

**Regular Council Meeting
August 12, 2008**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the regularly scheduled meeting of August 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council Members Jean Arrant, Mike Helton, Ray Jackson, Earl King, and Charlie Simmons. Staff present: City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, City Engineer Representative Charles Peters (PMA), City Planner Latilda Henninger, Fire Chief Bennett Greenslait, and City Clerk Robin Haynes.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Helton gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Approval of Past Minutes

Councilman Helton motioned to accept the minutes of the regular council meeting of July 24, 2008 as written, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

1. Legal Matters

Attorney Adkinson presented a proposed annexation ordinance for the Godwin property located off of Earl Godwin Road, and requested approval to hold first reading, and to advertise for adoption at the regular council meeting of September 9, 2008. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the 1st reading of the proposed ordinance and to advertise for adoption, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no council or public discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Attorney Adkinson read the proposed ordinance by title.

Attorney Adkinson stated that the surveyor was finished on Harrison Street and the legal description should be completed shortly.

2. Planning Issues

Ms. Henninger presented the following items:

Requested approval to perform 2nd reading and adoption of a proposed ordinance designating a zoning assignment for parcel #27-1S- 19-23000-016-0010/0040 of C-2 (Heavy commercial). The property is approximately 1.604 acres. Councilman Jackson motioned to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the proposed ordinance, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Ms Henninger read the proposed ordinance by title and ordinance #08-04 was adopted.

Requested approval to perform 1st reading of the Freeport Business & Technology Park Remedial Amendment Ordinance to limit the development within the Business Park to a maximum of 2300 employees and establishing a 10 year capital improvement plan rather than the 15 year plan previously submitted. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the 1st reading of the proposed ordinance and to advertise for adoption, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Ms. Henninger read the proposed ordinance by title.

Requested approval of the final record plat for the Stone Creek (formerly known as Blueberry Hill) subdivision, Phase I. The homeowner's association will maintain the street and infrastructure improvements. Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the final record plat for Stone Creek, Phase I, Councilman

Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Stated that a situation had been brought to her attention in which properties being annexed into the City are being given a closely corresponding land use category, but the County currently has no zoning categories. Ms. Henninger requested approval to prepare a resolution simplifying the annexation process by establishing a zoning designation at the time of annexation. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve preparing a simplified annexation resolution, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

Ms. Henninger left the room to get the information on her last requested item.

3. Parks Department Report

There was no Parks report given.

4. Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Greenslait gave a short fire department report for July which included the following:

- 78 calls were received in July
- The new fire truck (Rescue 12) has arrived and been placed into service
- The fire boat should be delivered soon
- New air packs are in service
- Water rescue classes will be beginning in August
- Jordan Herrick has completed Firefighter 2 training
- Candice Odden has completed Firefighter 1 training

Ms. Henninger returned and presented a request by Mr. Michael Simmons to grant an exception for permitting a mobile home that has been sitting vacant within the City for an undetermined amount of time. The mobile home is a 1993 and therefore does not meet the code requirement of 1994. Councilman Jackson motioned to grant the waiver for the mobile home because it meets the wind load requirements, though not necessarily the year, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 4:0. Councilman Simmons abstained from voting due to relationship with the requestor.

5. Engineer's Report

Mr. Charles Peters updated the council on the following sewer department projects:

- Lazy Days gravity sewer on Highway 20 close to finished, no work on pumpstation as of this date, running approximately two – three weeks behind
- Reuse tank is being welded – approximately 30 days for welding, two months for painting and cleanup
- Reuse filters have been installed, electrical interface is progressing
- Plant upgrades progressing well – completion should be November, 2008
- Preliminary designs have been completed for well #7, tentative bid date of October 10, 2008

IV. Old Business

1. Water department building/parking lot

Councilman King stated that three proposals had been submitted for paving the parking lot at the water department building:

Burnham Paving and Striping	\$36,035.00
Tindle Enterprises, Inc.	\$38,431.85
South Land Services LLC	\$44,920.00

After short discussion, Councilman King motion to award the project to Burnham Paving and Striping for \$36,035.00, subject to verification that the quote includes 6” compacted base material in the back, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Landscaping proposals/Freeport Regional Sports Complex

Clerk Haynes stated that she had received two proposals for the landscaping maintenance of the ballfields and grounds for the Freeport Regional Sports Complex:

Dogwood Services	\$5,900.00 per month
ValleyCrest Landscaping	\$6,388.50 per month

After short discussion with Lewis Davis of Dogwood Services, and Heath Owens of ValleyCrest, Councilman King motioned to accept the bids as received and have staff review (Councilman Simmons) and report back to council with a recommendation, Councilman Jackson seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

V. New Business

1. Communities for a Lifetime

Mr. J.B. Hilliard made a short presentation to council regarding the Communities for a Lifetime project initiative by the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. Mr. Hilliard requested council join the initiative by adopting a resolution of support, and by appointing two members to the committee, preferably a Councilmember and a staff member. Councilwoman Arrant motioned to approve the proposed resolution as presented, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Resolution #08-06 was adopted. Councilman King motioned to appoint Councilwoman Jean Arrant and City Clerk Robin Haynes to the committee, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

2. Request to change group life and dental policies

Councilman Jackson motioned to approve changing the City’s group life and dental insurance policies from Florida Municipal Insurance Trust to Standard Life Insurance, Councilman Simmons seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

3. Request to attend Clerk Academy

Councilman Simmons motioned to approve City Clerk Haynes attending the Florida Association of City Clerks Education Academy in St. Augustine in October, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

4. Pay all bills in order

Councilman Helton motioned to pay all bills in order, Councilwoman Arrant seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

VI. Council Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VII. Public Business Not On Agenda

None was presented.

VIII. Adjournment

Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Earl King, Council President