

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 17, 2013

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 17, 2013 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 Batman, seconded by Commissioner Wolfram, to approve the minutes of the regular Commission Meeting of September 3, 2013 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR: Leah Kessel appeared before the Commission to express her gratitude to the Altamonte Springs Police Department on their efforts to locate her missing son Joseph on August 26. Joseph is a special needs teen and he disappeared from their home at 5:30 a.m. and was located by detectives and reunited with his family by 10 a.m. Although she has lived in Altamonte for quite some time, this was the first time she felt like a community and wanted to make sure those who weren't thanked through the news media from Altamonte Springs, Seminole County Sheriff, and Seminole County Schools were thanked personally by her family for bringing him back to them unharmed.

1. PUBLIC HEARING

Adoption of Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2013/2014

The Mayor stated the floor was open to hear public comments and to take any questions from the public.

Mark DeBord, Director of Finance, announced the tentative tax rate that was adopted at the last meeting is 2.89 mills, which is 2.2% greater than the rolled-back rate of 2.8271 mills. He briefly gave an overview of the City's different funds and total budget.

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Hearing no other comments, she closed the floor for public participation and opened the floor to consider City Commission comments and questions.

Commissioner Hussey stated that he was happy to report we've kept the millage at 2.89 four years in a row. Commissioner Bateman also noted that the workshops they've had throughout the year have made it very clear to understand the City's goals for what they want. Mayor Bates closed the comments by stating to Mr. Debord and Mr. Martz how straightforward the budget is to understand and thanks for making her job easier.

Motion:

Moved by Commissioner Hussey, seconded by Commissioner Batman to adopt Resolution No. 1281 levying a rate of 2.89 mills as the final millage rate for fiscal year 2013/2014. Commissioner Batman — yes; Commissioner Reece — yes; Commissioner Wolfram — yes; Commissioner Hussey — yes; Mayor Bates — yes. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion:

Moved by Commissioner Wolfram, seconded by Commissioner Hussey to adopt Resolution No. 1282 establishing the annual budget for fiscal year 2013/2014. Commissioner Batman – yes; Commissioner Reece – yes; Commissioner Wolfram – yes; Commissioner Hussey – yes; Mayor Bates – yes. Motion carried 5-0.

The Mayor announced that the City has adopted a property tax rate of 2.89 mills as the final millage rate and adopted its annual budget for fiscal year 2013/2014. This rate is 2.2% greater than the rolled-back rate of 2.8271 mills.

INFORMAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE FLOOR: None

REPORTS:

CITY ATTORNEY

Informed the Commission that the applicant who was approved for the DRI Agreement in August needs an extension to ensure a smooth closing of the purchase and redevelopment agreements. Although Florida Statues allows for up to a 2 year extension, Mr. Fowler wanted Commission to approve it formally at this meeting.

Motion:

Moved by Commissioner Batman, seconded by Commissioner Wolfram, to approve

the DRI Mitigation Agreement extension. Motion carried unanimously.

CITY CLERK- None

CITY MANAGER- None

COMMISSIONER BATMAN

Wished a happy birthday to Mr. Martz

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COMMISSIONER REECE- None

COMMISSIONER HUSSEY- None

COMMISSIONER WOLFRAM- None

MAYOR BATES

Reported that she and Mr. Martz received the Pathfinder Award on behalf of the City this morning from Seminole State College for their community involvement, innovation, and dedicated service with Seminole State.

Mr. Martz added that even though Seminole State has been around for 47 years, they've issued 60% of their degrees in the last three years. Due to their increasing baccalaureate program, students gain four year degrees right in our City.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

ATTEST:

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

MINIMUM PROPERTY FAMILIE