



# CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

City Hall – Council Chamber  
405 Bagshaw Way, Edgewood, Florida  
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 6:30 PM

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## DRAFT MINUTES

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### A. CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order by Council President Horn at 6:30 PM.

### B. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

City Clerk Riffle announced a quorum with four Council Members present. Mayor Dowless and Councilmember Pierce were unable to attend and requested to be excused.

***Councilmember Chotas made a motion to excuse the absences of Mayor Dowless and Councilmember Pierce; seconded by Councilmember Rader. Motion approved by voice vote (4/0).***

#### PRESENT

Council President Richard A. Horn  
Council President Pro-Tem Ben Pierce  
Councilmember Susan Lomas

#### ABSENT

Mayor Dowless  
Councilmember Pierce

#### STAFF

Sandra Riffle, City Clerk  
Pete Gauntlett, Interim Police Chief  
Tim Cardinal, Police Sergeant  
Shannon Patterson, Police Chief of Staff  
Drew Smith, City Attorney  
Ellen Hardgrove, City Planner

**PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION** - none

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### 1. December 20, 2022 Draft Meeting Minutes

Councilmember Rader requested a change to the Consent Agenda section on page 2; changing "impel" to "compel."

***Councilmember Lomas made a motion to approve the December 20, 2022 meeting minutes with the correction; seconded by Councilmember Rader. Motion passed by voice vote (4/0).***

**2. CrowderGulf Contract Renewal**

City Clerk Riffle explained that the contract for CrowderGulf, the City’s secondary contractor for storm debris hauling, is ready for renewal. She said there are no changes from the original contract. She said the employees at CrowderGulf were very communicative during the 2022 storm season, even though the City did not require their services. Her recommendation was to renew CrowderGulf as the City’s secondary contractor for debris hauling.

There was no public comment.

***Councilmember Chotas made a motion to approve the renewal of the CrowderGulf contract as a secondary contractor for storm debris hauling; seconded by Councilmember Rader. Motion approved (4/0) by voice vote.***

**ORDINANCES** - none

**PUBLIC HEARINGS (ORDINANCES – SECOND READINGS & RELATED ACTION)**

**1. Ordinance 2022-10 Capital Improvement Schedule Annual Update**

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2022-10 in title only.

Planner Hardgrove said there were no changes from the first reading. This Ordinance is part of the 5-year required annual capital improvement program.

There was no public comment.

***Councilmember Chotas made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-10 Capital Improvement Schedule annual update; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. Motion approved by roll call vote (4/0).***

Councilmember Chotas	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor
Councilmember Pierce	Absent

**2. Ordinance 2022-13 Wall Locations**

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2022-13 in title only.

Planner Hardgrove explained this began as a correction to a scrivener's error and was expanded to allow for a wall to be on or within 5 feet of the property line.

There was no public comment.

***Councilmember Rader made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-13; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. Approved by roll call vote (4/0).***

Councilmember Rader	Favor
Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember Chotas	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor
Councilmember Pierce	Absent

**3. Ordinance 2022-11 Boat Docks**

Attorney Smith read Ordinance 2022-11 in title only.

Council President Horn said that the City is mirroring the changes that Orange County made to its Code as it does not make sense to have three water bodies affected by a larger governing body versus the City’s standards.

He said the allowable height was raised in response to the modernization of boats and the need to be able to lift boats out of the water. Orange County also needed to make changes because so many variance and waivers were being granted.

There was no public comment.

***Council President Horn made a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-11; seconded by Councilmember Rader. Motion approved by roll call vote (4/0).***

Councilmember Lomas	Favor
Councilmember Chotas	Favor
Councilmember Rader	Favor
Council President Horn	Favor
Councilmember Pierce	Absent

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - none

**NEW BUSINESS** none

**GENERAL INFORMATION** - none

**CITIZEN COMMENTS-** none

**BOARDS & COMMITTEES-** none

**STAFF REPORTS**

**City Attorney Smith** - no report

**Police Chief** - Month of December 2022

Interim Chief Gauntlett said Dean DeSchryver was appointed as Edgewood's new Chief of Police. There are four resumes under review for prospective police officers. Councilmember Rader thanked Chief Gauntlett for stepping in during a time of need and for providing a calming presence.

Chief Gauntlett said the Police Department is still working on grants. He said the officers are taking the transition well and noted that there will be training challenges.

Councilmember Rader commented people are driving the entire left turn land northbound at Holden Avenue at high speed. He suggested that the intersection be curbed as there are no physical barriers. He said it requires enforcement and a discussion with FDOT to put barriers in place.

Councilmember Lomas pointed out that the restriping was supposed to have been done for the short-term fix at the Holden intersection. Planner Hardgrove said that Orange County was to look at realigning Gatlin with Holden, and she has asked OC for an update.

#### **City Clerk Riffle**

City Clerk Riffle shared the 2023 Municipal Election calendar with Council. Qualifying is Monday, January 23, 2023 at 9 am through Friday, January 27, 2023 Noon.

If there is an election, it will be necessary to appoint a canvassing board. Her recommendation to Council was to appoint the City Clerk, one Councilmember whose name is not on the ballot, and one resident. She suggested that Marion Rayburn serve as the Edgewood resident. Council President Horn volunteered to serve as a representative for Council.

There was no public comment.

***Councilmember Rader made a motion to approve the City Clerk, Council President Horn and Marion Rayburn as members of the 2023 Municipal election canvassing board. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Chotas. Motion approved by voice vote (4/0).***

1. 2023 Municipal Election

#### **MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Mayor Dowless** – no report (absent)

**Council Member Chotas** - no report

**Council Member Pierce** – no report (absent)

#### **Council Member Rader**

Councilmember Rader said that if the Code allows, he would like to get a consensus from Council to direct staff to make car washes a special exception. He noted that car washes were not part of the ECD vision but were added as part of a larger discussion with the businesses who were

concerned about nonconforming uses. He said a definition for “full service” is incorporated into the ECD code which requires them to be fully employee operated.

Council was not opposed to drafting car washes as a special exception in the ECD. Councilmember Chotas said he did not mind that direction but wants an opinion from Planning and Zoning.

**Council Member Lomas** – no report

**Council President Horn** – no report

**ADJOURNMENT**

Councilmember Chotas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm.

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Richard A. Horn, Council President

Attest:

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Sandra Riffle, City Clerk

Approved in the \_\_\_\_\_ City Council meeting