

# **CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

**321 WALNUT STREET, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 07, 2023 – 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 Matt Johnson, Council Member Ed Gaw, Council Member Steven Kelley, Council Member Thomas Smith

**COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT:** Vice Mayor Connie Butler

**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. Donna Snelling 504 North St. GCS speaks to the Council against growth and keeping Green Cove Springs small.
2. Hope Chessel 1310 North St. GCS speaks to the Council concerning the Code Enforcement Officer and the court date for her fencing permit. She suggests her thoughts on wording for fences.
3. Joanna Hatch GCS speaks to the Council about the Code Enforcement Officer and the golf carts that were in her front yard.
4. Cheryl Gonzalez 549 N. Palmetto Ave. GCS speaks to the Council about the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mt. Zion AME Church on March 26, 2023.

Mayor Johnson advises staff members are looking into the ordinances.

### **AWARDS & RECOGNITION**

1. Proclamation - Black History Month  
Executive Assistant, Kimberly Thomas reads the proclamation and presents to Issac Brown and Henrietta Francis.  
Mr. Brown speaks showing his appreciate for the City doing a proclamation for Black History Month and advises of activities taking place around the City throughout the month.  
Ms. Francis speaks about Dunbar High School and the event being held at Clay County High School in remembrance of Dunbar High.  
Felicia Hampshire 508 Franklin St. reminds that Council about the Valentine's Day card making event being held Friday. Ms. Hampshire speaks about the Black History Month events and updates on activities at the Mentoring Center.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

2. Clay County - Impact Fees and related processes  
County Manager Wanamaker speaks to the Council concerning impact fees.

Assistant County Manager Troy Nagle speaks to the Council about the specifics of the impact fee study that was completed.

Council discussion about impact fees and how that affects the City.

**Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement.**

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

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

3. Update from the CAC - Beautification in and around Spring Park  
City Manager, Steve Kennedy advises he will update on this item during the City Manager comments.
4. FMPA - February 2023 **Bob Page**  
Mr. Bob Page presents the February 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.

Council Member Gaw pulls item 15 and City Manager Steve Kennedy pulls item 11.

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda items 5 through 15 minus 11 and 15.**

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

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

5. City Council approval of the CAC 10-13-2022 Minutes. **Kimberly Thomas**
6. City Council approval of the Initial CAC Members term renewal. **Steve Kennedy**
7. City Council approval of Resolution No. R-01-2023, a Resolution canceling and rescheduling the regularly scheduled meetings of the Green Cove Springs City Council. **Erin West**
8. City Council approval to surplus the Information Technology items listed in Attachment "A"  
**Scott Schultz**
9. City Council approval to purchase a 2022 Ford Ranger Pickup from the Tallahassee Vehicle Contract #5180, in the total amount of \$41,776.97 from Beck Auto Sales, Inc. to replace surplus truck # 952, a 2006 Ford F150 which experienced a mechanical failure for which the repair far exceeds the trucks value. **Scott Schultz**
10. City Council approval of the 2023 FTF dates and request to insert the attached flyer into the utility bills. **Kimberly Thomas**

11. City Council approval of the update on Public Works Compound Project. *Steve Thomas*  
Assistant City Manager, Mike Null updates the Council on Phase 2 and 3 of the Public Works Compound project.

**Motion approve Consent Agenda items 11 and 15.**

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

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

12. City Council approval of Minutes from 11/15/2022 Regular Session. *Erin West*
13. City Council approval of Grant Agreement with FDEP in the amount of \$400,000 to construct Green Stormwater Improvements for the parking associated with the Walnut Street Project and authorization for City Manager to execute same. *Mike Null*
14. City Council review and approval of a street closure request and fee waiver request for a Major Event, Augusta Savage Cultural Arts Festival. *Michael Daniels*
15. City Council review and approval of a Major Event, FFC-MVPA 2023 Winter Rally & Swap Meet, a waiver of \$25,000 bond requirement, and a reduction of the event permit fee. *Michael Daniels*  
Council Member Gaw asks Mr. Stan Kinmonth to speak about the event.  
Mr. Kinmonth speaks about the upcoming Winter Rally & Swap Meet event.

**Motion approve Consent Agenda items 11 and 15.**

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

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

### **COUNCIL BUSINESS**

16. Operation of Golf Carts on Multiuse Trails. *Michael Daniels*  
Development Services Director, Michael Daniels speaks to the Council about golf carts, where they are currently allowed to be driven, and what will change with a multi-use trail.  
Council discussion followed about concerns with safety to pedestrians and bicycles.  
Felicia Hampshire 508 Franklin St. questions how other cities are doing golf carts on multi-use trails and talks about the safety during certain times of the day.  
Council advises Mr. Daniels to proceed with further research on golf carts being allowed on multi-use trails.  
Joe Sobotta 212 North St. speaks about restricting people on golf carts.
17. 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 updates the Council on the process with the Army Corps of Engineers to get the rip rapp correctly permitted. Mr. Kennedy advises the Council until the City gets this address no requests will be approved. He advises in order to get this processed he needs to get authorization to sign a tolling agreement.

**Emergency motion for the City Manager may proceed with signing the tolling agreement and any additional documentation that may arise.**

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

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

Mr. Kennedy speaks to the Council concerning the noise ordinance. The Council advises Mr. Kennedy to move forward researching the noise ordinance.

18. 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 9:46 p.m.

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

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Daniel M. Johnson, Mayor

Attest:

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Erin West, City Clerk