



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION

JUNE 21, 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 June 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT WERE:

Frank Martz	-	Frank Martz
Skip Fowler	-	City Attorney
Erin O'Donnell	-	City Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bates at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: Mayor Bates requested that we have a moment of silence dedicated to the victims of the recent shooting in Orlando.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Reece, to approve the minutes of the regular Commission Meeting of June 7, 2016 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR: None

- PUBLIC HEARING**
1st READING Ordinance 1698-16 – City Code of Ordinances amending Chapter 26 - Utilities

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 Ordinance 1698-16 on first reading and set second reading for July 5, 2016. Commissioner Batman – yes; Commissioner Hussey – yes; Commissioner Reece – yes; Commissioner Wolfram – yes; Mayor Bates – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING
1st READING**

Ordinance 1701-16 – Utility System Rate Adjustment

Mayor Bates opened the public hearing.

Charlene Soto of 609 Powel Drive, spoke to the Commission and was very complimentary of the increase. She stated that as a senior, she was aware that increases happen, but she is thankful to the City for being cautious for smaller increases over time and being fiscally responsible.

Jim (last name inaudible) of 821 Spring Lake Road, spoke to the Commission about the rise in costs and was unhappy with the rate increase as he has lived here for about a decade. He felt that we should be basing prices on fuel costs and since they are down, our rates should stay the same or are lowered. Mr. Martz replied to his sentiments and stated that the increase in rates are due to increased regulations for our water standards. Although our budgets are healthy, we are only able to spend our monies from certain accounts certain ways and even though it is apparent we are building and renovating, those projects are being funded from other accounts.

Jim Ireland of 950 Hobson Street of Longwood, FL, spoke to the Commission that although he isn't a resident, he is a utility customer and wanted to understand where his money is going and how the increase is being spent. Mr. Martz explained to Mr. Ireland about the increasing regulations and responsibility to our water. Not only are we being tasked to increase the quality, but we need to take care of the facilities that treat the water. Mr. Torres, Public Works Director, also helped Mr. Ireland and explained how our wastewater and irrigation are treated and its impact on the Little Wekiva River.

Robert Craig of 211 Robin Road, spoke to the Commission about the impact of our water with the upcoming improvements to I-4. He wanted clarification on why we are raising rates if we are also using the stormwater and sending it to Apopka. Mr. Martz replied that if we don't send the excess water, we must pay to treat it and store it. The City of Apopka has a facility to store it and is actually saving us money by not having to treat it and store it.

Cheryl Gillis of 201 Cadillac Court, spoke to the Commission about the quality of the water and she was upset to have to pay a rate increase when she is buying bottled water as the water is so hard. Mr. Martz replied that the water here is very good straight out of the faucet and although it's not spring water right out of the ground, it is great water. Mayor Bates added that if you place the water in the fridge it also helps improve the taste of the water. Mr. Torres added the hardness of the water is regulated and all the minerals and fluoride in the water affect the taste. Although you can buy a water softener for your home, he advised it was not needed with Altamonte water.

Mayor Bates closed the public hearing. The attorney read the title of the Ordinance into the record.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Batman to pass Ordinance 1701-16 on first reading and set second reading for July 5, 2016. Commissioner Batman – yes; Commissioner Hussey – yes; Commissioner Reece – yes; Commissioner Wolfram – yes; Mayor Bates – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

3. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

Intent to Annex – 1355 East Altamonte Drive

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

4. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL Increased Pay Rate and Fees for Off-Duty Details

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Wolfram to approve the increased pay rate. Motion carried unanimously.

5. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL Appointees to the Wekiva River System Advisory Management Committee

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Wolfram, seconded by Commissioner Hussey to appoint April Verpoorten and Danielle Marshall. Motion carried unanimously.

6. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL City Manager Approval of formal purchase solicitations and other purchases during summer recess

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Reece, seconded by Commissioner Hussey to authorize the City Manager. Motion carried unanimously.

7. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL Allocation of Edward Byrne Justice Grant (JAG) Funds

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Reece to approve the application. Motion carried unanimously.

8. DISCUSSION Appointment of Citizen Board/Committee Members

Mayor Bates reappointed Bob O'Malley to the Planning board for another term and Commissioner Wolfram reappointed Tim Certain to the Board of Zoning Appeals for another term. This item is continued.

9. FINANCE ITEMS ITB14-038 RWRF Aeration System Blower Replacement – Approve contract change orders No.1 and No.2 with Brandes Design-Build, Inc. in the amount of \$941,330.35

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Reece to approve the finance item. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR: None

REPORTS:

CITY ATTORNEY- None

CITY CLERK

Reminded the Commission to file their Form 1- Financial Disclosure Forms prior to July 1.

CITY MANAGER

Commented that the Altamonte Springs Babe Ruth teams had a great season during their tournaments and won several games.

Reported that one of the victims of the recent tragedy at Pulse, Antonio Brown was a resident of Altamonte Springs. He was an HR manager at Lowes, was a Captain in the US Army and was working on his PhD. He added that our Police Department was instrumental in assisting the family with gathering his personal affects for his funeral. He wanted to formally thank Chief Smutz and his officers with all their assistance to the family. He wanted to formally recognize Mr. Brown and that he and his family are in our thoughts.

COMMISSIONER BATMAN-None

COMMISSIONER REECE-None

COMMISSIONER HUSSEY

Commented that the City Commission stands united and supports the City of Orlando and hope we can somehow ease the burden.

COMMISSIONER WOLFRAM

MAYOR BATES

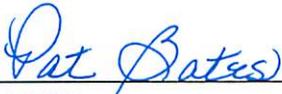
Echoed Commissioner Hussey’s sentiments and that she had friends who lost friends at the shooting at Pulse and it’s been a difficult time for everyone.

She commended staff for an amazing event at the Cranes Roost Park reopening and the event occurring the next night for the public was great as well. She was floored with compliments and people are enjoying the park again.

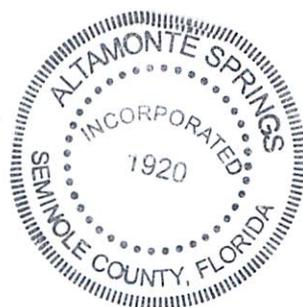
She also addressed staff on the upcoming Red Hot & Boom event and that it’s anticipated to be better than before. Mr. Martz added that Rochelle Croskey, Shelly Nooft, Ed Torres, and Trey Sisk have been so hands on making sure the park, which has been interlaced with technology, is opened on time. Commissioner Batman asked if they had an estimate on attendance. He replied that its dependent on the weather and timing, as it’s not a problem on how many but on how many at what time. They are anticipating anywhere between 150K-200K attendees. Mr. Martz added that he attended a leadership meeting and discussed transportation choices. Altamonte Springs has many people who attend their events and even though it’s hard to deal with the traffic, it’s important for us to put on an event for them. In speaking of transportation, he took the opportunity to remind them of the second phase of the Uber Pilot Project in Longwood on July 1st.

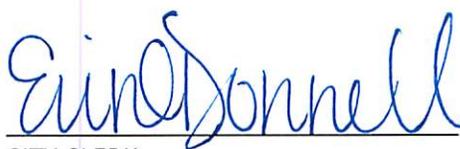
The meeting adjourned at 7: 36 p.m.

ATTEST:



MAYOR





CITY CLERK