

Village of Highland Park
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Commission of the Village of Highland Park
Lake Amoret Nature Park, 1060 North Highland Park Drive
January 13, 2009, 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Village Commission was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at the Lake Amoret Nature Park located at 1060 North Highland Park Drive. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll call was taken at 6:00 p.m. Commissioners Smith, Updike and Ingley were present and constituted a quorum. Staff present at the meeting included the Village Clerk Lita O'Neill, City Manager Earl Sehi, and Attorney Chuck Galloway.

Approval of Minutes from the November 11, 2008 Regular Meeting

Commissioner Updike made a motion to approve the November 11, 2008 meeting minutes. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance #2008-05

Attorney Chuck Galloway read Ordinance #2008-05 by title, "**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND PARK, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2008-03 TO ADD PROVISIONS TO SECTION 1 OF THE ORDINANCE AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED AND TO AMEND SECTION 6 OF THE ORDINANCE TO DEFINE CODE ENFORCEMENT SPECIAL MAGISTRATE AND APPELLATE SPECIAL MAGISTRATE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**"

Mayor Ingley opened a public hearing. In response to a question from a resident, Attorney Galloway explained that the Village has an interlocal agreement for code enforcement with Polk County. This amendment addresses the need to change ordinance language so that the Polk County Code Enforcement can enforce the Village's current code. Being no additional comments or questions, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Updike made a motion to approve Ordinance #2008-05. Commissioner Smith seconded. The Clerk took a roll call vote: Commissioner Smith – aye; Commissioner Updike – aye; Mayor-Commissioner Ingley – aye.

Second Reading and Public Hearing of Ordinance #2008-06

Attorney Chuck Galloway read Ordinance #2008-06 by title, "**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND PARK, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2004-01 TO CORRECT A SCRIVENER'S ERROR BY DELETING THE AUTOMATIC ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT WHICH WAS ERRONEOUSLY INCLUDED IN THE ORDINANCE EXECUTED SUBSEQUENT TO ITS ADOPTION; AMENDING ORDINANCE 2005-02 TO PROVIDE AN AMENDED SCHEDULE FOR WATER SERVICE CHARGES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**"

The Mayor opened up a public hearing. There being no questions or comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing. Commissioner Updike made a motion to approve Ordinance #2008-06. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion. The Clerk took a roll call vote: Commissioner Smith – aye; Commissioner Updike – aye; Mayor-Commissioner Ingley – aye. The motion passed.

City Manager's Report

While a recent water system inspection by the Polk County Department of Health identified 23 points to address, the City Manager noted that at no time has our water quality been below health standards. He made two recommendations to the Commission: 1) to get a back-up generator and 2) sandblast and repaint the elevated tank.

Other suggestions made by the City Manager included: getting additional picnic tables and a grill for the playground and adding speed tables for the North Highland Park Drive. Mr. Sehi also noted that SWFWMD is requiring a strict enforcement of water restrictions.

Commissioner Smith noted that two speed tables were put in the budget for this fiscal year. The Clerk will check to see if the city of Tampa still has an existing contract and will bring the information to the March meeting.

Mayor Ingley asked the City Manager if there was any chance to get financial assistance for a backup generator. Commissioner Smith asked that rather than purchasing a generator, if the Village could borrow a generator from the Polk County Emergency Management Division when needed. Mayor Ingley said he will check with Polk County Emergency Management Division.

Commissioner Updike noted that we did not budget for additional picnic tables and a grill. Commissioner Smith suggested that the Village wait until budget season to discuss this.

Unfinished Business

Commissioner Updike presented a rough floor plan for the proposed Community Building/City Hall. Copies were distributed.

Commissioner Smith asked Attorney Galloway to look into how the Village may finance the planning and construction of a municipal building.

Mayor Ingley asked Doug Tomkinson to bring a revised floor plan to the Visioning Workshop on January 24.

New Business

Commissioner Updike asked if we could look into getting Lake Amoret onto a mowing schedule, perhaps 3 to 4 times per year. The Clerk agreed to call Skipper Grassing to arrange it.

Announcements/Public Comment

- Visioning Workshop January 24th, 9:30 am – 1:00 pm
- Special Meeting Date Set for First Reading of Ordinance 2009-01, 10-Year Water Supply Plan

There being no additional business, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lita O'Neill
Village Clerk