

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

321 WALNUT STREET, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022 – 7:00 PM



MINUTES

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - **Pastor Bob Brown, Cornerstone Church**

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.

1. Bobby Wright PO Box 6701 Jacksonville, speaks to the Council concerning the Lions Club in Green Cove Springs. Mr. Wright explains what the Lions Club does and advises they are looking for a place to have their meetings.
Chief Guzman offers the Police Department Community room.
2. Stan Kinmonth 194 Malley Cove Lane Fleming Island, expresses his appreciation to the City for the support with the Winter Rally and Swap Meet.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation - National Public Service Recognition Week
Public Information Officer, Tiffanie Kelly reads the proclamation.
2. Proclamation - Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
Commander Luedtke reads the proclamation.
Chief Guzman presents the proclamation to Police Department Communications Supervisor Brandi Acres.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Second and Final Reading Ordinance O-05-2022 - Set User Fees for City Furnished Barricades at Events and Related Issues. *L.J. Arnold, III / Steve Thomas*
City Attorney Arnold reads Ordinance No. O-05-2022 by title.
Assistant Public Works Director Steve Thomas speaks to the Council concerning the ordinance.
Mayor Gaw opens the public hearing.
Following no public comment, Mayor Gaw closes the public hearing.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. O-05-2022 on second and final reading.

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

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

4. First reading of Ordinance O-06-2022, a Future Land Use Amendment from Neighborhood to Public for approximately 21.89 acres, a portion of parcel #: 016515-008-00. *Michael Daniels* City Attorney Arnold reads Ordinance No. O-06-2022 by title.
Development Services Director, Michael Daniels presents and explains the presentation is for Ordinance No. O-06-2022 and Ordinance No. O-07-2022.
Council Member Royal questions the timeframe on the park and if the state is requiring the park project to move forward.
Mr. Daniels advises the state is requiring the park project to move forward.
Ellen Avery-Smith with Rogers Towers presents and explains her presentation is for public hearing items 4 through 7.
Mayor Gaw opens the public hearing.
Joe Sobotta 212 North St. GCS asks for clarification from last year about the entrances.
Mr. Daniels explains to Mr. Sobotta this item will not change anything from last year this is just an exchange of land for the park.
Following no further public comment, Mayor Gaw closes the public hearing.
Council discussion follows.

Motion to approve on first reading of Ordinance No. O-06-2022 to amend the Future Land Use of the property described therein from Residential Low Density to Public.

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

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

5. First reading of Ordinance O-07-2022, a Rezoning from Planned Unit Development to Recreation of approximately 21.89 acres, a portion of parcel #: 016515-008-00. *Michael Daniels* City Attorney Arnold reads Ordinance No. O-07-2022 by title.
Mayor Gaw opens the public hearing.
Following no public comment, Mayor Gaw closes the public hearing.
Council discussion followed.

Motion to approve on first reading of Ordinance No. O-07-2022 to amend the Zoning of the property described therein from Planned Unit Development to Recreation.

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

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

6. First reading of Ordinance O-08-2022, a Future Land Use Map Amendment from Recreation to Neighborhood for approximately 21.3 acres, a portion of parcel number 016515-002-00. *Michael Daniels* City Attorney Arnold reads Ordinance No. O-08-2022 by title.
Development Services Director, Michael Daniels presents and explains the presentation is for Ordinance No. O-08-2022 and Ordinance No. O-09-2022.
Mayor Gaw opens the public hearing.
Following no public comment, Mayor Gaw closes the public hearing.
Council discussion followed.

Motion to approve on first reading of Ordinance No. O-08-2022 to amend the Future Land Use of the property described therein from Public to Neighborhood.

Motion made by Council Member Butler, Seconded by Council Member Kelley.
Voting Yea: Mayor Gaw, Vice Mayor Johnson, Council Member Butler, Council Member Kelley, Council Member Royal

7. First reading of Ordinance O-09-2022, a Rezoning from Recreation to Planned Unit Development for approximately 21.3 acres, a portion of parcel number 016515-002-00. *Michael Daniels*
City Attorney Arnold reads Ordinance No. O-09-2022 by title.
Mayor Gaw opens the public hearing.
Following no public comment, Mayor Gaw closes the public hearing.

Motion to approve on first reading of Ordinance No. O-09-2022 to amend the Zoning of the property described therein from Recreation to Planned Unit Development.

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

Council Member Butler pulls item 13.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items 8 through 14 minus 13.

Motion made by Council Member Kelley, Seconded by Vice Mayor Johnson.
Voting Yea: Mayor Gaw, Vice Mayor Johnson, Council Member Butler, Council Member Kelley, Council Member Royal

8. City Council approval of the Public Safety Telecommunicators Week Proclamation. *Erin West*
9. City Council approval of the National Police Week Proclamation. *Erin West*
10. City Council approval for a purchase order to CW Builders in the amount of \$ 31,298.00 for the foundation work for the new Police Department storage building. *Steve Thomas*
11. City Council review and approval of street closure requests and fee waiver requests for a Minor Event, CCSO Police Memorial Ceremony. *Michael Daniels*
12. City Council approval to sign an agreement with GovQA (Granicus) for the purchase of a Public Record Request Software. *Erin West*
13. City Council approval to purchase nine wireless microphones as part of the audio and video upgrades with BIS. *Erin West*
Council Member Butler
City Clerk, Erin West advises the wireless microphones will mostly be used to budget but can be used in other spots in the Council Chambers

Motion to approve Consent Agenda item 13.

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

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

14. City Council approval of Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program (EHEAP) Vendor Payment Agreement with Clay County. *Erin West*

COUNCIL BUSINESS

15. Downtown Master Plan *Michael Daniels*

Development Services Director, Michael Daniels speaks and introduces George Kramer from S&ME.

Mr. Kramer presents the Downtown Master Plan to the Council.

Council discussion follows with the Council agreeing S&ME did a great job.

City Manager, Steve Kennedy speaks and advises the Council of his commitment to the Downtown Master Plan.

Motion to accept the Downtown Master Plan as presented and approve the City to start making steps to implementation.

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

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

16. Approval of Resolution No R-03-2022, a resolution adopting a Finding of Necessity study regarding Community Redevelopment; finding the existence of slum and blight in an area of the City of Green Cove Springs, Florida; making certain findings and determinations; finding a need for creating a Community Redevelopment Agency. *Michael Daniels*

Development Services, Michael Daniels presents on Resolution No. R-03-2022.

City Manager, Steve Kennedy speaks concerning the resolution and updates the Council on the progress of the CRA.

Council discussion follows.

Motion to approve Resolution No. R-03-2022 and to submit a Finding of Necessity Report and Downtown Master Plan to Clay County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) in order for the BOCC to delegate to the city the power to create a Community Redevelopment Area for the boundary of the City as set forth in Exhibit A of the Resolution.

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

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

17. Discussion and possible revision of ARPA Projects. *Steve Kennedy*

City Manager, Steve Kennedy speaks to the Council concerning the revision of the ARPA Projects.

Council discussion follows with it being decided this item will be brought to the next meeting for further discussion.

18. City Manager & City Attorney Reports / Correspondence

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

19. City Council Reports / 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 9:50 p.m.

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Edward. R Gaw, Mayor

Attest:

Erin West, City Clerk