



City of Lake Helen

Volusia County, Florida

Mayor Buddy Snowden
Vice Mayor Vernon J. Burton
Commissioner Tura Schnebly
Commissioner Tom Wilson
Commissioner Michael Woods

Regular Meeting
Lake Helen City Commission
January 14, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Buddy Snowden called to order the January 14, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Lake Helen City Commission at 7:00 pm.

Present: Mayor Buddy Snowden Vice Mayor Vernon Burton Commissioner Tom Wilson
Commissioner Michael Woods Commissioner Tura Schnebly City Clerk Becky Witte
City Attorney Scott Simpson City Administrator Jason Yarborough

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Buddy Snowden

CEREMONIAL MATTERS: LEGISLATIVE PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by **Vice Mayor Vernon Burton.**

BUSINESS OF THE COMMISSION:

ITEM 1: DELETIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA:

Commissioner Michael Woods requested addition of Item 8F to modify his Zone 3 appointment to the Charter Review Committee.

ITEM 2: Commissioner Announcements:

Vice Mayor Vernon Burton discussed upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. celebrations in Deltona and DeLand throughout the weekend.

Mayor Buddy Snowden discussed the Charter Review Committee and their first orientation meeting on January 13, 2016 as well as announced that they will meet each Wednesday at City Hall at 9:00am.

ITEM 3: Consent Agenda

Commissioner Tura Schnebly questioned the bills and the Creative Arts Café reference.

City Administrator Jason Yarborough said he would provide a memo to the Commission after researching the question with the Finance Manager.

MOTION by **Commissioner Tom Wilson** to approve the consent agenda including approval of Minutes for November 12, 2015 (Regular Meeting) and December 10, 2015 (Regular Meeting) as well as for Bills paid through December 31, 2015 with an explanation provided by staff on the bills regarding the Creative Arts Café. **SECOND** by **Commissioner Michael Woods.**

Mayor Buddy Snowden discussed his concern on the budget for legal fees.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



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ITEM 4: Presentations to the Commission:

Ann Robbins presented a check from Final Mile Race Management from the 5k Stressbuster which was held on December 24, 2015 and the funds which are earmarked for the Blake Park Playground Equipment.

Vice Mayor Vernon Burton read the Proclamations signed by the City Commission honoring Martin Luther King Jr.: Proclamation: The Keepers of the Dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Day, January 16, 2016:

WHEREAS, The great civil rights leader **The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** was born on **January 15th** 1929. His legacy as a proponent of Non-Violence, Civil Rights, Social justice and the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ out lived the events of **April 4th, 1968** when he was assassinated while demonstrating on behalf of sanitation workers in Memphis, TN.

WHEREAS, The leadership of **Dr. Martin Luther King** in leading the 1963 March on Washington, was considered to be one of the cornerstones that moved the Congress of the United States pass the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964, that was signed to law by President Lyndon B. Johnson, effectively eliminated **LEGALIZED SEGREGATION** in the United States.

WHEREAS, January 1965, **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** was instrumental in organizing a peaceful March from Selma to Montgomery that culminated with the now infamous **"Bloody, Sunday"** events that showed on live TV, Police on horseback tear gassing, beating and trampling peaceful marches. Within days of that fateful day, President Johnson urged Congress to enact legislation to strengthen the voting rights of African Americans. On August 6th 1965, the Voting Rights Act passed by the Congress. That led to the elimination of barriers that disenfranchised African Americans by denying them their Constitutional right to vote, **The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King** played a key role in its passage.

WHEREAS, In **August of 1983**, the United States Congress passed the House Bill to make **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's** birthday a Federal Holiday. In **October 1983**, the United States Senate passed their version of the Bill which allowed President Ronald Regan to sign into Law making **Dr. Martin Luther King's** birthday a legal Holiday.

WHEREAS, In **1996**, the newly incorporated city of Deltona Florida's first elected African American official and **Vice Mayor, Lucille Wheatley** was the driving force that spearheaded Community events in Deltona, that celebrated the birthday of **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.**

WHEREAS, In **2006**, in honor of **Vice Mayor Wheatley's** visionary leadership and dedication, she served as the chairperson of the 10th year celebration of the Martin Luther King Celebration in Deltona Florida.

WHEREAS, In **2006** the legacy began by **Vice Mayor Wheatley** in celebrating **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's** birthday in Deltona was passed on to **"The Dream Keepers,"** and are now in their 10th year in keeping alive the outstanding leadership, work and sacrifice that **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** brought to this Community, the nation and gave to the world.

NOW THEREFORE, We, the **City Commission of Lake Helen Florida**, do hereby recognize and extend our congratulations to the **"DREAM KEEPERS"** and do hereby proclaim **January 16th, 2016** as **The Keepers of the Dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Day.**

Done and proclaimed this 14th day of January 2016.



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Mayor Buddy Snowden discussed a series regarding Race Relations in our Society sponsored by the Unity in the Community Group of Lake Helen which meets monthly on the first Wednesday of each Month.

Vice Mayor Vernon Burton discussed the anniversary of the Last Chance Outreach Ministry.

ITEM 5: MONTHLY REPORTS:

ITEM 5A: Planning and Land Development Regulation Commission: **City Administrator Jason Yarborough** discussed an upcoming meeting in February and the Comprehensive Plan Update.

ITEM 5B: City Administrator/ City Engineer: **City Administrator Jason Yarborough** discussed a webinar that was held today by the Florida League of Cities - Character Towns, as well as the Volusia League of Cities Dinner, and an upcoming Seminar he will attend on February 4 and 5, 2016. He also announced that St. Johns River Water Management District is set to present at the February Regular City Commission Meeting.

ITEM 5C: City Attorney: **City Attorney Scott Simpson** discussed the Charter Review and Resolution for changing the appointment for Zone 3.

Commissioner Tura Schnebly made an inquiry about the agreement with Bryant Miller Olive.

Discussion of Fire Assessment with input from City Administrator Jason Yarborough.

ITEM 5D: Police Chief and Code Enforcement Officer: No Report

ITEM 6: PUBLIC FORUM:

Raphine Pierce (800 Sand Crane Lane) discussed use of the Equestrian Center.

City Administrator Jason Yarborough asked if the Commissioner wished for staff to bring back a policy for the use of the Equestrian Center with input from **City Attorney Scott Simpson** and **City Commission**.

Kelly Frasca (616 John Street) discussed the Lake Helen Events Committee and requests of upcoming 2016 dates.

Mayor Buddy Snowden asked to have this topic as an item on the February Agenda.

ITEM 7: PUBLIC HEARINGS: None

ITEM 8: COMMISSION CONSIDERATION:

ITEM 8A: Consideration to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness for Fence at 291 W. Michigan Ave **City Administrator Jason Yarborough** discussed the Historic Preservation Board on January 12, 2016

Commissioner Tura Schnebly questioned Section 7.01.05 and the height of the fence.

Commission Discussion

MOTION by **Vice Mayor Vernon Burton** to approve the aesthetic style of the proposed fence in color and design subject to compliance with all other applicable City Regulations including height and location.

SECOND by **Commissioner Michael Woods**.



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Discussion

Roll Call: Commissioner Tom Wilson: No / Vice Mayor Vernon Burton: Yes / Commissioner Michael Woods: Yes / Commissioner Tura Schnebly: Yes / Mayor Buddy Snowden: Yes

MOTION CARRIED 4-1 with Commissioner Tom Wilson voting No.

ITEM 8B: Consideration of Selecting Member to the Historic Preservation Board

MOTION by **Commissioner Tura Schnebly** to appoint Chris Williams to the Historic Preservation Board.

SECOND by **Vice Mayor Vernon Burton**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM 8C: Consideration of Selecting Member to the Police Pension Board

Commissioner Tom Wilson discussed moving Ann Robbins as the Commission selection and allow the Pension Board to select the final member.

Discussion with input from City Attorney Scott Simpson, City Clerk Becky Witte and applicant Cynthia Streb.

MOTION by **Vice Mayor Vernon Burton** to appoint Cynthia Streb to the Police Pension Board. **SECOND** by **Commissioner Tura Schnebly**.

Discussion of term for appointees on the Police Pension Board

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ITEM 8D: Consideration of Event Management Services

Discussion of Event Management Services

MOTION by **Tom Wilson** to table the RFP until the Commission can have a workshop to determine the desire of the Commission in regards to Event Coordinating for the future of City Events before the February Regular Meeting. **SECOND** by **Michael Woods**.

Discussion of Workshop Date.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Workshop set for February 8, 2016 at 9:00 am at City Hall.

City Attorney Scott Simpson will not attend the Workshop.

ITEM 8E: Consideration of Commission Meeting Schedule

Commission Discussion with no action taken on the item.

Item Added

ITEM 8F: Consideration of Appointment of a New Zone 3 Charter Review Committee Member

City Attorney Scott Simpson read the title of RESOLUTION 2016-01, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE HELEN, FLORIDA, APPOINTING A NEW ZONE 3 APPOINTEE TO THE CITY'S CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



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MOTION by **Commissioner Michael Woods** to approve Resolution 2016-01 with appointee Rick Basso.
SECOND by **Commissioner Tura Schnebly**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM 9: Commission Discussion:

ITEM 9A: Discussion of upcoming Gateway Corridor Historic Home Style Workshop
Discussion with input from City Administrator Jason Yarbrough. The Meeting is set for Friday, January 22, 2016 at 9:30am at Hopkins Hall.

ITEM 10: MAYOR'S REPORT AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS BY ZONE

Vice Mayor Vernon Burton read the letter marking the anniversary of the Last Chance Outreach Ministries and requested a proclamation for the Last Chance Outreach Ministries. Vice Mayor distributed tickets for the Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast at Stetson Rinker Field House on January 18, 2016 at 7:00am.

The Commission directed the City Clerk to prepare a Proclamation for the 6th Anniversary of the Last Chance Outreach Ministries

Commissioner Michael Woods discussed the annexation of properties over the year and requested a plan to offer water to those annexed properties.

Commissioner Tura Schnebly discussed closure of the FDOT rest stop in Longwood and relocating to a Public/Private Partnership for a Truck Stop to include parking for 261 trucks.

Mayor Buddy Snowden discussed the Mayor Roundtable which occurred on Monday, January 11, 2016.

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT: **Mayor Buddy Snowden** adjourned of the January 14, 2016 Regular Meeting of the Lake Helen City Commission at 9:53pm.