



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

REGULAR COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 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 7:30 p.m. and 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: (4) Demetrius Pressley, **Interim Chief Administrator Officer**, Veronica King, **Town Clerk**, Clifford Shepard, **Town Attorney**, Joseph Jenkins, **Deputy Chief**,

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Mayor Gardner Motions (1st Motion was rescinded) to approve Council Meeting Agenda adding Resolution 2023-12 (Appointment of a Charter Review Advisory Committee) to consent and moving Item #2 (Final Plat of Enclave At Lake Shadow) to Council Decision; Moved by Councilwoman Randolph; Second by Councilman M. Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

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

Angela Thomas – Inquired about status on installation Water Meters, called on June 16 (3:15pm) to Code Enforcement (the grass is meeting the tree line on the property across the street; needs to be cut). A month and two days later Code Enforcement has not responded.

Louissteen Cummings – Inquired and commented on Garage pickup matters and concerns; there should be no trash on the side of road on weekends; Catalina is really bad, requesting for code enforcement to clean it up and reinforce.

LaDwyana – Representing the Eatonville Chamber of Commerce; inquired about the Chambers involvement with Founder's Day, who should they speak to for clarification; expressed concerns for better communications when contractors are working in the area to include road closures that will affect the businesses.

APPROVAL CONSENT AGENDA: (Items #1 and #3 Only), Mayor Gardner Motions to approve the consent agenda approving Town Council Meeting Minutes for July 5, 2023 and approval of Resolution 2023-

12 appointing a Charter Review Advisory Committee (Added); Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Councilman M. Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

COUNCIL DECISIONS:

Approval Final Plat of Enclave At Lake Shadow: An ongoing project with the final plat approval for the Enclave At Lake Shadow; included in a boundary survey and a resolution. The internal document (checklist) that was added is more for a reference; the noted failures have been reviewed and corrected. The Engineer and Planner has confirmed that this recorded plat meets the requirements of the statutes. Planner does not clear nor certify a request unless all requirements are met. Request more accuracy of documents to alleviate any questions. The resolution number will need to change before the motion; the correct resolution number is 2023-13 (to prevent possible duplication).

Mayor Gardner motions for approval of Resolution 2023-13 approving the Final Plat of Enclave At Lake Shadow (Preamble Read); Moved by Vice-Mayor R. Daniels; Second by Councilwoman Randolph; **Discussion:** (Washington) Expressed his disapproval of the Final Plat of Enclave At Lake Shadow **AYE:** Councilwoman Wanda Randolph, Councilman Marlin Daniels, Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels, Mayor Angie Gardner; **NAYE:** Councilman Theo Washington, **MOTION PASSES.**

REPORTS:

INTERIM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Demetrius Pressley

Budget Workshop are next July 24-26 at 5:30pm; had initial Code Enforcement meeting last night (Monday, 7-17) and will be planning upcoming meeting to begin addressing code enforcement matters; had the Stakeholder's meeting 7-17 with great showing and facilitation, minutes are forthcoming to Council; we are 96% completed with the installation of the new meters, will bring education to the community on the new meter system to include "how to" manage meter reads online. Will address the Chambers concerns presented, will work with the County to ensure better communication.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Clifford Shepard – Had reorganization meeting for the Code of Enforcement on 7-17 providing basics on Sunshine, Public Records, and Code Enforcement works.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Councilman Marlin Daniels – Some residents are not receiving robo calls, need a strategic approach to updating numbers and text messaging; will be introducing to Council the need to incorporate electronic signing of documents to make processes and conducting business easier.

Councilwoman Wanda Randolph – Request to include dollar amount inside the council meeting minutes; inquired about if the accounting worker is actively working, she is no longer working with the town, worked with the beginning stages of the audit and contract has been fulfilled; inquired about the new planner, an email was sent out introducing Mr. Cobbin McGee and he was present at the last meeting, Tara is the active certified consultant with the town (Planner); there is a water leak on Mulberry and Eaton Street that needs to be addressed; thanks for the financial report; requested status on the gambling machine/issue previously discussed; Chief Jenkins confirmed that there is no gambling machine (no hook up to internet, Bluetooth, or slots) nor gambling, no evidence found; Louise Franklin is celebrating her 100th birthday (July 28th), there is an event scheduled for July 29th in celebration of her birthday and the Franklin legacy and is open to the public from 10-12pm, she was a former employee and the last in the Franklin legacy, asking for Council to be present; crime prevention workshop upcoming; requested an update on the pool and when a Chief of Police will be hired.

Councilman Theo Washington – Eatonville Chambers should be on all events and literature (honorary); expressed the state of the pool, it has lost its conforming use.

Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels – Requesting the length of time for certification of the Code Enforcement officer, unacceptable that calls are not being answered or returned to residents from the Code Enforcement.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Angie Gardner – Media requested an update on the pool, the ADA incompliance it what resulted the non-conforming status of the pool, sometimes you “fix” instead of “getting rid of”, the pool serves a purpose for this town. (Councilman Washington states to knock it down).

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Gardner Motions for Adjournment of Meeting; Moved by Councilman M. Daniels; Second by Councilman Washington; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

APPROVED

Veronica L King, Town Clerk

Angie Gardner, Mayor