HIGH SPRINGS

**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

MARCH 28, 2024

**CITY HALL**

# CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice Mayor Grunder called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

## ROLL CALL CITY COMMISSION:

# Mayor Katherine Weitz – Present for Swearing in

Vice Mayor Tristan Grunder – Present

Commissioner Andrew Miller- Present

Commissioner Byran Williams – Present

# STAFF PRESENT:

Angela Stone, City Clerk

Scott Walker, City Attorney

Ashley Mauldin, Executive Assistant

Kevin Mangan, PIO

Antoine Sheppard, Chief of Police

Diane Wilson, Finance Director

Kristyn Adkins, Planning Technician

Thomas Henry, Public Works Director

Allan Alligood, Building Official

# INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### Invocation by Pastor Tim Folds with Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.

### Pledge of Allegiance

**CITY CLERK TO SWEAR IN NEWLY ELECTED COMMISSIONER**

City Clerk Angela Stone swears in the new City Commissioner Wayne Bloodsworth.

Mr. Bloodsworth thanks everyone for help with the Election.

# APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

### motioned to approve the modified agenda.

### Seconded.

### Motion carried 4-0.

# Vice Mayor Grunder makes Amendment to Agenda to move the Unfinished Business items to the April 11, 2024, meeting.

Commissioner Miller makes a motion to approve the agenda with changes.

Commissioner Williams seconded.

Motion carries 4-0

# APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the Consent Agenda.

Commissioner Miller Seconded.

Motion carried 4-0

## MINUTES OF THE MARCH 14, 2024, SPECIAL MEETING AND

## REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

### Williams motioned to approve the Minutes for the Special Commission Meeting and Regular Commission Meeting held on March 14, 2024.

### Commissioner Miller seconded.

### Motioned carried 4-0

**(E) special presentations**

1. **Introduction by sheriff emery a. gainey**

Sheriff Emery A. Gainey discussed the current state of the sheriff’s office. Introduces some of his staff and what is currently taking place staffing wise within the Department. Hired 130 employees. Talks about having partnerships with local municipality Police Departments and working together.

1. **proclamation declaring april 2024 as child abuse prevention month. (partnership for strong families)**

Attorney Walker reads the Proclamation.

Jenny McGovern is representing the Partnership for Strong Families and Alachua County child abuse prevention task force discusses the current issues within the Community and what we can do to help. An event will be held April 20th at West Side Park in Gainesville and extends an invite.

Commissioner Miller motions to Declare April as child abuse prevention month.

Commissioner Williams seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

**(F) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ACT ON PURCHASING SEWER LIFT STATION PUMPS.

Postpone until April 11, 2024, Commission Meeting.

1. **DISCUSS, CONSIDER, AND ACT ON PURCHASING A SEWER BYPASS PUMP.**

Postpone until April 11, 2024, Commission Meeting.

**(G) CITIZEN REQUESTS AND COMMENTS – FOR ISSUES NOT ON AGENDA** (PLEASE STATE NAME FOR THE RECORD – **LIMIT COMMENTS TO 5 MINUTES)**

Citizen Leah Currier addresses concerns for Higher Purposes Church regarding the zoning and planning issues for building placement. Asks is possible for fees to be waived.

She has been directed to get with the planning technician Kristy.

Brad Riddle questions why the agenda items regarding why the pumps have been postponed.

Grunder informs Riddle it was requested by the mayor prior to the meeting.

## COMMISSIONER RESPONSE:

**(H) NEW BUSINESS**

1. **DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD SEATS.**

Linda Hewlett thanks City Clerk Angela Stone and other City employees. Discusses the preferred members for the Parks Advisory Board.

Commissioner Williams motions to remove Jeffrey from the Parks and Recreation Board.

Commissioner Miller seconded.

Motion carries 4-0.

Commissioner Miller motions to appoint Danny Finn as a member for the Parks & Recreation Board.

Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

Commissioner Williams makes a motion to appoint Monica White for the Parks & Recreation Board.

Miller seconded.

Motion carries 4-0.

Commissioner Williams motions to approve Eva Verner, Jarod Howard as alternates to the Parks & Recreation Board.

Commissioner Bloodsworth seconded.

Motion carries 4-0.

1. **DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON AWARDING BID ON RFP 2024-01 STREET/ROAD REPLACEMENT.**

Public Works Director Thomas Henry recommends approval. Discusses bids that were submitted. Suggests the city go with Live Oak Management for street/road replacement.

Board discusses with Thomas Henry.

Commissioner Williams motions to award the bid with Live Oak Management LLC.

Commissioner Miller seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

1. **DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON AWARDING BID ON RFP 2024-02 PARKING LOT REPLACEMENT.**

Public Works Director Thomas Henry recommends approval for Batjac Asphalt Maintenance BID.

Commissioner Miller motions to award the BID to Batjac Asphalt Maintenance.

Commissioner Williams seconded.

Motion carried 4-0.

1. **DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE 2024-02,** AN ORDINANCE OF

THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS, FLORIDA, REVISING REQUIREMENTS OF

INDIVIDUALS OPERATING GOLF CARTS ON CITY STREETS WITHIN THE CITY

OF HIGH SPRINGS; REVISING SECTION 74-6 OF THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS

CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF OPERATOR;

REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE

DATE.

Attorney Walker reads the Ordinance and informs the proper motion would be to pass Ordinance 2024-02 which is a new State requirement.

Commissioner Miller motioned to pass the updated ordinance.

Commissioner Williams seconded.

Roll Call:

Vice mayor Grunder – Yes

Commissioner Bloodsworth – Yes

Commissioner Miller – Yes

Commissioner Williams - Yes

Motion carries 4-0

1. **DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON ORDINANCE 2024-03,** AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 10 “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES” OF THE HIGH SPRINGS

CODE OF ORDINANCES; LIFTING RESTRICTIONS ON ON-PREMISE

CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON SUNDAYS FOR BUSINESSES

DERIVING LESS THAN 51 PERCENT OF THEIR REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF

FOOD AND NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

City Attorney Scott Walker reads and discusses the Ordinance with the board.

Vice Mayor Grunder suggests pushing it to the next meeting for a full board.

Commissioner Miller agrees with Grunder.

The board has a back-and-forth discussion with Attorney Walker.

Julia Tapio-Ruano says that the Ordinance should not be changed, but the Commission should make the final decision.

Citizen Amy does not agree to tabling the change of the Ordinance and that a decision should be made, and this is not something that should be determined by a Special permit.

Tim Folds believes that the Ordinance was written the way it was written because the food helps soak up the alcohol.

Chad Howell says that he is a huge fan of local business, and he believes we should give our local businesses every opportunity to succeed. The breweries business is to sell beer. Once we start restricting that, we are taking away from our local business. Just because it is 51% of food he can go to any local bar and drink as much as he wants to without ordering or eating any food. His opinion is to change the Ordinance to allow the local business to succeed.

Monica White fully agrees with Chad. Discusses the reasons she believes why the Ordinance should be passed and believes the Commission has enough information to move forward.

Eva Kerner discusses how alcohol is close with the noise ordinance. Wants the Commission to take the time to make a decision.

Mr. Kiffin realizes this is a heated issue and says there is a perception and who is keeping track of the ordinance for restaurants serving/consuming alcohol. Discusses the brewery being more family oriented and is not like a regular bar. They do not condone over drinking and the staff is well trained.

Commissioner Williams wants to further discuss and change the language.

Board continues to discuss.

Commissioner Bloodsworth says that when the Brewery opened their business license that they were aware of the City ordinance and now they are asking the Commission to modify it.

Mr. Kiffin replied that was correct. Discusses transparency and the laws changing with the community.

Commissioner Williams makes a motion to table Ordinance 2024-03.

Commissioner Miller seconded.

Motion carries 4-0.

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT/UPDATE:**

**None**

**CITY MANAGER REPORT/UPDATE:**

**None**

**STAFF UPDATE:**

**None**

**COMMISSIONERS:**

Commissioner Bloodsworth thanks Mr. Howell for his time and conversation.

Commissioner Miller’s employee highlight of the week was Mr. Alan Alligood. Thanks him for being so kind.

**VICE MAYOR:**

Vice Mayor Grunder thanks everyone for the conversations and how clean the electors were during the election.

**MAYOR:**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

**motioned to adjourn.**

**Vice Mayor Gunder adjourned the meeting at 8:08 pm.**