



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION APRIL 4, 2017

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 April 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor Bates, Commissioners Batman, Cushman, Hussey and Reece

ALSO PRESENT WERE:

Frank Martz	-	City Manager
Skip Fowler	-	City Attorney
Angela Apperson	-	City Clerk
John Sember	-	Growth Management Director
Daniel Smutz	-	Chief of Police
Ed Torres	-	Public Works & Utilities Director

Mayor Bates called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

INVOCATION: A moment of silence was observed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Bates led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: by Commissioner Batman, seconded by Commissioner Reece, to approve the minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting of March 21, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR: None

- 1. PUBLIC HEARING
(2ND READING)** Ordinance No. 1715-17 and 1716-17 – Request to change the Future Land Use Designation and Rezone 1395 East Altamonte Drive

Mayor Bates opened the Public Hearing. No members of the public appeared before the Commission. Mayor Bates closed the Public Hearing. City Attorney Skip Fowler read the first Ordinance title into the record.

Motion: by Commissioner Batman, seconded by Commissioner Cushman, to pass and adopt Ordinance 1715-17 on second and final reading. Commissioner Batman – For; Commissioner Cushman – For; Commissioner Hussey – For; Commissioner Reece – For; Mayor Bates – For. The motion carried 5-0, after a roll call vote.

City Attorney Skip Fowler read the second Ordinance title into the record.

Motion: by Commissioner Batman, seconded by Commissioner Cushman, to pass and adopt Ordinance 1716-17 on second and final reading. Commissioner Batman – For; Commissioner Cushman – For; Commissioner Hussey – For; Commissioner Reece – For; Mayor Bates – For. The motion carried 5-0, after a roll call vote.

2. **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL** Emergency Watershed Protection, Hurricane Matthew Assistance Grant

Motion: by Commissioner Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Batman, that the Commission accept the grant award from the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service. The motion carried unanimously.

3. **FINANCE ITEMS**
- A. **SOLICITATION AWARD – RFP No.:RFP-17-023-BK – PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES – RWRF MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS BUILDING** – Approve the ranking for RFP No. RFP-17-023-BK, authorize staff to negotiate a contract with Borrelli + Partners, and authorize the Mayor to execute the final negotiated contract
- B. **EASTMONTE PARK METAL BUILDING ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION, CONTRACT 11B160KW** – Approve the final payment to Palmetto Electric, Inc. in the amount of \$9,738.62 and accept the closeout documents

Mayor Bates read the item titles into the record.

Motion: by Commissioner Batman, seconded by Commissioner Hussey, to approve Items A and B. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR: None

REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER FRANK MARTZ:

- Provided updates on pending legislation, which included:
 - a proposed reduction in Business Tax Receipt Revenue;
 - a proposed increase to the Homestead Exemption; which would result in a loss of revenue to the City of approximately \$330,000.00;
 - a bill related to the installation of mini cell towers/antennas which would preempt the City from regulating aesthetics, receiving revenue related to the installation and would force the City to provide engineering analysis to the company wishing to place their equipment on a city owned poll with no way to recoup the expense for said engineering. Commissioners asked questions, to which Mr. Martz replied.


- Indicated the City of Longwood will be submitting an application to St. Johns River Water Management District for their Septic Tank Abatement and Sewer Transmission Project. This important environmental project would reduce the number of septic systems in Longwood, build a transmission line to the City's Wastewater Facility and result in the City of Longwood becoming an Altamonte Springs utility customer. There is no cost to the City of Altamonte Springs. Commissioner Batman inquired if Altamonte Springs will also provide reuse water to the City of Longwood, to which Mr. Martz replied that the City of Altamonte Springs is always interested in additional customers. Commissioner Cushman asked what percentage of homes in Longwood are on septic systems. Mr. Martz did not know the percentage but indicated a substantial number of the residences in Longwood are on septic systems. Mr. Martz noted the City of Altamonte Springs has 101 properties on septic systems; however due to the need of additional lift stations many of them cannot be served without substantial costs.
- Reported State Attorney Phil Archer and Sheriff Dennis Lemma presented Altamonte Springs Police Detective Ben Sprague with the Hugh E. Thomas Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award. Detective Sprague has been an Officer with the City since 2012 and a Detective since 2014. The City is proud of Detective Sprague and his accomplishment. Additionally, the City is proud of the Senior Staff at the Police Department for their efforts to train/mentor new officers.


Mayor Bates and Commissioners Batman, Cushman, Hussey and Reece thanked City Manager Martz, Assistant to the City Manager Amanda Phillips, the Department Directors and Staff Members for their hard work to plan/execute the bus tour of City projects and facilities. Mr. Martz noted most items viewed were in addition to the day-to-day duties performed by Staff Members.

Mayor Bates noted her attendance with Chief Smutz at the Light of Hope Ceremony Sunday, where she read a Proclamation declaring April 2017 as "Child Abuse Prevention Month". Mayor Bates thanked Staff Members for all they do to prepare for events at Cranes Roost Park.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

ATTEST:


MAYOR


CITY CLERK

