

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City of Auburndale held July 6, 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, Richard Hamann. City Commissioner Jack Myers was absent. Also present were: City Manager Jeff Tillman, Finance Director/City Clerk Shirley Lowrance, City Attorney Frederick J. Murphy Jr., and Police Chief Andy Ray.

Mayor Tim Pospichal declared a quorum present and the Meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Michael Spivey of Peoples Church and a salute to the flag.

Motion by Commissioner Jack Myers, seconded by Commissioner Dorothea Taylor Bogert, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 21, 2021. Upon vote, all ayes.

City Manager Tillman said there will be a promotional pinning for a new Sergeant on July 14 at 3:30 p.m. in the Police Department. He told of the storm preparation efforts for Elsa, which included taking down flags, pumping down the ponds, and getting gas for the generators.

Mayor Tim Pospichal introduced Kenneth Hartpence, who was running for Congress and visiting with us this evening.

City Manager Tillman requested a Commendation to recognize various individuals be added to the agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Dorothea Taylor Bogert, seconded by Commissioner Keith Cowie, to add the Commendation to the Agenda. Upon vote, all ayes.

Mayor Tim Pospichal requested a Resolution be added to the Agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Dorothea Taylor Bogert, seconded by Commissioner Richard Hamann, to add a Resolution to the Agenda. Upon vote, all ayes.

Mayor Tim Pospichal asked for public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no public comment.

City Manager Tillman said we are proud to make this Commendation this evening. We have a great group of City employees and residents and a few City Commission Meetings ago, we got to see just how great they are. He asked that Marsha Johnson (Secretary to the City Manager), Seth Teston (Communication-Information Manager), Brian Bradway (Fire Chief), Andy Ray (Police Chief) and Shirley Lowrance (Finance Director/City Clerk) come forward for the reading of the Commendation. On May 17, 2021, City resident and Chair of the Planning Commission Perry Price suffered a health emergency during the City Commission Meeting. The Commendation detailed the efforts taken on Mr. Price's behalf. He said Kathy Webb and Alan Webb, where also mentioned in the Commendation, could not be present for the Meeting tonight.

Mayor Tim Pospichal said he was glad to see Perry Price here with his family: Cindy (wife), Alex (son) and Brianna (his wife).

Perry Price said he was in the right place at the right time and anything he says would be past history. He said he did not experience any of it, as he was out. He thanked all those involved in his health emergency.

1. ORDINANCE #1667 AMENDING SECTION 2-101 OF THE CODE – CHECK SIGNATURE

City Manager Tillman said Auburndale City Code Section 2-101 currently requires the City Manager to sign all checks to pay out money and be countersigned by the City Clerk, either manually or by facsimile. The proposed Ordinance changes the required countersignature from the City Clerk to the Finance Director for

the payment of money using checks. The change is needed as a result of the separation of duties of Finance Director/City Clerk Shirley Lowrance following her retirement. The proposed Ordinance was prepared by the Finance Department and reviewed by the City Manager and City Attorney. If approved on first reading, the proposed Ordinance will be presented for second and final reading on July 19, 2021. Staff recommended approval of Ordinance No. 1667 amending Section 2-101 of the Code of Ordinances to allow the Finance Director to countersign all checks.

City Attorney Frederick J. Murphy, Jr. read Ordinance No. 1667 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-101 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AUBURDALE, FLORIDA, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**, by title only.

Motion by Commissioner Hamann, seconded by Commissioner Taylor Bogert, to approve Ordinance No. 1667, as read on first reading by title only. Upon vote, all ayes.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2021-05 RENAMING CITY STREET SHIRLEY LOWRANCE ROAD

City Manager Tillman said before he reads the Resolution, he will give some history in regard to the Resolution. In 2018, Auburndale worked with the Florida Department of Transportation and the County on Braddock Road improvements to allow for Sun Trax. We swapped property with a property owner to allow for some economic development in front of SunTrax and to allow the Sun Trax facility to be developed. At the same time, the City accepted responsibility of Road G, a service road that leads to the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant. The Braddock Road improvements were widening the road to a four-lane, SunTrax Blvd. is under construction, and as a part of the Polk Parkway expansion they will be doing an interchange off of Braddock onto the Polk Parkway. Tonight, with the City accepting the responsibility of Road G, we have the opportunity to rename it. He asked Finance Director/City Clerk Shirley Lowrance to come forward for the reading of the Resolution. He said we have the opportunity tonight to recognize the longest serving City employee in the history of Auburndale, likely a record that will never be beat. He said we are so proud of Shirley for all your hard work.

City Manager Tillman read Resolution 2021-05 entitled: **A RESOLUTION RENAMING ROAD G NORTH OF BRADDOCK ROAD AND WEST OF THE POLK PARKWAY TO SHIRLEY LOWRANCE ROAD**, in full.

Finance Director/City Clerk Shirley Lowrance said thank you so much and it is remarkable. She said she has enjoyed working for the City and Commission so much. She said she loves her job and not everyone gets to say they love their job, but she really does. My family and I have always joked that I may never retire because I love my job. She said it is real, it is here, she was very excited, and she was very emotional about retiring. She said she was pleased to have worked for the City, for the citizens, and with the staff. She introduced her family present and thanked them for all their support, Billy (husband) and Alexia Bellin (granddaughter). She thanked her staff for being here tonight Chris Reeder, Jennifer Kerr, and Marilyn Colon. She said she looks forward to retiring and will miss everyone. She thanked them again for the opportunity of working for the City of Auburndale.

Motion by Commissioner Richard Hamann, seconded by Commissioner Jack Myers, to approve Resolution 2021-05, as read in full. Upon vote, all ayes.

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

Commissioner Jack Myers said thank you Shirley, we appreciate you. Thank you for all the help with the filing of papers and financials. He said he knew she was so perplexed when the Mayor was adding a Resolution and he just sat here and watched her and that is just how much she cares about the City and the job.

Commissioner Richard Hamann said congratulations. We are going to miss you. The door is always open. Thank you for what you have done for all of us.

Commissioner Keith Cowie said thank you for all the help you have provided over the years with forms and filing timely. He congratulated her on the retirement.

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Upon vote, all ayes.

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

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shirley A. Lowrance". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Shirley A. Lowrance, Finance Director/City Clerk