

# CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

321 WALNUT STREET, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA  
TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021 – 7:00 PM



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## MINUTES

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Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - **Chaplain Joseph Williams - CCSO**

Roll Call

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mayor Ed Gaw, Vice Mayor Matt Johnson, Council Member Connie Butler, Council Member Steven Kelley, Council Member Van Royal

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** L.J. Arnold, III, City Attorney, Steve Kennedy, City Manager, Mike Null, Assistant City Manager, Erin West, City Clerk

Mayor to call on members of the audience wishing to address the Council on matters not on the Agenda. George Giouvakos 1149 Idlewild Ave, GCS questions the \$3.2 million that would be allocated for road improvement. Mr. Giovakos is advised that we do not have that money yet. Mr. Giovakos advises of the road conditions that big trucks are causing. It is stated that some observations that Mr. Giovakos has seen is trees that need trimmed, sidewalks need to be pressure washed and improved and incentives added for businesses to come to GCS.

Cynthia Brown is present to speak on behalf on the Jenkins family that lives at 1005 North St. The grandchild came up with an idea of renaming the street for the Jenkins family 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They would like to rename the street Jenkins Way if possible.  
Council discussion follows.

Felicia Hampshire 508 Franklin St., GCS speaks to the Council concerning the renaming in the street to Jenkins Way. Ms. Hampshire advises she has a list of residents on North St. stating they were okay to rename the street.

**Emergency motion to approve staff to move forward with identifying options on taking a portion of First St. or an intersection close and see how it can be named Jenkins Way to honor the Jenkins family.**

Motion made by Council Member Royal, Seconded by Council Member Butler.

Voting Yea: Mayor Gaw, Vice Mayor Johnson, Council Member Butler, Council Member Kelley, Council Member Royal

## CONSENT AGENDA

All matters under the consent agenda are considered to be routine by the city council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion on these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered separately. Backup documentation and staff recommendations have been previously submitted to the city council on these items.

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 1 through 6.**

Motion made by Council Member Kelley, Seconded by Council Member Butler.

Voting Yea: Mayor Gaw, Vice Mayor Johnson, Council Member Royal

1. City Council approval of Resolution No. R-11-2021, a Resolution relating to collection of Solid Waste and Recyclable Material within the Magnolia West Subdivision and related issues, including setting a Public Hearing for Final Proposed Solid Waste Service Assessments. *Marlena Guthrie*
2. City Council approval of Resolution No. R-10-2021, a Resolution estimating the cost of Stormwater Management Services provided by the City, determining certain tax parcels will be benefited thereby and related issues, including setting a Public Hearing for Final Proposed Stormwater Service Assessments. *Marlena Guthrie*
3. City Council approval of Resolution No. R-15-2021, a resolution authorizing Amendment No. 6 to the FDOT Traffic Signal Maintenance, and Compensation Agreement. Contract No. ARV47, for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$36,184.00 and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Agreement. *Mike Null*
4. City Council approval of Land Dedication for new roadway adjacent to Ruby Street. *Michael Daniels*
5. City Council approval of Minutes from 5/18/2021 and 6/1/2021 Regular Sessions. *Erin West*
6. City Council approval to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$79,350.00 to Gresco for the purchase of 4/0 copper wire for the Magnolia Point Third Feed Project, Magnolia Point Underground Reconductor Project and for Inventory. *Scott Schultz*

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

7. Establish Tentative Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. *Marlena Guthrie*

Finance Director Marlena Guthrie speaks and presents the numbers for tentative millage rate for fiscal year 2021/2022. With the 3.8 millage rate the City will see a valuation of \$556,461,965 for next year which is an increase of \$29,432,393 from the prior year's final taxable value.

**Motion to approve 3.8 as the tentative millage rate for fiscal year 2021/2022.**

Motion made by Council Member Royal, Seconded by Council Member Butler.

Voting Yea: Mayor Gaw, Vice Mayor Johnson, Council Member Butler, Council Member Kelley, Council Member Royal

**Motion to approve setting September 7<sup>th</sup> and September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm as the public hearing dates on the millage, budget, and CIP.**

Motion made by Vice Mayor Johnson, Seconded by Council Member Royal.

Voting Yea: Mayor Gaw, Vice Mayor Johnson, Council Member Butler, Council Member Kelley, Council Member Royal

8. Lien Reduction Request For 314 Ruby St. *Michael Daniels*

Code Enforcement Officer Ben Plourd speaks and explains the lien reduction from \$12,501 to \$1,776.

Council discussion follows.

**Motion to approve to reduce the lien payment to \$1,776 which would cover the administrative costs paid by the City for the clean up of trash and debris.**

Motion made by Council Member Butler.

Motion dies following no second.

**Motion to approve reducing from remaining lien from \$12,501 to \$0**

Motion made by Council Member Royal, Seconded by Council Member Butler.

Voting Yea: Mayor Gaw, Vice Mayor Johnson, Council Member Butler, Council Member Kelley, Council Member Royal

Habitat for Humanity Director Carolyn Edwards thanks the Council for the lien reduction.

9. City Manager and City Attorney Reports and/or Correspondence/Executive Summary Reports.  
The City Manager and City Attorney made comments regarding various city activities, events, operations, and projects.

10. City Council Reports and/or Correspondence.

The City Council made comments regarding various city activities, events, operations, and projects.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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B. Van Royal, Mayor

Attest:

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Erin West, City Clerk