



HISTORIC TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA

REGULAR COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 20, 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: (5) Councilwoman Wanda Randolph, Councilman Theo Washington, , Mayor Vice Mayor Rodney Daniels, Angie Gardner. (Absent: Councilman Marlin Daniels)

STAFF: (5) Demetrius Pressley, **Interim Chief Administrator Officer**, Veronica King, **Town Clerk**, Ryan McKnight, **Attorney**, Eric McIntyre, **EPD Lieutenant**, 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 Council Meeting Agenda; Moved by Councilwoman Randolph; Second by Vice Mayor R. Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

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

Ryan Novak – Spoke on the Tourism Tax; encourage the town to apply next year. The funds, if received, can go towards purchasing the Hungerford property and developing tourism within the town.

APPROVAL CONSENT AGENDA: **Mayor Gardner Motions** to approve the consent agenda approving Town Council Meeting Minutes for June 6, 2023 and approval of the updated Policy and Procedures; Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Vice Mayor R. Daniels; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

COUNCIL DECISIONS:

Approval To Pursue The Registration Options For Use of the Town's Logo:

Mayor Gardner motions for approval to Pursue The Registration Options For Use of the Town's Logo as outlined in the Memo on Protection of the Town's Logo provided by legal; Moved by Councilwoman Randolph; Second by Vice Mayor R. Daniels; **Discussion:** (Gardner) Clarified through legal that approval is to pursue registration through the state for trademark of the phrase "The Town That Freedom Built" and for registration of the logo as the official seal; legal confirmed that this is correct; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

REPORTS:

INTERIM CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER: Demetrius Pressley

Provided updates on the utilities water supply plan (80% complete), Water and Sewer Meter Plan (40% complete), Looking to bring the proposed CIP and estimates for project by July in preparation for the upcoming budget workshops, Impact/ Feasibility Study (55% complete), Hired Planner (Mr. Cobbin), Received grant for the water/sewer rate study, Budget workshop will begin July 24-27, Charter review has

begun; next is schedule for 5:30pm on Thursday June 22, had a successful hurricane preparedness staff meeting and working with the county for contacts, (Founder's Day) Requesting information from Council; there is currently no budget; however staff is initiating a sponsorship campaign and proposing \$10-15,000 budget for Council to consider (Council agrees to the amount by way of consensus), Juneteenth was a success and about \$5,000 of the \$10,165 budget has been used; the goal is to work underbudget.

TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT: Attorney Ryan Knight – No Report

TOWN CLERK: The next scheduled meeting is scheduled on the July 4th national holiday; bringing this to the Council for consideration of another day/date; Council has agreed by way on consensus to scheduling the Council meeting for Wednesday July 5th.

TOWN COUNCIL REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS-

Councilwoman W. Randolph – Great job to Public Works for the clean up of the Park Place, Requested update on the air conditioning; pre-conference meeting is set for Tuesday June 27 at 10am and bids are due by July 27th. Requested status on the Gambling machine (The Interim CAO will have Chief Jenkins to send over a status report), Provided information to the Interim CAO pertaining to the traffic light at entrance of Lake Weston for follow up, would like to have a meeting of the mind with PEC (non-profit organization in Eatonville) pertaining to the TDT funding that is on the table, Referred to a picture displaying a homeless family on Calhoun Street (Matter has been addressed by EPD; individuals are no longer at that location); the Juneteenth event on Monday went very well; looking forward to next year.

Councilman T. Washington – The Town should have gone after the TDT funds every year. Condolences to son's best friend Ray Lewis the III his family to include the McCall family.

Vice Mayor R. Daniels – Great job to the Interim CAO with the Planner, Request a status on the installation of the water meters (80-90% installed in response by Interim CAO; there are about 200 residents/50 commercial pending installation), Recommend going to vendors and businesses to ask for their sponsorship during the new fiscal year with a listing of events to sponsor throughout the year (Support Letter); instead of asking for each individual event, Resident concern; asking to move trash can in front of the daycare off to the side; it should not be visible and it smells. Other concerns and observations: the town getting its own large trash receptacle instead of borrowing from Maitland, Code enforcement or housing authority is needed to address the Oak Park area; it is in poor living condition, spoke with Interim CAO to what can be done to make workshops more workable so that the Council meetings can be timely, Family Dollars Store is unacceptable and needs to be addressed (graffiti, trash is excessive, trim trees, etc.), and called to remembrance the fastest Council meeting that still stands. (Washington) – trash cans on the front street are out of code and need to be removed (an eyesore); remember giving roll aways to the business. (In response: will need to go into negotiation with Waste Connection or put it out for bid through an RFP; Interim CAO will look further into the matter and follow up. The light on the east water tower is a good look.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Angie Gardner – Juneteenth festivities were very nice; would like to see more in Eatonville but enjoyed everything (continue to build and make stronger). Special thanks to Tiffany Simmons, Patisha Johnson, town staff, Sydney Silas and Jonita Robinson who helped and worked hard. Thaks to Councilwoman Randolph for the Discovering Your Roots program: State Senator Thompson was so engaging. Recognized Jonita Robinson for filling in as the permitting clerk; she is receiving compliments from contractors. Reminder of the Community Refrig. Initiative that is available to those who need food. Happy 4th of July should we not see each other before the holiday. Acknowledged Ryan Novak public comment on the TDT funding, asking that the town be the twelfth element – to be recompense. To increase the chances of receiving the money, we need to push for the strategic plan, the feasibility study; need to show strength in the town's finances and quality staff. Thanks to Mr. Pressley for your commitment.

ADJOURNMENT Mayor Gardner Motions for Adjournment of Meeting; Moved by Councilman Washington; Second by Councilwoman Randolph; **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES. Meeting Adjourned at 8:02 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

APPROVED

Veronica L King, Town Clerk

Angie Gardner, Mayor