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CITY of *Palatka* FLORIDA

Regular meeting 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month at 6:00 p.m.

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MINUTES CITY OF PALATKA December 12, 2016

Proceedings of a Regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Palatka, Florida, held on the 12th day of December, 2016.

PRESENT:	Mayor	Terrill L. Hill
	Commissioner	Mary Lawson Brown
	Commissioner	Rufus Borom
	Commissioner	Justin Campbell
	Commissioner	James Norwood, Jr.

Also Present: City Manager Terry Suggs; City Attorney Donald E. Holmes; City Clerk Betsy Jordan Driggers; Police Chief Jason Shaw; Fire Chief Mike Lambert; Planning Director Thad Crowe; Public Works Director Jonathan Griffith, Airport Manager John Youell; Commissioner-Elect Tammie M. Williams

CALL TO ORDER & Reading of Notice of Meeting Date Change - Mayor Hill called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. and read the following Meeting Notice which was issued on 11/21/2016:

**TO COMMISSIONERS: MARY LAWSON BROWN, RUFUS BOROM,
JUSTIN CAMPBELL AND JAMES NORWOOD, Jr.:**

You are hereby notified that the Regular December 8, 2016 Meeting of the Palatka City Commission has been rescheduled and is called to be held on Monday, December 12, 2016, at the regular meeting place of the Palatka City Commission, Palatka City Hall, 201 N. 2nd Street, Palatka, Florida, to commence at 6:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter following the Palatka CRA Meeting scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was rescheduled during regular session of the commission on Nov. 10, 2016 to allow members of the City Commission to attend the Florida League of Cities Legislative Agenda Meeting, scheduled for Dec. 8 – 9, 2016 in Orlando FL.

/s/ Terrill L. Hill

Terrill L. Hill, MAYOR

The following commissioners acknowledged receipt of a copy of the foregoing notice of a Workshop meeting on the 21st day of November, 2016.

/s/ Mary Lawson Brown

COMMISSIONER

/s/ Justin Campbell

COMMISSIONER

/s/ James Norwood, Jr.

COMMISSIONER

/s/ Rufus Borom

COMMISSIONER

INVOCATION - The Reverend Eddie Stith, Associate Pastor; First Assembly of God

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Wayne McClain

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 11/12/16 Regular Meeting; 12/6/16 Called Economic Dev. Tour – Commissioner Borom moved to adopt the minutes as read. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

1. PUBLIC RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

PROCLAMATION – Putnam Co. Historical Society 50th Anniversary – Coenraad van Rensburg was present to receive the Proclamation which was read and presented by Mayor Hill. Mr. van Rensburg said they have enjoyed their partnership with the City of Palatka for more than 30 years. They have had special exhibits there, hold monthly programs there and have planned community celebrations there.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION: FGFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting – City of Palatka Finance Dept. – Matt Reynolds, Finance Director, was present for recognition. Mayor Hill noted this is the highest honor bestowed upon a government agency by the FGFOA for preparation of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Mr. Reynolds thanked the Finance Department employees as well as Carr Riggs & Ingram, the City's auditors. The City has received this award each year for the past 24 years.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – Commissioner James Norwood, Jr. – Mayor Hill presented Commissioner Norwood with a plaque in recognition of his 17 years of service as City Commissioner, Group 1. Mayor Hill said Commissioner Norwood is truly dedicated to this Community and they applaud the work he's done for the City. They look forward to his success and to what God has in store for him in the future.

Commissioner Norwood thanked his family and friends who have supported him and gave thanks to the citizens of the City, who have given him their proxy over the past 17 years. He is extremely honored to serve. He believes they have made a lot of progress and he hopes they will continue this progress in the future. He hopes they will keep moving the City forward. He will support this Commission and he asks the Community to support them. They all look forward to future progress. Commissioner Brown presented him with an Angel from the Commission.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH – December, 2016 – Commissioner Norwood joined Mayor Hill in presenting certificates to the following students in recognition of academic excellence, leadership, citizenship and attendance at their respective schools:

Jasmine Grammer	Browning Pearce Elementary School
Jayela Walker	C. L. Overturf, Jr. 6th Grade Center
Cordae Mungin	Children's Reading Center Charter School
Jobi Boone	E. H. Miller School
Taurean Valentine	James A. Long Elementary School
Caleb Mayberry	Jenkins Middle School
Gabrielle Parnell	Kelley Smith Elementary School
Lilleon Griffis	Mellon Elementary School
Da'Jonet Appling	Moseley Elementary School
Kayley Adkins	Palatka High School
Kaitlyn Hutchins	Peniel Baptist Academy
Madison Blount	Putnam Academy of Arts & Sciences
Kirstyn Peters	Putnam Edge High School

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were none.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. **Adopt Resolution No. 2015-12-87** authorizing the renewal of the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) benefits contract with Vanessa Townsend & Associates for a 1-yr. term beginning 1/1/17
- b. **Adopt Resolution No. 2016-12-88** authorizing reduction of the code enforcement fine levied against 420/422 Kirby Street in the amount of \$20,100 to \$500, provided the fine is paid within 30 days of this action, or the fine returns to \$20,100.
- c. **Adopt Resolution No. 2016-12-89** authorizing a three (3) month extension of the Temporary Golf Course Management Agreement with Hertz Golf, LLC, from 1/1/17 to 3/31/17.
- d. **Adopt Resolution No. 2016-12-90** awarding the Turf Maintenance Bid to Ashley's Lawn Service, LLC in the amount of \$24,000 and to Sportscape Services Inc. in the amount of \$39,309 and authorizing execution of all contract agreements associated with this bid award.
- e. **Adopt Resolution No. 2016-12-91** confirming a shortlist of qualified responding firms for RFP #2016-11, Architecture, Engineering and Landscape Architecture Continuing Services
- f. **Adopt Resolution No. 2016-12-92** rejecting all proposals for third party sludge processing/treatment & disposal systems/services at the Wastewater Treatment Plant received in response to RFP 2016-007 and ceasing further negotiations with respondents
- g. **Adopt Resolution No. 2016-12-93** authorizing the purchase of wetland mitigation credits in the amount of \$315,000 from Sundew Mitigation Bank, LLC related to on airport obstruction/tree removal and mitigation (100% grant funded)
- h. **Adopt Resolution No. 2016-12-94** authorizing issuance of Special Events Permit No.17-05 for the 2017 Airport Community Open House/ Fly-In; setting forth provisions of the permit and fees, granting permission to exceed allowable noise levels; granting permission for all aircraft and aerial operations.
- i. **Approve request items for Special Event Permit No. 16-50** -- (Wedding & Reception) at the St Johns River Education Center 12/18/16 from 11:00 am until 8:00 pm - Felecia Nelson, Applicant
 - 1. Grant permission to exceed allowable noise levels throughout the duration of event (amplified music).
 - 2. Allow for the closure of N. 1st St. from River Center parking lot to St Johns Ave.
- j. **Accept resignation of Joe Pickens** from the Palatka Planning Board with regrets.
- k. **Reappoint George DeLoach and Edie M. Wilson** to the Palatka Planning Board for three-year terms to expire December 31, 2019 (incumbent members)
- l. **Re-appoint Michael Gagnon and Pat Wilson** to the Palatka Code Enforcement Board as members with General Contracting & Engineering Experience, Respectively, for three-year terms to expire September, 2019
- m. **Incorporate Final Results of Nov. 8, 2016 General Election**, Commissioner Groups 1 and 3, into the Record of Proceedings

Items 3(h) and 3(i) were removed for discussion. Commissioner Borom moved to approve all other items on the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

- 3(h). **Resolution No. 2016-12-94** authorizing issuance of Special Events Permit No.17-05 for the 2017 Airport Community Open House/Fly-In; setting forth provisions of the permit and fees, granting permission to exceed allowable noise levels; granting permission for all aircraft and aerial operations – Mayor Hill said this event is now required to go through Special Events Permitting. The list of fees includes special events permit fees, Police and Fire Personnel, Public Works Personnel, Sanitation fees and rental fees for tables & chairs. Commissioner Brown noted this is a City sponsored event and moved to amend the resolution to waive all special events fees. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion, which passed unopposed. Commissioner Norwood moved to adopt the resolution as amended to waive fees. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. There being no further discussion or comment, a voice vote was taken and the motion passed with Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell Norwood and Mayor Hill voting Yes; no Nays. The Resolution was declared adopted.

Jud Neufeld and Wayne McClain, Members of the Airport Advisory Board (AAB) stood for recognition. Mr. Neufeld spoke for the AAB and updated the Commission on plans for the Airport Fly-In, scheduled for January 28th. He thanked the Commission and Staff for their support, and he thanked Mr. Holmes for being accessible after hours to provide counsel. The City has many needs in the form of education and

jobs. He thanked them for their support and commitment to change in the community. The Airport has had some \$15 million in improvements over the past 10 years. He commended Mr. Youell and his staff for moving the airport forward, and expressed thanks to Barbara Cloud with FDOT and Andrew Holesko with Passero Associates, the Airport Engineers. The Fly-In event has done a lot for Palatka by expanding fuel sales and exposure. He believes they should be compensated for the other City structures located on the City's airport property. He recommended they view the Harrison Ford documentary, "Living in the Age of Airplanes." Commissioner Brown said the members of the Airport Advisory Board are volunteers and they attend these meetings every month. They bring a huge benefit to the Airport.

- 3(i). **Approve request items for Special Event Permit No. 16-50 -- (Wedding & Reception)** at the St. Johns River Education Center 12/18/16 from 11:00 am until 8:00 pm - Grant permission to exceed allowable noise levels throughout the duration of event (amplified music) & allow for the closure of N. 1st St. from River Center parking lot to St. Johns Avenue - Felecia Nelson, Applicant. Mayor Hill called Corleous Brown to the podium.

Corleous Brown, 119 Islander Rd., Satsuma said he was active duty USMC for past 6.5 years, is now a member of US Air Force Reserves, has been stationed in Kenya, Nairobi, US Embassy; stationed in Washington DC at Quantico, deployed to Ukraine, S. Sudan, and Turkey. He is a native of Palatka. Mayor Hill thanked him for his service and the way he represents his community and noted he is the young man getting married at the River Center. Commissioner Campbell moved to grant the special request items for Special Events Permit #16-50. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

4. **REQUEST to authorize execution of Palatka Housing Authority's Annual Forms: Determination of Exemption & Categorical Exclusion, 24CRF 58.34(a) and 58.35(b)** on behalf of Palatka Housing Authority's Site Improvements FY 2017-2021 CFP AMP 11, 12 & 15, and certifying its consistency with the City's Comprehensive Plan – John Nelson, Executive Director – Aaron Robinson appeared on behalf of the PHA to entertain questions. Mr. Holmes said he has no concerns with the request. Commissioner Brown moved to authorize execution of all forms submitted as requested. Commissioner Borom seconded the request, which passed unopposed. Mr. Robinson said, regarding the Choice Neighborhood grant, they intend to apply next year.
5. **RESOLUTION** authorizing the following Nominal Lease renewals eff. 1/1/2017:
1. Keep Putnam Beautiful Lease on office space at 205 N. 2nd Street
 2. Palatka Art League Lease on the Tilghman House
 3. Heart of Putnam Food Pantry, Inc. Lease on a portion of the Cooper Building
 4. Palatka Duplicate Bridge Club Lease on a portion of the Cooper Building
 - a. Request for change of utilities billing classification – Barbara Rothermel

The Clerk read a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL AND EXECUTION OF NOMINAL LEASE AGREEMENTS ON CITY-OWNED REAL PROPERTY WITH PALATKA ART LEAGUE, KEEP PUTNAM BEAUTIFUL, PALATKA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB AND HEART OF PUTNAM FOOD PANTRY, INC; AND PROVIDING LEASE TERMS. Commissioner Brown moved to adopt the resolution as read. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, which yielded the following results: Commissioners Brown, Borom, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill, Yes; Nays, none. The resolution was declared adopted.

Palatka Duplicate Bridge Club Request for change of utilities billing classification – Barbara Rothermel - Mr. Suggs said the Bridge Club has requested the City change the City's designation for water billing purposes from non-residential to residential. This is a commercial/not for profit use. This is not something he has the authority to grant. His concern is how this will affect other non-residential accounts should the City grant the request.

Brandy Myers, 244 Crystal Cove Drive, Bridge Club Member, said the Club's income has dropped considerably due to lower membership. They are only there about six hours one day per week. There is no way they use \$100 worth of water a month. This is becoming a financial burden on the membership. This is a commercial base rate. Commissioner Norwood said it is unfortunate that their membership has declined. If they approve this they will set a precedent for other non-profits who will ask for the same change. The City still has the expense of providing water service to Palatka. It was noted they are getting the building for \$1 per year. Commissioner Campbell moved to deny the Duplicate Bridge Club's request for water account reclassification to residential. Commissioner Norwood seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

6. **RESOLUTION** authorizing execution of a Water Taxi/Dock Operations Agreement with Palatka Boathouse Marina , LLC - Adopt – The Clerk read a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE AND ATTEST A WATER TAXIS AND DOCK OPERATIONS SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PALATKA BOATHOUSE MARINA. Commissioner Campbell moved to adopt the Resolution as read. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Mr. Holmes said this Agreement is the result of conversations they have been having for some time. This will allow the City to move forward with the one boat they have in their possession. They are plying “uncharted waters” with this. Mr. Lagasse has some concerns with moving forward with something that hasn't been tried in Palatka. The City has concerns with financial aspect of the operation. This will allow them to begin operating the boat and gaining experience that comes with usage. They anticipate having a Master Agreement that contemplates operation of the boat by the end of January 2017. The boat is housed at the Boathouse Marina now. There being no further discussion and no public comment offered a voice vote was taken which yielded the following results: Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill, Yes; Nays, none. The resolution was declared adopted.

Allison Currie, Counsel for Boathouse Marina, St. Augustine, said they are glad to have things moving forward.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING:** 2704 & 2706 Reid St. - Planning Board Recommendation to annex and assign commercial land use and zoning to property, from Putnam County C-1 (Commercial, General Light) to City C-1 (General Commercial) - Owner/Applicants: Meang Kalla, Thongyu Meang, and Ed Bun.

ORDINANCE annexing 2704 & 2706 Reid Street - 1st Reading – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA ANNEXING INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA CERTAIN ADJACENT TERRITORY IDENTIFIED AS 2704 AND 2706 REID STREET, LOCATED IN SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST, PUBLIC RECORDS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA CONTIGUOUS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF PALATKA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Borom moved to pass the ordinance on first reading as read. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. There being no discussion or comment, a voice vote was taken, which yielded the following results: Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill – yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared passed on first reading.

ORDINANCE rezoning 2704 & 2706 Reid Street - 1st Reading – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA PROVIDING THAT THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA BE AMENDED FROM PUTNAM COUNTY C-1 (COMMERCIAL, GENERAL LIGHT) TO C-1 (COMMERCIAL

GENERAL) FOR A PARCEL IDENTIFIED AS 2704 AND 2706 REID STREET, LOCATED IN SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Brown moved to pass the ordinance on first reading as read. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. There being no discussion or comment, a voice vote was taken, which yielded the following results: Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill – yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared passed on first reading.

8. **ORDINANCE** rezoning property located at the southwest corner of River and Morris Streets from R-1AA/HD (Single-Family Residential and Historic District) to R-1AA (Single-Family Residential) - REMOVAL FROM HISTORIC DISTRICT - Normand Jutras, Owner/Applicant - 1st Reading – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA PROVIDING THAT THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA BE AMENDED FROM R-1AA-HD (RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE-FAMILY-HISTORIC DISTRICT) TO R-1AA (RESIDENTIAL, SINGLE-FAMILY) FOR A PARCEL IDENTIFIED AS UNDEVELOPED LAND LOCATED AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF RIVER STREET AND MORRIS STREET, LOCATED IN SECTION 42, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 27 EAST; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Brown moved to pass the ordinance on first reading as read. Commissioner Campbell seconded the motion. Thad Crowe, Planning Director, said the Planned Unit Development (PUD) on this property expired about a year ago; Mr. Jutras will have to renegotiate that PUD. This was a 7-year PUD. There being no further discussion and no comment, a voice vote was taken, which yielded the following results: Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill – yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared passed on first reading.

9. **ORDINANCE** imposing a temporary moratorium on the operation of medical marijuana treatment centers, licensed dispensing and cultivation organizations within the City of Palatka – 1st Reading – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE OPERATION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS AND LICENSED DISPENSING ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF PALATKA FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS UNLESS RESCINDED OR EXTENDED BY A SUBSEQUENT ORDINANCE, OR BY A SUBSEQUENT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY'S LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS REGARDING THE REGULATION OF MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS AND LICENSED DISPENSING ORGANIZATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Campbell moved to pass the ordinance on first reading as read. Commissioner Borom seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said this is a housekeeping measure being taken all across the state and can be rescinded at any time. Mr. Suggs said he has received an email regarding this item asking for the City of Palatka's stance on these types of facilities; an individual wants to come in and open several of these facilities. He is divulging this information as a matter of record. Commissioner Norwood said his is being put in place during the interim while the State sets the guidelines.

Mr. Holmes said he is working on behalf of a client regarding ordinances in other communities. The State took no action regulating how marijuana will be dispensed and left that to agency municipalities. The country has already passed a moratorium. Six entities have obtained permission to grow the marijuana and don't want to see a proliferation of dispensaries. He recommends putting the moratorium in place. There being no further discussion and no audience comment, a voice vote was taken, which yielded the following results: Commissioners Borom, Brown, Campbell, Norwood and Mayor Hill – yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared passed on first reading.

10. **CITY MANAGER & ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Chief Shaw said they received a K-9 from the Putnam Co. Sheriff's Office. They will bring them Canine Tango and his partner before the Commission for introduction.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT - Letter of Request for Relief – Planning Board Case #16-38, Denial of Conditional Use (2000 Reid Street) – City Attorney Holmes said the City has received a request to conduct a re-hearing of a conditional use application that was denied by the Planning Board and that denial was upheld by the Commission. The Code specifies that if someone is aggrieved by the Planning Board decision, they have 30 days to seek a City Commission review, which has occurred. The aggrieved party can take the case to circuit court. There is nothing provided in the Code for a rehearing. It is staff's recommendation to not rehear the request. No particular reason has been given, and nothing inappropriate occurred during the hearings. They may wish to advise this person seeking the re-hearing that there is no provision for this and the request won't be reheard. Commissioner Campbell moved to deny the request for re-hearing of Planning Board Case #16-38, Denial of Conditional Use, 2000 Reid Street. Commissioner Borom seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

Mr. Holmes advised the City won a piece of property at auction for \$100.00. Now they have to pay the taxes on it and decide what they are going to do with it.

Terry Suggs, City Manager, said at 2:30 this afternoon he, Mr. Reynolds and Mayor Hill met with the state auditors and held an exit interview. Several housekeeping items regarding record keeping were discussed. There were no serious infractions. The only thing they heard was that the debt service being paid out of Better Place Funds at the Golf Club is not quite proper. They are finished with their audit. They will be drafting a letter in 2 to 3 weeks. The City has a clean bill of health coming. This Commission can be proud of this; the allegations that were made were found to be untruthful. They will have 18 months to comply with findings. When the information and allegations were made, the City Commission had already instructed Staff to budget and seek firms to come in and do an external audit. The findings are nothing they need to be concerned with. They look forward to closing this Chapter. Congratulations to Mr. Reynolds and his staff for their cooperation. Mayor Hill said he is happy with the results.

11. **REQUEST TO APPROVE FUNDING:** \$500 for Youth Orlando Magic Game Event – Commissioner Norwood moved to approve \$500 funding for Youth Orlando Magic Game Event. Commissioner Brown Seconded the motion. Mayor Hill said this is the 2nd year they have had an opportunity to take kids to an Orlando Magic game. This is a great opportunity for them to go on court during the game and meet the players. There being no further discussion and no public comment, the question was called and motion passed unopposed.

12. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS –**

Commissioner Campbell thanked Commissioner Norwood for his dedication to the City and this Commission for the past 17 years. He has served with dignity and respect, even when performing under pressure. He has paved the way or people like him to serve by following his example.

Commissioner Borom thanked Commissioner Norwood's family for allowing him to be loaned out to the City. He thanked him for leadership and use of his environmental skills. He has handled many phone calls and meetings and traveled much over the years. He thanked him for his service.

Mayor Hill said they had a great FLC Legislative Conference. They talked about identifying personality traits and how to work together cohesively. He wants to bring this exercise to Palatka. It talks about innovators and 'relationship' people and how there needs to be a mix of the two in order to function. The Conference over-all was a great experience.

Mayor Hill said Commissioner Norwood has handled his position with dignity and class and he appreciates the example he has set throughout his learning curve. He is able to stay calm when others are not. They don't always agree but they always agree that they want what's best for the community.

Commissioner Brown said she brought a cake to cut following the meeting in light of this being Commissioner Norwood's last meeting. She will miss his strong leadership.

Commissioner Brown noted Commissioner-Elect Williams joined them at the Conference this week. They look forward to working with her.

Commissioner Norwood said he has nothing but respect for the members of the Commission and staff. It has been a tremendous ride. He couldn't have done everything he has done without the support of the Commission and staff. He appreciates past Commissions. He thanks God for giving him the ability to adapt to different commissions. This commission is very hands-on and has a clear-cut direction on where it's going. They stay close to the path on their direction. They have an excellent Staff, who are to be trusted. They should lean on them to gather knowledge in order to make good decisions based upon the data that is placed before them. Sometimes they have to stand alone to stand. The Community has graced, supported and trusted him with decisions that will carry them into the future. He is very appreciative and humbled that the community saw something in him and gave him an opportunity to achieve.

13. **ADJOURN** – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m. by Mayor Hill.

ANY PERSON WISHING TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE CITY COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT SUCH MEETING WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE MAY NEED TO INSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. FS 286.105