

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City of Auburndale held March 1, 2021 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, and Jack Myers. Also present were: City Manager Robert Green, Finance Director/City Clerk Shirley Lowrance, City Attorney Fredrick J. Murphy Jr., and Police Chief Andy Ray. Commissioner Richard Hamann was absent.

Mayor Tim Pospichal declared a quorum present and the Meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Brad Bennett of Auburndale Community Church and a salute to the flag.

Motion by Commissioner Dorothea Taylor Bogert, seconded by Keith Cowie, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting February 15, 2021. Upon vote, all ayes.

City Manager Green said we asked Polk County Health Department to use our Lake Myrtle Sports Complex for a vaccination site. On January 28, they provided the initial vaccination to 949 people. The follow-up shot was done on February 26. We had 946 who received the second shot. They tracked down the three people to give them their second shot. You will read in the Ledger probably tomorrow, the County received 14,000 shots - 7,000 first dose shots and 7,000 second dose. They will not be using the Lake Myrtle Sports Complex due to the RussMatt tournament. Altogether, in Polk County 71,400 have had at least one round of vaccinations. At the Baseball facility, our Parks and Recreation Department has had several requests for some-type of memorial marker on benches. He passed around a sample plaque for the bench and said it was patterned similar to what they have in Winter Haven. We decided to try this at the Baseball facility. The plaque will provide for someone's name in memory or in honor and allow for two additional lines of verbiage. The cost of the plaque is \$1,000, to buy the bench and help pay for the plaque and engraving. We have had several requests to pay tribute to previous coaches and the like. We will look to see if we would like to bring this into other facilities in the City. He said he would like to call a Workshop of the City Commission for next Monday at noon. It will be a one-hour workshop on issues related to the Polk Regional Water Cooperative. We are getting close to presenting to the Commission an implementation agreement for the projects that will come out of the PRWC. We have been working for several years identifying water crisis as we go into the future. The PRWC has identified three priority projects we have been working on for several years. The projects are looking out to 2035 for the capacity water needs of our community. We know the Water Management District is no longer going to allow us to put straw in the ground and pump the water out. We are having to find alternative water supplies. The Southeast Well Fill Project and the West Well Fill Projects are tapping into the lower floridan aquifer. It is quite expensive, but as we pull that water out, it must be treated. The engineering and science to-date suggests the capacity is there and we will look at all of that as we get into the Workshop. He said it should take no longer than an hour and lunch will be provided.

Commissioner Dorothea Taylor Bogert read the Commendation for Auburndale High School Senior Emily Hart, FHSAA 2A ,119-Pound Girls Weightlifting State Champion.

Emily Hart introduced her family present: her sister Danielle, father Kevin, mother Stephanie, boyfriend Hunter, and his father Chris. She introduced her Coach Gilbert Jones. She thanked the Commission for the Commendation. Also present from Auburndale High School were: Athletic Director Pam Lancaster, Principal Tye Bruno, and Assistant Principal Jennifer Mills.

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

1. ORDINANCE #1656 ANNEXING PROPERTY INTO CITY LIMITS – HENDERSON PROPERTY

City Manager Green said the City has received a petition from property owner Fred Henderson, 225 S. Lake Starr Blvd, Lake Wales, FL to annex 64.47 acres of property into the City limits. The property is located on Pace Blvd, west of and adjacent to the TECO-Auburndale trail, which is in the City limits. The annexation does not create an enclave. The Henderson property is currently vacant. The proposed annexation is

because of the owner's request for City utilities and proposed mixed use development. Establishing a Future Land Use and Zoning classification on the property will be considered at Public Hearings before the Planning Commission and City Commission, at later dates. The action currently before the City Commission is only on the annexation of the property into the City. The proposed Ordinance was prepared by the Community Development Department and reviewed by the City Manager and City Attorney. The proposed Ordinance was approved on first reading February 15, 2021 and is being presented for second and final reading. Staff recommended approval of Ordinance #1656 annexing the Henderson property into the City limits.

City Attorney Frederick J. Murphy Jr. read Ordinance No. 1656, which was presented and passed on first reading on February 15, 2021, by title only.

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

Motion by Commissioner Jack Myers, seconded by Commissioner Dorothea Taylor Bogert, to approve Ordinance No. 1656, as read on second and final reading by title only. Upon vote, all ayes.

2. PUBLIC HEARING – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDING

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

City Manager Green read from the Notice for the Public Hearing and said the purpose was to hear proposals and input on the Fiscal Year 21-22 Community Development Block Grant Funding cycle priorities.

Assistant City Manager Tillman said in compliance with the Community Development Block Grant or CDBG regulations, the City of Auburndale is holding a Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving direct citizen input on suggested proposals. After a presentation by City Staff on suggested proposals, the Commission will entertain public comment on these and other community development needs. The City of Auburndale is scheduled to receive an estimated \$83,500 in CDBG funding for FY 2021-2022. Combined with the Town of Dundee's estimated allocation of \$23,900, the City of Auburndale will have approximately \$107,400 to spend in the targeted CDBG area. The FY 2021-2022 reimbursement represents the second installment received from the Town of Dundee. City Staff is proposing to utilize the FY 2021-2022 CDBG funding to:

- . Continue purchasing vacant properties for donation to Habitat for Humanity. He displayed a picture of the five families who occupy the five homes purchased through this program.
- . Provide additional parking adjacent to Auburndale Community Center/Gym, to be located on Cleveland Street. Proposed project may include acquisition, demolition, and construction. The City Attorney and Police Chief are actively working on a number of Code Enforcement issues on the property. We hope to have this resolved by the next funding cycle.
- . Construct Mast Arm on Main Street to detour truck traffic for pedestrian safety. He displayed a picture of a mast arm on Memorial Blvd., Lakeland.
- . Install a backup generator at the Sandra Jackson Road and Hobbs Road lift station. This will provide reliability for all the residents in case of emergency situations.

Staff recommended to approve the proposed projects for the FY 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant funding.

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3. APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS

City Manager Green said Staff recommended approval of the priority projects.

Motion by Commissioner Keith Cowie, seconded by Commissioner Jack Myers, to approve the proposed projects for the FY 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant funding.

Commissioner Dorothea Taylor Bogert said it was mentioned about acquiring the Cleveland Street lot through Code Violations. She asked if we obtain most of the properties through Code Violations or does it just depend on where the property is located.

Assistant City Manager Jeff Tillman said for the CDBG projects must be within the CDBG targeted area. Funds have to be spent in a low to moderate income area.

Upon vote, all ayes.

4. FINAL PLAT APPROVAL – JULIANA VILLAGE (PHASE 3)

Community Development Director Amy Palmer said the City has received a request to plat Phase 3 of the Juliana Village subdivision. In June 2017, the Board of County Commissioners approved the 90.24 acre, 170-lot subdivision, which consisted of three phases. Phase 1 was platted by the Polk County Board of County Commissioners in July 2018. Then in August 2018, the City of Auburndale annexed the 90.24 acre property (the platted phase 1 and planned phases 2 & 3) and the BoCC-approved subdivision was given a zoning designation of Planned Development House 1 or PD-H1. In November 2019, Phase 2 was platted by the City of Auburndale. Phase 3 of Juliana Village consists of 53 lots and the minimum lot size is 80x 130 feet. The subdivision meets all Land Development Regulations, including lot size, setbacks, open space, and sidewalk requirements, as they were approved in the Planned Development. The developer's engineer has certified that all necessary improvements to the subdivision have been constructed and installed according to the Land Development Regulations and approved construction documents. All streets, sidewalks, retention, and drainage areas will be dedicated to and maintained by the Homeowner's Association. Approval of the Final Plat allows the developer to sell the lots and begin building houses. Staff recommended approval of the Final Plat for Phase 3 of the Juliana Village Subdivision.

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

Motion by Commissioner Dorothea Taylor Bogert, seconded by Commissioner Jack Myers, to approve the Final Plat of Phase 3 of the Juliana Village Subdivision. Upon vote all ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

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