

**FORT MITCHELL CITY COUNCIL  
MEETING  
September 19, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ROLL CALL**

Mayor Hehman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Hehman explained this meeting is caucus style and this will allow for open discussion.

**COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kim Nachazel, Beth Rose, Michael Stoeckle and Denny Zahler. Vicki Boerger arrived late. Dan Rice and Joe Hayes were absent.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

City Administrator Sharmili Reddy, City Attorney Louis Kelly, Public Works Director Matt Stegman and City Clerk Linda Bartels.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Mr. Zahler made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 7. F. Deer Discussion,** Mrs. Rose offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion carried by all eyes. Motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Mr. Stoeckle made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2016 council meeting.** Mr. Zahler offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, Mayor Hehman called for a voice vote. The motion passed by all eyes.

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

**Bob Kaiser, 35 Virginia Avenue,** asked why the minutes were on the website prior to approval. Mrs. Reddy explained the packet for this council meeting was placed on the website for informational purposes.

**Patty Kaiser, 25 Virginia Avenue,** stated there were problems with the website. The last set of minutes were from August. September was not on the site. She also could not find information on upcoming council meetings. Mrs. Reddy will review the site.

**CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**Mr. Kelly performed a second reading of Ordinance 2016-13** adopting the new codification. Mrs. Nachazel made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-13. Mrs. Rose offered a second. Mayor Hehman

called for any questions or further discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a roll call vote.

Mrs. Rose	Yes	Mrs. Nachazel	Yes
Mr. Stoeckle	Yes	Mr. Hayes	Absent
Mr. Rice	Absent	Mr. Zahler	Yes
Mrs. Boerger	Absent for vote		

Ayes: 4                      Nays: 0                      Absent: 3                      Motion Carried.

**Mrs. Boerger arrived 7:14 p.m.**

**Mr. Kelly performed a reading of Resolution 2016-04 supporting the TAP grant application.** Ms. Reddy said that the City would like to apply for the Transportation Alternatives Program grant offered by the state to fund projects such as on and off road pedestrian and bike facility among others. She said if awarded this grant the money will be used to widen the current walking path on Dixie Highway to allow for a multi-use path for walking and bikes. All the work will be carried out in the public right-of-way. There is a 20% local match required for the project. Mr. Zahler suggested a citizen committee be formed if we were to receive the grant. Questions and suggestions were received for the audience.

**Mr. Zahler made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-04.** Mrs. Rose offered a second. Mayor Hehman called for any questions or further discussion and upon hearing none, he called for a voice vote. Motion received all Ayes. Motion carried.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mayor Hehman explained tonight we would be discussing multiple types of properties, flag lots and snow removal on private streets.

**Iris Land** - Mrs. Reddy explained Mr. Kindt is asking the City to consider selling or giving him a section of land that runs along his property and is part of Iris Park. He has worked with the Park Board and has maintained this property for many years. He now would like to add a pool or a splash fountain in his yard and needs some extra land. The Park Board is ok with it as they have no need for the small strip.

Mr. Kelly said the City had two options. One is to abandon a portion of the right of way or sell it to Mr. Kindt. To sell we would need an appraisal. If the appraisal is \$5,000 or less, we can sell to whoever. If it is over \$5,000, it must go to auction.

After a discussion, it was decided that this land is valuable park land that could accommodate park facilities or in the future increase connectivity. Mrs. Reddy will review the options to see if there is a way to help Mr. Kindt without giving up all the strip of land.

**Pauly Park** – Mayor Hehman explained this park was named after Howard Pauly who was on council for over 30 years. The park runs from Dixie Highway to Cornell and has a sidewalk running between the two streets with steps up to Dixie Highway. Mr. Pauly's son, Bob Pauly, purchased the property two years ago and is asking the City to deed a portion of the park property to him or at the very least the sidewalk area. Bob and Brenda Pauly were present for the discussion.

Mr. Kelly said the piece of land would have to be appraised. If lower than \$5,000, we can sell to Mr. and Mrs. Pauly. If it is over \$5,000, it must go to auction. Mayor Hehman said that Mr. and Mrs. Pauly would have to get an appraisal and survey done and bring it back to Council.

### **Requardt Road**

Mrs. Reddy said she received a request from Grace Neltner asking the City to abandon the excess right of way in front of three homes on Requardt Road. One home belongs to Mrs. Neltner's parents. She said on the original plat the right of way was for a cul-de-sac that was never constructed. Mrs. Reddy said they will have the utilities marked and discuss possible access issues with Fire Chief Auffart..

After a discussion, Mrs. Reddy said if the property owners wanted to know where the property lines were located or make recommended changes, they would be responsible to have their property surveyed. This requested needs further investigation, before a decision can be made.

The following property owners were present and participated in the above discussion. Mr. Emil Giglio, Bob and Patty Kaiser, and Ben Dressman.

### **Flag Lots**

Mrs. Reddy said in preparing for this preliminary discussion on flag lots, PDS provided handouts that give an overview of our current regulations, the number of flag lots in the city, and what other cities are doing with flag lots. Flag lots are governed by our zoning ordinance and the Subdivision Regulations. In Fort Mitchell, we do not distinguish between a flag lot and a regular lot. Mrs. Reddy reviewed three maps created by PDS: Map 1 illustrated that we currently have approximately 50 flags lots in the City, Map 2 shows all zoning designations in the City and Map 3 Illustrated the number of existing lots that were in different acreage categories. She said that due to different requirements within different residential zones, one standard will not fit all.

Mrs. Boerger discussed her email that was drafted after meeting with residents of Requardt Lane. She stated that these were ideas presented by residents as a starting point and that the residents had asked that council use them as suggestions for discussion. Mrs. Reddy introduced an email from Roger Schroder stating his objection to requiring three acres for a flag lot. Residents presented both pros and cons of increasing regulations that would address flag lots.

After much discussion, Mayor Hehman suggested that we start with clearly defining the permit process and the procedures.

### **Snow Removal for Private Streets**

Mrs. Reddy said we currently provide snow removal for private streets by contract for \$50.00 per street. She said we will continue to do it this year, but will review again next year.

### **Deer Problem**

Mayor Hehman said there is a deer problem in Fort Mitchell. They have become a nuisance and a traffic hazard. As one option, he suggested looking into allowing off-duty police officers to hunt on specified land in the City with the permission of the property owner. He will bring some suggestions to council.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Nachazel made the motion to adjourn the City Council Meeting at 9:37 p.m. Mr. Zahler offered a second to the motion. After asking for discussion or questions and hearing none, the Mayor called for a voice vote. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Signed 9-19, 2016

  
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Jude Hehman, Mayor

Prepared By:

  
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Linda Bartels, City Clerk