

JANUARY 08, 2008
REGULAR CITY COMMISSION MEETING

The City Commission of Dade City, Florida, met in the City Hall Annex Commission Chambers in a regular City Commission meeting on this 8th day of January, 2008, at 5:32 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor P. H. Brock, II and Commissioners Steve Van Gorden, Scott Black, Camille Hernandez, and Eunice Penix. City staff members present included Interim City Manager/City Clerk/Finance Director James D. Class, Deputy City Clerk Joanna Akers, City Attorney Karla Owens, Interim Police Chief David Duff, and Administrative Services Director Laura Beagles.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor P. H. Brock II, and invocation was given by Commissioner Penix, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to The Flag.

The following minutes were approved as individually read: November 27, 2007 Regular City Commission meeting, November 29, 2007 City Manager Interviews, and December 13, 2007 Special Commission meeting. The minutes of the December 11, 2007 Regular City Commission meeting were distributed.

PUBLIC HEARING

The following memorandum dated January 3, 2008 was noted:

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
From: Karla S. Owens, City Attorney/Community Development Director
Subject: Proposed Charter Revisions
(Entire memorandum can be found in the City Clerk's file)

As this was the time and place for the advertised public hearing on Ordinance No. 2007-0972, the ordinance was read by title only by the Deputy City Clerk, as follows:

ORDINANCE 2007-0972

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DADE CITY, FLORIDA CALLING FOR A REFERENDUM BALLOT ELECTION TO BE HELD ON APRIL 8, 2008 FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROPOSING TO THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF DADE CITY VARIOUS PROPOSALS TO REVISE THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DADE CITY; PROVIDING FOR NEW LANGUAGE TO BE ADDED TO TITLE 1, INTRODUCTION, SETTING FORTH A PREAMBLE OF CITIZEN RIGHTS; PROVIDING FOR ELIGIBILITY OF COMMISSION MEMBERS, COMMISSION INVESTIGATION OF CITY AFFAIRS, FORFEITURE OF OFFICE AND DUTIES OF THE MAYOR; PROVIDING FOR DUTIES OF THE CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK AND CITY ATTORNEY; REQUIRING SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL BUDGET AND BUDGET MESSAGE; PROVIDING A

REQUIREMENT THAT ALL ELECTIONS OR RECALL INITIATIVES OF THE CITY BE IMPLEMENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROVISIONS OF STATE LAW; PROVIDING FOR BALLOT QUESTIONS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE CALL OF A REFERENDUM ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES OF THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF DADE CITY AND POWERS AND AUTHORITY FOR THE CODE CODIFIER; PROVIDING FORSEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE AND THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS.

City Attorney Karla Owens reviewed the proposed ordinance regarding revisions to the city charter and a proposed ballot question. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to make the following changes/additions: (1), In the Preamble, make reference that Dade City is the County seat; and (2), In Section 4.03, add a reference to additional duties for attorney as assigned by the Commission. The following individuals commented during the public hearing for this ordinance: Jim Shive and Mike Agnello. With no one else wishing to be heard regarding this ordinance, Commissioner Black moved to approve Ordinance No. 2007-0972 as amended on final reading and public hearing and to approve the language of the ballot question. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Van Gorden, and on a vote the motion passed unanimously. Commissioners Brock, Van Gorden, Black, Penix, and Hernandez voted "AYE," with no one voting "NAY." (Ordinance No. 2007-0972 in its entirety is on file in the City Clerk's office.)

CONSENT

The following memorandum dated January 2, 2008 was noted:

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
From: Laura L. Beagles, Director of Administrative Services
Subject: Award of Bid No. 08-03 – Easy Locator
(Entire memorandum can be found in the City Clerk's file)

On recommendation of staff, Commissioner Black moved the approval to award Bid No. 08-03 to Power-Tel Utility Products, Inc. in the amount of \$13,385.00, as part of the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Penix, and on a vote the motion passed unanimously.

The following memorandum dated January 3, 2008 was noted:

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
From: James D. Class, Interim City Manager
Subject: Request for State Road Closure for Pasco County Fair Parade – February 18, 2008

(Entire memorandum can be found in the City Clerk's file)

On recommendation of staff, Commissioner Black moved the approval for closing 7th Street between Martin Luther King Blvd. to Florida Avenue and S.R. 52 (Meridian Avenue) from 7th Street to 6th Street for the Pasco County Fair Parade scheduled for February 18, 2008, as part of the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Penix, and on a vote the motion passed unanimously.

The following memorandum dated January 3, 2008 was noted:

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
From: James D. Class, Interim City Manager
Subject: Emergency purchase – Additional repairs to city hall elevator
(Entire memorandum can be found in the City Clerk's file)

On recommendation of staff, Commissioner Black moved approval of the emergency purchase of \$5,350.00 for the additional repairs to the city hall elevator, as part of the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Penix, and on a vote the motion passed unanimously.

The following memorandum dated January 3, 2008 was noted:

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
From: Jim Class, City Clerk / Finance Director
Subject: Appointments to Police and Fire Pension Boards
(Entire memorandum can be found in the City Clerk's file)

On recommendation of staff, Commissioner Black moved the approval to reappoint John Chandler and Terry Smith to the police pension board and Mike Carr and Lee Brown to the fire pension board, as part of the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Penix, and on a vote the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The following memorandum dated January 3, 2008 was noted:

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
From: Karla S. Owens, City Attorney/Community Development Director
Subject: Recommended Policy re Conduct of Public Meetings via Electronic Media
(Entire memorandum can be found in the City Clerk's file)

City Attorney Karla Owens reviewed the recommended policy. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Van Gorden to approve adopting the policy regarding participation of Commission members by telephone. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, and on a vote the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The following memorandum dated January 3, 2008 was noted:

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission
From: Jim Class, Interim City Manager
Subject: Resolution No. 2008-0965 – Establishing fees for the exclusive use of city parks and facilities
(Entire memorandum can be found in the City Clerk's file)

Interim City Manager Jim Class reviewed the resolution. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Van Gorden to approve Resolution No. 2008-0965 with the change being made to reflect the effective date of March 1, 2008. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, and on a vote the motion passed unanimously.

Administrative Services Director Laura Beagles gave the Commission an update on the Desoto and Blue Ways/Trail Ways.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Penix noted that she would like to see a traffic light installed at Tuskegee and the 98 by-pass.

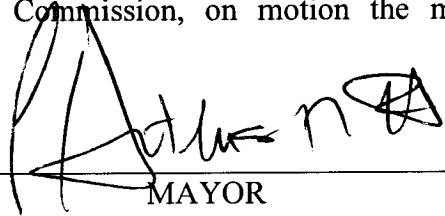
Commissioner Hernandez had questions on the following: fire hydrant monitoring, the installation of lights on the trail for night walkers and/or added security, and what is being done with the dirt being taken from the Howard Avenue project? She also noted that she has received some complaints from residents regarding pot-holes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Individuals appearing before the Commission during the public comment portion of the meeting were: (1) Joey Wubbena, DC Trolley Tour Co., who commented on the violation they received. After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Hernandez to "table" it to the next meeting so that further options can be reviewed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Black, and on a vote the motion failed with one abstention. Commissioner Hernandez voted "AYE", with Commissioners Penix, Black, and Van Gorden voting "NAY". Mayor Brock declared a conflict due to a business relationship with DC Trolley Tours and abstained from voting. Jim Guedry, President of DC Trolley Tours, commented on the tourist season and the increased amount of people he has brought to Dade City. A motion was made by Commissioner Van Gorden to issue a permit for the trolley referencing that all profits are going to a scholarship fund for kids. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Penix, and on a vote the motion passed unanimously with one abstention. Mayor Brock declared a conflict due to a business relationship with DC Trolley Tours and abstained from voting. (Form 8B, Memorandum of Voting Conflict, is on file in the City Clerk's office.) (2) Mike Agnello, who

commented on the trolley tours and parking problems within the city, and (3) Jim Shive, who commented on placing a "Parking Overflow" sign at the Weitzenkorn property.

There being no further business before the Commission, on motion the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CLERK