

**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 2016 REGULAR SESSION
GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL**

Call to Order

The regular session of the Green Cove Springs City Council was called to order Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 321 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

The invocation was given by Council Member Timberlake followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Mayor Royal recognized Chris Eversole, Communications Coordinator, who announced that the City was now the first municipality in Clay County to have their City Council meetings would now be streamed live over the internet through the City's website. Chris Eversole gave a brief overview of the project. Mr. Eversole noted that the first interview show with the Mayor and Glee Glisson on the Spring Park project. Future interviews would also be conducted with other Council Members.

Roll Call

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

C. Felecia Hampshire
Roy M. Timberlake, Jr.
Steven Kelley
Pamela J. Lewis, Vice Mayor
B. Van Royal, Mayor

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

L. J. Arnold, III, City Attorney
Julia W. Clevinger, City Clerk
Janis Fleet, Development Services Director
Marlena Guthrie, Finance Director
Cynthia Hunter, Personnel Director
Danielle J. Judd, City Manager
Robert Musco, Chief of Police
Mike Null, Asst. City Mgr. / Public Works
Director / Interim Electric Utility Director

**Mayor to call on members of the audience wishing to address
the Council on matters not on the Agenda.**

Mayor Royal recognized Joe Sobotta, 212 North Street, Green Cove Springs, who expressed his opposition to language used in the Proclamation recognizing Earth Day that reference a "green economy."

Ms. Judd acknowledged that she had placed the Proclamation on the Agenda and took full responsibility for it being on the Agenda. It had been on the Agenda in 2015 and was not meant to be a political statement.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER HAMPSHIRE TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION FOR EARTH DAY.

After consideration of Mr. Sobotta's comments, Council Member Timberlake offered the following change for the 3rd "WHEREAS" to read as follows:

"WHEREAS, it is understood that the citizens of the global community must step forward and take action to create a sustainable environment to promote a healthy economy and ecology; and"

This language would also follow throughout the remainder of the Proclamation as needed.

COUNCIL MEMBER KELLEY SECONDED THE MOTION.

COUNCIL MEMBER HAMPSHIRE AGREED WITH THE LANGUAGE AS AMENDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TIMBERLAKE. THE AMENDED MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR LEWIS.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION ON THE AMENDED LANGUAGE WAS APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES – COUNCIL MEMBERS C. FELECIA HAMPSHIRE, STEVEN R. KELLEY, ROY M. TIMBERLAKE, JR., PAMELA J. LEWIS, AND MAYOR B. VAN ROYAL. NAYS – NONE.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION ON THE PROCLAMATION AS AMENDED WAS APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES – COUNCIL MEMBERS C. FELECIA HAMPSHIRE, STEVEN R. KELLEY, ROY M. TIMBERLAKE, JR., PAMELA J. LEWIS, AND MAYOR B. VAN ROYAL. NAYS – NONE.

Proclamation – Earth Day 2016

Council Member Timberlake read the Proclamation into the record (see attachment marked Exhibit “A”).

Recognition – Annie Grogan – Business Consultant, UNF Small Business Development Center

Mayor Royal recognized Annie Grogan, Business Consultant, UNF Small Business Development Center. Ms. Grogan gave a brief overview of the services she provided to prospective and new small business owners in the City.

Recognition – Winston Charles, New Financial Management Analyst

Mayor Royal recognized Winston Charles, the City’s new Financial Management Analyst, and welcomed him to the City of Green Cove Springs.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **City Council approval of the minutes of the Regular Session on March 22, 2016.**
2. **City Council approval of the Certification of Unopposed Candidates Forms for the 2016 Municipal Election.**
3. **City Council approval to close Magnolia Avenue from Walnut Street to Spring Street for the Historic Spring Park Renovation Groundbreaking Ceremony on April 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**
4. **City Council approval of the Final Pay Request No. 7 to Matthews Design Group, Inc. in the amount of \$4,078.40, under Contract Value of \$200,000, for Design of the Historic Spring Park Pool & Interactive Water Feature Project.**
5. **City Council approval of Professional Services Agreement with All Reliable Services, Inc. for Bid No. 01-16-03, Tree Trimming & Removal Services, for a period of one (1) year with the option to renew for two (2) additional one-year terms.**
6. **City Council approval of the renewal of the FDOT State Highway Lighting, Maintenance and Compensation Agreement, Contract No. AN491, for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, in the amount of \$28,794.96 and authorize the Mayor to execute said Agreement.**
7. **City Council approval to declare items listed on Exhibit “A” (Misc.) as surplus and to dispose of accordingly.**
8. **City Council approval to piggyback on the City of Satellite Beach Contract for financial advisory services with Public Financial Management, Inc.**
9. **City Council approval of the 2nd Amendment to the Department of Environmental Protection Recreational Trails Program Grant, Agreement No. T2B06, for the Green Cove Springs Corridor Trail and authorization for the Mayor to sign the Amendment on behalf of the City.**
10. **City Council approval of the Hooper Corporation Final Contract for Electric Distribution Services.**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER HAMPSHIRE TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10 AS LISTED ABOVE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KELLEY. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES – COUNCIL MEMBERS C. FELECIA HAMPSHIRE, STEVEN R. KELLEY, ROY M. TIMBERLAKE, JR., PAMELA J. LEWIS, AND MAYOR B. VAN ROYAL. NAYS – NONE.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1. City Manager and City Attorney Reports and/or Correspondence.

- a. Executive Summary – Development Services – March 2016.
- b. Executive Summary – Electric – March 2016.
- c. Executive Summary – Police – March 2016.
- d. Executive Summary – Public Works – March 2016.

The City Manager acknowledged the above reports provided to the City Council for information.

The City Manager and City Attorney made comments regarding various city activities, events, operations, and projects.

Mr. Arnold noted that he had been advised of a couple of scrivener's errors on Resolution No. R-09-2016 and requested an emergency motion to make the corrections.

AN EMERGENCY MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER TIMBERLAKE TO COMPLETE THE SOLID WASTE ASSESSMENT RESOLUTION FROM THE LAST MEETING TO CORRECT THE SCRIVENER'S OMISSIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VICE MAYOR LEWIS. THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS APPROVED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE: AYES – COUNCIL MEMBERS C. FELECIA HAMPSHIRE, STEVEN R. KELLEY, ROY M. TIMBERLAKE, JR., PAMELA J. LEWIS, AND MAYOR B. VAN ROYAL. NAYS – NONE.

Mayor Royal recognized Scott Smith, 600 Myrtle Avenue, Green Cove Springs, who thanked the Police Department for their assistance and expressed his excitement for the upcoming renovation of Spring Park.

Mayor Royal recognized David Harsey, 108 St. Johns Avenue, Green Cove Springs, who questioned where the \$755,000 in savings on site work were coming from for the Spring Park project as he had seen in local newspaper articles.

2. City Council Reports and/or Correspondence.

The City Council made comments regarding various city activities, events, operations, and projects.

Council Member Hampshire offered her condolences to the families of the two (2) young men who had drowned at the City Pier on Sunday night and thanked the Police Department and the neighboring First Responders for their assistance. It was very unfortunate but she felt the City had been responsible in that signs had been posted prohibiting swimming and diving at the City Pier. She also commended Officer Robinson for her professionalism and acting as the Spokesperson for the Police Department.

Ms. Judd distributed a package of information from 2012-2013 for Council Member Timberlake who requested the City Council go back and re-analyze the idea of Annexation and update the information based on new legislation. He requested that the City Council allow him to work with City Staff and bring back a report to the City Council. Mayor Royal cautioned against the possible financial risks of issues the City might encounter such as accepting old roads and services provided by the City, i.e., water, solid waste, stormwater, Police coverage, etc. Ms. Judd stated she would look particularly at the enclave areas and St. Johns Landing Apartments versus a broad swipe of the Utility Service Area.

Mayor Royal recognized Council Member Elect Connie Butler's birthday and the City Council and Staff sang "Happy Birthday" to her.

3. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the City Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

B. Van Royal, Mayor

Attest:

Julia W. Clevinger, City Clerk