

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
HAINES CITY, FLORIDA**

January 4, 2018

7:00 PM

Commission Chambers

1. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:02 p.m. Mayor H.L. Roy Tyler called the city commission workshop to order in the City Commission Chambers located in City Hall, at 620 E. Main Street, Haines City, Florida.

Mayor H.L. Roy Tyler, Vice Mayor Morris West, Commissioner Don Mason, Commissioner Anne Huffman, and Commissioner Horace West were in attendance.

Also in attendance were the following staff members: City Manager Deric Feacher, City Attorney Fred Reilly, and Deputy City Clerk Erica Anderson.

2. INVOCATION

The invocation was provided by Pastor Gomez of Rooted Outreach Ministries in Haines City.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Tyler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

4.A. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Staff Contact: Linda Bourgeois, City Clerk

Mayor Tyler read the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Proclamation into record. It was accepted by Betty White of the Northeast Revitalization Group, Inc.

RESULT: PRESENTED

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The action proposed is stated for each item on the Consent Agenda. Unless a City Commissioner removes an item from the Consent Agenda, no discussion on individual items will occur and a single motion will approve all items.

Mayor Tyler presented the consent agenda for approval and opened the floor for public comments.

There were no members of the public that came forward to speak to the Mayor and City Commission.

Mayor Tyler closed the floor to public comments.

Commissioner West moved to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Horace West, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Don Mason, Commissioner
AYES:	Mason, West, Tyler, West, Huffman

5.A. MINUTES FROM CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP – DECEMBER 19, 2017

Staff Contact: Linda Bourgeois, City Clerk

5.B. MINUTES FROM CITY COMMISSION MEETING – DECEMBER 19, 2017

Staff Contact: Linda Bourgeois, City Clerk

5.C. CEMETERY DEEDS

Staff Contact: Linda Bourgeois, City Clerk

5.D. SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CLERK'S EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Staff Contact: Auburn Taylor, Human Resources Director

Disposition: Approve as recommended in the City Manager memorandum dated January 4, 2018.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS - REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Public participation is encouraged. If you wish to address the City Commission regarding items not on the agenda, please sign your name on the list located in the City Hall Chambers entrance.

Mayor Tyler opened the floor to public comments.

The following members of the public came forward to speak with the Mayor and City Commissioners:

Sharon Garrett spoke in favor of the city attorney. She said she has reviewed his invoices and was impressed with the itemization of the bills. She shared about her experience with paying for an attorney and said the city was getting a bargain.

Mayor Tyler closed the floor to public comments.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.A. RECOGNITION OF CURTIS BEAN, JR.

Staff Contact: Anne Huffman, Commissioner

Commissioner Huffman read a poem, showed a short video, and presented a Certificate of Recognition to Curtis Bean, Jr. for his inspiration to "Be Somebody" and his academic achievements. She went on to say that there was a Go Fund Me account set up to help Curtis Bean, Jr. make it to the auditions of America's Got Talent.

7.B. ORDINANCE NO. 17-1593 : HOLLY HILL CUTOFF ROAD ANNEXATION - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HAINES CITY FLORIDA, ANNEXING CERTAIN LANDS INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF HAINES CITY, FLORIDA AND REDEFINING THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE MUNICIPALITY TO INCLUDE PROPERTIES OWNED BY HOLLY HILL FRUIT PRODUCTS CO., INC., & THE SARAH T. LANIER TRUST, PROVIDING FOR INCORPORATION OF RECITALS; PROVIDING FOR ANNEXATION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND FILING OF A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA AND WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; PROVIDING FOR LAND USE AND ZONING DESIGNATIONS; PROVIDING FOR A COPY TO BE KEPT ON FILE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Staff Contact: Richard Greenwood, Development Services Director

Development Service Director Greenwood presented on the Holly Hill Cutoff Road Subdivision Annexation.

City Commission discussion encompassed the location of the parcel, that thre parcel was not in the Community Redevelopment Area, the location having a Davenport address, and traffic and community impacts.

It was requested by the Mayor to have city staff provide the city commission with the Community Redevelopment Agency area map and the development standards for the City of Haines City and Polk County.

Development Services Director Greenwood said the parcel owners were anticipated to put in an application for a residential development. He went on to explain the residential development process to the city commission.

Mayor Tyler opened the public hearing.

Sharon Garrett requested clarification on where the property was located, and spoke about an imminent domain case.

Mayor Tyler closed the public hearing.

City Attorney Reilly read the Ordinance into record by title only.

Commissioner West moved to approve Ordinance 17-1593 on first reading. The motion was seconded by Vice Mayor West.

RESULT:	APPROVED ON FIRST READING [UNANIMOUS]	Next: 1/18/2018
	7:00 PM	
TO:	City Commission	
MOVER:	Horace West, Commissioner	
SECONDER:	Morris West, Vice Mayor	
AYES:	Mason, West, Tyler, West, Huffman	

8. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Feacher thanked the city commission for the opportunity to attend the Legislative Action Days in Tallahassee and shared that he had received a lot of good city priorities to share with the legislators when he arrives.

No official action was taken by the city commission.

9. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Deputy City Clerk Anderson thanked the city commission for allowing the Emerging Youth Advisory Council to attend the Legislative Action Days and said it will be a good experience for the young adults.

No official action was taken by the city commission.

10. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Reilly requested to have a memorandum on communication with the city commission placed on the next workshop for discussion.

A consensus was given by the city commission to have it placed on the next workshop.

11. COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Huffman

Commissioner Huffman said that the outside employees have been in her thoughts with being out in the cold weather. She thanked them for their service. She went on to commend the K-9 units for their recent accomplishments. She continued and thanked Pastor Gomez for the invocation and shared she submitted a list to the City Clerk's office for additional ministers to attend our meetings. The city manager was thanked for his vision of the mobile city hall and being focused on increased customer service. She requested to increase public awareness other than on FaceBook, and shared she was going to do her best to attend Firefighter Brenn's award ceremony. She concluded by saying she is looking forward to working with everyone in this New Year.

Commissioner Mason

Commissioner Mason said the city has had a lot of turnover recently in the permitting department. He requested for the contractors to be patient and to understand the city is doing all that we can do to get the department fully staffed. He concluded by thanking the Development Services Director.

Commissioner West

Commissioner West shared about an email that was sent requesting permission to attend a

meeting. He went on to say the city commission approved the Mayor to authorize any attendance, vacation, or sick leave by the three Charter Officers. This eliminates the need to contact five people for approval.

A discussion ensued about the practice of delegating authorization to the Mayor and it was determined that the city attorney's memorandum request would address this concern.

Commissioner West continued and thanked Betty White for the facilitation of the Martin Luther King, Jr. parade. He concluded by saying Haines City was the first city in Polk County to host the Martin Luther King, Jr parade and wished everyone a great 2018.

Vice Mayor West

Vice Mayor West said the FBC-LEO Spring Conference was scheduled for March 15th - 16th and Haines City has a city commission meeting on the 15th of March. He requested to have the meeting moved to the 13th day of March. Commissioner Mason said he would not be able to attend on the 13th and there was no formal action taken. Vice Mayor West continued and asked about a trail way to connect 8-Acre Park to Boomerang Park.

City Manager Feacher said city staff was looking into grants to help fund the connectivity of the two parks in the future.

Mayor Tyler

Mayor Tyler said it was a new year and there were five different perspectives of the seated elected officials. He went on to explain the concept for the Mayor to have authorization with approvals of time out of the office was because it was much more efficient and expedient. He continued and spoke about the untimely death of a local 11 year old child and asked that everyone keep the family in their prayers. He concluded by encouraging everyone to be aware of their surroundings at all times.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Without any further discussion, at 7:58 p.m. the city commission meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED: _____

BY: _____

ATTEST:

Linda Bourgeois
City Clerk