



Alachua County Special Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2024, 6:30 PM

Present: Vice Chair Charles S. Chestnut, IV, Commissioner Ken Cornell,
Commissioner Anna Prizzia, Commissioner Marihelen Wheeler

Absent: Chair Mary Alford

A. Call To Order

City of Hawthorne Mayor Jacquelyn Randall called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Vice Chair Chestnut called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

B. Welcome

C. Introduction

1. Jacquelyn Randall, Mayor, City of Hawthorne
2. Mary Alford, Chair, Alachua County Commission

D. Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Cornell moved approval of the agenda.

2nd Commissioner Prizzia

The motion carried 4-0 with Chair Alford absent.

Hawthorne City Commissioner Cue moved approval of the agenda.

2nd City Commissioner Martin

The motion carried 5-0.

To approve the Agenda.

E. Items For Discussion

1. Timeline for In-Kind Services

Public Works Director Ramon Gavarrete presented an update to the Commissioners on the above item.

Due to a shortage of County staff, they are working with the City Manager Mr. Martin to get services completed when staffing is available.

Hawthorne City Manager John Martin, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Prizzia, Hawthorne Mayor Jacquelyn Randall, Public Works Director Ramon Gavarrete all presented comments.

2. Park & Open Spaces- Joint Wild Space Public Placefor Multi-Purpose Facility

Ed Williams with parks and open space answered any questions or concerns from Hawthorne Commission regarding the above item.

Hawthorne City Manager John Martin states they do not have a multipurpose facility outside of the schools and would like to entertain the idea of providing the kids of Hawthorne a facility.

Hawthorne City Manager John Martin, Mayor Jacquelyn Randall, Ed Williams, Commissioner Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell, Mayor Jacquelyn Randall, Commissioner Prizzia, Commissioner Wheeler, City Mayor Jacquelyn Randall, Ed Williams, Commissioner Cornell presented comments.

3. Roads

Public Works Director Ramon Gavarrete presented an update on the above item to the commissioners.

A chart of all roadway and signal projects were presented to the Board and the list is available as backup in the agenda.

Commissioner Wheeler, City Manager John Martin, Commissioner Prizzia, Vice Mayor Patricia Bouie-Hutchinson, City Commissioner Cue, Public Works Director Ramon Gavarrete, Commissioner Prizzia, Mayor Jacquelyn Randall, City Manager John Martin, Commissioner Cornell, and Commissioner Wheeler, and City Commissioner Howard all presented comments.

Public Comment

A citizen, A citizen, and A citizen presented comments.

4. Interlocal Agreement for Code Enforcement

City Attorney Audrie Hoehn spoke on the above item.

City Attorney Hoehn stated the City Commission has two items they would like to discuss with the County regarding the interlocal agreement and that would be the \$70 per site inspection fee. After speaking with the code officer, it became clear that there may be multiple inspections involved with just one property depending on violations and how the communication and process is with the property owner. The inspection fee then became a financial concern with the city knowing that the city would be liable to pay the amount and if there are multiple site inspections that could add up. Also, the other concern is if a lien would be filed then the county would own that lien since the county is putting forth the financial efforts in putting the lien. Could it be separated from actual title or ownership of the property such that a city piece of property if the lien was foreclosed upon that the piece of property wasn't going to be owned by the county but certainly the lien would be reimbursed and could be split in terms of the lien and title.

Assistant County Manager Missy Daniels stated if compliance is received right away the bill would go to the city. If code has to continue to go back and before a Magistrate, then the cost would be charged to the owner.

Commissioner Prizzia, City Attorney Audrie Hoehn, Assistant County Manager Missy Daniels, Commissioner Cornell, City Commissioner Cue, Mayor Jacquelyn Randall, Commissioner Prizzia, Commissioner Cornell,

Vice Mayor Patricia Bouie-Hutchinson, Assistant County Manager Missy Daniels, City Commissioner Howard, Mayor Jacquelyn Randall, Assistant County Manager Missy Daniels, and City Manager John Martin all presented comments.

Public Comment

A citizen, and Jennifer Tozo presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell moved to work to finalize the interlocal agreement and develop a preliminary potential cost reimbursement budget to direct staff to work with the City Manager to prioritize potential violations and with the direction of the city commission on a confirmed basis.

2nd Commissioner Wheeler

Public Comment

A citizen, and John Terick Jr presented comments.

Commissioner Cornell stated the county work with the city and the manager to try and identify the priority claims, get the program started and, in a year, to review if there are any modifications needed.

The motion carried 4-0 with Chair Alford absent.

City Attorney Hoehn stated staff will revise the interlocal agreement, bring it to the City Commission, then send it to the County and move forward.

5. Wastewater Project

City Mayor Jacquelyn Randall stated the city has asked for help from the state on their wastewater project and it has failed each year they have asked for help. The City would like to know if the County may possibly assist with asking for help on the state level.

Commissioner Cornell moved to direct staff to work with the City Manager and the County federal state lobbyist to see if the county can help with a federal or state request.

2nd Commissioner Prizzia

The Motion carried 4-0 with Chair Alford absent.

6. Economic Development

A brief and open conversation was had amongst the City and County Commission regarding the above item.

City Mayor Jacquely Randall, Commissioner Cornell, Commissioner Prizzia, Economic Development Manager Sean Mclendon, City Commissioner Cue, City Mayor Jacquelyn Randall, and Economic Development Manager Sean Mclendon presented comments.

F. Public Comment

City Mayor Jacquelyn Randall recognized a citizen, Larry Tilber, Jennifer Tozo, a citizen, Jessica Smith, and Sherry Krinky who presented comments.

G. Commission General Comments and Information Discussion

1. County Commission Comment

Commissioner Cornell stated he would like to thank the city for having the county, also he would like to thank the citizens for attending the meeting and he believes it was a good meeting.

Commissioner Wheeler encourages the citizens of Hawthorne to attend also attend the BOCC meetings in Gainesville to advocate for their city and needs.

Commissioner Prizzia stated she would like to thank the mayor for having the county commission, and she is excited about the opportunities to collaborate.

Commissioner Chestnut stated he would like to thank the city commissioners for having them and thank the citizens for staying for the meeting and voicing their concerns for the city.

2. City Commission Comment

City Commissioner Howard would like to thank the county for having the meeting with the city and also thank the citizens for clarifying their wants and needs.

City Commissioner Cue stated he would like to thank the county. As a new commissioner he believes if we work together, we can get a lot accomplished. Commissioner stated this was a good step in the right direction and thank you to the citizens for your cooperation.

City Commissioner Martin stated he would like to say thank you to the county and the citizens for attending. Commissioner states it's time to do the work now in Hawthorne.

Vice Mayor Patricia Bouie-Hutchinson stated she would like to say thank you to the county for attending meeting and listening to the citizens. Vice Mayor is hoping to move forward in a positive way and see work being done for Hawthorne.

Mayor Jacquelyn Randall states action has begun with the county board, and she is very appreciative. Mayor Randall is excited about the other potential joint projects with the county and she would like to say thank you to staff and legal for all of your work.

H. Adjourn

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

To adjourn the meeting.