

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

321 WALNUT STREET, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024 – 7:00 PM



MINUTES

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag - **Chaplain Marshall MacClellan, GCSPD**

Roll Call

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

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. Joshua Hobbs 771 Center St. GCS speaks to the Council concerning recent issue that citizens of Green Cove are dealing with. Mr. Hobbs advises the Code Enforcement is being a little overzealous at times and people feel like they are being targeted. Mr. Hobbs advised the process to obtain a permit is lengthy and advises no help in the Building Department is being offered.
2. Heather Ivey 3232 River Rd. GCS speaks to the Council concerning the recycling that is ending. Assistant City Manager Mike Null speaks about the process of the collection of the recycling and advises due to the increase in cost the County has reduced the materials they take, and they are stopping the curbside pickup. Mr. Null advises the city will still do curbside pickup on the limited items and is exploring options and cost for the future.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

1. City Council Recognition of Boy Scout Troops for painting the Fire Hydrants around the City.
Troop 577 sponsored by First Presbyterian Church of Green Cove Springs
Troop 309 sponsored by Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Mayor Butler speaks about the Boy Scout Troops and presents the troops certificates for the painting of the fire hydrants around the city.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

2. Second and Final Reading of Ordinance O-36-2023, Adding Street Walls as an alternative design standard in the Gateway Corridor District as a special exception. **Michael Daniels**
City Attorney Arnold reads Ordinance No. O-36-2023 by title.
Development Services Director, Michael Daniels, presents on the ordinance.
Mayor Butler opens the public hearing.
Van Royal 3688 LaCosta Ct. GCS advises he supports the street wall ordinance.
Following no further comment, Mayor Butler closes the public hearing.
Council discussion followed concerning the elements of the ordinance, the levels of review needed for the ordinance, and tabling this item until further questions are answered.

Motion to table this discussion until a future date.

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

Voting Yea: Mayor Butler, Council Member Gaw, Council Member Smith

Voting Nay: Vice Mayor Kelley, Council Member Johnson

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.

Mayor Butler pulled item #3.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda with the exception of item 3.

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

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

3. City Council approval of the Pool Management Agreement with Planet Swim for 2024. **Steve Kennedy**

Mayor Butler speaks of the outstanding job Planet Swim has been doing with the pool.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda item 3.

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

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

4. City Council approval of Resolution No. R-05-2024, a resolution authorizing Amendment No. 8 to the FDOT Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement, Contract No. ARV47, for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$39,840.00 and authorizing the City Manager to execute said Agreement. **Mike Null**
5. City Council approval of funding in the amount of \$46,602.50 to Gresco Supply and \$59,334.78 to Stuart C. Irby for electric material inventory for operating and capital projects. **Scott Schultz**
6. City Council approval for staff to execute the Florida Farm Bureau Property Damage Release Form for reimbursement for a damaged fire hydrant in the amount of \$4,001.90. **Scott Schultz**
7. City Council approval of a task order to Mittauer and Associates for the lump sum amount of \$300,000 for design and permitting for the Oakridge Avenue Basin project. **Greg Bauer**
8. City Council review and approval of a temporary street closure for a portion of Walnut Street abutting School Board property for the BOCC and Vietnam Veterans TAPS Monument Committee Annual Vietnam Veterans Ceremony. **Michael Daniels**
9. City Council approval to sell Clay County Fairgrounds Advanced Fair Ticket. **Kimberly Thomas**

10. City Council review and approval of a temporary street closure for a portion of Spring Street, Ferris Avenue and St. Johns Avenue abutting Spring Park for the Jacksonville Jazz Society's Jazz Jam at Spring Park. *Michael Daniels*
11. City Council approval 2023 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement and Resolution R-04-2024, authorizing the Mayor to execute same. *Mike Null*

COUNCIL BUSINESS

12. Consider passage of Resolution No. R-03-2024, providing for an approval process for the authorized use of the City Seal as required by City Ordinance No. O-03-2024. *L.J. Arnold III and Erin West*
City Attorney Arnold advises the Council this resolution is giving an outline for the approval process for authorized use of the city seal.

Motion to approve Resolution No. R-03-2024

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

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

13. Consider passage on first reading as to form, Ordinance No. O-05-2024 which authorizes Magnolia West Community Development District (the "District") to use special powers for security facilities within their subdivision. *L.J. Arnold III*
City Attorney Arnold reads Ordinance No. O-05-2024 by title and speaks to the Council. Council discussion followed concerning if there are currently any issues and concerns. Chief Guzman speaks and advises there are currently no issues.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. O-05-2024 on first reading as to form only.

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

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

14. Consider passage on first reading as to form only, Ordinance No. O-06-2024 to comply with newly enacted Section 166.041(4), Florida Statutes, requiring a Business Impact Estimate to be prepared and filed on all non-exempt ordinances. *L.J. Arnold III*
City Attorney Arnold reads Ordinance No. O-06-2024 by title and speaks about the ordinance.

Motion to approve Ordinance No. O-06-2024 on first reading as to form only.

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

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

15. City Council discussion of amended easement for underground utility lines located on the parcel located at the northwest corner of the intersection of US HWY 17 and Harbor Road. *Mike Null*
Assistant City Manager Mike Null advises the buyer has withdrawn the request.

16. City Manager & City Attorney Reports / Correspondence

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

17. 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 9:33 p.m.

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Constance W. Butler, Mayor

Attest:

Erin West, City Clerk