



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION

MARCH 4, 2014

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 March 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

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

ALSO PRESENT WERE:

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

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

INVOCATION:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Wolfram, seconded by Commissioner Reece, to approve the minutes of the workshop and regular Commission Meeting of February 18, 2014 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR:

1. PRESENTATION

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for
the Year Ended September 30, 2013

Mr. Debord, the City's Finance Director, gave a brief summary of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and introduced Mr. Daniel O'Keefe, of Moore Stephens Lovelace, P.A., who was delighted to give this report to the Commission as our City is always a pleasure to work on. Our financials for the City our size are in excellent condition and the fact that we carry no debt is remarkable. He noted to the Commission that his wife recently opened a business in the City and it was a great experience for him to see how our smooth our processes are with other departments as well as their experience in finance while auditing. Commissioner Hussey gave his compliments by stating that this CAFR was very well written and easy to read. Commissioner Batman asked how many other cities in Florida are debt free. Mr. O'Keefe replied that there are a small handful but none close to our size and population.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Wolfram, seconded by Commissioner Batman to accept the CAFR for the year ended September 30, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

2. PUBLIC HEARING
2ND READING

Ordinance 1673-14 - Request to rezone 805
Lake Drive

The attorney read the title of the ordinance into the record. No members of the public addressed the Commission on this item.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Wolfram to approve and adopt Ordinance 1673-14 on second and final reading. Commissioner Batman – yes; Commissioner Reece – yes; Commissioner Wolfram – yes; Commissioner Hussey – yes; Mayor Bates – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

3. PUBLIC HEARING
1ST READING

Ordinance 1674-14 East Town Vision Plan

Mr. Tim Wilson, the City's Growth Management Director, gave a brief summary to the Commission and the public present about the East Town Center Vision Plan and identified the three areas included in the plan. He particularly focused on the EDO Study area where SunRail is located. He noted for the record that the City has held a public information workshop, had this item come before planning board approval all before appearing before the Commission as an ordinance tonight on the agenda. Once approved, there will be five items to address moving forward: He noted that amendments to City Plan 2030 for land use and density changes would be adopted, as well as design guidelines and development requirements in the City's Land Development Code. Mitigation of the federal flood plain will be pursued to improve the area for development. There will be coordination between Seminole County and FDOT on plans and additional infrastructure improvements and there will be an ongoing relationship with the community in implementing green space and park amenities. A copy of the presentation is filed with the supplemental papers to the minutes of this meeting

The Mayor opened the public hearing. The following members of the public addressed the Commission on this item:

Ms. Cheryl Rodgers of 1011 Blake Street, approached the Commission in a lengthy discussion noting that during their first meeting at the public workshop, pieces of this plan and parties were missing. She is hesitant to support a venture that is still not complete in her view. Mr. Martz replied to her that although there are still portions being examined, the City has taken their steps to ensure the community is protected. He is a firm believer in keeping the dialogue open with members of the community in order to help guide the City preserve the history of the area. Additionally, he noted that several items, including a budget amendment, were on the agenda tonight concerning the area and it should instill faith that they are taking the necessary steps to protect the area. She approached the Commission again later in the public hearing about notifying unincorporated Seminole County residents. Mr. Martz replied that we cannot speak for all of Seminole County, and because we can only advertise and follow what is prescribed by Statute, our options are limited with mailing notices to every resident. Both individuals agreed that word of mouth was and is still a great tool to keep the community informed as well as utilizing their community website.

Mr. Marvin Weeks of 315 Station Street, approached the Commission and asked if there would be incentives to those owners whose homes would be affected. Mr. Fowler noted that we would not be acquiring the entire area shaded in blue on the map but rather the stormwater or roads in that area.

Ms. Christine Watkins of PO Box 150144 Altamonte Springs, stated that she was impressed with the City's efforts and has ironed out her concerns individually with Mr. Martz in a meeting. She introduced herself as the President of the South Seminole Community Association which is representative of the area in discussion and stated that she wished we had sent individual notices rather than one newspaper advertisement. Originally, many of the residents passed over the notice because it was targeted at residents of the City, but it affects residents of unincorporated Seminole County as well. Mr. Martz replied that this vision plan affects other areas outside of her neighborhoods that are in the City. Considering the turnout of the one advertisement, it was incredibly effective. He was open and receptive to posting information in their community through their communication portals such as their website, churches, and display boards.

Walter Wright of 1230 Pine Street, asked why the City couldn't mail out individual notices. Mr. Martz replied that the amount of the notices that would be required not only would be expensive, but there is an opportunity to miss an address here or there which would defeat the purpose of the mailing and would be a setback for the City.

Rolando Balleras of 2517 Rosedale Street, wanted to know about development on his property on Leon Street. Because his property is in unincorporated Seminole County, he will need approval from them for his plans.

The Mayor closed the public hearing.

Members of the Commission noted that they were very appreciative of the public support on this item and they were glad to see so many people in chambers to represent the area. Mayor Bates in particular thanked the members of the public for being kind and for them to know that the members of this Commission have been together a long time and they will protect them as they have done so in the past of the other areas of redevelopment.

The attorney read the title of the ordinance into the record.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Wolfram, seconded by Commissioner Reece to approve Ordinance 1674-14 on first reading and set second reading for March 18, 2014. Commissioner Batman – yes Commissioner Reece – yes; Commissioner Wolfram – yes; Commissioner Hussey – yes; Mayor Bates – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

Resolution 1288- Budget Amendment- East Town Center Infrastructure Project

No members of the public addressed the Commission on this item.

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Wolfram to pass and adopt Resolution 1288. Commissioner Batman – yes Commissioner Reece – yes; Commissioner Wolfram – yes; Commissioner Hussey – yes; Mayor Bates – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

5. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

East Town Center Infrastructure Project- Land Acquisition for Stormwater Ponds

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Wolfram, seconded by Commissioner Reece to approve the land acquisition for stormwater ponds. Motion carried unanimously.

6. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

East Town Center Infrastructure Project- Land Acquisition for Wetlands Mitigation

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Wolfram, seconded by Commissioner Hussey to approve the land acquisition for wetlands mitigation. Motion carried unanimously.

7. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

Interlocal Agreement between Seminole County and the City of Altamonte Springs for SunRail Station Maintenance

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Wolfram to approve the Interlocal agreement for SunRail station maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.

8. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL

Waive Formal Solicitation and Approve Single and Sole Source- Taser Stun Guns and Accessories

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Wolfram, seconded by Commissioner Hussey to waive the formal solicitation. Motion carried unanimously.

9. DISCUSSION

Board Appointments

Commissioner Reece reappointed Tobborah Cottingham to the Code Enforcement Board for another term. Commissioner Hussey appointed Russel Hauck to fill the term resigned by Doug Gale on the Planning Board. This item is continued.

10. FINANCE ITEMS

A. **RFP 13-021- Integrated Enterprise Resource Planning Solution-** Request for Award and Negotiate Contract

B. **ITB 11-034 – Lift Station 19 Rehabilitation and Replacement-** Contract Close Out

Motion: Moved by Commissioner Wolfram, seconded by Commissioner Batman to approve finance items A & B. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR:

Sheryl Rodgers of 1011 Blake Street approached the Commission to request clarification on what item #8 on the agenda referenced. Mr. Martz clarified that it's just an expense we need to buy for our police department.

REPORTS:

CITY ATTORNEY

Wished Mayor Bates a happy birthday.

CITY CLERK- None

CITY MANAGER

Thanked the Commission for their leadership on the work for East Town Center and our changing times.

Commented on Babe Ruth Opening Day and wanted to thank Leisure Services, Public Works, and Police for all their hard work to make it a great event. Every year the league grows and becomes healthier.

Noted that Seminole County's Manager had resigned. He was an excellent person for a tough job so it will be a loss. He has accepted a job in Wake County in North Carolina.

Reported that the Finance department did a great job on the CAFR again this year which just shows that the strength of our financial conservatism is reflected again and makes us a great City. He thanked Mr. Debord, Finance Director and Ms. McCoy, Deputy Finance Director.

Reported that in case they receive calls or questions as to why the SunRail trains are running, it is because the trains are required to have a "burn in" period where a number of hours of operation must happen before they open to the public.

Lastly, he gave a status update on the 3rd generation sales tax, indicating that the election would be on the ballot on May 20 and the Interlocal Agreement will be on our next agenda. A draft of the Interlocal and the County's polling data was given to the Commission previously. Commissioner Batman asked if our projects lists were itemized in priority order. Mr. Martz replied that it was only ordered by the scale of the project.

COMMISSIONER BATMAN

Noted that he set up a ride along with Officer Baker of ASPD to see how the license plate scanners work. He found them very fascinating and was pleased to see how they operate with our database. He encouraged the rest of the Commission to set up a ride along as well and thanked Deputy Chief Deal for setting that up for him.

COMMISSIONER REECE

Thanked Shelly Nooft and her staff for another successful Opening Day Ceremony for Babe Ruth Baseball.

COMMISSIONER HUSSEY- None

COMMISSIONER WOLFRAM

Commented that he was glad to see the amount of people in attendance and he valued their input. He noted that he often drives by the neighborhood and waves to those residents so he's glad to see them in attendance tonight. He hopes they will continue their input with the City.

MAYOR BATES

Also thanked staff for an exceptional Opening Day ceremony and noted that the weather was absolutely perfect for the occasion.

She presented to the Commission that an opening arose in the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust and she wished to apply for the Board of Trustees. She requested a nomination and approval from the Commission in order to apply.

Motion: Commissioner Reece nominated Mayor Bates as a candidate to apply to the Florida Municipal Insurance Trust Board of Trustees. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hussey and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

ATTEST:

Pat Bates

MAYOR

Erin Donnell

CITY CLERK

