



**MEETING MINUTES
SESSION OF THE CITY COMMISSION
CITY OF KISSIMMEE
CITY HALL, COMMISSION CHAMBERS
101 CHURCH STREET, KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA 34741-5054
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024 AT 6:00 PM**

- 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER Members Present:** Mayor Olga Gonzalez, Commissioners Olga Castano, Angela Eady, Carlos Alvarez, III, Janette Martinez
Staff Present: City Manager Mike Steigerwald, City Attorney Olga Sanchez de Fuentes, Deputy City Manager Desiree Matthews, Assistant City Manager Austin Blake, City Clerk Linda Hansell
Members Absent: None

Mayor Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

- 2. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** After a Moment of Silence, Commissioner Alvarez led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PROCLAMATIONS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3.A Swearing in Ceremony for Eight New Police Officers

Swearing in and administering the Oath of Office for eight new Police Officers.

Police Chief Betty Holland administered the Oath of Office to Police Officers Matthew Guntie, Ezequiel A. Mestre-Valentin, Javier Montalvo, Keandre J. Moreno-Pearson, Cecilia J. Navarro, Hysom M. Sabel, Bryan Tran, and Jason C. Wint as they were joined by friends and family for the ceremony.

3.B Swearing in Ceremony for Four New Firefighters

Staff requests that our four (4) new employees be sworn in as City of Kissimmee firefighters.

Fire Chief Jim Walls administered the Oath of Office to Firefighters Jakob Bush, Emily Lewis, Jesus Pineda, Mark Waller as they were joined by family and friends for the ceremony.

3.C Promotion of Sergio Concepcion to Fire Engineer

Staff requests that Sergio Concepción be sworn into his newly appointed position of Fire Engineer.

Fire Chief Jim Walls administered the Oath of Office to newly promoted Fire Engineer Sergio Concepción.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS - FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

4.A Public Hearing - First Reading - Proposed Ordinance # 24-01 - Amending the City's Lien Ordinance

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF KISSIMMEE, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE VI, FINANCE, CREATING DIVISION 4, LIEN POLICY; PROVIDING FOR THE ENFORCEMENT AND COLLECTION OF LIENS AND ASSOCIATED FEES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Request approval of the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance #24-01.

City Attorney Sanchez de Fuentes read Proposed Ordinance #24-01 by title.

City Manager Steigerwald explained this is the first reading of Proposed Ordinance # 24-01, amending the Lien Ordinance that was enacted in 2012. Staff is proposing the fees be updated by Resolution and a policy be established for the waiver of fees and collection of service charges for all outstanding liens, special assessments, fees, and fines. After holding the Public Hearing, staff recommended approval.

Mayor Gonzalez announced the Public Hearing with no response from the audience.

Commissioner Eady made a motion to Approve the First Public Hearing. Commissioner Castano seconded the motion.

AYE: Mayor-Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Alvarez, Commissioner Castano, Commissioner Eady, Commissioner Martinez

NAY: None

Motion carried 5 – 0.

4.B Public Hearing - First Reading - Proposed Ordinance #24-06 - Repealing the Citizens' Police Review Board

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KISSIMMEE, FLORIDA, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE III, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, DIVISION 11, CITIZENS' POLICE REVIEW BOARD, SECTIONS 2-364, 2-365, AND 2-366; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Approval of the First Reading of the Proposed Ordinance #24-06 repealing the Citizens' Police Review Board (CPRB).

City Attorney Sanchez de Fuentes read Proposed Ordinance # 24-06 by title.

City Manager Steigerwald explained to the Commission this is a request to repeal the Citizen's Police Review Board. The City created this board as an additional check and balance with the review of complaints or misconduct by police officers. The State Legislature, effective July 1, 2024, will preempt the use of a review board for this purpose, and we are repealing it to comply with the State law.

Mayor Gonzalez announced the Public Hearing.

Mr. Alexander Alemi, 424 Lakeshore Boulevard, Kissimmee, addressed the Commission and explained he is a member of an organization named Strong Towns, which is a national non-partisan organization dedicated to improving local communities. One of their recent efforts is crash analysis, which looks at road designs and other causes of accidents and not assigning blame but looking for all factors that contributed to the outcome and to safeguard ways to improve the conditions. Small Towns brings together experts to identify any and all factors, and they propose changes to the design of the road to reduce the number of accidents. Florida House Bill 601 allows for policies and procedures to be put in place. Mr. Alemi stated he has attempted to rewrite the ordinance for that purpose.

Commissioner Castano asked if this is for repealing only or is there another option.

City Attorney Sanchez de Fuentes stated the Bill does allow for policies to be reviewed but the Citizen Police Review Board was not established by the City for that purpose. This board is not a committee of experts and that is why we are disbanding it.

Police Chief Betty Holland stated the Board was not used in that capacity and only provided review of internal affairs that resulted in complaints from the public. Law Enforcement depends on review of policies through the Police Accreditation Board and CFA Standards.

Mr. Alemi found quotes from the Florida House, ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union) , and one of the bill sponsors that make it clear they envision a citizen review board as part of the process in the future.

Commissioner Martinez questioned if the board can exists. City Attorney Sanchez de Fuentes stated it could be used but that was not the intent of establishing the board. City Manager Steigerwald said this board was established at the request of the Police Chief at the time and not due to a lawsuit or any other reason.

Commissioner Eady questioned having an Ethics Advisory Board but Attorney Sanchez de Fuentes stated that would not be the same as this board.

Commissioner Eady made a motion to approve the First Reading of Proposed Ordinance # 24-06. Commissioner Castano seconded the motion.

AYE: Mayor-Commissioner Gonzalez, Commissioner Alvarez, Commissioner Castano, Commissioner Eady, Commissioner Martinez
NAY: None

Motion carried 5 - 0.

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. HEAR AUDIENCE

- 7. CONSENT AGENDA** *The consent agenda is a technique designed to expedite the handling of routine miscellaneous business of the City Commission. The City Commission in one motion may adopt the entire Consent Agenda. The motion for adoption is non-debatable and must receive unanimous approval. By request of any individual member, an item may be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.*

Commissioner Eady made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Commissioner Castano seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

- 7.A Approval of City Commission Minutes from the May 7, 2024 meeting
Request Commission approval of the May 7, 2024 Commission Minutes.
- 7.B Accept sponsorship from Pineapple Healthcare
Approval to accept sponsorship from Pineapple Healthcare for PrideFest Kissimmee event in the amount of \$10,000, and execute agreement, City contract #20240340.
- 7.C Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support Grant from the Florida Department of Health for FY2024
Approval for the Kissimmee Police Department (KPD) to apply for funding from the

Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Grant Program through the Florida Department of Health (DOH).

- 7.D School Crossing Guard Contract for the 2024/2025 School Year
Approve the Annual Crossing Guard Contract between the City and All City Management Services (Contract #20230132).
- 7.E Ministerial Approval of Fire Pension Board Fifth Member
Request City Commission approval of the ministerial appointment of Dan Garaguso Jr. as the fifth (5th) member of the Fire Pension Board.
- 7.F Amendment No. 1 to Public Transportation Grant Agreement from the Florida Department of Transportation for the Business Airpark Improvements
Approval of Amendment No. 1 to the Public Transportation Grant Agreement (PTGA) from the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) for the Business Airpark Development (Phase II) at Kissimmee Gateway Airport in the amount of \$393,750.00, Grant Master No. BUSAIRD-S.
- 7.G Mowing Contract Renewal for City Rights of Way
Authorization to renew contract #20230268 with Aero Groundtek, LLC for mowing services along certain City Rights of Way in the amount of \$481,950 for twelve (12) months.
- 7.H Knightsbridge Phase 2 – Final Plat
Requesting City Commission approval of the final plat known as Knightsbridge Phase 2 (DRC # SR-23-0007), with a performance guarantee and agreement (Contract #20240337).
- 7.I Sale of Dumpster Containers to Waste Pro of Florida, Inc.
Approval to sell dumpster containers to Waste Pro of Florida, Inc. for \$675,847.70
- 7.J Approval of an Agreement with International Towers, LLC for Radio Tower Inspections and Maintenance
Approval of an agreement with International Towers, LLC for inspections, maintenance, and hourly work as needed for the City's radio communications tower (Contract # 20240334).
- 7.K Lyndell Drainage Improvements Project Construction Award
Approval of Task Work Order No. 1 to American Persian Engineering & Construction, LLC (APEC) contract #20240056 for the construction of the Lyndell (Renee Terrace) Drainage Improvements for \$1,030,373.50.
- 7.L Lyndell & Bermuda Drainage Improvements Project Construction, Engineering & Inspection Services Award
Approval of Task Work Order No. 1 to DRMP, Inc. contract #20230253 for Construction, Engineering & Inspection (CEI) services for the Lyndell (Renee Terrace) & Bermuda Drainage Improvements in the amount of \$195,050.00.
- 7.M Investment Advisor Services with PFM Asset Management
Approval of Agreement for Investment Advisory Services (Contract #20240336) with PFM Asset Management, LLC

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 8.A Annual Advisory Board vacancies with terms ending May 31, 2024
The Commission is requested to appoint or reappoint members to fill vacancies for boards with terms ending May 31, 2024.

Commissioner Eady made a motion to reappoint Diana Marrero-Pinto to the Planning Advisory Board. Commissioner Alvarez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

Commissioner Eady made a motion to appoint Amber Craft to the Historic Preservation Board. Commissioner Martinez seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

Commissioner Alvarez made a motion to appoint Aaron Sabino to the Planning Advisory Board. Commissioner Eady seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

Commissioner Alvarez made a motion to reappoint Edgar Silva to the Historic Preservation Board. Commissioner Eady seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

Commissioner Castano made a motion to reappoint Niles Chalifoux to the Board of Adjustment. Commissioner Eady seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

Commissioner Castano made a motion to reappoint Brunilda "Vanessa" Alvarez to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Commissioner Eady seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

Mayor Gonzalez made a motion to reappoint Albert Dorsey to the Parks and Recreations Advisory Board and Andrew Jeng (Horng) to the Board of Adjustment. Commissioner Eady seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5 - 0.

9. HEAR CITY OFFICIALS

9.A CITY MANAGER

City Manager Steigerwald announced a Bicycle Give-Away Event with Management is scheduled for Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. and also reminded the audience of the Pride Festival scheduled for Saturday, June 1st.

9.B CITY ATTORNEY

Nothing

9.C CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Eady provided an update on the garage renovation initiatives. Commissioner Eady and Mayor Gonzalez discussed alternative solutions for housing a local homeless citizen. Commissioner Alvarez, Commissioner Martinez and Mayor Gonzalez all wished everyone a safe Memorial Day Weekend and thanked the men and woman who've served. City Manager Steigerwald reminded the audience that the American Legion will host two ceremonies on Memorial Day, on at 10:30 a.m. at Rosehill Cemetery in remembrance of WW1 and another at 12:00 p.m. at Veterans Memorial at Lakefront Park for a Flag Raising Ceremony.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Mayor Gonzalez adjourned the meeting at 6:41 PM.



ATTEST:

Linda S. Hansell

CITY CLERK

Olga L. Castano

for

MAYOR-COMMISSIONER