



CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

City Hall – Council Chamber
405 Bagshaw Way, Edgewood, Florida
Friday, January 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Horn called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. He asked for a moment of silence and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

City Clerk Riffle announced a quorum with three Council Members and Mayor Dowless present. Councilmembers Chotas and Rader were unable to attend and requested to be excused.

Council member Pierce made a motion to excuse the absences of Councilmembers Chotas and Rader; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. Motion approved by voice vote (3/0).

PRESENT

Mayor John Dowless
Council President Richard A. Horn
Council President Pro-Tem Ben Pierce

ABSENT

Councilmember Lee Chotas
Councilmember Chris Rader

STAFF

Sandra Riffle, City Clerk
Pete Gauntlett, Interim Police Chief
Tim Cardinal, Police Sergeant
Stacey Salemi, Code Enforcement Officer

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Police Chief Dean DeSchryver

Mayor Dowless said that Interim Police Chief Gauntlett has been a phenomenal help in the process of finding and interviewing candidates for the position of Police Chief. The selection panel included Mayor Dowless, Council President Horn, Interim Police Chief Gauntlett, and Officer Schlopy. He said that Captain DeSchryver was recommended by everyone on the panel.

Mayor Dowless formally recommended the appointment of Captain Dean DeSchryver as Police Chief.

Captain DeSchryver came to the podium and shared information about himself. He said he been with the City of Orlando for 28 years and he is very committed to being a part of the community. He said that he has experience with traffic enforcement and obtaining grants and will work with recruitment.

He said he is very excited to have been selected and will get started as soon as possible.

Mayor Dowless said he was pleased that there were so many qualified candidates and the City is looking forward to a long-term relationship.

There was no public comment.

Council President Horn made a motion to appoint Dean DeSchryver as the Edgewood Police Chief; seconded by Councilmember Lomas. The motion was approved by roll call vote (3/0).

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

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Pierce made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:12 pm.

Richard A. Horn, Council President

Attest:

Sandra Riffle, City Clerk

Approved in the _____ City Council Meeting