

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

321 WALNUT STREET, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA
TUESDAY, MAY 02, 2023 – 7:00 PM



MINUTES

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

Roll Call

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Matt Johnson, Vice Mayor Connie Butler, Council Member Ed Gaw, Council Member Steven Kelley, Council Member Thomas Smith

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. Van Royal 3688 LaCosta Ct. GCS speaks about Public Service being honored this week and talks about the awards given last week for 2023 Celebrate Clay Awards. 11 of those awards were to people from Green Cove Springs. Mr. Royal speaks about the number of volunteers in the community and suggests recognizing those volunteers once a quarter.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

1. Proclamation - Public Service Recognition Week
Mayor Johnson reads and presents the proclamation.
2. Proclamation - National Police Week
Mayor Johnson reads and presents the proclamation.

PRESENTATIONS

3. FMPA - May 2023 **Bob Page**
Mr. Bob Page presents the May FMPA report.

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 4 through 10 minus item 7.

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

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

4. City Council approval of the Military Service Day Proclamation. *Erin West*
5. City Council approval of the National Safe Boating Week Proclamation. *Erin West*
6. City Council approval to surplus Police Boat # 142, a 1995 Cobia center console which has surpassed its useful life cycle. *Scott Schultz*
7. City Council approval of Walnut Street Roadway Plans and Parking lot between Palmetto Avenue and the St Johns River. *Michael Daniels*
Van Royal 3688 LaCosta Ct. GCS speaks about the parking lot. Mr. Royal asks if the stormwater pond will be dry retention. Development Services Director Michael Daniels advises it is dry retention.
Mr. Royal speaks about the pond and questions about putting it underground.
Mr. Daniels advises the pond is in the plans due to future development and the stormwater already being complete for the future.
Assistant City Manager Mike Null advises the pond is needed for the parking lot. In order to permit the parking lot Water Management wanted an overflow.
Council discussion followed concerning the pond and parking lot.
Motion to approve Consent Agenda item 7.
Motion made by Council Member Kelley, Seconded by Vice Mayor Butler.
Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Vice Mayor Butler, Council Member Gaw, Council Member Kelley, Council Member Smith
8. City Council approval of Change Order #3 to EltonAlan, Inc. for construction of the Palmetto Trail Project in the additive amount of \$1,375.00 and three (3) days contract time. *Mike Null*
9. City Council approval to purchase a new grapple truck to replace truck #702 from Peterson Industries under Sourcewell contract # 040621-PII in the amount of \$203,438.77. *Steve Thomas*
10. City Council approval of the Mental Health Awareness Month Proclamation. *Erin West*

COUNCIL BUSINESS

11. First Reading of Ordinance O-14-2023-property transfer from the City to DR Horton, Inc. related to the Rookery Development. *Michael Daniels*
City Attorney Arnold reads Ordinance No. O-14-2023 by title.
Development Services Director Michael Daniels speaks concerning the ordinance.
Helena Cormier 3829 Woodbridge Crossing Ct. GCS asks what type of development DR Horton will be using this property for.
Mr. Daniels advises this is the Rookery Development with an estimated 2100 homes.
Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance O-14-2023, regarding the property transfer of 21.3 acres from the City to DR Horton, Inc.
Motion made by Vice Mayor Butler, Seconded by Council Member Smith.
Voting Yea: Mayor Johnson, Vice Mayor Butler, Council Member Gaw, Council Member Kelley, Council Member Smith

12. City Manager & City Attorney Reports / Correspondence

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

City Manager Steve Kennedy speaks to the Governor’s Creek Boat ramp funding. Mr. Kennedy advises the legislature has appropriated \$1 million for Phase 1 of the project. Approving Resolution No. R-07-2023 will establish a Governors Creek Boat Ramp Oversight Committee. Council discussion followed concerning the resolution.

Emergency motion to approve Resolution No. R-07-2023 relating to the Governor’s Creek Boat Ramp project.

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

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

13. 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 9:13 p.m.

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Daniel M. Johnson, Mayor

Attest:

Erin West, City Clerk