

**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
201 HOWELL AVENUE
BROOKSVILLE, FL 34601**

MINUTES

November 16, 2015

7:00 P.M.

Brooksville City Council met in regular session with Frankie Burnett, Mayor, and Council Members Robert Battista, Betty Erhard, Natalie Kahler, Vice Mayor and William Kemerer. Also present were Clifford A. Taylor, City Attorney; T. Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager; Jennifer Battista; Acting Deputy Clerk; Mike Walker, Parks, Facilities & Recreation Director; Tannette Gayle, Director of Finance; Bill Geiger, Community Development Director; Steve Gouldman, City Planner; Richard Radacky, Public Works Director; George Turner, Police Chief and David Freda, Interim Fire Chief.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Burnett at 7:00 p.m., followed by an Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION & REQUESTS FOR WAIVERS

Pavement Management Update

Presentation regarding pavement management program status and overview.

Public Works Director Radacky introduced Brent Bennett and Bob Titterington with Greenman Pedersen, Inc., the project engineer company for the City's road projects. Mr. Titterington explained that he is the Director of Engineering at Greenman Pedersen and is responsible for the Brooksville and Ocala offices. The project manager, Brent Bennett, updated Council with an overview of the management plan for FY 2014/15.

Phase I included Daniel Ave., Chatman Blvd., Brooksville Ave. and Bell Ave. Bid was awarded to BRW. Daniel Ave. has since been removed due to complications with the railroad. Chapman Blvd. and Brooksville Ave have been completed. Bell Ave. is nearing completion and some deficiency issues and unsatisfactory results of the construction are being addressed. In response to Council Member Battista's question, City Attorney Taylor stated that the project was bonded.

Phase II included Veteran's Ave., Mildred Ave., and Hammock Road. Veteran's Ave. is essentially done. Mildred Ave. and Hammock Rd. were pulled due to budgetary reasons.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen's input at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes

September 9, 2015 Special Meeting
September 9, 2015 First Budget Hearing

September 16, Final Budget Hearing
September 21, 2015 Regular Session

Front-Loader Garbage Truck

Consideration to approve purchase of replacement front-loader garbage truck with 40 cubic yard body, not to exceed cost of \$245,312 as budgeted within the FY2016 City Budget.

HCA Health Services of Florida, Inc. Application for Renewal for Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity (COPCN)

Consideration for Council to recommend that Hernando County Board of County Commissioners grant renewal of COPCN for HCA Health Services of Florida, Inc. d/b/a Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point to provide basis life support and advanced life support ambulance services between HCA Oak Hill Hospital and Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point.

Property Transfer from Hernando County to the City

Consideration of City Council to formally accept/approve of conveyance of two (2) parcels of land from Hernando County Board of County Commissioners to the City of Brooksville.

Motion:

Motion was made by Kahler and seconded by Erhard to approve the November 16, 2015 Consent Agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

****Entry of Proof of Publication into the Record***

Acting Deputy City Clerk Battista advised that Ordinance No. 850 and 852 were advertised in the St. Petersburg Times on October 23 and November 6, 2015. Ordinance No. 853 – 861 are scheduled to be advertised November 27 and December 4, 2015 in the St. Petersburg Times.

Ordinance No.850 – Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) – Housing Trust Group, LLC

Consideration of an Ordinance for a Small-Scale Amendment to amend City of Brooksville's Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map designation from Commercial to Multi-Family Residential for a 8.3 acre tract located on the east side of Hale Avenue, approximately 607 feet north of Cortez Boulevard.

City Planner Gouldman came forward to present the petition, summarize the staff report and to answer any questions. He advised that this property is approximately 8.3 acres in size and currently has a Comprehensive Plan designation as Commercial. This request is to change the designation to Multi-Family Residential. Mr. Gouldman went over the number of units allowed for Multi-Family Residential compared to the square feet of Commercial floor space allowed if it stayed Commercial. Trip generation, water, sewage and school capacity were covered under both Multi-Family Residential and Commercial scenarios. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval at their meeting on October 14, 2015. City Council approved First Reading on November 2, 2015. Staff recommends approval of Ordinance No. 850.

Attorney Darryl Johnston and engineer Don Lacey were present to represent the petition. Mr. Johnston advised that City staff has found this request consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and

has recommended approved. He further informed those present that this is a step in the process; it is not the determination of what will be there. However, he offered that this is projected to be a Multi-Family development that will transition appropriately with the Single-Family to the north of the site. It is a companion development to what is already approved to the northeast. It is an affordable housing project and not a public housing project.

Don Lacy felt that Multi-Family Residential is a transitional use which is standard between Commercial and Single-Family and the Multi-Family Residential has a significantly lower impact and is more flexible in many areas as opposed to Commercial.

Starla Runge spoke in opposition to the petition. She felt that the traffic will be increased and it would impact the wildlife adversely. She submitted a petition to the City Council with signatures of others in opposition.

Alfred Holmes also expressed his opposition, citing drainage concerns and a natural waterway that will be blocked by this development. He further stated that the impact on the roads will be adverse as they were not constructed for that additional traffic.

Cliff Manuel, Coastal Engineering, reported on his findings of the drainage system, ponding and stormwater control issues in Mitchell Heights. The system as designed and permitted is not being maintained and not functioning properly as a DRA. He stated that the natural flow way which connects to a wetlands system will be preserved under this development. SWFWMD permitting will ensure that development does not adversely impact the runoff. In many times, by cleaning and improving the flow ways, it will improve the area drainage. Mr. Manuel advised that he intends to work closely with SWFWMD on a drainage design for this project that meets the City, County and State standards to provide relief for the development and adjacent properties. He will bring back solutions to Council, at the same time as when the construction documents are submitted. Council will be made to understand how the drainage works as part of the drainage master plan.

Rodney Byrd offered his opposition, explaining drainage issues that currently exist. His concern was that something should be done to help this existing problem before more development occurs. He further was concerned about traffic impacts.

Loretta deJony advised of her current water problems too, which includes the ditch near her house that overflows. She stated that the ditch gets dug deeper periodically and it has not solved the problem.

Sandy Smiley contributed that while she knows the City needs to make progress, she felt that there are other issues of concern besides drainage. She mentioned that the development will add more traffic, along with more debris and litter to the roads, and that there are no sidewalks.

Kaleena Strange voiced her opposition, stating that impact from an apartment complex will affect her more than a Commercial development, which will probably not be open at night.

Cliff Manuel addressed details regarding Phase I and the internal road improvements plan that includes a road straight out to S.R. 50 between Main Street and Hale Ave. That would be the primary access point for the project and will carry the bulk of the traffic.

Don Lacey went over the trees already saved in the Phase I portion, which is easier to do with the flexibility of Multi-Family as opposed to Commercial.

Cliff Manuel responded to Alfred Holmes' question on the soil type as it relates to the water table in at this location.

Mayor Burnett stated that he has listened to all concerns, particularly the drainage and flooding problems. He stated that he has worked for a number of years to get that resolved, adding that much of that area is in the County. He offered his opinion that a Commercial use would create more traffic and other problems than Multi-Family would, which he felt would blend in more with what exists there. He added that the City will make sure that the developer and engineer addresses the issue of flooding. He personally offered to get with the engineers, City staff and the County to help resolve these problems. He ensured those present that when the development plans come before City Council, they will make sure that this project will not make any additional drainage problems.

Council Member Erhard offered that, while she knows that the City needs growth for the tax base, she requested clarification on this project which has been defined as an income based Multi-Family development. Jason Larson with Housing Trust Group explained that the adjacent and companion development of Phase I is a housing tax credit financing. Once the property is constructed, the rental rates can be no more than a certain maximum amount. Phase II financing is not in place yet, but he ensured that it would not be public or Section 8 housing. In response to Council Member Erhard's further question, Mr. Lawson stated that Brookhaven, located in the City limits, is an example of this type of income based development.

Council Member Kemerer requested clarification from the engineer that the design work for this project will not elevate the entire water problem, but will not make it worse and that it may even help mitigate some the flooding and drainage concerns. Cliff Manuel agreed that it will not eliminate it, but added that it will definitely not make it worse. He stated that working with the developers will give them control of the wetland, ditch and conveyance systems. This will enable them to work with the County to clean and improve the interconnected systems to help with the flooding issues in the Mitchell Heights area.

In response to Vice Mayor Kahler's question, Cliff Manuel stated that some of the conveyance improvements will be in place with Phase I but the majority will be in Phase II.

Vice Mayor Kahler advised that she has been conflicted over her position on this petition and has had several meetings on this issue and has examined the property several times. She cited the high crime calls to the comparable Brookhaven housing unit and had concerns over what she felt may result in adverse impacts to City services such as law enforcement. She weighted whether the income from the increased tax base would offset potential extra law enforcement needed. She also wondered if a Multi-Family use would create more revenue than if it was developed as Commercial as the land use currently stands. The Vice Mayor felt that there were too many questions and would rather wait until Phase I is completed to see what the impacts are before approving this petition, which is Phase II.

Council Member Kemerer stated that while he understands the Vice Mayor's position, he felt that asking the developer to wait would result in them incurring unreasonable costs. He went on to state

that by approving Phase II, they have been ensured that there will be a road going directly out to S.R. 50, which is an important point as it relates to those who have concerns over potentially increased traffic. He brought up the fact that is currently zoned Commercial and there is no way to know when or if it will be developed. He stated that it concerns him because it is a large piece of property which could attract a Commercial business with an intense use. He further offered that he has always been against putting a Commercial use up against Single-Family and pointed out that this has been designed as far away from adjacent Single-Family as they can reasonably do. The developer is offering to buffer this project in an acceptable and desirable way. He reminded those present that a Commercial project could result in bright lights 24/7, 365 days a year. He hoped that the City can always encourage developers to come and that the City would offer to help them any way they can to make a successful project on their property.

Council Member Battista stated that when the project comes back to Council, they will have the ability to look at and even mandate certain changes such as drainage and site planning.

Council Member Erhard voiced her concern that the flooding and drainage problems in this area have not been solved previously and hopes that the developer will fulfill their obligation in helping resolve this issue.

Motion:

Motion was made by Battista and seconded by Kemerer to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 850 and authorize staff to transmit the amendment to the State Land Planning Agency.

Acting Deputy City Clerk Battista read Ordinance No. 850 by headnote only, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SMALL-SCALE AMENDMENT TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PURSUANT TO PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 163.3187, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion carried 3-2 by roll call vote, as follows:

Battista	Aye
Erhard	Nay
Kemerer	Aye
Kahler	Nay
Burnett	Aye

Ordinance No.852 – Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPA) – Five (5) year Schedule of Capital Improvements

Consideration of an Ordinance for Amendment of the 5-year Schedule of Capital Improvements Element, modifying the City of Brooksville Comprehensive Plan to adopt

the updated 5-year Capital Improvements Element.

City Planner Steve Gouldman summarized the staff report, stating that Florida Statutes require that all Comprehensive Plans contain a 5-year schedule and requires that the schedule be updated yearly. Mr. Gouldman stated that what is before Council for consideration contains modifications to the Providence Road project as requested at the last meeting.

There was no public input.

Motion:

Motion was made by Erhard and seconded by Kahler to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 852 and authorize staff to transmit the amendment to the State Land Planning Agency.

Acting Deputy City Clerk Battista read Ordinance No. 852 by headnote only, as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FIVE-YEAR SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SET FORTH IN TABLE 8-2 OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT OF THE CITY OF BROOKSVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PURSUANT TO PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 163.3177(3)(b), FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote, as follows:

Erhard	Aye
Kemerer	Aye
Battista	Aye
Kahler	Aye
Burnett	Aye

Ordinance No. 853 – AX2015-05; City Initiated Annexation for Anthony Black

Consideration of voluntary annexation of approximately one acre located at 7399 Cornflower Road, approximately 610 feet northwest of intersection of Broad Street and Wiscon Road..

City Planner Steve Gouldman summarized the staff report, stating that this property currently has a Hernando County Comprehensive Plan designation of Residential and is zoned A-R2/Planned Development Project. If this annexation is approved, the property would need to be assigned a City Comprehensive Plan designation as well as a zoning district designation.. Staff's opinion is that it does appear to meet all the requirements for annexation outlined in Florida Statutes Section 171.044 and staff recommends approval.

It was pointed out that although First Reading on these annexations ordinances is not considered a Public Hearing, the Mayor could ask for public input.

There was no public input.

Motion:

Motion was made by Kemerer and seconded by Kahler to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 853 and schedule second reading for December 7, 2015.

Acting Deputy Clerk Battista read Ordinance No.. 853 by headnote only, as follows:

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BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF
BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA,
PURSUANT TO SECTION 171.044,
FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING A
LEGAL DESCRIPTON OF THE
PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE
VOLUNTARY ANNEXATION;
PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION;
PROVIDING FOR FILINGS WITH
THE APPROPRIATE
GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES;
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY
AND PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call vote, as follows:

Battista	Aye
Erhard	Aye
Kemerer	Aye
Kahler	Aye
Burnett	Aye

Ordinance No. 854 – AX2015-06; City Initiated Annexation for Grace World Outreach Church, Inc.

Consideration of voluntary annexation of approximately 12.24 acres located at 20366 Cortez Boulevard at the southwest corner of Cortez Boulevard and Hope Hill Road.

City Planner Steve Gouldman summarized the staff report, stating that the City has a Utility Service Agreement that makes the City the authorized representative serving as attorney-in-fact for the purpose of filing for voluntary annexation. He stated that this property currently has a Hernando County Comprehensive Plan designation as Residential and has split zoning, with the western 1/3rd

having R-1C and the eastern 2/3rd is zoned Planned Development Project Multi-Family with a Special Use for a church. If this annexation is approved, the property would need to be assigned a City Comprehensive Plan designation as well as a zoning district designation. Staff's opinion is that it does appear to meet all the requirements for annexation outlined in Florida Statutes Section 171.044 and staff recommends approval.

Ron Hansen, Grace World's Business Administrator, advised that the Hernando County Sheriff's Office currently provides officers for traffic control for their services and expressed the desire that law enforcement from the appropriate entity continue. Mayor Burnett stated that the City Manager would contact him regarding that concern.

Motion:

Motion was made by Kahler and seconded by Battista to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 854 and schedule second reading for December 7, 2015.

Acting Deputy Clerk Battista read Ordinance No. 854 by headnote only, as follows:

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EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call vote, as follows:

Kemerer	Aye
Battista	Aye
Erhard	Aye
Kahler	Aye
Burnett	Aye

Ordinance No. 855 – AX2015-11; City Initiated Annexation for the Diocese of St. Petersburg (St. Anthony's Catholic Church)

Consideration of voluntary annexation of approximately 14.20 acres located at 20428

Cortez Boulevard at the southeast corner of Cortez Boulevard and Hope Hill Road.

City Planner Steve Gouldman summarized the staff report, stating that the City has a Utility Service Agreement that makes the City the authorized representative serving as attorney-in-fact for the purpose of filing for voluntary annexation. He stated that this property currently has a Hernando County Comprehensive Plan designation of Residential and is zoned R-1C Church. If this annexation is approved, the property would need to be assigned a City Comprehensive Plan designation as well as a zoning district designation.. Staff's opinion is that it does appear to meet all the requirements for annexation outlined in Florida Statutes Section 171.044 and staff recommends approval.

There was no public input.

Motion:

Motion was made by Battista and seconded by _____ to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 855 and schedule second reading for December 7, 2015.

Acting Deputy Clerk Battista read Ordinance No.. 855 by headnote only, as follows:

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EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call vote, as follows:

Battista Aye
Erhard Aye
Kemerer Aye
Kahler Aye
Burnett Aye

Ordinance No. 856 – AX2015-10; City Initiated Annexation for Carl J. Kacarka, Sr. and Virginia M. Kacarka

Consideration of voluntary annexation of approximately one acre located at 1006 Jefferson, immediately north of the intersection of Jefferson Street and Lucas Drive.

City Planner Steve Gouldman summarized the staff report, that the City has an Irrevocable Power of Attorney by the previous owner of the property, First United Methodist Church, making the City the authorized representative serving as attorney-in-fact for the purpose of filing for voluntary annexation. The Power of Attorney is binding on the previous owner, its heirs, assigns and successors in interest. He stated stating that this property currently has a Hernando County Comprehensive Plan designation of Residential and the northern majority is R-1A with a small part to the south that intersects with E. Jefferson St. being zoned C-2. If this annexation is approved, the property would need to be assigned a City Comprehensive Plan designation as well as a zoning district designation. Staff's opinion is that it does appear to meet all the requirements for annexation outlined in Florida Statutes Section 171.044 and staff recommends approval.

There was no public input.

Motion:

Motion was made by Kemerer and seconded by Erhard to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 856 and schedule second reading for December 7, 2015.

Acting Deputy Clerk Battista read Ordinance No. 856 by headnote only, as follows:

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EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call vote, as follows:

Erhard Aye
Kemerer Aye
Battista Aye
Kahler Aye
Burnett Aye

Ordinance No. 857 – AX2015-09; City Initiated Annexation for Samuel C. Griffin and Kellie J. Griffin

Consideration of voluntary annexation of approximately 1.30 acres located at 1032 South Mildred Avenue, approximately 514 feet north Cortez Boulevard.

City Planner Steve Gouldman summarized the staff report, stating that the City has an Irrevocable Power of Attorney making the City the authorized representative serving as attorney-in-fact for the purpose of filing for voluntary annexation. He stated that this property currently has a Hernando County Comprehensive Plan designation of Residential and is zoned Single-Family Planned Development Project. If this annexation is approved, the property would need to be assigned a City Comprehensive Plan designation as well as a zoning district designation. Staff's opinion is that it does appear to meet all the requirements for annexation outlined in Florida Statutes Section 171.044 and staff recommends approval.

There was no public input.

Motion:

Motion was made by Erhard and seconded by Kahler to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 857 and schedule second reading for December 7, 2015.

Acting Deputy Clerk Battista read Ordinance No. 857 by headnote only, as follows:

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EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call vote, as follows:

Kemerer	Aye
Battista	Aye
Erhard	Aye
Kahler	Aye
Burnett	Aye

Ordinance No. 858 – AX2015-07; City Initiated Annexation for Balough Properties, LLC

Consideration of voluntary annexation of approximately one-half acres located at 7127 Young Street at the southwest corner of the intersection of Young Street and V.F.W. Road.

City Planner Steve Gouldman summarized the staff report, stating that the City has an Irrevocable Power of Attorney making the City the authorized representative serving as attorney-in-fact for the purpose of filing for voluntary annexation. He stated that the City has an Irrevocable Power of Attorney from a previous owner, Raymond Lucus, making the City the authorized representative serving as attorney-in-fact for the purpose of filing for voluntary annexation. The Power of Attorney is binding on the previous owner, its heirs, assigns and successors in interest. He stated that this property currently has a Hernando County Comprehensive Plan designation as Residential and is zoned R-1A. If this annexation is approved, the property would need to be assigned a City Comprehensive Plan designation as well as a zoning district designation.. Staff's opinion is that it does appear to meet all the requirements for annexation outlined in Florida Statutes Section 171.044 and staff recommends approval.

There was no public input.

Motion:

Motion was made by Kahler and seconded by Kemerer to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 858 and schedule second reading for December 7, 2015.

Acting Deputy Clerk Battista read Ordinance No.. 858 by headnote only, as follows:

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EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call vote, as follows:

Battista Aye
Erhard Aye
Kemerer Aye
Kahler Aye
Burnett Aye

Ordinance No. 859 – AX2015-12; City Initiated Annexation for Hernando County Housing Authority

Consideration of voluntary annexation of approximately 5.10 acres located at 20180 Barnett Road, immediately west of the intersection of Barnett Road and Cortez Boulevard.

City Planner Steve Gouldman summarized the staff report, stating that the City has a Utility Service Agreement making the City the authorized representative serving as attorney-in-fact for the purpose of filing for voluntary annexation. He stated that this property currently has a Hernando County Comprehensive Plan designation of Residential and is zoned Multi-Family Planned Development Project. If this annexation is approved, the property would need to be assigned a City Comprehensive Plan designation as well as a zoning district designation.. Staff's opinion is that it does appear to meet all the requirements for annexation outlined in Florida Statutes Section 171.044 and staff recommends approval.

There was no public input.

Motion:

Motion was made by Battista and seconded by Kahler to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 859 and schedule second reading for December 7, 2015.

Acting Deputy Clerk Battista read Ordinance No. 859 by headnote only, as follows:

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Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call vote, as follows:

Battista	Aye
Erhard	Aye
Kemerer	Aye
Kahler	Aye
Burnett	Aye

Ordinance No. 860 – AX2015-08; City Initiated Annexation for Marc A. Reusch

Consideration of voluntary annexation of approximately one-half acre located at 121 Estates Avenue approximately 225 feet north of West Jefferson Street.

City Planner Steve Gouldman summarized the staff report, stating that the City has an Irrevocable Power of Attorney making the City the authorized representative serving as attorney-in-fact for the purpose of filing for voluntary annexation. He stated that this property currently has a Hernando County Comprehensive Plan designation of Residential and is zoned C-2 Highway Commercial. If this annexation is approved, the property would need to be assigned a City Comprehensive Plan designation as well as a zoning district designation.. Staff's opinion is that it does appear to meet all the requirements for annexation outlined in Florida Statutes Section 171.044 and staff recommends approval.

There was no public input.

Motion:

Motion was made by Kemerer and seconded by Erhard to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 860 and schedule second reading for December 7, 2015.

Acting Deputy Clerk Battista read Ordinance No. 860 by headnote only, as follows:

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EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call vote, as follows:

Erhard	Aye
Kemerer	Aye
Battista	Aye
Kahler	Aye
Burnett	Aye

Ordinance No. 861 – AX2015-13; City Initiated Annexation for James L. Thomas and Christine A. Thomas

Consideration of voluntary annexation of approximately 0.71 acres located at 153 and 161 Dolly Drive, approximately 209 feet south of West Fort Dade.

City Planner Steve Gouldman summarized the staff report, stating that the City has an Irrevocable Power of Attorney making the City the authorized representative serving as attorney-in-fact for the purpose of filing for voluntary annexation. He stated that both properties currently has a Hernando County Comprehensive Plan designation of Residential and are both zoned R-1A. If this annexation is approved, the both properties would need to be assigned a City Comprehensive Plan designation as well as a zoning district designation.. Staff's opinion is that it does appear to meet all the requirements for annexation outlined in Florida Statutes Section 171.044 and staff recommends approval.

There was no public input.

Motion:

Motion was made by Kahler and seconded by Battista to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 861 and schedule second reading for December 7, 2015.

Acting Deputy Clerk Battista read Ordinance No. 861 by headnote only, as follows:

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EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call vote, as follows:

Battista	Aye
Erhard	Aye
Kemerer	Aye
Kahler	Aye
Burnett	Aye

Mayor Burnett thanked Council Member Battista for his part in initiating these petitions and thanked Council for their approval of each ordinance.

REGULAR AGENDA

Florida Blueberry Festival 2016 Update

Update on the festivities for the 2016 Florida Blueberry Festival and request for marketing sponsorship.

Michael Heard referred to the powerpoint provided in the Council packet. She advised that the Hernando County Fair Association and the Blueberry Festival entered into a contract to work together in a community effort for their upcoming 2016 events. There will be a combination ticket available for those who want to attend both the Blueberry Festival and the Fair. She touched on the fact that their agreement will address a Florida Statute requirement which details restrictions regarding two entities competing with similar events within a 5 mile radius in a 30 day time period.

She advised Council on some of the events/changes that will be made for the 2016 event. She went over charities and events benefiting from the Festival as well as the efforts being made with branding through Hernando County Tourism/Florida's Adventure Coast.

She advised that the Florida Blueberry Growers Association has been brought to Hernando County and the plan is that they will eventually be building a building here.

Mrs. Heard informed Council that for the event in 2016, they have contracted with a company to sell pre-tickets on-line which will help them collect the data that they need to calculate the true economic impact that the Festival has on the City and Hernando County.

Council Member Battista referenced the power point, calling attention to the "Contribution and

Awards” and requested an explanation of the 501C organizations benefiting from the 2015 Blueberry Festival. Michael Heard explained that the “contribution” groups are more of a partnership with the Florida Blueberry Festival organization. The “awards” category are those who entered into and have paid to participate in the juried art show. Council Member Battista questioned and Mrs. Heard confirmed that the Florida Blueberry Festival organization gave the Brooksville Vision Foundation \$5,000.00 and gave the Florida Blueberry Growers Association of \$25,000.00 as is listed under the “Contribution” section. Michael Heard explained that the Florida Blueberry Growers Association gave the Festival \$25,000.00, which was given back to them after the Festival.

The BVF gives no money to the event but the Florida Blueberry Festival is the sole supporter of the BVF for the revitalization of the City. It is the goal to get enough money into the BVF to support the private sector portion of the salary of the Main Street Program Director.

Regarding an attendance question by Council Member Erhard, Michael Heard reiterated information about the company they have contracted with for the 2016 event to sell pre-tickets on-line which will help them collect data such as attendance. She added that Tammy Heon with the Hernando County Tourism/Florida’s Adventure Coast will be working in 2016 to provide people throughout the event who will collect data on where the attendees are from.

Council Member Erhard expressed concern for some of the businesses adversely impacted by the road closures. Michael Heard stated that she is very much aware of that issue and went on to advise that some of those businesses were actually paid; in many cases more money than they would have earned had they stayed open. They are also offered payment in the form of opportunities.

Council Member Erhard drew attention to the fact that the Florida Blueberry Festival has requested an extension on their tax return and questioned when Council could expect to see those documents, to which Mrs. Heard advised that that it should be available by the end of the year and will be made public record. In response to Council Member Erhard’s question, Michael Heard was unsure but felt that the County’s in-kind contribution was projected in 2015 to be around \$40,000 with the City’s contribution being \$20,000 in cash and about \$18,000 for in-kind contribution. The Hernando County Tourism/Florida’s Adventure Coast gave \$10,500. Council Member Erhard questioned if Michael Heard could ever see the Festival being self-sustaining, to which Mrs. Heard responded that they are a non-profit organization and she could not see this event being self-sustaining. It is an event that gives back to the community and spurs economic growth.

Council Member Battista pointed out that the money given to the BVF is not going to the taxpayers and the community, but to a private organization.

This event should be held in the City limits but away from the downtown area by 2018, at the urging of the County Commission and in coordination with efforts to obtain property for that use. In response to Council Member Erhard’s question, City Manager Norman-Vacha explained that currently the Florida Blueberry Growers Association shares office space with the Florida Blueberry Festival in City Hall.

Mayor Burnett, Vice Mayor Kahler and Council Member Kemerer commended Michael Heard on the job she has done in this effort, the branding of the City and the positive exposure that the City receives. Michael Heard stated that it is definitely a community effort.

She specifically went over their marketing dollars spent, which is over \$200,000 in advertising over an 8 week period and requested Council's support of the Festival Committee's request for 2016.

Motion:

Motion was made by Battista and seconded by Kemerer to approve \$20,000 in marketing support be provided to the Blueberry Festival along with continued use of the Blueberry Office for the Grower's Association, provide actions necessary for the road closure permitting and waiver of City personnel costs not to exceed \$12,000. Motion carried 4-1, with Erhard voting in opposition.

CITIZEN INPUT

Kathleen Hudak

Blueberry Festival

Mrs. Hudak thanked Michael Heard for her work in organizing the Florida Blueberry Festival.

Kojack Burnett

Christmas Parade

Mr. Burnett stated that he was disappointed that Council did not have a banner or throw Candy at the Veteran's parade. Mayor Burnett thanked Council members for their participation in the parade and all other events.

Blueberry Festival

He commended Michael Heard for her efforts.

Commend Council and staff

Mr. Burnett thanked Council and staff for a job well done.

ITEMS BY COUNCIL

Jennene Norman-Vacha, City Manager

Chamber of Commerce

The City Manager advised that the Chamber would be recognizing first responders at their monthly meeting at Silverthorn Wednesday morning.

Council Member Erhard

Blueberry Festival

She commended Michael Heard on her efforts but felt that as a Council Member, she is a steward of tax dollars and she would like to see the Festival be self-sustaining.

Thank you to those attending

Thanked all for coming to the meeting.

Council Member Battista

Recycling

He reminded everyone about recycling this week.

Vice Mayor Kahler

Veteran's Parade

She thanked Council, the City Manager, the Police Chief and the Interim Fire Chief for participating in the parade.

Christmas Parade

The Vice Mayor requested that Council be provided a lot of beads for the parade.

History of the Community

She mentioned an article from a couple years ago that detailed City resident and veteran Frazier Mountain and his efforts to archive history for over 50 years. She especially thanked him for his help with historical documents at Chinsegut Hill/Retreat. She shared a story about Sheriff Law during his time in office in the 1930s and 1940s and a challenge which arose from using a citizen as a jailer.

Mayor Burnett

Annexations

He thanked Council Member Battista for initiating the annexations and staff for preparing the petitions which were considered at this meeting

Blueberry Festival

The Mayor commended Michael Heard for her diligent work with the Festival.

Thanksgiving

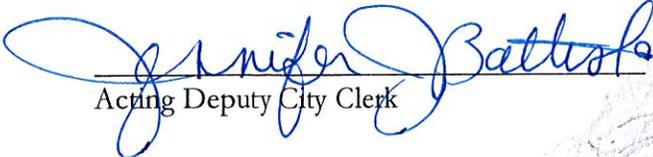
As in previous years, the Mayor requested that Department Heads and employees consider donating a dollar or more to support his efforts to provide Thanksgiving meals to those struggling to provide a holiday meal for their families and for the elderly and homeless.

Thank you

He thanked all for attending and expressed his appreciation for the work that staff does.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.


Acting Deputy City Clerk

Attest: 
Mayor

