complete breakdown of services. Mrs. Gibson previously came before Council pertaining to Fred Fox administering the CDBG grant; the administrator will ensure all DEO paperwork, engineering requirements, and laws; Mr. Fox has done an A+ job working with the town; staff followed DEO's grading scale to reach Fred Fox as the final choice candidate; **Mayor Gardner Motions** for approval of award To Fred Fox Enterprises, Inc. For Grant Administration Services; Moved by Councilwoman Randolph; Second by Vice Mayor R. Daniels; **AYE:** Councilwoman Randolph, Councilman M. Daniels, Vice Mayor R. Daniels, Mayor Gardner; **NAYE:** Councilman Washington; **MOTION PASSES**

REPORTS:

INTERIM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Demetrius Pressley

Appreciation to staff for Founder's Day efforts (closeout information forthcoming); generators are on pad at different locations where lift stations are located (all will be working within the next month); training for monthly maintenance is being conducted with staff and SOP will be established; the meter program is being

implemented (Literature will be put together to address concerns); residents will be given an opportunity to participate in a program to receive funding for their meters; Stakeholder's meeting set for August 21st; Council confirmed their availability for the proposed Grants workshop for Monday, August 28th at 5:30 p.m. Draft of Audit is ready; looking to schedule a workshop for review (Possibly on the August 28th) tree trimming has begun on the right of way along Kennedy Blvd; leaks in the irrigation are being addressed; request direction from Council to workshop the town's logo (recommend feedback from the community); thanks to staff for all the hard work;

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Clifford Shepard – There is no legal matter to prevent the town from having two logos; CRAC Advisory board has been moving along with Ms. Wilder as the Chair along with Mrs. King coordinating meetings with appropriate materials; Section 2.01 in the Charter has come as a discrepancy, Ordinance 2021-4 should not have been put in the Charter by Municode (because it was not legally voted in by referendum also Ordinance 2021-4 was also repealed in March 2023), Legal is in communication with Municode to remedy that matter, still recommend the amendments related to the duties of the Clerk to be added to the section pertaining to the clerk; spoke to concerns about representing multiple cities (legal is not leaving).

TOWN CLERK: Veronica King – Reminded Council at the request of a member of the community that this day is The Town of Eatonville birthday (August 15th).

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS-

Councilwoman Wanda Randolph – Founder's Day was nice (would like to see more education included); cleanup day took place on Saturday sponsored by many including the Chambers (Lake Lovely area); reported that homeless individuals have returned to the Calhoun area (EPD has a standing order to address homelessness everyday); thanks Mr. Pressley for looking into the leak on Mulberry and Eaton Street (work will begin tomorrow 8-16 with estimated costs of \$12,000, cost may vary once work begins); request updates on the Chief of Police (There are two candidates due to begin the vetting process); there is a residential park established by Ms. Wells in the Lake Lovely area, the family is wanting to bring the park back to the way had been years ago (help and assistance is welcomed); requested an update on the pool (motor is being addressed and pool is close to being up and running); inquired about the job description for the public works director (it has been changed); all job descriptions are being reviewed for possible updates to ensure compliance with today's job standards (salaries should be consistent with job requirements, request that Council is informed as a courtesy).

Councilman Theo Washington – Happy Birthday to Eatonville; observed trash pickup issues with paper and spills being left on the road (this needs to be addressed); recommend having two town logos (recognized Ryan for his logo presentation).

Councilman Marlin Daniels – Happy Founder's Day (was great event, looking to see more growth for next year); request an update on code enforcement (In response, investigating and siting has begun, code enforcement officer is expected to attend training in October); if certification is not confirmed by end of September into October, it is recommended to seek code enforcement through an outside source (Orange County). Code enforcement is in place and able to apply enforcement, there is tracking (through citizen and serve) and will require the necessary due process; inquired about costs paid out for the pool (pump will cost \$3,000, nothing has been spent outside of in-house work from staff and volunteers); there are two donors identified; requesting salaries for all staff; inquired about budget books for all Council members along with audit information to properly plan for the budget; requested status of impact fees (in the process of putting together the numbers, will be ready next month); what is the status on the online credit card process (is the system integrated with the new software); a letter will go out to customers with instructions on how to setup log in account and pin number; current website is unsecure; tree trimming will include palm trees (cost is between \$7,000-\$12,000, no RFP setup); options for the procurement process will be brought before

Council; there is an event (Black August Night) on Augst 24th, 6-8 pm located St Mark’s (hosted by African American Christian Clergy Caucus);

Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels – Spoke to Ms. Mundy concerning the timing for lights and sprinklers in the median (to minimize unnecessary costs); inquired about scholarship candidates (one application received, expecting three additional to come in); what is the status of Steve Martin as a donor for the pool (Mr. Pressley will follow up); University Kings and Queens Motorcycle Club will be having its annual event at the Denton Johnson Center; Happy Birthday Town of Eatonville.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Angie Gardner – Acknowledged the staff for Founder’s Day and all their hard work; special thanks to Mr. Pressley for making sure everything is working; inquired about the water fountain at Cataline Park (Mr. Pressley will check into this issue); inquired about the possibility of the Mayor having a logo (legal confirmed that it is permissible but must be used only for town related purposes, not campaigning); Catalina has not been forgotten.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Gardner Motions for Adjournment of Meeting; Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Councilman M. Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

APPROVED

Veronica L King, Town Clerk

Angie Gardner, Mayor