



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 2, 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 February 2, 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 7:00 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 19, 2016 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR:

Mr. E. T. Sharp of 696 Sabal Palm Circle #6, Altamonte Springs, addressed the Commission. Mr. Sharp stated that he has served on the city council in Louisville, Kentucky and wanted to discuss the Invocation portion of the meeting. He stated he hated it to be called an Invocation, when it actually is a moment of silence.

Mr. Sharp also stated that he noticed a Police Officer was in attendance that it was good to have him there. Mr. Martz stated that you have the best Police Officer as he is the Chief of Police.

Mr. Sharp continued to address the Commission by notifying them of an illegal dump one mile from City Hall on SR 436. There are tall weeds and the property is fenced in. Mr. Martz stated the John Sember, Growth Management Director, was in attendance and is responsible for Code Enforcement, indicating he could Mr. Sharp's complaint. Mr. Martz was then informed that the property is owned by the State DOT. Mr. Sharp continued describing the trash and stated that it should be cleaned up. Mr. Sember stated that he would have someone contact DOT to provide Mr. Sharp's comments and that he appreciated the feedback.

**1. PUBLIC HEARING
(1st READING)**

Ordinance 1696-16 – Revisions to City Code, Chapter 17 – “Garbage, Trash and Weeds,” to coincide with regulations set forth in Seminole County’s Urban Bear Management Ordinance

Mr. Martz wanted to add that this ordinance was designed to move in the direction of the County’s ordinance. It is not that the City completely agrees with what the county has done, but rather it is to make it easier for our residents to only have only one set of rules. Mr. Martz stated that the City has only received a few phone calls, and almost all are centered on the change in times that you can set the garbage cans out for pickup. Our current ordinance allows setting out garbage at 5 PM the night before pickup. He explained that this is unfortunate, but that the science is extremely strong and that bears will migrate to the food. Mr. Martz stated that staff have been working on this change and have been referring people to the county website. He feels that the county has done a poor job with their website, and they have continued to add information which has made the information become less clear.

Mr. Martz stated that the city will send out a mailer to the residence that will explain the ordinance, and exactly what they need to do and how to deal with it. The mailer will include how the new ordinance will make the rules standardized and how pickups work. He continued by stating that it will answer the questions about keeping your garbage in your garage vs. having a bear proof trash can. Mr. Martz also mentioned that there are little things you can do to prevent bears from getting into your garbage, including using a small cup of Clorox to dissuade a bear from the garbage. Commissioner Reece mentioned she has cat litter in her garbage and the smell of ammonia also helps with the bears. Mr. Martz agreed and closed that bears are breeding animals, they will seek out larger food sources and grow their population in proportion.

Mr. Martz stated that staff have done an excellent job of analyzing what equipment to get and what we’ll need for training. We will not be able to implement our new collection policies until April, but the city will educate everyone on the process. He also stated the Commission will get a copy of the mailer in order for them to respond to questions. Mr. Martz closed by stating that the quandary was not if this was the right thing to do, but how to get it done.

There was discussion between the Commissioners about placing trash out the morning of pickup and that garages often cannot handle placement of large amount of trash. Mr. Martz reiterated that with our high level of customer service by our collections staff, they will go out and work hard to help all residents. Our level of refuse collection service to residents is unlike any other city.

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

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Batman to pass and adopt Ordinance 1696-16 on first reading and set second reading for February 16, 2016. Commissioner Batman – yes; Commissioner Hussey – yes; Commissioner Reece – yes; Commissioner Wolfram – yes; Mayor Bates – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

2. PUBLIC HEARING Resolution 1319 – Support for Innovative Traffic Technologies Pilot Projects

No members of the public appeared before the Commission.

Mr. Martz commented that this was requested by Congressman Mica who is a huge proponent of both ITS and FlexBus, and this is really good for the city.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Wolfram, seconded by Commissioner Reece to pass and adopt Resolution 1319. Commissioner Batman – yes; Commissioner Hussey – yes; Commissioner Reece – yes; Commissioner Wolfram – yes; Mayor Bates – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

3. PUBLIC HEARING Resolution 1320 – Cranes Roost Park Boundary Conflict Resolution – Deed Exchange with Emerson International, Inc.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Wolfram, seconded by Commissioner Reece to pass and adopt Resolution 1320. Commissioner Batman – yes; Commissioner Hussey – yes; Commissioner Reece – yes; Commissioner Wolfram – yes; Mayor Bates – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

4. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL Broadstone Passerelle Plat

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

5. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL Hoen Subdivision, A Replat

Commissioner Hussey asked for clarification on the location of the replat.

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

INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR: None

REPORTS:

CITY ATTORNEY- None

CITY CLERK- None

CITY MANAGER - None

COMMISSIONER BATMAN

Asked for an update on the Transportation Task Force with the County. Mr. Martz stated they started, but it did not go well as they were stunned how much SunRail had gone over budget. Our staff did attend the meeting, and the task force will try again when the meeting is rescheduled.

COMMISSIONER REECE

Stated that the Buddy Ball Banquet was a success and that opening day is February 27. Mr. Martz also stated that registration is already higher than last year for all registrations and that opening day is always preceded by a breakfast fundraiser. It will be the first opportunity to showcase the Altamonte Baseball Academy and the new fields, which look phenomenal.

COMMISSIONER HUSSEY - None

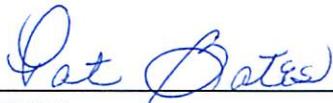
COMMISSIONER WOLFRAM- None

MAYOR BATES

Reported that she attended a grand opening “bread breaking’ event for Whole Foods. It was well done event and the staff was great. Mr. Martz added that they are really giving back to the community and will donate 5%, or 1% per day for the first week to local charities and they are committed to being good community partners.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST:



MAYOR





CITY CLERK