REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION

JANUARY 19, 2016

Pursuant to due notice, a regular meeting of the Commission of the City of Altamonte Springs, Seminole County, was held at 225 Newburyport Avenue, in said City on January 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT WERE:	Mayor Bates, Commissioners Batman, Hussey, Reece, and Wolfram		
ALSO PRESENT WERE:	Frank Martz	-	City Manager
	Skip Fowler	-	City Attorney
	Erin O'Donnell	-	City Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bates at 7:03 p.m.

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Wolfram, seconded by Commissioner Reece, to approve the minutes of the regular Commission Meeting of January 5, 2016 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR: None

1. CONFIRMATION & SWEARING IN OF DANIEL SMUTZ AS CHIEF OF POLICE

Mr. Martz noted that tonight we'd be swearing in the newest Police Chief in the best Police Department in the United States, Altamonte Springs Police Department. Before continuing, Mr. Martz wanted to take a moment to recognize our current Chief, Michael McCoy. Chief McCoy spent many years in Central Florida long before he became our Chief. During his time, he's helped many transitions with Mr. Martz and has helped the growth of both sworn and civilian members of the department. He asked the Commission to formally recognize the work done by Chief McCoy which was celebrated by thunderous applause from all those in Chambers and by comments made by the Commission noting his commitment to law enforcement and commitment to Altamonte Springs. Unanimous comments were made by Mayor Bates and Commissioners Hussey and Batman, about how lucky we were to have him as our Chief and wished him best of luck in his future endeavors.

Mr. Martz formally recognized Undersheriff Steven Harriett, for his many years of service and luck in retirement as well as thanking Chief Deputy Dennis Lemma for his spectacular partnership between Altamonte Springs and Seminole County Sherriff's Office through the years.

Mr. Martz recommended the Commission approve the confirmation of Daniel Smutz as our next Police Chief. Currently Deputy Chief, Dan Smutz has been part of our City since 1996 and has risen through the ranks and handling very level of responsibility given to him. He is very well respected by his peers.

Motion: Commissioner Hussey made a motion to confirm Daniel Smutz as our next Chef of the Police. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Reece and passed unanimously.

The City Clerk swore in Daniel Smutz as the next Chief of Police of the City of Altamonte Springs.

Mayor Bates added comments on how she predicted his future as Chief when she first met him. She was glad it came true and he is part of a group of amazing employees for the City. She noted that she is happy to see him at this level and added that the Commission is here to support his initiatives for the future of the Department.

Commissioner Hussey commented that it's been a pleasure to have him as our new Chief and he is so proud of him and will support him. He thanked him for taking on the responsibility of Police Chief.

Commissioner Wolfram was short and sweet and said he's been doing a fantastic job and he will also support him fully.

Commissioner Reece stated that she was so glad he was here as when she was first a City Commissioner in 1999, she had several conversations with the Police Chief at that time about her sons. And although they are fully grown now, she is glad to be able to know a great man is in the same shoes.

Commissioner Batman echoed the comments of his colleagues, and stated he was looking forward to working with him.

Chief Smutz replied to the Commission that the most important thing for him was to say "thank you" to his faith and his family present and their faith in him. He thanked Mr. Martz and stated that he wouldn't let him down. He closed by expressing his appreciation with members of staff present not only from the Police Department, but of other departments, retirees and members of Seminole County Sherriff's Office. He thanked them for all their support and intergovernmental partnerships and relations with others and he will work hard to keep this the best agency in the United States.

2. PUBLIC HEARING (2ND READING)

Ordinance 1694-16 - City Code of Ordinances amendment to repeal business identification regulations for marijuana businesses

No members of the public appeared before the Commission. The attorney read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Wolfram, seconded by Commissioner Reece to pass and adopt Ordinance 1694-16 on second and final reading. Commissioner Batman – yes; Commissioner Hussey – yes; Commissioner Reece – yes; Commissioner Wolfram – yes; Mayor Bates – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

3. PUBLIC HEARING **Resolution 1318** - Refuse Disposal Fund Budget Amendment

Mr. Martz spoke to the Commission that he was aware all of them knew of the Seminole County Ordinance to mitigate the large amount of bear-human contact occurring in Seminole County. The matter remains as having been a known fact and long standing issue. The County held a workshop without input from its cities to discuss some resolutions to the issue and to prepare the Ordinance. The City of Longwood did not receive a prior copy and Altamonte Springs was the only city to provide feedback but was heard that the County did not receive our comments stating that there were some conflicts between the County's Ordinance and our current Ordinance.

He noted that the City is going to be putting in front of the Commission a series of steps to revise our Ordinance to become consistent with the County to prevent as little confusion to the residents. We will not be requiring residents to purchase bear resistant trash cans; we will only be changing the time frame in which the cans can be placed outside for collection.

Mr. Martz noted that the Resolution in front of them is meant to help fund the retrofit our existing vehicles to place hydraulic lifts-in the amount of $33,000.00 plus contingencies-to be able to pick up the new bear resistant trash cans.

He added that when Seminole County passed their Ordinance, they advertised it to residents without thinking of the implications on the Cities. Residents may not have any idea what the Ordinance is referring to or may have gone out to purchase trash cans well beyond the limits of our current capacity in trash collection. He added that the County's Ordinance is requiring commercial companies to retrofit their dumpsters to comply and it is the understanding that the franchise holders are unsure how to proceed with the costs associated for themselves or the business owners.

He noted that there was a meeting with Lake Mary earlier in the month and a meeting held earlier in the day to discuss issues in detail. The most important issue is that there is a real bear-human contact issue and it's our responsibility to do something and be consistent as possible with similar rules. He is not thrilled about making changes to our Ordinance in the future but we owe it to our residents to make it as easy to comply as possible whether they live in Altamonte Springs or move elsewhere within the County; especially with their large investment in special trash cans. He recommended that the Commission move forward to amend the budget and was able to answer any questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Batman questioned about the April start date. Mr. Martz replied that we'd most likely be implementing in April, as it takes time to purchase and train our employees on the new equipment and revise our Ordinance with advertisements and readings. Commissioner Reece asked about specifics on what the bear resistant trash cans actually are. Mr. Martz replied that the County has adopted a variety of acceptable cans that are a deterrent to the bears and able to purchased directly by residents. He closed by mentioning although this process wasn't clearly thought out; all we can do is help our residents to comply.

No members of the public appeared before the Commission.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Wolfram to pass and adopt Resolution 1318. Commissioner Batman – yes; Commissioner Hussey – yes; Commissioner Reece – yes; Commissioner Wolfram – yes; Mayor Bates – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

4. **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL** **Orienta Avenue Improvements** - Right of Way Purchase (Parcel 109)

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Reece, seconded by Commissioner Wolfram to approve the purchase agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL** Ipswich Avenue Streetlight Proposals

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Batman to approve the proposals. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **FINANCE ITEMS**

A. **Eastmonte Park Baseball Lighting** - Approve final payment to Musco Sports Lighting, LLC in the amount of $9,050.00 and accept closeout documentation

B. **SR 436 Traffic Signals (Montgomery Rd, Hattaway Dr, and Essex Ave)** - Approve final payment to Chinchor Electric, Inc. in the amount of $62,477.29 and accept the closeout documentation

C. **Spring Oaks East – Pre-Chlorinated Pipe Bursting with Site Restoration** - Approve Change Order No. 1 for Murphy Pipeline Contractors Inc. in the amount of $42,144.00

D. **Roofing for Eastmonte Racquetball Court, Information Services, Police Department Evidence Building and Flooring for Cranes Roost Restrooms** - Authorize roofing and flooring projects contract to Garland/DBS, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $372,324.00 utilizing MICPA and US Communities Contract #14-5903

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Batman to approve finance items A-D. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR: None

REPORTS:

CITY ATTORNEY- None

CITY CLERK- None

CITY MANAGER

Reported on more information that he learned from a meeting with Seminole County today that they would be starting a series of workshops on transportation and mobility. It was noted that it was a great idea, but it was one that the City had about 15 years ago with FlexBus and were unsuccessful due in part to the County's unwillingness to be involved. The conversation is still moving forward which is a part of the greater discussion but it was unfortunate due to timing after our push towards FlexBus became unfunded. He added that the County is facing an obligation to pay for a share of the Seminole County commuter rail. The ridership of SunRail has been a struggle due to its poor ridership within the first year, and it's important for the County to have discussions in mobility as well as having the City continue our path as we've done. He noted that this subject will be on their radar as he attends meetings and workshops. Although it is an important piece of dialogue, it is just too late to be having them.

COMMISSIONER BATMAN- None

COMMISSIONER REECE

Reminded the Commission that baseball Opening Day is coming up soon on February 27. She will bring them more information as she gets it but she is excited to play this year in our beautifully renovated park.

COMMISSIONER HUSSEY - None

COMMISSIONER WOLFRAM- None

MAYOR BATES

Reported that she will be attending a grand opening "bread breaking' event the next morning for Whole Foods. She took a tour the previous day and is impressed. Mr. Martz added that if the Commission hadn't seen the invitation and still wanted to come, they should be there by 8:30.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

ATTEST:

Pat Bates
MAYOR

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS INCORPORATED 1920 SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Erin O'Donnell
CITY CLERK