



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 MINUTES

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 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT WERE:

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| Frank Martz | - | City Manager |
| Mary Sneed | - | Assistant City Attorney |
| Angela Apperson | - | City Clerk |
| Mark DeBord | - | Finance Director |
| John Sember | - | Growth Management Director |
| Tim Wilson | - | Mobility Director |
| Daniel Smutz | - | Chief of Police |
| Ed Torres | - | Public Works & Utilities Director |
| Allison Marcous | - | Human Resources Director |
| Rochelle Croskey | - | Economic Development Director |
| Shelly Nooft | - | Leisure 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:

City Manager Martz requested an amendment to page three of the minutes to remove the word "former" before Commissioner Henley in the first bulleted item of his report. The first bullet will now read:

- Stated Commissioner Carlton Henley was in the hospital last week. He has been released and flowers were sent on behalf of the City.

Motion: by Commissioner Cushman, seconded by Commissioner Batman, to approve the minutes of the Regular City Commission Meeting of September 6, 2017, with the change. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR: None

1. PUBLIC HEARING

Adoption of the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2017/2018

Mayor Bates opened the Public Hearing to consider comments and questions regarding the City's proposed annual budget for the coming fiscal year.

Finance Director DeBord announced the tentative tax rate of 3.1 mills was adopted at the last meeting and is 0.2066 mills or 7.14% greater than the rolled-back rate of 2.8934 mills. Mr. DeBord indicated the proposed budget is about \$102 million dollars; of that \$48 million is for operating expenses and is less than the current budget; about \$51 million dollars in capital, which is about \$6 million dollars (14%) more than the current year; about \$3 million dollars in appropriated reserves; 7 positions were eliminated; the budget is balanced; there is a \$115 million dollar five year capital improvement program; beginning in 2018 \$15 million dollars will be spent to rebuild Westmonte Park, this project will carry over into 2019; all items are being completed without borrowing any money.

No members of the public appeared before the Commission. Mayor Bates closed the Public Hearing and opened the floor to consider Commission comments and/or questions.

Motion: by Commissioner Batman, seconded by Commissioner Hussey, to adopt Resolution No. 1338 setting a Millage Rate of 3.1 mills for Fiscal Year 2017/18. 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.

Motion: by Commissioner Batman, seconded by Commissioner Hussey, to adopt Resolution No. 1339 establishing a final budget for Fiscal Year 2017/18. 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.

Mayor Bates announced the City has adopted a property tax rate of 3.1 mills as the final millage rate for fiscal year 2017/2018. City Manager Martz thanked the Executive Team and particularly Mark DeBord and Cam McCoy for their work on the budget and for figuring out how to do the same stuff next year with seven less people. Mr. Martz indicated Mr. DeBord has received numerous awards for Excellence in Government Accounting. A brief discussion ensued related to whether there are any other cities in the state that are our size and debt free.

2. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

Police Officers' Pension Board of Trustees – Appointment of Fifth Member

Motion: by Commissioner Reece, seconded by Commissioner Batman, to appoint Robert Williams as the fifth member of the Police Officers' Pension Plan Board of Trustees. The motion carried unanimously.

3. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

Renewal of Commercial Solid Waste Franchises for Fiscal Year 2017/2018

The Agenda Memo requests renewal of Commercial Solid Waste Franchises for:

- Advanced Disposal
- Container Rental
- DisposAll, Inc.
- Mid Florida Materials
- Waste Connections of Florida

Republic Services of Florida, L.P.
Sunshine Recycling, Inc.
Waste Management, Inc. of Florida
Waste Pro of Florida, Inc.
WCA of Florida, LLC

Motion: by Commissioner Reece, seconded by Commissioner Batman, to approve the renewal of the commercial Solid Waste Franchises of the aforementioned businesses for Fiscal Year 2017/2018. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR: None

REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER FRANK MARTZ:

- Recognized Deputy City Clerk for becoming a Certified Municipal Clerk
- Noted the paving of Montgomery Road; which was scheduled for October, will be delayed
- Provided an update related to Hurricane Irma recovery efforts, which included, but was not limited to:
 - Roof collapse at the Remington Inn; a strong approach to code enforcement will be taken and a meeting with state, county and city officials will be scheduled for November or December to see what can be done to improve the living conditions at the facility
 - An after-storm meeting of the City Managers and the County Manager was held and included a discussion of what could be done to assist each other, what was learned, Debris contractor issues and Duke Energy reconnection issues
 - Flooding of the Little Wekiva River: a meeting will be held with all the people who were flooded to review hydrology issues, how the city can assist them to be more prepared before future storms and how to keep them connected with the building department as they undergo repairs to their properties and that staff members will attend the November Spring Oaks HOA meeting
 - Flooding at Royal Arms Condos; built 50 years ago and done in such a way to get as many units around the lake as possible which meant buildings were built in the floodplain
 - A “shout out” to Adventist Health Systems for their willingness to provide places for debris storage; that debris removal efforts will continue 7 days a week until complete; that yard waste pickup days will be moved; however household garbage pickup remains the same; that FEMA rules are very specific on how debris must be separated in order to receive reimbursement; that there is no bag limit; that individuals should be careful not to place debris over cable boxes, fire hydrants or water meters and that an Executive Order will be issued related to the cleaning of private roads
 - Every phone call and e-mail were returned and overall residents are very happy with our storm response
 - Social Media: there were 107,000 engagements/interactions, 43,000 unique visitors to our website; we will develop a contact list for the HOA Presidents, so they can re-post information to the local neighborhood “Nextdoor” accounts, which should assist in distribution of accurate information and it has been determined that the pace of Social Media cannot outpace the accuracy of the information being distributed
 - Seminole County Emergency Management Director Alan Harris has been a “Rock Star” and awesome to work with
 - There have been unsanctioned events to sign individuals up for disaster assistance from FEMA; unless the event is sanctioned by the Emergency Operations Center, it is not an official event and attendees should use caution
 - The “Blue Tarp Initiative” is being administered by the Army Corps of Engineers

- It is estimated that \$500,000.00 to \$600,000.00 damage was done to City facilities
- That 80% of the damage assessment was completed by Monday night following the storm and praise was given to those staff members performing this work
- That staff members are trying to get back into the normal flow of work
- That City facilities were closed noon the Friday before the storm, so employees could prepare their own properties and reported to work Sunday morning; that from top to bottom our employees are committed to our residents; examples: employees delivering diesel fuel to generators to keep them running so lift stations would not overflow; others wanting to get out and start working before it was really safe to do so; and after the storm employees were sleeping in their vehicles near lift stations so they could keep them fueled
- The support of the Mayor and Commissioners is sincerely appreciated

A discussion ensued and included: the expense of undergrounding of power lines; a desire to know what percentage of Miami that has underground power failed during the storm; how the underground electrical system in Winter Park fared; whether the Public Service Commission will get involved in retrofitting of powerlines to underground; that mast arm traffic signals held up much better than other types and the difficulties encountered by the early end to the curfew when traffic lights were not yet operational.

COMMISSIONER REECE expressed appreciation for all the city has done to help citizens recover from the storm and that most of the calls she received were about Duke Energy. How happy the children will be to get back to playing Buddy Ball now that power has been restored.

COMMISSIONER CUSHMAN thanked staff for their work; noted he has received many phone calls expressing appreciation for the City and wished Mr. Martz a belated Happy Birthday.

MAYOR BATES indicated that “Thank you” doesn’t seem like enough to show her appreciation for the work performed by staff members. She indicated Mr. Martz went “above and beyond” what was expected of him and expressed her appreciation for his efforts to reply to individuals who contacted her with concerns. Mayor Bates indicated the vast majority of the residents who contacted her were pleased with the actions taken by the City. She explained how proud she is to live in a place where residents who were not flooded made dinner for those who were flooded and also invited police officers to join them.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

ATTEST:



MAYOR



CITY CLERK

