

TOWN COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL MINUTES

JANUARY 4, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor Cole, Vice Mayor Theo Washington, Councilwoman Angie Gardner, Councilman Marlin Daniels, and Councilman Rodney Daniels. **STAFF:** Attorney **Dean Mosley**, (ZOOM) **Cathlene Williams**, Town Clerk, Katrina Gibson, **Finance Director**, Albert English, **Public Works Director**, and Joseph Jenkins, **Deputy Chief**.

Mayor Cole called the Town Council meeting to order at 7:35 PM, Pastor Critton led the Prayer, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

- I. CALL TO ORDER & VERIFICATION OF QUORUM**
- II. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS**
- IV. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (THREE (3) MINUTES STRICTLY ENFORCED)**
N/A

NY Nathiri- Ms. Nathiri stated that the only thing that is not specific in the contract is the police department hours and staffing even though Lt. McIntyre is working on it, I don't have it in writing, therefore in section 3.5 & 8.6, & 3.7, was to mirror what was in the previous contract of 2019. Mayor Cole stated that he was looking for the contract, didn't have to duplicate what you have. Please go to page (2) 1.0, Mayor Cole asked Ms. Nathiri to explain this since we are on the other side of Kennedy, we need better understanding on this; also, section 2.1, charging the residence, I don't think this is going to go for us, residence have always been allowed to attend this event free. Councilman Marlin Daniels asked Ms. Nathiri where the tickets would be purchased from, and how will this information get to the residents? Ms. Nathiri states that typically the Town Administrator and staff would meet to go over the contract, this is just a draft, all I was doing was simply trying to be thorough, there is no problem with modifying this draft. Mayor Cole stated we are on the move, just go ahead get the contract typed up, once you get it to Ms. Williams, and each department looks at it. Ms. NY asked Mayor Cole who would be the point person for Administration; Mayor Cole stated to call Ms. King, communicate with her, she will coordinate with staff involved in the contract, or if Deputy Chief has any other concerns. Mayor Cole stated to Ms. NY, some residents in the event had questions regarding the safety of the lake, and what measures will be put in place? Ms. Nathiri state signage will be put in place, barricades will be placed around the back part of the property; there will also be portable pots no one will be able to walk right to the lake. Mayor Cole stated we still need to know about residents' admission fee, get back with us on that; what is the average price of admission on a Saturday? Ms. Nathiri replied, the price for adults is \$20.00. Mayor Cole asked is the \$10.00 admission fee for Saturday and Sunday?

- V. PUBLIC HEARING**
 - 1. Approval of the first reading of Ordinance #2022-1, repealing Ordinances: 2020-8 and 2020-10. (Administration). AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE**

TOWN OF EATONVILLE, FLORIDA REPEALING ORDINANCES 2020-8 AND 2020-10 CHANGING THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BACK TO WHERE THE GOVERNING BODY, TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF EATONVILLE WILL SIT AS THE COUNCIL OF THE COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. NO PUBLIC COMMENTS. Mayor Cole put a motion on the floor to approve the first reading of Ordinance #2022-1; Motion by Councilman Rodney Daniels, the motion was seconded by Councilman Marlin Daniels. Councilwoman Gardner stated for the record why this was moved in the first place for me, one of the main concerns I had was whereas clause that Attorney Mosley pointed out before that the funds for the CRA are Trust Funds; from 2016- to the end of 2019; I believe \$322,900.00 is still not able to be documented, that is an important piece. Even though it is in the Ordinance, and always been the law, not to touch the trust funds without approval, it still has happened, that was the reason for moving the funds; making the independent board, separating everything to give it another oversight. AYE: Mayor Cole, Councilman Rodney Daniels, Councilman Marlin Daniels; NAYE: Councilwoman Gardner and Vice Mayor Washington; MOTION PASSES.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- 2. Approval of the December 21, 2021, Regular Council Meeting Minutes. (Clerk's Office).**
- 3. Approval of Resolution #2022-1, approving the excess hours of accrued vacation hours over 240 at the end of the Calendar Year for the Police Department and the Administrative Staff. (Clerk's Office). TABLED.**
- 4. Approval of the December 16, 2021, Special Session Council Minutes. (Clerk's Office).**

Motion by Vice Mayor Washington to approve the Consent Agenda with item #3 being tabled, the motion was seconded by Councilman Rodney Daniels; AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.

VII. COUNCIL DECISIONS

- 5. Approval of Resolution #2022-2 adding ~~four~~(4) five (5) members of the Town Council as check signers for the Town of Eatonville Community Redevelopment Agency (TOECRA) Bank Account with TD Bank. (Administration). Motion by Councilman Rodney Daniels, the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Washington; AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**
- 6. Approval of Resolution #2022-3, authorizing the Town's Attorney to review all documents associated with the purchase of the Oscar Dixon Estate (Tommy Dixon). Administration). Motion by Councilman Rodney Daniels, the motion was seconded by Councilman Marlin Daniels. Councilwoman Gardner stated for the record, this Town does not have a good record with treating people kindly with tax situations, when they lose their properties, they get kicked out, this was a bold move, the gentlemen is still in his property. The 105 Wymore property, that was owned by a citizen, I know the liens built up, but we want to waive over \$49,000 for a transaction that was not properly transacted and I'm not**

hearing that, the other thing is we have a daycare on west street that I brought to the attention of in 2019 that's close to \$500,000 that sits on the property of one of the early primary schools, and we haven't fought for that property, no documentation to show that transfer happened. If you are going to investigate one, investigate all of them, for the record. Mayor Cole stated the detective did speak with Mr. Dixon, he stated he did not know he was selling his property, thought he was getting help to pay the back taxes. Mayor Cole stated he just wants to look at a solution versus there is a problem. Councilman Marlin Daniels asked has anyone lost their property in the last (24) months for taxes; and why did the CRA help this particular property? Also, if its against the law you don't do it, we put this Town into a bind by doing something like this, with his capacity let the courts decide something like this. If we can make a wrong right, lets do that. Vice Mayor Washington stated that the CRA did not seek Mr. Tommy Dixon property, cities can buy properties. AYE: Mayor Cole, Councilman Rodney Daniels, and Councilman Marlin Daniels; NAYE: Councilwoman Gardner and Vice Mayor Washington; **MOTION PASSES.**

- 7. Acknowledgement of Leviticus Henderson as Board member of the Town's CRA per the recommendation of District Representative 2 Commissioners Christine Moore and unanimously approved by the Orange County Board of Commissioners until 2024. (Administration).** Motion by Councilwoman Gardner, the motion was seconded by Councilman Marlin Daniels. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Councilwoman Gardner; AYE: Vice Mayor Washington; AYE: Mayor Cole; AYE: Councilman Rodney Daniels; AYE: Councilman Marlin Daniels; AYE: **MOTION PASSES.**

COUNCIL REPORTS:

COUNCILWOMAN GARDNER: just everyone stays safe and thank you for coming out.

VICE MAYOR WASHINGTON: Happy New Year: crazy year for some of us that have lost loved ones with this pandemic going on, stay safe and be aware of your surroundings.

COUNCILMAN RODNEY DANIELS: the workshop last Thursday was informative. For the parade, every year we run out of candy, hope we are ready for that. Pastor Critton says all the time, just pray for us; also, everyone be safe, wear your masks.

COUNCILMAN MARLIN DANIELS: Happy New Year's everyone, I pray everyone is safe, continue to wear your masks; thank you Ms. Williams for some of the documents I received. Councilman Marlin Daniels stated to Mayor Cole, asking his staff for actual budgets. As Council we need to have a workshop on some things that is going on, it shouldn't have to be this difficult; it's not about personalities, its about people, let's do what's best for the Town, be your own person, and let's take charge and move this Town in the right direction.

MAYOR COLE: thank RDV, Hope College from Grand Rapids Michigan, professionals did the Denton Johnson Center, when you get a chance stop by to see this. Visit Orlando has 315,000 views of the mural wall by the pool. Eatonville is a hub as commented by Visit Orlando, Eatonville will have spectators buying property in Eatonville, they know that Eatonville could be that place,

we must know it is that place, when someone says Eatonville 1887, it must be something behind it. COVID Testing was done, its still strong out there, 176 was tested, it didn't cost us anything, there were no long lines. The toy giv4e away at the Denton Johnson Center went well, every kid received 1-2 toys. On the next agenda we will need to approve the CRA Budget. Thank everyone for coming tonight.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Mayor Cole to adjourn, the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Washington: meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cathlene Williams', written in a cursive style.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Cathlene Williams, Town Clerk