



City of Lake Helen

Volusia County, Florida

MAYOR
Buddy Snowden
COMMISSIONERS
Ann Robbins
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Rick Basso
Cameron Lane

Special Meeting
Lake Helen City Commission
August 7, 2014
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Buddy Snowden called to order the August 7, 2014 Special Meeting of the Lake Helen City Commission at 6:38 pm.

Present:

Mayor Buddy Snowden	Vice Mayor Ann Robbins	Commissioner Vernon Burton
Commissioner Cameron Lane	Commissioner Rick Basso	City Administrator KC Cichon
City Clerk Becky Witte	City Attorney Jennifer Nix	

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Buddy Snowden

CEREMONIAL MATTERS: LEGISLATIVE PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Led by **Mayor Buddy Snowden**.

BUSINESS OF THE COMMISSION:

ITEM 1: DELETIONS OR MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA: None

ITEM 2: PUBLIC FORUM: None

ITEM 3: PRESENTATION: Summit Place Planned Development within the City of DeLand by Astrid de Parry P.A.

Astrid de Parry presented information to the Commission regarding Summit Place, previously called Twelve Oaks and River Oaks subdivision. **Commissioner Rick Basso** asked if there was any action she would request from the City of Lake Helen. **Astrid de Parry** said she would be grateful for a letter of support to the City of DeLand and other interested parties/government agencies. **Tura Schnebly** (N. Lakeview Dr) asked about specifics in the PUD agreement which Ms. de Parry discussed.

MOTION by **Commissioner Rick Basso** to send a letter to the City of DeLand and other entities pledging the City of Lake Helen's support of the project. **SECOND** by **Commissioner Vernon Burton**.

The Commission discussed staff preparation of the letter of support regarding the change of land use and the proposed road extension. **Raphine Pierce** suggested adding the letter to the next regular scheduled meeting in order to receive community support.

AMENDED MOTION by **Commissioner Rick Basso** for staff to draft a letter to send to the City of DeLand and other interested governmental entities for the realignment of Beresford Avenue as



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well as the change of use from Industrial to PUD. **SECOND** by **Commissioner Vernon Burton**.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Tura Schnebly (N. Lakeview Dr) requested information on drainage of the proposed project. **Ms. de Parry** discussed drainage, the aquifer and water protection and provided a map for the city to borrow.

ITEM 4: COMMISSION CONSIDERATION: Consideration of Land Purchase by the City of Lake Helen

Commissioner Vernon Burton discussed the option of purchasing land next to Melissa Park in an upcoming tax deed sale. He described that the property could be for a future expansion of the park or additional parking. **Commissioner Rick Basso** asked the size of the parcel which **Commissioner Vernon Burton** answered approximately a quarter of an acre. The Commission discussed the tax deed process and the parcel. **Alan Cooke** (Oak Tree Lane) discussed the history of Melissa Park and the potential of using the parcel for parking. **Commissioner Cameron Lane** asked if the purchase of this property would require additional funding. The Commission discussed the purchase of the property. **Commissioner Vernon Burton** said he suggested the top bid for the city to be \$3,800. **Vice Mayor Ann Robbins** discussed the history of the city acquiring property and the issue of taking property off the tax roll.

MOTION by **Commissioner Rick Basso** to designate Commissioner Vernon Burton along with the City Administrator to direct the tax deed purchase of the property on S. Volusia Avenue (Parcel Number 31-17-31-55-00-0160) on August 19, 2014 not to exceed the opening bid. **SECOND** by **Commissioner Vernon Burton**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

City Attorney Jennifer Nix advised a Public Notice be posted regarding the event.

ITEM 5: ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Buddy Snowden adjourned of the August 7, 2014 Special Meeting of the Lake Helen City Commission at 7:49 pm.

The end.