

# CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

321 WALNUT STREET, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA  
TUESDAY, MARCH 02, 2021 – 7:00 PM



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## MINUTES

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Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - **Pastor Pendergraft - Sacred Heart Catholic**

Roll Call

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

**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. Stan Kinmonth 194 Malley Cove Ln, Fleming Island thanks the Council for their support of the MVPA First Florida Chapter event that was held at Reynolds Park.

### AWARDS & RECOGNITION

1. Swearing-In of Citizen's Advisory Committee

City Manager, Steve Kennedy speaks to the Council and the Citizen's Advisory Committee. Mr. Kennedy introduction Judge Garfield Hurt.

Judge Hurt proceeded to swear in the new members of the CAC.

2. Monarch City Proclamation

#### **Motion to approve the Monarch City USA Proclamation.**

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

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

Mayor Royal reads and presents that proclamation to the Green Cove Springs Garden Club.

2. AMIKids Clay County – Presentation

Executive Director, Maria Przybylski speaks to the Council and explains what AMIKids of Clay County involves.

Various students with AMIKids speak and inform the Council what they learn and do every day. Troy Betz with Vallencourt advises the Council how Vallencourt is involved AMIKids and shows support for the program.

Mike Vallencourt speaks to the Council and supports the AMIKids program.

City Manager, Steve Kennedy advises there is discussion going on with AMIKids about cost and plans. Once that is complete it will be brought to the Council in a form of recommendation.

Council discussion follows.

### 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 Item 4 through 15.**

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

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

4. Council approval of Chief Asdot to attend the FBINAA Annual Training Conference in Orlando, FL. **Derek Asdot**
5. Council approval of Chief Asdot to attend FPCA Summer Conference in Hollywood, FL. **Derek Asdot**
6. City Council approval of, and authorization for the Mayor, City Attorney and City Clerk to execute, Amendment #1 in the amount of \$56,100.00 to the Design Loan Agreement for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Application DW 100102 for \$356,800.00, for the design of capital improvements to the City's Water System. This amendment increases the total loan / grant (50%) amount to \$412,900.00. **Scott Schultz**
7. City Council approval of Scrivener's Error to the April 16, 2019 Minutes **Kimberly Thomas**
8. City Council approval of funding in the amount of \$24,270.30 to Jax Utilities Management for sewer connections to four parcels, piggybacking on City of Jacksonville Contract # 8258-19 **Scott Schultz**
9. City Council approval of street closure **Kimberly Thomas**
10. City Council approval of Invoices #1-4 in the amount of 120,014.80 to Mastry / Yanmar, for purchase of generators as part of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Federally-Funded Subaward and Grant Agreement # H0297 / Project Number 4337-217-R, for \$537,018.75, for Utility Mitigation and Generator Project to install generators on 17 of the City's lift stations. Note: The City has received 75% funding from HMGP. Staff received an advance from HMGP in the amount of \$333,578.20. **Scott Schultz**
11. City Council approval of Minutes from 2/02/2021 Regular Session **Erin West**
12. City Council approval of Land Dedication for new roadway adjacent to Ruby Street **Michael Daniels**

13. City Council approval of Engagement Letter to retain the services of Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P. A. (“NG&N”) to assist with the annual non-ad valorem assessments for the Magnolia West subdivision’s solid waste and City-wide stormwater programs. *Jim Arnold*
14. City Council approval of a change order #3 to KBT Contracting Corp to Construct a drive through shelter for the Food Pantry in the amount of \$94,200.00. *Steve Thomas*
15. City Council adoption of a Language Access Plan (LAP) for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) persons. *Mike Null*

### PUBLIC HEARINGS

16. First Public Hearing to take recommendations for a CDBG-CV Coronavirus Cycle grant application with the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity. *Mike Null*

Assistant City Manager, Mike Null speaks about the CDBG-CV Coronavirus Cycle grant and introduces David Fox with Fred Fox Enterprises.

David Fox presents and explains the upcoming grant cycle for the CDBG-CV Coronavirus Cycle.

Pat Garlinghouse, 103 S Magnolia Ave. GCS, questions the dollar amount. Mr. Fox advises the minimum is \$200,000 and the maximum is \$5,000,000.

Mayor Royal opens the public hearing.

Joe Sabotta, 212 North St. GCS advises he did not understand any of the presentation.

Mayor Royal responds to Mr. Sabotta and explains the CDBG grant.

Mayor Royal suggests using this grant to help convert the Augusta Savage Center.

Bob Page 1862 Colonial Drive GCS advises he likes the Augusta Savage project and suggests doing a project with the Rivers House.

Mr. Sabotta advises he understands the grant and suggest ear marking the money. If \$500,000 comes in, are there other projects that need desperately completed? Is the money going to be used for what it is designated to be used for or used on other projects? Mayor Royal advises the funds are audited and the money must be used for the designated project.

Mr. Null advises this grant is very competitive with only one project application being submitted. If the project does not use all the funds, then the difference will be sent back.

Council discussion follows.

Mr. Null advises a project staff has discussed providing wifi to LMI residents.

Council discussion follows concerning infrastructure for the wifi.

Mr. Sabotta speaks against supplying wifi to Green Cove residents.

Council discussion follows.

Mr. Page speaks and advises this is more of a mitigation grant.

Council discussion follows.

Following no further comments, the public hearing is closed.

Council discussion follows.

**Motion to approve moving forward with the grant and specifically for the project of finishing the Augusta Savage auditorium for a COVID Center and a future food kitchen to serve the community.**

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

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

**COUNCIL BUSINESS**

17. FMPA - March 2021 **Bob Page**

Mr. Page gave an overview of March and discussion followed.

18. First Reading of Ordinance O-05-2021, Amending Section 90-61 of the City Code to allow security and night-lights under certain circumstances. **Mike Null**

City Attorney Arnold reads Ordinance No. O-05-2021 by title.  
Electric Director, Andy Yeager speaks and explains the Ordinance.  
Council discussion follows.

**Motion to approve Ordinance No. O-05-2021 on first reading as to form only and set March 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM as the second and final public hearing.**

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

19. 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.

20. 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 9:19 p.m.

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

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B. Van Royal, Mayor

Attest:

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Erin West, City Clerk