

HILLIARD TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Hilliard Town Hall / Council Chambers
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Hilliard, FL 32046

<u>MAYOR</u> Cris W. McConnell	<u>COUNCIL PRESIDENT</u> John Beasley	<u>COUNCIL PRO-TEM</u> Kenny Sims	<u>TOWN COUNCIL</u> Jack Bailey Lee Pickett Jared Wollitz
<u>TOWN ATTORNEY</u> Sherri Renner	<u>PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR</u> Kyle Malucci	<u>TOWN CLERK</u> Lisa Purvis	<u>PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR</u> David Thompson

AGENDA

- ITEM-1** Regular Meeting Agenda
- Thursday, March 16, 2017 @ 7 PM
 - Roll Call

Mayor Cris W. McConnell	Present
Council President John Beasley	Present
Council Pro Tem Kenny Sims	Present
Councilman Jack Bailey	Absent
Councilman Lee Pickett	Present
Councilman Jared Wollitz	Present

- Prayer & Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM-2 Ordinance No. 2017-01 – Town Property (43.75 acres) Annexation
1ST PUBLIC HEARING
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HILLIARD, FLORIDA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, ANNEXING INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 43.75 ACRES DESCRIBED WITH PARTICULARITY HEREIN; FINDING SAID ANNEXATION TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN OF HILLIARD’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE TOWN’S CODE; AMENDING SECTION 2.03 OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HILLIARD TO INCLUDE SAID LAND; PROVIDING FOR AND AUTHORIZING THE UPDATING THE OFFICIAL TOWN MAPS; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE TOWN CLERK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor McConnell, reads Ordinance No. 2017-01, by title.								
Public Comments:								
Starlene Tittle of County Rd 108, owns the property on the other side of the Stokes 10 acres and asks what the Town’s plans are for the 43 acres.								
Glenn Higginbotham of Wade Drive has heard several concerns about fireworks and parking.								
Motion to close the public hearing.								
Motion	Result	M	2 nd	LB	LP	JW	KS	JB
Approve	Approved	JB	KS	A	Y	Y	Y	Y

PUBLIC HEARING

ITEM-3 Ordinance No. 2017-03 – Stokes Property (10.79 acres) Annexation
 1ST PUBLIC HEARING
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HILLIARD, FLORIDA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, ANNEXING INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 10.79 ACRES DESCRIBED WITH PARTICULARITY HEREIN; FINDING SAID ANNEXATION TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE TOWN OF HILLIARD’S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE TOWN’S CODE; AMENDING SECTION 2.03 OF THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF HILLIARD TO INCLUDE SAID LAND; PROVIDING FOR AND AUTHORIZING THE UPDATING THE OFFICIAL TOWN MAPS; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE TOWN CLERK; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor McConnell, reads Ordinance No. 2017-03, by title. Following no public comments. Motion to close the public hearing.								
Motion	Result	M	2 nd	LB	LP	JW	KS	JB
Approve	Approved	KS	LP	A	Y	Y	Y	Y

ITEM-4 Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Mayor McConnell request to add emergency Item-9A Nassau County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan								
Motion to add emergency Item-9A Nassau County Local Mitigation Strategy Plan								
Motion	Result	M	2 nd	LB	LP	JW	KS	JB
Approve	Approved	JB	KS	A	Y	Y	Y	Y

PAYABLES

ITEM-5	March 2017		\$32,604.65					
Motion	Result	M	2 nd	LB	LP	JW	KS	JB
Approve	Approved	JB	LP	A	Y	Y	Y	Y

MINUTES

ITEM-6	02-27-2017 Workshop 03-02-2017 Public Hearing & Regular Meeting							
Motion	Result	M	2 nd	LB	LP	JW	KS	JB
Approve	Approved	KS	JW	A	Y	Y	Y	Y

TOWN COUNCIL

ITEM-7	September 30, 2016 Annual Financial Statements – Powell & Jones, Certified Public Accountants.							
Richard Powell reviews and discusses the Annual Financial Report for September 30, 2016.								
Motion to approve the Annual Financial Statements and Audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, prepared by Powell & Jones, Certified Public Accountants								
Motion	Result	M	2 nd	LB	LP	JW	KS	JB
Approve	Approved	JB	LP	A	Y	Y	Y	Y

Motion to renew Powell & Jones, Certified Public Accountants, contract for the next 3 years at an overall reduced total cost of \$2500 from their original contract.								
Motion	Result	M	2 nd	LB	LP	JW	KS	JB
Approve	Approved	KS	JB	A	Y	Y	Y	Y

ITEM-8 Planning & Zoning Boards Report to Town Council – Comprehensive Plan Amendments for Annexations

Mayor McConnell reads the Planning & Zoning Board report which recommends that the Town Council adopt the comprehensive plan amendments for the annexations.

ITEM-9 2016 Hilliard Volunteer of the Year – Mr. Waldo Romero

Mayor McConnell states that Mr. Waldo Romero was chosen as the 2016 Hilliard Volunteer of the Year and will be honored at the Nassau County Annual Volunteer Luncheon on April 20, 2017.

ITEM-9A Nassau County Emergency Management – Local Mitigation Strategy Plan

Motion to adopt the Nassau County Emergency Management Local Mitigation Strategy Plan.								
Motion	Result	M	2 nd	LB	LP	JW	KS	JB
Approve	Approved	KS	LP	A	Y	Y	Y	Y

TOWN ATTORNEY

ITEM-10 Myrtle Mikkelsen Estate Donation – Hilliard Volunteer Fire Department

Town Attorney, Sherri Renner, advises the council that there has been no further communication since shortly following the last meeting.

ITEM-11 Draft Ordinance – Town Code Chapter 6 Amended Alcohol Beverage

Mayor McConnell, reads Ordinance No. 2017-06, by title.
 Mayor McConnell states that the draft ordinance is a good starting point.
 Public Comments:
 *Florida Fifth District Commander of the American Legion, Fred Matthews speaks in favor of opening an American Legion in the Town of Hilliard.
 *State Commander Steve Shuga speaks in favor of opening an American Legion in the Town of Hilliard.
 *Bobby Franklin of Hilliard appreciates the Town Council working on the amendment to the Ordinance.
 *James Davis of 37375 Mill St speaks in favor of opening an American Legion in the Town of Hilliard.
 *Hugh Harris the Current Commander of Hilliard Post 401 advises that the American Legion is partnering with the AM Vets by opening their doors for the AM Vets to meet in the American Legions building.
 *Pastor Ted Heglund of 37297 Orange St supports the Veterans but does not support allowing liquor sales in restaurants.
 *Otis Waters of Folkston, GA talks about several of the events that the American Legion hosts that benefit the community
 *Glenn Higginbotham of Wade Dr supports restaurants being allowed to add liquor to their beer & wine license.

*Mayor McConnell cuts off the public comments and talks about his experience with the American Legion.
This item is to be added to the March 20, 2017 workshop that is set for 6:00PM.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Betty Edenfield of 3737 Mill Street wants to address the Town Clean Up and the fact that residents are not made to clean up junk cars and trash / junk in their yards. Mayor McConnell speaks regarding Code Enforcement in the Town of Hilliard and states that he will make a point to sit down with the Town's Code Enforcement Officer and have him start enforcing the Town's Codes.

MAYOR'S CLOSING COMMENTS:

Thank you to the staff and council for being fiscally responsible. Thank you to the public that attended tonight's meeting.

March Meetings:

Monday, 03-20-2017 @ 6PM	Workshop (Grace Covenant Concurrency & Town Code Chapter 6)
Monday, 03-27-2017 @ 7PM	HAC (Town Clean Up)

April Meetings

Monday, 04-03-2017 @ 7PM	HAC (Town Clean Up)
Thursday, 04-06-2017 @ 7PM	Public Hearing & Regular Meeting
Thursday, 04-20-2017 @ 7PM	Regular Meeting

2017 Town Events

04-08-2017 Hilliard Annual Town Clean Up, Shred It & Blood Drive
04-20-2017 2016 Hilliard Volunteer of the Year
05-29-2017 Memorial Day Ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS:

Councilman Sims

- Councilman Sims, is sorry he missed the last meeting.

Councilman Pickett

- Councilman Pickett, thank you for everyone being present tonight and further states that he did not realize when he seconded and voted for the motion to draft an ordinance amending the alcoholic beverage code that it was for both the American Legion and restaurants to sale liquor for onsite consumption. He thought it was only for the American Legion.

Councilman Beasley

- Councilman Beasley, thank you to all the Veterans for being present tonight.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENT

Town Clerk

- Town Clerk, Lisa Purvis has no comment.

Public Works Director

- Public Works Director, David Thompson is absent.

Parks & Recreation Director

- Parks & Recreation Director, Kyle Malucci has no comment.

LEGAL

Town Attorney, Sherri Renner advises that the attorney for the new owners of the Eastwood Oaks Apartments has contacted her requesting to discuss a legal issue regarding the water & sewer rates that Eastwood Oaks Apartments are being charged. A conference call is approved between Town Attorney Sherri Renner, Mayor McConnell, and Town Clerk Lisa Purvis with the attorney for Eastwood Oaks Apartments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourns at 8:35 p.m.

Approved this 6th of April, 2017, by the Hilliard Town Council, Hilliard, Florida.

John P. Beasley
Council President

ATTEST:

Lisa Purvis
Town Clerk

APPROVED:

Cris W. McConnell
Mayor