



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 2, 2024, at 7:30 PM

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

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CALL TO ORDER AND VERIFICATION OF QUORUM:

Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and called a recess at 7:30 p.m. for the Oath of Ceremony for the newly elected officials.

Ceremony began with Mistress of Ceremony, Nichole Washington (Human Resource Coordinator), followed by post of colors, the national anthem, and Pledge of Allegiance represented by the Eatonville Police Department. Pastor Ronald Critton led the invocation followed by a welcome by Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels. The swearing of newly elected officials Tarus Mack as Councilman and Wanda Randolph as reelected Councilwoman. The swearing in officers were Pastor Ronald Critton for Tarus Mack (Council Member, Seat 4) and Town Clerk Veronica King for Wanda Randolph (Council Member, Seat 5). Final Turnover Words from Marlin Daniels (Council Member, Seat 4) were made, and Councilman Tarus Mack took his official seat. acknowledgments of staff were made Valerie Mundy (Public Works Director), Remarks were given by both Councilman Tarus Mack and Councilwoman Wanda Randolph, the Oath of Ceremony ended with a prayer of benediction by Chief Stanley Murray (Eatonville Police Department). By consensus of the Council, the meeting reconvened immediately (Fellowship and refreshments was held after the official Council meeting).

(Meeting reconvened at 7:56 p.m. by Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels) A quorum was established by Mrs. King

PRESENT: (4) Councilwoman Wanda Randolph, Councilman Tarus Mack, Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels, Councilman Theo Washington (Absent: Mayor Angie Gardner)

STAFF: (8) Demetrius Pressley (Arrived late), **Chief Administrator Officer**, Veronica King, **Town Clerk**, Ryan Knight, **Attorney**, Chief Stanley Murray, **EPD**, Valerie Mundy, **Public Works Director**, Katrina Gibson, **Finance Director**, Nichole Washington, **Human Resource**, Darius Washington, **Recreation**

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: (Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were facilitated during the Oath of Ceremony) -

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: (Consent Item #3 was moved to Council Decision)

Vice Mayor R. Daniels Motions to approve meeting agenda with amendments; **Moved** by Councilwoman Wanda Randolph; **Second** by Councilman Washington; **Question/Discussion:** Councilman T. Mack expressed concerns about the two signature requirements on check signing; may be problematic with check waiting to acquire a second signature; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Amendments ADDED to the agenda for approval and inclusion on the CONSENT AGENDA: (Request to add to consent agenda) Resolution 2024-8 Supporting the Certification Results Confirmed Through The Supervisor of Election for the Town of Eatonville March 19, 2024, General of Election, Resolution 2024-9 Confirmation of Re-Elected Official (Councilwoman Wanda Randolph) on the CRA Board, Resolution 2024-10 Appointment of Newly Elected**

Official (Councilman Tarus Mack) to the CRA Board, Resolution 2024-11 Changing The Signature Requirements For Checks Issued By The Town, Resolution 2024-12 changing the signature requirements for check signatures on the TOECRA bank account with TD Bank. **(Request to move item #3 to Council Decision)** Resolution 2024-13 Appointing One (1) Individual to the Planning and Zoning Board as a Regular Board Member or as an Alternate Board Member, and to consider Reappointment of (1) Current Board Member From an Alternate Board Member to A Regular Board Member.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - (3)

Angela Thomas – Request to suspend all vacancies for all board in order to receive more applications, willing to distribute flyers.

Joyce Irby – Express concerns about water cutoff; stop cutting off water after the bill has already been paid, communicated staff interactions when trying to resolve the water situation (no time to argue).

John Beachum – Expressed concerns pertaining to previous explanations from the attorney on the meaning of free and getting the land back (Hungerford property), concerned that Mr. Pressley allowed Baker Barrios to come present to the town when there is a town planner who can present to the town and citizens (what is the rush, need to take time verify and vet presenters), need to reestablish the Planning and Zoning and Historical Preservation Boards (to make decisions).

APPROVAL CONSENT AGENDA: Vice Mayor R. Daniels Motions to approve the consent agenda with all amendments; **Moved** by Councilman Washington; **Second** by Councilwoman Wanda Randolph; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Consent Items Approved including Amendments are** Town Council Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, March 5 and Tuesday, March 26, 2024, TextMyGov Communication Proposal, Resolution 2024-8 Supporting the Certification Results Confirmed Through The Supervisor of Election for the Town of Eatonville March 19, 2024, General of Election, Resolution 2024-9 Confirmation of Re-Elected Official (Councilwoman Wanda Randolph) on the CRA Board, Resolution 2024-10 Appointment of Newly Elected Official (Councilman Tarus Mack) to the CRA Board, Resolution 2024-11 Changing The Signature Requirements For Checks Issued By The Town, Resolution 2024-12 changing the signature requirements for check signatures on the TOECRA bank account with TD Bank.

COUNCIL DECISIONS: (Consent Item #3 was moved to Council Decision)

Resolution 2024-13 Appointing One (1) Individual to the Planning and Zoning Board as a Regular Board Member or as an Alternate Board Member, and to consider Reappointment of (1) Current Board Member From an Alternate Board Member to A Regular Board Member; **Question/Discussion:** (Councilwoman Randolph) recommend that we suspend vacancies to make sure that we get more people involved in the town and on these boards. (Councilman Washington) there is opportunity for individuals of interest to submit application to join a board, this one application presented is what we have. (Councilman Mack) If someone applies and is the only applicant, the person should be considered if they qualify. (Attorney Knight) the options are to table until next meeting or indefinitely, this item should be opened for public comments since it was moved from consent to council decision (Angela Johnson) we hear that there are board openings, the clerk does her due diligence with putting the request out to citizens about vacancies, there is one person that is an alternate that moves up simply because that is the process (Clerk response-that would be ideal, but the decision is at the discretion of the council), traditionally boards are open and is first come first serve, the elected officials reach out to people in the community that they feel can serve effectively on a board. If there is going to be change in the process, change the process after you vote tonight. **(Attorney Knight)** there needs to be a motion, a determination whether to table or to appoint a member to a regular board member, and then not appoint an alternate member. **Vice Mayor R. Daniels Motions** to **table** Resolution 2024-13 Appointing One (1) Individual to the Planning and Zoning Board as a Regular Board Member or as an Alternate Board Member, and to consider Reappointment of (1) Current Board Member From an Alternate Board Member to A Regular Board Member;

Moved by Councilwoman Randolph; **Second** by Councilman Mack; **AYE:** Councilwoman Randolph, Vice Mayor R. Daniels; **NAYE:** Councilman Washington, Councilman Mack; **MOTION FAILS.**

Vice Mayor R. Daniels Motions to **approve** Resolution 2024-13 Appointing Julian Johnson to the Planning and Zoning Board as a Regular Board Member; **Moved** by Councilman Washington; **Second** by Councilman Mack; **AYE:** Councilman Washington, Councilman Mack; **NAYE:** Councilwoman Randolph, Vice Mayor R. Daniels; **MOTION FAILS.**

Vice Mayor R. Daniels Motions to **approve** Resolution 2024-13 Appointing Millard Livatt, Jr to the Planning and Zoning Board as an Alternate Board Member; **Moved** by Councilman Washington; **Second** by Councilman Mack; **AYE:** Councilman Washington, Councilman Mack, Vice Mayor R. Daniels; **NAYE:** Councilwoman Randolph; **MOTION PASSES.**

REPORTS:

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Demetrius Pressley – UPDATES – Newsletter will go this upcoming week, will solicit council for information to be submitted by Wednesday for inclusion; the HVAC system has been installed, additional items pertaining to the roof should be complete the HVAC/Roof project in next few weeks; there is ongoing conversation with the county with vision zero as well as B.B. H. who is handling the services for a vision zero program; the public works director, along with other staff members met with county staff to discuss the speed levels for West Kennedy widening improvements as well as other road issues, will be discussed at the next Stakeholder’s meeting; there are opportunities for the Clean Water Act and drinking water programs and working on the procurement process and the planning of these grant procedures; there is a business development training opportunity for communities, will place on the town’s page for local business to be considered for different grant opportunities that will become available in the Town of Eatonville in the fall, Ms. Valerie and the chamber is working to put a program together for individuals who have businesses; the wholesale agreement that was approved will start the process whereby EKOS development will be able to receive their seal in the next few week; have completed the consent order with the DEP regarding the compliance matter in 2022, the process was headed by the Public Works Director meeting the consent order satisfaction to include a letter closing that consent order, in kind services were used instead of paying the fee to do the improvements of the generators, the fee that was due because of noncompliance area was mitigated by not having to pay, thanks to the public works director; the updates for the circuit renovation includes the asbestos reports, it is believed that the owner is working with the building and permitting departments to start the next phase of the project; the Community Policing grant is underway, the final budget is being reviewed, once submitted, the payment process will begin; The reopening of the pool is coming with a grand opening date of May 25th at 10 a.m. recreation coordinator is doing a great job, preparing for the summer with summer programming; are finding ways to hear from the community on the different agendas and areas of focus, the continued stakeholders meetings as well as opportunities through other community meetings are available for the community to access.

ATTORNEY: Ryan Knight (seating for Attorney Clifford Shepard) – Congratulations on all elected official; Cliff Shepherd had to attend the Orange County public meeting regarding the Hungerford property and the meeting was running long; thank you for having me. (Pressley - The reason for today’s tardy, the mayor’s absence along with Attorney Shepard was to attend a meeting to hear the next steps for the Hungerford property with hopes of finding a solution, the meeting was facilitated by the school board in an effort to work with the town to resolve, litigation matters must be worked out.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Councilman Tarus Mack – Thanks for the opportunity to serve the community, want to make sure the town is sustainable, will be bringing items previously left on the table that makes a lot of sense for the betterment of this community and to strive for excellence, big on community work that will bring continuity, and to ensure that we are doing the will of the people; acknowledged friend, family, and citizens for support, whatever needed of me moving forward, email, text message, and call, I will call you back; acknowledged the running candidates and Council Wanda Randolph on her reelection; gave thanks to donors who contributed to the campaign; encourage everyone to hold the council accountable, eager to sit down with Mr. Daniels, have to move the town forward.

Councilwoman Wanda Randolph – Thanks to everyone and congratulations to Councilman Mack; acknowledged family for support, acknowledged election opponent and encouraged to hang in there.

Councilman Theo Washington – Congratulations to both candidates who won the election, we have a long way to go and a short time to get there.

Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels – Congratulations to the newly sworn in members of Council; requested updates on the trash receptables, requested the names of the names that the Mayor recommended for the CRA (Mr. Pressley will follow up), Thanked everyone for coming out, progress through understanding has always been our model.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Gardner Motions for Adjournment of Meeting; **Moved** by Councilman Washington; **Second** by Councilwoman Randolph; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

APPROVED

Veronica L King, Town Clerk

Angie Gardner, Mayor