

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Commission of the City of Auburndale held July 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Room of City Hall, after having been properly advertised, with the following members present: Mayor Tim Pospichal, Commissioners: Dorothea Taylor Bogert, Keith Cowie, Richard Hamann, and Bill Sterling. Also present were: City Manager Robert R. Green, Finance Director/City Clerk Shirley Lowrance, City Attorney V. Patton Kee, and Police Chief Chris Nelson.

Mayor Tim Pospichal declared a quorum present and the Meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Jarvis Marshall of Spirit Life Ministries and a salute to the flag.

**Motion** by Commissioner Richard Hamann, seconded by Commissioner Keith Cowie, to approve the City Commission Minutes of the July 2, 2018 Meeting. Upon vote, all ayes.

City Manager Green reminded the Commission of the City and Chamber of Commerce Recycling Town Meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup> from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Meeting is to help educate and understand better the issues of recycling before the Commission makes a decision on the fee schedule for recycling. He said Staff will meet with the Chamber tomorrow. We will be putting out information on this via social media and working with the local media. He said Commission Day was scheduled for August 13, 2018.

City Manager Green asked that Agenda Item #10 Authorize City Manager to Sign Mitigation Grant be added to the Agenda. He said the Grant application would need a resolution and the dates for the City's future Meetings fall short of when the Grant needs to be submitted.

**Motion** by Commissioner Keith Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Dorothea Taylor Bogert, to add Agenda Item #10 to the agenda. Upon vote, all ayes.

Mayor Tim Pospichal asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

## **1. PUBLIC HEARING – OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – LYNITA & SONS, INC. PROPERTY**

Mayor Tim Pospichal closed the Regular Commission Meeting and opened the Public Hearing.

City Manager Green said the Public Hearing was to consider a change to Ordinance No. 764, the City's Land Development Regulations, which contains the City's official zoning map.

Community Development Director Amy Palmer said the City has received a request from Lynita & Sons, Inc. for a Zoning Map amendment to 10 lots with frontage on Charles Ave., Walnut St., and Bennett St. from General Residential-1 (RG-1) & Commercial General (CG) to Single Family Residential-3 (RS-3). In March of 2016, a zone change was approved for lots 8-16 from Single Family Residential-3 to General Residential-1 (RG-1) to allow the development of family group homes. The project was withdrawn, thus the owners are requesting the original zoning be restored to the eight properties. Lots 19 and 20, which contain a single-family residence, have an existing zoning classification of Commercial General (CG). The owners are requesting the similar zoning on these two lots. The requested zoning district of Single Family Residential-3 (RS-3) is compatible with the existing underlying land use of Low Density Residential and is compatible to the existing zoning classifications surrounding the property. The applicant is seeking to re-zone the properties to Single Family Residential-3 (RS-3), in order to construct new residential units on each of the lots. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Zoning Map Amendment at their Meeting of July 3, 2018. She displayed pictures of the lots and explained the zoning requested. Staff recommended approval of the Ordinance.

Mayor Tim Pospichal asked for citizen comment. There was no citizen comment.

City Manager Green said in the spirit of transparency, this is a family owned corporation of which he is a partner. He said he not been involved in the process.

Mayor Tim Pospichal closed the Public Hearing and re-opened the Regular Commission Meeting.

## **2. ORDINANCE #1566 AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP – LYNITA & SONS, INC. PROPERTY**

City Attorney Kee read Ordinance No. 1566 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AUBURNDALE, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 764, THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF AUBURNDALE, FLORIDA, BY AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP RECLASSIFYING AN AUBURNDALE ZONING MAP CLASSIFICATION ON PARCELS OF LAND TOTALING +/-2.07 ACRES FROM CITY OF AUBURNDALE ZONING CLASSIFICATION GENERAL RESIDENTIAL-1 (RG-1) AND GENERAL COMMERCIAL (CG) TO SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL-3 (RS-3); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (General Location: Bennett Street and Charles Avenue),** by title only.

**Motion** by Commissioner Richard Hamann, seconded by Commissioner Bill Sterling, to approve Ordinance No. 1566, as read on first reading by title only.

Commissioner Bill Sterling asked if all the lots other than the two to be commercial will become RS-3.

Community Development Director Amy Palmer said yes.

Upon vote, all ayes.

## **3. PUBLIC HEARING – OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AMENDMENT – TAJIANI PROPERTY**

Mayor Tim Pospichal closed the Regular Commission Meeting and opened the Public Hearing.

City Manager Robert Green said the Public Hearing was to consider an amendment to Ordinance No. 764, the City's Land Development Regulations, which contains the City's official zoning map.

Community Development Director Amy Palmer said the Tajiani property consists of 18.33 acres was annexed into the City Limits in 2008 and received a Future Land Use Medium Density Residential. Zoning was not requested for the property at that time. The proposed zoning request of General Residential-1 (RG-1) will allow the applicant to construct a proposed 68 lot single-family residential subdivision. Characteristics of the RG-1 zoning classification for single-family dwellings are lot widths of 60 feet, lot area of 7,200 square feet, 25' front setback, and 10' side and rear setback. RG-1 also allows the development of multi-family residential dwellings. The requested zoning district of General Residential-1 (RG-1) is compatible with the existing underlying land use of Medium Density Residential and existing residential zoning classifications adjacent to the property. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Amendment at their Meeting of July 3, 2018. Staff recommended approval of the ordinance. She displayed a map of the property and a zoning map for the property and neighboring properties.

Ean Jackson, 903 Hillgrove Lane, said he has been here a long time. He said he remembers a man who sat where Commissioner Hamann is sitting who spoke about water in the great City of Auburndale before the water tower was put up. He said the man leaned forward and said water is the key. He said he had no objections to the zoning change. However, wanted to point out that water is the key and people take a lot of water. He said he was hoping the City fathers and mothers will keep that in mind at all times. He said without water we are nowhere and more pressure will be going into our City and Polk County to get more water. He said he wanted to bring that up and to get it on record – water is important.

Caine Swisher, 164 Bentley Oaks, said he had no issues with zoning with this parcel. He said selfishly he would like to see the trees remain, as it is right out his back door. He said his concern was that we are going way too fast with a lot of this stuff. He said along Old Lake Alfred Road we have the Dollar General,

the storage units, and now we are talking about zoning for 60 plus single-family units plus possible multi-family units. He said he stopped in the Community Development Office to get information and found out there is nothing in works for improvements for the extra traffic that will be involved here. He said Old Lake Alfred Road already has a hard time handling the traffic now. He said one of the main access points for this property will be at the 5-Points intersection, which is already a mess. Now we are talking about adding 200+ cars for that neighborhood in addition to the extra traffic from Stadium Road and Dairy Road to go to the Dollar General, and the infrastructure is not set up for that. He said his understanding is that the City is saying it is a County issue with that road, but it is a City issue with the development going in. He said there are a lot of questions to be answered before we approve that and put something in that will cause more problems when there is more people and traffic. He said he thought a little preventive measure is going to be better than going ahead and passing all this and having to come back to correct the problems. We have been kind of been driving the car with the gas pedal here in Auburndale and that is it. He said a lot of times you have to steer the wheel and use the brakes to slow it down a little bit and think about what you are doing. He said we have a lot going on in that small stretch and no one is really paying attention to the consequences that will happen with this. He said we also have a school, Caldwell Elementary. He said there is already an issue with the lines and he knows that is a County issue and now we are adding in a whole group of family-units that will put more of a burden on the school. He asked where is that overflow going to go. Are we going to have to shift some kids out of Caldwell to add something in, when they are not prepared for that. He said he felt that with this situation there was a lot that was not thought about, other than the tax income that will come in from putting in more property. He said he thought we need to think about what we are doing with this as far as the zoning and adding stuff so quickly. He said thought this was going a little faster than people anticipate. He said we cannot go back once we get to that point. He said there was a lot to consider with doing this, with all the growth along that small strip. He said he did not think anybody was paying attention to what the consequences are going to be. He said there are already issues with flooding on Old Lake Alfred Road near the Dollar General, that no one has thought about and now we are going to add more traffic, with the road in worse condition. He said he felt there was a lot to think about tonight. There is more than just zoning to build more houses and get more taxable income.

Elizabeth Morsey said she had a daughter in the Caldwell school and was the PTO president there. She said she was noticing all the houses going in. She said she lives at Mohawk and Adams and there are 200 homes there and homes at the bend on 559 and now new homes here. She said she was concerned about the overcrowding this might cause to Caldwell and some other schools in the area. She said she thought we need to watch what we are doing with the schools and with all the development. She said she thought we need to be careful about them getting overcrowded. She said has not heard of any new schools in the Auburndale area and it really concerns her. In particular, Caldwell which is D school and is on the chopping block. She said it was a wonderful school and they love it there. She said she was concerned it will get overcrowded there. How are these schools going to keep improving, if it is overcrowded? The students and teachers are having a hard time. She said with all this housing there needs to be some thought into what are we going to do for the future in building new schools and new infrastructure. She said she would like the Commission to consider what the future will be for the Auburndale schools, as there will be a lot more people coming into Auburndale and we really need to plan for that.

Mayor Tim Pospichal asked for citizen comment. There was no citizen comment.

Mayor Tim Pospichal closed the Public Hearing and re-opened the Regular Commission Meeting.

#### **4. ORDINANCE #1567 AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP - TAJIANI PROPERTY**

City Manager Robert Green said before the City Commission can have discussion the ordinance will need to be brought onto the floor with a motion and second for discussion purposes. He said the City Attorney has the Ordinance.

City Attorney read Ordinance No.1567 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AUBURNDALE, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 764, THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF AUBURNDALE, FLORIDA, BY AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP ESTABLISHING GENERAL RESIDENTIAL-1 (RG-1) ON A PARCEL OF LAND TOTALING +/-18.33 ACRES AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (General Locations: Stadium Road and Old Lake Alfred Road),** by title only.

**Motion** by Commissioner Richard Hamann, seconded by Commissioner Keith Cowie, to approve Ordinance No. 1567, as read on first reading by title only.

Commissioner Dorothea Taylor Bogert said she was concern about the traffic and asked if they are required to do a traffic study.

Community Development Director Amy Palmer said with the number of units they are proposing, with 68, they will be required to do a minor traffic study, a basic count of how many trips per day, what their peak hours will be and how much capacity is left on Old Lake Alfred. They will be required to do that when they try to obtain their County driveway permit. The County will require this to be completed.

Commissioner Keith Cowie asked how the process works for a development in regard to schools and road.

Community Development Director Amy Palmer said the City of Auburndale has an Interlocal Agreement with the School Board so that every subdivision that is developed in the City is required to get a binding letter of capacity. The School Board will actually look at what zone this subdivision is in and there are numbers to figure out how many elementary students, middle school students, and high school students would be generated, as a result of the new homes and how much capacity is left within that school zone. If there is capacity, they will issue the letter of capacity determination to the developer. She said it was very similar to the traffic concurrency.

Commissioner Keith Cowie asked if those are denied, then that development does not move forward, correct.

Community Development Director Amy Palmer said there are ways to remedy if there is not capacity. She said she did not know if we have gotten there yet, that has been discussed throughout the years as well. Whether they contribute into a fund or do a road project, concurrency is not as strong as it use to be, but there are still ways to remedy the impacts from development.

Commissioner Richard Hamann he said he remembers at one time a development offered enough property to build a school. He said the developers are looking at this also, as they know if they cannot get concurrency, they are not going to get the project.

Commissioner Dorothea Taylor Bogert said she heard the comment about flooding issues.

Community Development Director Amy Palmer said they would have to go through the Water Management District. She said part of City's role related in approving a subdivision is not only looking at our own Land Development Regulations, but also insuring they receive all the appropriate permits – County driveway, school letter, Water Management District approval, etc.

Mayor Tim Pospichal said there are still a lot of steps.

Community Development Director Amy Palmer said yes, this is just zoning.

Commissioner Bill Sterling said some of the kids at Caldwell are brought in by bus from past Havendale Blvd. and farther. He said this could be a blessing for the school district. He questioned if multifamily housing would be allow duplexes on the property. We have Bentley Oaks there, which is not complete. He said he

did not want to see duplexes built up next to Bentley Oaks, which has single-family homes. He said this was his concern for that piece of property.

Community Development Director Amy Palmer said yes, it could be built. The City Commission is considering zoning and if the developer who wants to develop 68 lots does not move forward with that, the zoning is in place for all the permitted uses that are allowed there.

Commissioner Dorothea Taylor Bogert said that Bentley Oaks was also zoned this way and if they wanted to, they could also have duplexes.

Community Development Director Amy Palmer said yes, as it is allowed in that zoning.

Commissioner Bill Sterling said his main concern was compatibility there.

Community Development Director Amy Palmer said if the zoning is approved, the next step for the property owner is to submit plans, which in this case is 68 lots. If 68 lots was not on the table any more for this property owner, the other listed use in RG1 is multifamily, so someone could come in with multifamily. She said if it was a subdivision, this would come back before the Commission.

Commissioner Richard Hamann asked if someone were to change it to condos or something that would it be a PD.

Community Development Director Amy Palmer said staff could encourage that, but it is a permitted use, a by right use.

Commissioner Bill Sterling said if that development were sold, they could come in as duplexes. He asked if there was anyway we could to prevent that from becoming duplexes, if we do the zoning.

Community Development Director Amy Palmer said it would have to be a different zoning district.

Mayor Tim Pospichal said RG1 accepts it.

Commissioner Keith Cowie said the PD development behind it is single-family homes. We have single-family homes in Bentley Oaks, however it does allow for other uses.

Upon vote: Mayor Tim Pospichal - ayes; Commissioner Dorothea Taylor Bogert - ayes; Commissioner Richard Hamann - yes; Commissioner Keith Cowie - nay; and Commissioner Bill Sterling - nay. Motion approved.

City Manager Green said this item will come back before the City Commission for second and final reading on August 6.

## **5. PRELIMINARY PLAT APPROVAL –WATSON LAKEFRONT ESTATES-DAVID WATSON PROPERTY**

City Manager Green said the City has received a Preliminary Plat for a 38 unit single-family dwelling development on 9.93 acres located on Lake Ariana Blvd., north of Madalyn Court.

Community Development Director Amy Palmer displayed a picture of the property. The Future Land Use is Low Density Residential and the site has an existing zoning of Single Family Residential-3. The applicant proposes 25' front yard setbacks, 7' side yard setbacks and 15' rear setbacks. The applicant is also proposing 25' front yard setbacks for yards adjacent to any street and on a corner lot. The average lot size proposed will be 7,400-7,500 square feet. The maximum allowable building height is 2½ stories. Ingress and egress for this phase of the development is proposed to be from Lake Ariana Boulevard, a County

maintained road. All retention areas, roads, and open spaces will be dedicated to and maintained by the Homeowner's Association. The preliminary plat has been reviewed by all City Departments and meets all City Codes and Land Development Regulations. Preliminary plat approval allows the developer to proceed with construction of infrastructure including utilities and roads. Final Plat approval will come back before the City Commission at a later date. The Planning Commission recommended approval of the Preliminary Plat at their meeting of July 3, 2018. She displayed the site plan for the subdivision. She said the lots were about 7,500 square feet or about 135 by 60 and there are sidewalks on both sides of the streets in the entire neighborhood. She said the consultant was present for the Watson Lakefront Estates. Staff recommended approval of the Preliminary Plat.

Mayor Tim Pospichal asked for citizen comment. There was no citizen comment.

**Motion** by Commissioner Dorothea Taylor Bogert, seconded by Commissioner Richard Hamann, to approve the Preliminary Plat for the Watson Lakefront Estates.

Commissioner Richard Hamann asked about the lot size of 55 X 135 foot. He said he thought we went to 60 foot for the lots.

Community Development Director Amy Palmer said this is coming in as a RS3 subdivision and was presented to the City prior to the RS-3 regulations being changed. The old RS3 regulations called for 50 feet minimum lot size and the new one is 65 feet.

Commissioner Keith Cowie said he noticed in the notes from the Planning Commission that there is a proposed a second phase to this. When we developed the Dollar General, we rezoned the land adjacent to the Dollar General. He asked the zoning that was adjacent and how the second phase would be developed.

Community Development Director Amy Palmer said the zoning adjacent to the property was RS2. She said she would defer to the consultant.

Mike Gerr, consultant for the Watson Lakefront Estates, said that property was not grandfathered and would have larger lots. He said they already have all the clearance from School Board and for the roads.

City Manager Green said as Community Development Director Amy Palmer said the Planning Commission voted to recommend the Preliminary Plat and staff recommends approval.

Upon vote, all ayes.

City Manager Green said he would like to back up to the previous item and he knew the Commission has taken the action on the zoning. He said in hearing some of discussion, he understands the Commission would like to somehow make sure that the development that happens on the Five Points property is comparable and almost identical to Bentley Oaks even though you are establishing the zoning the same as Bentley Oaks. He said he did not know if this meets the concern of Commission, but he asked the City Attorney if the project was resubmitted as a binding site plan under a Planned Development zoning and the PD showed that the development of all the lots would be single-family homes and it would meet all of the intent of the RG1 zoning district, if there was a change to that binding site plan it would go back before the Planning Commission and back before the City Commission. This would give the Commission and the residents some assurances that there would be single-family homes versus duplexes or apartments. He said he did not know if that meets the intent of what some of the concerns were of the Commission. He said he did not know the process to get to that, but basically, you would approve a binding site plan. This will come back to the Commission for second and final reading and he was not speaking for the owner. He said they could approach the owner to see if the owner would be receptive to a binding site plan. The only way to get a binding site plan is with a PD zoning. If the PD zoning showed the 68 lots as single family and there was a change to that by a future owner or even by the current owner it would have to go back before the Planning

Commission and the City Commission, at Public Hearings in which the residents next door would be made aware of. He said he was sorry for binging that back up, but was putting his thoughts together.

Commissioner Richard Hamann asked what if Bentley Oaks decided to built duplexes. They are not built out.

Community Development Director Amy Palmer said they are a platted subdivision.

City Manager Green said you would be applying a different zoning than what the Planning Commission recommended and we would have to do a little research on this. We will have those answers before the next meeting.

Commissioner Bill Sterling said he was more comfortable with this, as you would know what would be built.

Commissioner Keith Cowie said that was his concern. You have single-family homes and an intent for single-family homes and that might not happen. He said he would like to eliminate that possibility.

City Attorney Kee said we have more control over a binding site plan, than over the general zoning. If it is zoned single-family residential, I suppose down the line someone could come in and ask for rezoning on part of it. Whether they would be granted a rezoning or not would depend on the Commission at the time. With a binding site plan that is into perputituity more so than the general zoning.

City Manager Green said we would be glad to touch base with the owner and see what the process is to address that issue.

#### **6. APPROVE PROPOSED FY 2019 ROLLED-BACK RATE AND MILLAGE RATE**

City Manager Robert Green said Florida Statutes require the City to compute a proposed millage rate necessary to fund the proposed budget. The City must advise the Property Appraiser of its proposed millage rate, rolled-back rate and the date, time and place for a public hearing. The Property Appraiser utilizes this information in preparing the notices of proposed property taxes, which are mailed to property owners. The City's existing millage rate is 4.2657 and has been the same since 2012. Using the current millage rate times our current year's gross taxable value; the ad valorem proceeds would represent an increase of \$697,759 over the prior year. The Rolled-back rate for FY 2018 is 4.2515. Using the Rolled-back rate, or reducing the tax rate, would represent an increase \$680,682 over the prior year total ad valorem proceeds. By reducing the taxes, the City generates about \$17,000 less. The increase in the taxes came mostly from industry and Saddle Creek Corp. coming on line this past year. The proposed FY 2018-2019 Budget is balanced utilizing the Rolled-back millage rate of 4.2515. If approved by the City Commission, the proposed millage rate could be lowered, but not increased above the 4.2515 without the expense of re-advertising to all property owners. Staff recommended approving 4.2515 as the Rolled-back rate and operating millage rate for the Certificate of Taxable Value Form for 2018 and the proposed Budget Year 2019.

**Motion** by Commissioner Keith Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Dorothea Taylor Bogert, to approve the proposed millage rate as 4.2515 and set the rolled back rate as 4.2515. Upon vote, all ayes.

#### **7. APPROVE PUBLIC HEARING DATES FOR PROPOSED FY 2019 BUDGET**

City Manager Green said Staff recommendation was to approve Thursday, September 6, 2018 and Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall for the required Public Hearings for the Budget and City Commission Meetings in September. He said we have to set our meetings dates following the dates of the School Board and the County Commission.

Mayor Tim Pospichal asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

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**Motion** by Commissioner Bill Sterling, seconded by Commissioner Keith Cowie, to approve the Public Hearing dates proposed for the 2019 Budget. Upon vote, all ayes.

#### **8. SET BUDGET WORK SESSION DATE (8-13-18), COMMISSION DAY**

City Manager Green said staff recommendation was to set Monday, August 13, 2018, for Commission Day activities and for a proposed budget work session, if needed.

**Motion** Commissioner Richard Hamann, seconded by Commissioner Bill Sterling, to set August 13, 2018 as Commission Day and for a proposed budget work session. Upon vote, all ayes.

#### **9. PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED FY 2019 & FY 2020 REVENUE SECTIONS**

City Manager Green said starting several months ago, the City staff presented Capital Outlay, Payroll, Expenditures, and the CRA Budget for the proposed 2019 and proposed 2020 Budgets. The presentation of the Revenue section completes the City's Budget review process.

Finance Director/City Clerk Shirley Lowrance went over the Revenue section of the Budgets. She discussed each of the line-items that had a \$10,000 deviation from the prior budget. Some of the line-items discussed were: Ad Valorem Tax - \$4,860,000; First Local Option Fuel Tax -\$418,000; Second Local Option Fuel Tax \$257,000; Utility Taxes Tampa Electric \$2,000,000; Utility Tax - \$300,000; Communication Service Tax \$480,000; State Sales Taxes \$1,350,000; Reimbursement School Board SRO \$88,500; and Library Coop \$143,000.

Police Chief Chris Nelson said each year the School Board has entered into an Agreement with the City of Auburndale, where they will assist in funding School Resource Officers at the rate of 75% for the School Board and 25% for the City. Currently we have three SRO's – one in the High School, one in the Middle School and one that covers the Elementary School and Adult School. The School Board has proposed to cut the SRO at the Elementary School, by supplementing them with the Guardian Program. In speaking with the City Manager, our proposal is to keep the third SRO and absorb the cost in the City. We certainly believe that keeping that SRO, being able to have them assist at the Elementary School and Adult School is such an important aspect of what we do for our citizens.

City Manager Green said we are not cutting the service. We are just not going to receive the funding from the School Board for the service.

Finance Director/City Clerk Shirley Lowrance continued going over the Revenue line-items. Some of the line-items discussed were: Sanitation Surcharges - \$1,200,000; the Recycling Fee for both the revenue and expense will be adjusted based upon Commission actions; Softball Field Rental - \$38,000 for Softball Tournaments; Polk Correctional Lake Alfred - \$0 as they are no longer using the inmate crew; Reserves for the General Fund for Capital needs; CRA Budget based upon collections within the FY 17/18 year; Water Charges - \$5,200,000; Reinstatement Fees - \$50,000; Sewer Charges - \$6,400,000; Reserves for the Water and Sewer Fund for Capital Improvement needs.

City Manager Green said we have a two-year budget, which allows us to blend planning with our fiscal plans. He went over both the Budget year totals and said each fund is balanced. The Contingency balance for FY 2019 was \$225,736 and for FY 2020 was \$240,443. He went over the Contingency changes for both years, since the expense section of the Budget was presented. Some of the Contingency changes were: Health Insurance reduced 16.4% from the prior year, Workers Compensation Insurance had renewal savings, County CRA Increment expenses increased by \$349,500; Water and Sewer Emergency Reserve changed to \$300,000. He said as we make changes going forward, we will update the Contingency. He thanked the City Staff for watching their budgets and spending prudently. He thanked Finance Director



Shirley Lowrance for her help. Staff recommended tentative approval of the revenue section of the budget and the contingency figures.

Mayor Tim Pospichal asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

**Motion** by Commissioner Keith Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Bill Sterling, to approve the tentative Revenue section of the budget. Upon vote, all ayes.

Commissioner Richard Hamann asked with the new millage rate, did that place us lowest in the County.

City Manager Green said currently there are 17 municipalities in Polk County and 15 of them have a higher millage rate than we do. He said we are real close to the bottom. We do not know where the other cities will fall with their new millage rates.

Upon vote, all ayes.

#### **10. RESOLUTION #2018-06 AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN MITIGATION GRANT**

City Manager Green said the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is authorized and funded by the Federal Government and administered by the Florida Division of Emergency Management. The Program is designed to assist states and local governments in implementing long-term hazard mitigation measures following a major disaster declaration. The process of selecting eligible mitigation projects is delegated to the Polk County Local Mitigation Strategy Working Group, of which the City of Auburndale is a member. Following Hurricane Irma in 2017, the City submitted three lift station generator projects for consideration including: 1.) Highway 92 Lift Station Generator Project; 2.) Beach Lift Station Generator Project; 3.) Lakeshore Lift Station Generator Project. The installation of a fixed 15K generator at each of these locations would greatly increase reliability and help prevent sewer backups in homes and discharge to storm water/natural systems. Each generator costs \$60,665. If approved, the City would be responsible for 25% of the total grant. The Police Chief and Public Works Director have represented the City in this matter. The proposed Resolution is a requirement of the Grant Program and authorizes the City Manager to sign, as applicant agent. The proposed Resolution was prepared by the Police Chief and City Manager

City Attorney Kee read Resolution No. 2018-06 entitled: **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF AUBURNDALE EMPOWERING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AS APPLICANT AGENT FOR THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM**, by title only.

Mayor Tim Pospichal asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

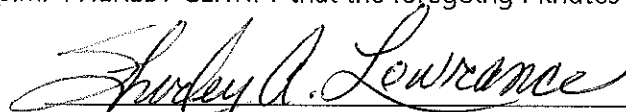
**Motion** by Commissioner Richard Hamann, seconded by Commissioner Bill Sterling, to approve Resolution No. 2018-06, as read by title only.

Commissioner Bill Sterling asked if the City had a choice of placement of the generators.

Public Works Director John Dickson said we will file the application with the priority for use, but hope to get all three.

Upon vote, all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Minutes are true and correct.

  
Shirley A. Lowrance, Finance Director/City Clerk