

NOVEMBER 8, 2011  
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 November, 2011, at 5:46 p.m. The following members were present: Mayor Scott Black and Commissioners Curtis Beebe, Camille Hernandez, and Eunice Penix. Commissioner William Dennis was absent. City staff members present included City Manager William C. Poe, Jr., City Clerk/Finance Director James D. Class, Deputy City Clerk Joanna Akers, City Attorney Karla Owens, Police Chief Raymond Velboom, City Engineer/Public Works Director Gordon Onderdonk, and Community Development Director Michael Sherman.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Black.

PRESENTATIONS

The City Commission presented a proclamation for National Hospice and Palliative Care Month to Ashley Juno from Gulfside Regional Hospice.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Shive asked if there would be an opportunity for public comment during the discussion of neighborhood planning.

Carrie Vereen had a question about her utility bill.

Levater Holt commented that there is a need for more street lighting on Cochrane Street and noted that the cap on her sewer cleanout is broken.

Bermice Mathis asked for an update on the code enforcement issues with the property next to her house.

Celestine Bush Stevens commented on community groups and the reclaimed water tank.

Stephen Tarrant requested a speed bump on Main Avenue and commented on the noise from car stereos as they drive by.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 25, 2011 City Commission meeting were approved as individually read. (Minutes are on file in the City Clerk's office.)

CONSENT AGENDA

The following memorandum dated November 8, 2011 was noted:

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
**From:** William Poe, City Manager  
**Subject:** Request for State Road Closure for Country Christmas Stroll, December 10, 2011  
(Entire memorandum can be found in the City Clerk's file)

On recommendation of staff, Commissioner Hernandez made a motion to approve closing State Road 52 (Meridian Avenue) between 8th Street and 5th Street for the Country Christmas Stroll scheduled for December 10, 2011, as part of the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beebe, and on a vote the motion passed unanimously.

## NEW BUSINESS

The following memorandum dated November 8, 2011 was noted:

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
**From:** Raymond E. Velboom, Chief of Police  
**Subject:** Edward Byrne Memorial Assistance Grant  
(Entire memorandum can be found in the City Clerk's file)

Police Chief Raymond Velboom requested authorization to apply for an Edward Byrne Memorial Assistance Grant of \$2,749 to renovate the interview room in the police department building. Commissioner Penix made a motion to approve submitting the application for grant funds as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Beebe, and on a vote the motion passed unanimously.

The following memorandum dated November 2, 2011 was noted:

**To:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
**From:** William C. Poe Jr., City Manager  
**Subject:** Awarding of the Bid for construction of Morningside Drive Extension and Bus Garage  
(Entire memorandum can be found in the City Clerk's file)

City Manager William Poe noted that this item was being withdrawn and would be rescheduled for the next meeting.

The following memorandum dated November 8, 2011 was noted:

**To:** Honorable Scott Black, Mayor and Members of the City Commission  
**Thru:** Mr. William C. Poe Jr., City Manager  
**From:** Michael Sherman, AICP, Community Development Director  
**Subject:** Neighborhood Planning Program for Dade City  
(Entire memorandum can be found in the City Clerk's file)

Community Development Director Michael Sherman discussed the proposed Neighborhood Planning Program. Jim Shive, Bermice Mathis, Levater Holt, Clyde Carter, Stephen Tarrant, Lillian Hunter, and Warren Godboldt commented on the proposed program. After discussion, Commissioner Penix made a motion to accept the three proposed neighborhoods of Mickens-Harper, Habitat, and East Lake Park / Victory, and to proceed with the Neighborhood Planning Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hernandez, and on a vote the motion passed unanimously.

## CITY ADMINISTRATION ITEMS

City Manager William Poe introduced Fire Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Douglas True and City Engineer/Public Works Director Gordon Onderdonk. He noted that the U.S. Highway 301 widening project has been cancelled by the Department of Transportation due to a lack of funding, discussed the alternatives being considered by CSX for train traffic once the freight intermodal station is constructed, gave an update on improving odor control at the wastewater treatment plant, and reported on some repairs being started at Mickens Field.

City Clerk/Finance Director James D. Class noted memorandums from the City's police and fire pension attorney regarding decisions that would be made about the plans due to state laws passed during the 2011 legislative session.

City Attorney Karla Owens noted that she would be submitting her October billing statement this week.

Police Chief Raymond Velboom noted that the City is working on a joint prisoner transport program with the City of Zephyrhills and reported on the Occupy Dade City demonstration.

Community Development Director Michael Sherman asked that the Commission consider having a workshop in January to discuss issues with the City's sign ordinance.

City Engineer/Public Works Director Gordon Onderdonk reported that he is becoming familiar with the City's current public works and utilities projects.

#### COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Hernandez reported that there were some street lights near Hibiscus Park that appeared to need some repairs and discussed a Youth Council project for a possible dog park.

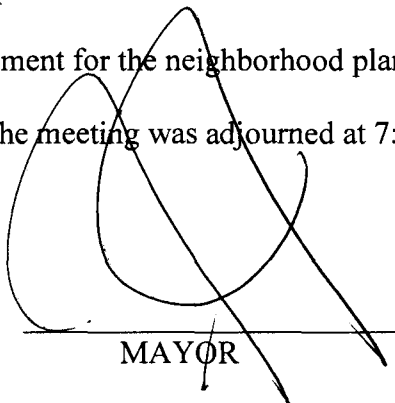
#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Levater Holt discussed the repairs at Mickens Field.

Jim Shive commented on odor control at the wastewater treatment plant, security at the gate of the plant, and the status of the Orange Valley pump station.

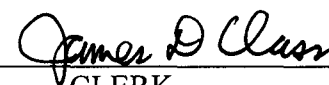
Clyde Carter discussed getting community involvement for the neighborhood planning program.

With no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.



MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CLERK