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**HIGH SPRINGS  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 25, 2024  
CITY HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Weitz called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL CITY COMMISSION:**

Mayor Katherine Weitz – Present  
Vice Mayor Tristan Grunder – Present  
Commissioner Wayne Bloodsworth - Present  
Commissioner Andrew Miller- Present  
Commissioner Byran Williams – Present

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Angela Stone, City Clerk  
Scott Walker, City Attorney  
Jami Echeverri, Asst. City Clerk  
Ashley Mauldin, Executive Assistant  
Antoine Sheppard, Chief of Police  
Diane Wilson, Finance Director (Interim City Manager)  
Jason Kytle, Interim Public Works Director  
Allan Alligood, Building Official

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Invocation by Pastor Folds  
Pledge of Allegiance

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Commissioner Williams motioned to approve the amended agenda.  
Commissioner Miller Seconded.  
Motion carried 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

- 1. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2024, BUDGET WORKSHOP**
- 2. MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2024, COMMISSION MEETING**



**Commissioner Williams Motioned to approve the Minutes of the April 11, 2024, Budget Workshop, & Minutes of the April 11, 2024 Commission Meeting.**  
**Vice Mayor Grunder Seconded.**  
**Motioned carried 5-0**

**(E) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 2, 2024, AS “NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER”**

Mayor Weitz read a proclamation declaring May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 as National Day of Prayer.

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING MAY 5- MAY 11, 2024, AS “MUNICIPAL CLERK’S WEEK.”**

Mayor Weitz read a proclamation declaring May 5 – May 11, 2024, as Municipal Clerk’s Week.

**PRESENTATION BY THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD ON THE GOOD NEWS ARTS PROGRAM**

Linda Hewlett Chair of the Parks and Recreation Board read from a letter commending Ms. Jessica Caldas on her art, as well as her working with local children in her art program. The letter elaborated on the function and purpose of the art program and how it serves the community.

Vice Mayor Grunder stated he has heard nothing but good things about the program and is grateful to Ms. Caldas for her time and work.

**(F) UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

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

Rick Testa – made a statement regarding a proposed Community Development District and his displeasure and disagreement with it. Some issues he addressed were tax assessments. He handed Planning Technician Adkins a handout to present to the commission for reading.

Kelly & Dave Potter – they are concerned that it is the busiest weekend for the city (Pioneer Days) and she stated that much of her business relies on customers who visit the brewery and she is unhappy that the Brewery is not going to be open on Sunday.

Adam Joy – is unhappy with a bill he received for pump maintenance. He is concerned that staff did not inform him that he would possibly be billed for the repairs.

Christy Swilley – is disappointed in the people in the commission chambers. She is concerned about the perceived opinion of former Public Works Director Thomas Henry and believes misinformation is being spread through the community.



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Mayor Weitz read a letter as requested by Scott and Lynn Jamison disagreeing with how the City Manager handled Former Public Works Director Thomas Henry's resignation from the City.

Brad Riddle – commended former Public Works Director on his work and is disappointed in the situation regarding his exit from his position at the City.

### **COMMISSIONER RESPONSE:**

Mayor Weitz explained the reasoning for why the Brewery is closed on Sundays due to ordinance.

### **(H) NEW BUSINESS**

#### **DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST BY THE HIGH SPRINGS BMX TO ALLOW CAMPING ON CITY PROPERTY FOR THE HIGH SPRINGS BMX GOLD CUP REGIONAL QUALIFIER.**

Attorney Walker advised that there is an agreement included in the special permit packet. Specifically addressing the liability and respect for city property concerns.

Mayor Weitz questioned if this is past practice? City Clerk Stone advised yes that is has come to the commission for approval in the past.

**Commissioner Miller Motioned to approve the event permit for BMX.**

**Commissioner Williams seconded.**

**All in favor 5-0**

#### **DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS FOR SADDLE RIDGE ESTATES.**

Chris Potts with JB Pro gave an explanation of the proposed construction documents for potential development "Saddle Ridge Estates"

Commissioner Miller questioned if there would be an HOA.

Mr. Potts advised yes. At the request of Attorney Walker, Mr. Potts elaborated the infrastructure plans and responsibilities.

Mayor Weitz asked for some clarification on the extensive drainage numbers.

Mr. Potts explained how the drainage calculations worked and would function to provide data regarding stormwater.

**Mayor Weitz questioned  
Public Comment:**



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Rick Testa – likes the large lots of the community. His only concern that was unclear there is a circumference of fencing around the development. He has concerns about insurance and litigation concerns.

Vice Mayor Grunder motioned to accept the construction documents for Saddle Ridge Estates. Commissioner Miller seconded.

5-0

**DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON A MINOR PLAT FOR TAX PARCELS 00090-001000 AND 00104-000-000 (SWOYER REPLAT).**

Planning Technician Adkins gave an overview and explanation of the proposed plat.

Commissioner Miller motioned to approve minor plat for tax parcels 00090-001000 & 00104-000-000

Commissioner Williams Seconded.

Motion Carried 5-0

**DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON A JOINT RESOLUTION, RESOLUTION 2024-01, OF THE ALACHUA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF HIGH SPRINGS AS THE OWNER OF TAX PARCELS 00634-000-000 AND 00634-001-000.**

Attorney walker read resolution 2024-01 by title only.

Commissioner Williams motioned to approve joint resolution 2024-01  
Vice Mayor Grunder Seconded

Mayor Katherine Weitz – Present

Vice Mayor Tristan Grunder – Present

Commissioner Wayne Bloodsworth - Present

Commissioner Andrew Miller- Present

Commissioner Byran Williams – Present

**DISCUSS, CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTING THE VICE CHAIR TO THE CRA.**

Commissioner Miller nominated Commissioner Bloodsworth for the Vice Chair position of the CRA.

Vice Mayor Grunder seconded.

5-0

**CITY ATTORNEY REPORT/UPDATE:**

Funding is approximately 2 months out for the Priest Theatre purchase project.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT/UPDATE**

None:



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**CITY CLERK:**

**JOINT MEETING WITH THE COUNTY COMING UP SOON SHE REQUESTED THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER AND REPORT BACK ON ANYTHING THEY WPOULD LIKE TO SEE ON THE AGENDA.**

**She also announced**

**COMMISSIONERS:**

**Commissioner Bloodsworth: none**

**Commissioner Miller stated his employee of the week was Jennifer from Public Works and he thanked her for her assistance.**

**VICE MAYOR:**

**None**

**MAYOR:**

**Welcomes everyone to Pioneer Day.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN.**

**motioned to adjourn.**

**Mayor Weitz adjourned the meeting at 7:38pm**