



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 6, 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 September 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Frank Martz	-	City Manager
Mary Sneed	-	Assistant City Attorney
Angela Apperson	-	City Clerk
Mark DeBord	-	Finance Director
John Sember	-	Growth Management Director
Tim Wilson	-	Director of Mobility
Daniel Smutz	-	Chief of Police
Ed Torres	-	Public Works Director
Shelly Nooft	-	Leisure Services Director
Allison Marcous	-	Human Resources Director
Larry DiGioia	-	Information Services Director

Mayor Bates called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Wolfram, to approve the minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting of August 9, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Bates noted the presence of a Boy Scout Troop, to which Ethan Poliner responded by introducing Troop 849 from Enunciation Catholic Church.

**INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR:**

Mr. E.T. Sharp, 696 Sable Palm Circle #G, expressed appreciation for the efforts to keep the City clean. Mr. Sharp spoke of entrepreneurs who made the first emergency medical vehicle and the first commercial lawn mower. Mr. Sharp explained his perception of a serious cleanliness issue where landscapers blow clippings/debris into the street, only to leave it for vehicles to drive over. Mr. Sharp advocated for regulations requiring landscapers to be

required to pick up the clippings/debris. City Manager Martz explained Public Works Director Torres advises it is not the clippings/debris, which are the problems; it is the decomposition of the items, which releases nutrients into waterbodies. Mr. Martz indicated there are some cities that have banned blowing clippings into the street. Mr. Martz expressed concern that introducing changes could cause safety issues with people in the roadway; however, nutrient reduction is also important. City Manager Martz indicated this is a worthy idea, which will be looked into. Commissioners Batman and Wolfram expressed statements of support. Mr. Sharp indicated he was only trying to make things better.

**1. PUBLIC HEARING** Adoption of the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2016/2017

Mayor Bates opened the Public Hearing. Mark DeBord, Finance Director, announced the proposed tax rate of 3.1 mills, which is 0.1102 mills or 3.69% over the rolled back rate of 2.9898 mills. Mr. DeBord provided a brief summary of the budget, noted the City remains debt free and recommended approval of the proposed budget. No members of the public appeared before the Commission. Mayor Bates closed the Hearing for public participation; noted the budget is well-prepared and provided compliments to the City Manager and Finance Director DeBord.

**Motion:** by Commissioner Batman, seconded by Commissioner Hussey, to adopt a rate of 3.1 mills as the tentative final millage rate for Fiscal Year 2016/2017. Commissioner Batman – yes; Commissioner Hussey – yes; Commissioner Reece – yes; Commissioner Wolfram – yes; Mayor Bates – yes. The motion carried 5-0, after a roll call vote.

**Motion:** by Commissioner Batman, seconded by Commissioner Hussey, to adopt the recommended budget, with amendments, as the Tentative Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2016/2017. Commissioner Batman – yes; Commissioner Hussey – yes; Commissioner Reece – yes; Commissioner Wolfram – yes; Mayor Bates – yes. The motion carried 5-0, after a roll call vote.

Mayor Bates announced the City has adopted a property tax rate of 3.1 mills as a tentative millage rate for Fiscal Year 2016/2017. The rate is 3.69% greater than the rolled-back rate of 2.9898 mills. The Commission will hold a final public hearing on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. 7:00 p.m. at City Hall. At the conclusion of that hearing, the City Commission intends to adopt a final millage rate and budget for fiscal year 2016/2017. All interested parties are invited to attend.

**2. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL** Top Ten Work Priorities for 2016/2017

City Manager Martz explained the work priorities were built around the budget. Commissioner Reece asked if the details of the Priorities will be forwarded, to which Mr. Martz indicated in the affirmative.

**Motion:** by Commissioner Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Wolfram, to approve the Top Ten Work Priorities for 2016/2017 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL** Eastmonte Park – Duke Energy Easement

**Motion:** by Commissioner Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Wolfram, to approve the Distribution Easement Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

**INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR:** None

**REPORTS:**

City Clerk Angela Apperson noted the qualifying period for the November 8<sup>th</sup> Municipal Election ended today at 4:30 p.m. Commissioner Batman qualified for Seat 4 and will be elected without opposition. Commissioner Wolfram has decided to retire from the Commission. Mr. Lucius Cushman qualified for Seat 2 and will be elected without opposition.

City Manager Martz expressed appreciation for the many years of fine work performed by Commission Wolfram and indicated recognition details are being planned.

**CITY MANAGER FRANK MARTZ:**

- Noted Mayor Bates received the Life Time Achievement Award by Florida League of Cities. Mr. Martz stated the award is well deserved and was nominated by several of the City Commissioners. Mr. Martz indicated public service is very important; it takes all of us working together performing a piece of the greater good and Mayor Bates has certainly contributed an enormous amount to issues of Municipal concern. Mr. Martz congratulated Mayor Bates on receiving this honor and explained it not only reflects favorably on her, but on the City. Mr. Martz indicated he and the Executive Team are very proud of Mayor Bates. Mayor Bates showed the award and medal presented to her.
- Provided an update on the Festival Drive Improvements. Mr. Martz noted the bids were opened, a contractor was selected and a notice to proceed will be issued soon. Mr. Martz indicated the project will substantially improve pedestrian movements; includes the introduction of a bicycle bridge that connects the north side of Cranes Roost Blvd to Central Parkway; however, for safety reasons bicycling within Cranes Roost park will still not be allowed. Mr. Martz indicated the project would take approximately one year to complete. Mayor Bates asked what information she could pass along to Café Murano, to which Mr. Martz encouraged Mayor Bates to let any comments made by the Café Management to go in one ear and out the other.
- Explained that the City's Events Programs are back in full gear.
- Indicated due to Pokémon gaming, which drew approximately 10 to 15 thousand additional daily visitors to Cranes Roost Park; the City increased Staffing to ensure when it was time to go home, the park was empty before it was closed. Mr. Martz explained the position taken to welcome visitors, who respected the park rules. Unfortunately, there were a few incidents. Mr. Martz noted the additional costs for overtime and a small amount of vandalism. Mr. Martz explained the challenges faced and the activity is winding down as school has started.

**COMMISSIONER BATMAN** congratulated Mayor Bates on her achievement. Commissioner Batman shared his observations of individuals playing Pokémon in Cranes Roost Park and was pleased to see the many adults having a great time. Commissioner Batman indicated he is looking forward to serving another term of office. Mr. Martz congratulated Commissioner Batman on his re-election.

**COMMISSIONER REECE** spoke of the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet and the Super Hero Theme. A brief discussion ensued and included an explanation of expected activities and costumes to be worn by the Elected Officials.

**COMMISSIONER WOLFRAM** expressed gratitude the wonderful experiences during his service to the City and noted he will still be stopping buy and staying in touch. City Manager Martz, on behalf of all the employees, expressed appreciation for Commissioner Wolfram's service. Mr. Martz noted it is difficult to serve in the changing environment; however, the Commission has always created a supportive environment.

**MAYOR BATES:**

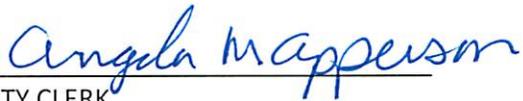
- Congratulated Commissioner Batman on his re-election; congratulated Mr. Cushman on his election and noted Mr. Cushman will do well. Mayor Bates expressed appreciation for Commissioner Wolfram who has always done the right thing for the City and thanked him for his service.

- Reminded everyone of the Tunnel to Towers 5K run on Saturday, which is a tribute to Steven Sillers, a New York Firefighter who ran to the towers in NY carrying 65 pounds of gear; unfortunately, Mr. Sillers was killed. A brief discussion included that the Police Department has entered the race and will run in uniform and gear. It was noted this is the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 911 attack and expressions of appreciation for all those participating in the run.
- Shared her surprise at receiving the Life Time Achievement Award. Mayor Bates indicated she was humbled and honored to be chosen as the recipient. Mayor Bates gave credit to the Commission and City Staff and indicated she would not be serving if City Staff did not have the best of the best, as well as go beyond their jobs while serving the City. Mayor Bates expressed her respect for all member for the Commission and City Staff. Those in attendance gave a round of applause to Mayor Bates.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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