

# CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION

321 WALNUT STREET, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020 – 5:30 PM



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## MINUTES

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### **Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

The invocation was given by Mayor Royal followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

### **Roll Call**

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Vice Mayor Ed Gaw

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** L.J. Arnold, III, City Attorney (present via phone), 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.  
**No comments**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. Second Public Hearing regarding City's Florida Department of Transportation's Local Area Project Grant

Assistant Finance Director, Laurie Griffin advises this is the second public hearing regarding City's Florida Department of Transportation's Local Area Project Grant and the Engineer, Derek Gil is present.

Derek Gil explains the project and introduces Heather Rocha. Ms. Rocha presents a PowerPoint showing the Council where the changes will take place. Final plans should be finished in July 2021 with construction starting in the winter of 2021

Mayor Royal opens the public hearing

Henrietta Francis 2439 Bonnie Lakes Dr., GCS, questions what happens when the sidewalk gets to the railroad tracks. Mayor Royal advises it will stop but there is a possibility later on to draft an ease of transition.

Following no further public comment, the public hearing is closed.

Council discussion follows.

**Motion to approve Staff and Project Engineers to proceed with construction of a Pedestrian Path along the North side of MLK Boulevard between Vera Francis Hall Park**

**and Palmetto Avenue, including 1.23 miles from Oak Street to U.S. 17 and .39 miles to Harbor Road.**

**Motion made by Council Member Butler, Seconded by Council Member Johnson.**

**Voting Yea: Mayor Royal, Council Member Butler, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Kelley**

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

1. Request for Extension for Existing Local Area Project which Expires December 31, 2020

Assistant Finance Director, Laurie Griffin explains to the Council the agreement with the Department of Transportation for the Local Area Project expires on December 31, 2020. In order to continue to receive payment for staff time utilized in overseeing the project Council needs to extend the agreement to April 2022.

**Motion to approve the City Manager and Staff to draft a requested extension to the current agreement 43677-1-38-02 with the Department of Transportation for Design Oversight and submit it to the Department of Transportation for approval.**

**Motion made by Council Member Johnson, Seconded by Council Member Butler.**

**Voting Yea: Mayor Royal, Council Member Butler, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Kelley**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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B. Van Royal, Mayor

Attest:

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Erin West, City Clerk