



City of Eustis, Florida

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Meeting Minutes - Final City Commission

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

7:30 PM

City Hall

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Holland - 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Dr. Albert Eckian

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Muenzmay

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF QUORUM AND PROPER NOTICE

Present: 8 - Mayor Kress Muenzmay; Commissioner Kress Muenzmay; Vice-Mayor Linda Bob; Commissioner William Ferree; Vice-Mayor Susan Hooper; Mayor Susan Hooper; Mayor Michael Holland; and Commissioner Michael Holland

Absent: 2 - Mayor Michael Holland; and Commissioner Michael Holland

I. AGENDA UPDATE

Paul Berg, City Manager, announced that the presentation by Lake County regarding economic development was postponed to the January 19, 2012, regular Commission meeting.

II. Outgoing Mayor's Message - Mayor Holland

Mayor Michael Holland read a prepared statement as his outgoing message to the City:

"As I reflect on the last year, it is impossible to look past the major roadblocks that have threatened every local city. An economy that severely hampered our efforts, lower property values that reduced revenues and higher county-wide unemployment that inflicted economic pain on our citizens.

Fortunately, the city of my birth saw these challenges and did something remarkable this year. We proved why this city continues to be a shining beacon of fiscal responsibility. Building on the decisive plans we implemented when the current economic storm was just on the horizon, we made important financial decisions this year which will help sustain us in the future.

As we weathered this financial storm, we were able to make major strides toward improving services for citizens while positioning ourselves for future growth. Recognizing that our citizens would benefit from more advanced medical care, our Fire Department implemented Advanced Life Support Services in October. ALS, as it is commonly known, means that the first person to arrive at a patient in Eustis will be a paramedic, regardless of how long it takes for Lake EMS to provide a transporting ambulance.

Our Public Works department has rebuilt structures, created bathroom facilities in our parks and added or rebuilt major sections of sidewalk. Our Water and Wastewater Departments have continued to provide clean water services at low rates. Our Recreation Department has learned to offer new and improved programs for adults and children, even in the face of lower budgets.

Our library continues to improve, with an ongoing project to expand access to information technology now in place. The Purchasing and Finance departments continue their drive for excellence, while the Police Department continues to address the issues of crime that a stressful economy can create. And our citizens have been especially patient, as the master stormwater project, which at times has seemed like a major inconvenience, will one day make way for a breathtaking downtown renaissance.

When I was elected mayor by this body just twelve months ago, I thought I knew what my community would ask of me. I had no idea. From helping celebrate a 104th birthday with a longtime resident to presiding over tense commission meetings, from throwing out the first pitch at Little League to bringing tarps, water and, more importantly, comfort to citizens affected by a devastating water spout off the lake, I have seen a bit of everything in this position. At times it has seemed overwhelming. But it has never been a burden.

As a child, I watched some great men and women do this job. Knowing that it was part-time work, I often wondered how they found the time. Now I know that they sacrificed to give back to their community. It has been a great honor to be able to serve my hometown in this capacity.

To the person this board elects tonight, I say good luck and you have my support. Hopefully, I have served my city as faithfully as I can and I know she has great things ahead of her, under your leadership."

III. Appointment of City Clerk as Temporary Chairman

Mayor Holland appointed the City Clerk as temporary Chair for the purpose of conducting the election of Mayor.

IV. Election of Mayor

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Election of Mayor and Vice-Mayor

Mary Montez, City Clerk, reviewed for the audience the procedure to be used for election of the Mayor and Vice Mayor.

Commissioner Muenzmay nominated Commissioner Hooper as Mayor.

There being no further nominations for Mayor, Ms. Montez asked for a motion to close the nominations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ferree, seconded by Commissioner Bob, to close the nominations. The motion carried unanimously.

On a roll call vote Commissioner Hooper was unanimously elected as Mayor.

V. Election of Vice-Mayor

Mayer Hooper assumed control of the meeting and opened the floor for nominations for Vice Mayor.

Commissioner Ferree nominated Commissioner Bob for Vice Mayor.

Commissioner Muenzmay nominated Commissioner Ferree for Vice Mayor.

Commissioner Holland nominated Commissioner Muenzmay for Vice Mayor.

Mayor Hooper asked for a motion to close the nominations.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holland, seconded by Commissioner Muenzmay, to close the nominations for Vice Mayor. The motion carried unanimously.

A roll call vote on the nomination of Commissioner Bob as Vice Mayor failed as follows:

Aye - 1 - Commissioner Ferree

Nay - 4 - Commissioner Bob, Commissioner Holland, Mayor Hooper and Commissioner Muenzmay

A roll call vote on the nomination of Commissioner Ferree as Vice Mayor failed as follows:

Aye - 1 - Commissioner Bob

Nay - 4 - Commissioner Ferree, Commissioner Holland, Mayor Hooper and Commissioner Muenzmay

A roll call vote on the nomination of Commissioner Muenzmay as Vice Mayor carried as follows:

Aye - 5 - Commissioner Bob, Commissioner Ferree, Commissioner Holland, Mayor Hooper and Commissioner Muenzmay

VI. Seating of Mayor and Vice-Mayor

VII. Set Regular Meeting Day and Time

A motion was made by Commissioner Holland, seconded by Vice Mayor Muenzmay, for the regular Commission meetings to be held the first and third Thursday at 6:00 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Mr. Berg reminded the Commission it was previously agreed that a meeting would not be held on Thursday, January 5, 2012.

Aye: 8 - Mayor Muenzmay; Commissioner Muenzmay; Vice-Mayor Bob; Commissioner Ferree; Vice-Mayor Hooper; Mayor Hooper; Mayor Holland; and Commissioner Holland

Excused: 2 - Mayor Holland; and Commissioner Holland

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[11289](#)

December 15, 2011 - City Commission Workshop
December 15, 2011 - Regular City Commission Meeting
November 18, 2010 - City Commission Workshop
November 4, 2010 - City Commission Workshop
August 5, 2010 - Regular City Commission Meeting

A motion was made by Mayor Holland, seconded by Commissioner Ferree, for Approval of the minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Muenzmay; Commissioner Muenzmay; Vice-Mayor Bob; Commissioner Ferree; Vice-Mayor Hooper; Mayor Hooper; Mayor Holland; and Commissioner Holland

Excused: 2 - Mayor Holland; and Commissioner Holland

IX. PRESENTATIONS

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Lake County Economic Development Status Update

Mayor Hooper confirmed that the presentation by Lake County was postponed to January 19, 2012.

X. AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD

There being no public comment, the Audience to be Heard closed at 7:44 p.m.

XI. ORDINANCES, PUBLIC HEARINGS & QUASI-JUDICIAL HEARINGS

SECOND READING

[11271](#)

Ordinance 11-16: Franchise Agreement with Peoples Gas System.

Derek Schroth, City Attorney, read by title on second reading Ordinance 11-15 approving the franchise agreement with Peoples Gas System.

Jim Myers, Finance Director, stated this was the second reading of the ordinance and announced that Tanya Wilder, Director of Local Government for TECO, was present to answer any questions.

Mr. Schroth opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m. There being no public comment, the public hearing closed at 7:45 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice Mayor Muenzmay, seconded by Commissioner Holland, to Adopt Ordinance 11-16 on second reading. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 8 - Mayor Muenzmay; Commissioner Muenzmay; Vice-Mayor Bob; Commissioner Ferree; Vice-Mayor Hooper; Mayor Hooper; Mayor Holland; and Commissioner Holland

Excused: 2 - Mayor Holland; and Commissioner Holland

XII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Ferree noted discussion in one of the sets of approved minutes regarding the City working with the School Board. He commented on the need for the City to express pride in the local schools and suggested that information regarding the schools could be put on the City's website.

Commissioner Muenzmay expressed agreement and Mayor Hooper suggested the City could feature a student at the Commission meetings whenever possible.

Commissioner Bob noted that Eustis Heights would be getting a new school with construction to begin in approximately six months.

Nancy Muenzmay, Executive Director of the Eustis Area Chamber of Commerce, informed the Commission that the next Chamber Lunch & Learn would be held January 19th at 11:30 a.m. at Eustis High School with subsequent meetings to be held at Mount Dora and Tavares high schools, as well as at Lake-Sumter Community College and Lake Tech. She explained the purpose is to encourage more business involvement in the schools.

XIII. COMMENTS**City Commission**

Commissioner Bob announced that the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration would be held January 16th, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Ferran Park.

Vice Mayor Muenzmay thanked Commissioner Holland for his service as Mayor for 2011. He announced there would be a meeting hosted by the St. John's Water Management District on Thursday, January 5th, at 5 p.m. in the Mission Inn Convention Center. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the drawdown of the Harris Chain of Lakes.

Mayor Hooper stated she is honored to be elected Mayor for 2012 and asked that residents feel free to contact her at anytime. She commented on the Bates Avenue Neighborhood Council meeting and cited her desire to bring everyone together as "one Eustis".

City Manager

Mr. Berg noted staff had been working to obtain additional information regarding the St. John's meeting and assured the Commission that the City would have representation at the meeting on Thursday. He also thanked Commissioner Holland for his support and service as Mayor.

City Attorney - None**XIV. ADJOURNMENT - 7:58 p.m.**

**These minutes reflect the actions taken and portions of the discussion during the meeting. To review the entire discussion concerning any agenda item, go to www.eustis.org and click on the video for the meeting in question. A DVD of the entire meeting or CD of the entire audio recording or verbatim transcript of the meeting can be obtained from the office of the City Clerk for a fee.*