



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION JANUARY 3, 2023 MINUTES

Pursuant to due notice, a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Altamonte Springs, Seminole County, Florida was held at 225 Newburyport Avenue, in said City on January 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Bates, Commissioners Brunscheen, O'Malley, Reece and Turney

ALSO PRESENT:

Frank Martz	-	City Manager
Rochelle Croskey	-	Deputy City Manager
Amanda Phillips	-	Administrative Director
Skip Fowler	-	City Attorney
Mary Sneed	-	Deputy City Attorney
Angela Apperson	-	City Clerk
Tara Culver	-	Chief Financial Officer
John Sember	-	Director of Strategic Planning and Analysis
Jason Burton	-	Director of Growth Management
Cathleen Craft	-	Deputy Director of Growth Management
Alisha Maraviglia	-	Chief Planner
Dean S. Fathelbab	-	Development Services Manager
Tony Apfelbeck	-	Building and Fire Safety Director
James Riggs	-	Chief of Police
Timothy J. Murphy	-	Police Commander
Danielle Marshall	-	Division Director of Streets, Stormwater & Solid Waste
Lee Ricci	-	Human Resources Director
Steve Falk	-	Leisure Services Director
Amy Ziev	-	Sign Language Interpreter
Camelo Falu	-	Sign Language Interpreter

Mayor Bates called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

1. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Bates led a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2022.

Motion: by Commissioner Turney, seconded by Commissioner O'Malley, to accept them as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

3. CONFIRMATION OF JASON BURTON AS DIRECTOR OF GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Motion: by Commissioner Brunscheen, seconded by Commissioner Reece, to confirm Jason Burton as Director of the Growth Management Department effective December 5, 2022 and direct the City Clerk to administer the Oath of Office. The motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Angela Apperson administered the Oath of Office, to which Jason Burton accepted. City Manager Martz welcomed Mr. Burton and his wife to the City. Mr. Martz acknowledged John Sember, Cathleen Craft, and other employees from Growth Management that were in attendance. Mr. Martz spoke about transition and indicated that John Sember is moving into a different role in the City and how he has played a principal role in how the City's development pattern has evolved. Mr. Martz thanked John Sember and noted Jason Burton brings an enormous amount of experience. Mr. Martz indicated Mr. Burton is thought of very highly in the development community and is sure he will be a great part of the City's future. Mayor Bates also welcomed Mr. Burton.

4. PRESENTATION

10 Year Employee Service Recognition

Human Resources Director Lee Ricci noted the 2022 Recognition's timeframe was adjusted due to storms and other circumstances that occurred at the end of 2022. Ms. Ricci acknowledged the recipients in attendance, noting three out of the eight recipients could not make it. She thanked the recipients on behalf of the City and hoped for continued years with all of them. Certificates were presented to Meredith Siems, Benjamin Sprague, Thao Thach, Christopher Ulmer and Robert Walker. The Mayor and Commissioners gave the recipients congratulatory handshakes and hugs. Ms Ricci also recognized Hursley Brown, Jose Nunez-Prieto and Maria Palomino who were unable to attend.

5. INFORMAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR: None

6. PUBLIC HEARING (2nd Reading) Ordinance No. 1792-23 – Granting a Commercial Solid Waste Franchise to RGH Waste & Disposal, LLC

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

Motion: by Commissioner Reece, seconded by Commissioner Turney, to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 1792-23 on second and final reading. The motion carried unanimously, after a roll call vote.

7. DISCUSSION

Appointment of Citizen Board/Committee Members

Commissioner Brunscheen appointed Dimple Oberai to the Personnel Administration Board, whose term is January 4, 2023 through December 31, 2024, and Lucius Cushman to the Planning Board, whose term is January 4, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

Mayor Bates appointed Eric Shivers to the Planning Board, whose term is January 4, 2023 through June 30, 2025 and Stephen Fussell to the Planning Board, whose term is January 4, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

City Manager Martz recognized Stephen Fussell, who was in attendance.

8. DISCUSSION

Seminole County Community Service Block Grant
Advisory Board (CSBG) Appointment

Commissioner Reece nominated Commissioner Turney to continue to serve on the board. Commissioner Turney accepted the nomination and noted he was selected as Chairperson of the Board.

Motion: by Commissioner Reece, seconded by Commissioner Brunscheen, to appoint Commissioner Turney to continue to serve. The motion carried unanimously.

9. INFORMAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FLOOR: None

10. REPORTS:

CITY MANAGER FRANK MARTZ:

- Congratulated Tony Apfelbeck who has been appointed to the National Fire Protection Association Standards Council, which places him amongst 12 people in the United States that weigh in on Fire Protection Policies; and who is also a member of the Fire Marshal's Hall of Fame. Mr. Martz noted the importance of the City having leadership roles on a variety of councils, commissions, and associations and how it allows the City to remain on the cutting edge.
- Indicated that Deputy Police Chief Terence Nicolas has been accepted and is currently at the FBI Academy. Mr. Martz acknowledged this as a huge honor; noting the quality and training of the City's Police Department prepares the officers to compete on a national level.
- Spoke in regards to the flooding coming out of the Hurricanes Ian and Nicole throughout Seminole County, how typically, Seminole County has taken the leadership role on applications for federal funds through FEMA and, how difficult the process was to navigate through. The City has been communicating with those who have been impacted by the flooding and assigned the City's Emergency Management Administrator Avi Bryan, Amanda Phillips, and Tony Apfelbeck to meet with residents who are interested in these federal programs. The City has reached out to the residents and told them the due date is on January 6, 2023. The City is still addressing rumors and providing direct feedback to questions of residents. Building Official Tom Dalton has met with general contractors and

homeowners. Mr. Martz urged that all calls regarding this be directed to him. He noted there are many places built in 50's or later, that are below the flood plain and built in ways that they would not be allowed to be built today. Mr. Martz expressed that the City is spending a lot of time on private property issues.

- Spoke of the City's obligation under the law related to condo inspections, and how the City is doing its best to inform homeowners and condo owners of the facts. Additionally, when the City performs fire inspections, a lot of feedback is received regarding who will pay for repairs. Mr. Martz indicated he hoped more benevolent legislation may be forthcoming.
- Noted that he has received a lot of kudos from residents regarding employees and their acts of kindness and assistance.
- Explained that Steve Falk is retiring after decades of service to the City. Mr. Martz thanked Mr. Falk for his leadership and service and stated he will be missed. City Manager Martz noted Ryan Thompson will be an excellent successor.
- Stated the City was once again awarded the Tree City USA designation.
- Acknowledged Commissioner Turney's birthday and the presence of his daughter, Aurora Pullar.

COMMISSIONER O'MALLEY wished a Happy New Year to everyone.

COMMISSIONER REECE was upset to hear Steve Falk is leaving and noted he will be missed. She indicated there is always room on the Buddy Ball Board if he would like to get involved.

COMMISSIONER TURNEY thanked everyone for the well wishes. Expressed his appreciation for the City helping the citizens affected by the flooding. Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

COMMISSIONER BRUNSCHEEN wished everyone a Happy New Year. Wished Commissioner Turney a Happy Birthday and congratulated him on chairmanship on CSBG board. He indicated it was amazing to see staff with 10 years of service and each one of them embodies the Altamonte Way.

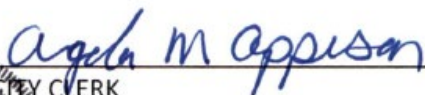
MAYOR BATES hoped 2023 will be at least as good as, if not better than, 2022. She explained that the Florida League of Cities recognizes the talent we have at the City. Mayor Bates indicated she was made aware by the Mayor of the City of Sanibel that their City is now back open; however, they still have a long way to go.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

ATTEST:



MAYOR



CITY CLERK

