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

MINUTES
CITY OF PALATKA
September 27, 2012

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Palatka, Florida, held on the 27th day of September, 2012.

PRESENT:

Mayor	Vernon Myers
Commissioner	Mary Lawson Brown
Commissioner	Allegra Kitchens
Commissioner	Phil Leary
Commissioner	James Norwood, Jr.

Also Present: City Manager Michael J. Czymbor; City Attorney Donald E. Holmes; City Clerk Betsy Jordan Driggers; Finance Director Matt Reynolds; Police Chief Gary Getchell; Fire Chief Mike Lambert; Planning Director Thad Crowe

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Myers called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

INVOCATION – The Reverend Tim Rudd, Senior Pastor; Victory Christian Fellowship Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Honorable Tim Parker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 9/13/12 Regular Meeting – At the request of the Clerk, Commissioner Brown moved to table adoption of the minutes. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

1. **PUBLIC RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS:**

STUDENT OF THE MONTH – September, 2012 – Vice Mayor Brown joined Mayor Myers in presenting certificates to the following students, recognizing his/her academic excellence, leadership, citizenship and attendance at their respective schools:

Kayley Adkins	Beasley Middle School
Allison Pierce	Browning Pearce Elementary School
Kadence Carlton	Children's Reading Center Charter School
Xavier Garmendiz	E.H. Miller School
Mary Salmon	James A. Long Elementary School
Josie Hill	Jenkins Middle School
Disha Patel	Kelley Smith Elementary School
Brandon Baldeon	Mellon Elementary School
Mariela Mazhua	Moseley Elementary School
Willie Miller	Palatka High School
Ashton Collier	Peniel Baptist Academy

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were none.
3. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - a. **Set Halloween Trick or Treat Hours** for Wednesday, October 31, 2012, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - b. **Grant permission to exceed allowable noise levels for Special Events Permit #12-34, “St. Johns River Blues Festival”** for the following dates & times, per Staff recommendation - Billy Ennis, Downtown Blues, applicant;

Saturday, 11/17/12	10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Sunday, 11/18/12	1:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
 - c. **Grant permission to exceed allowable noise levels for Special Events Permit #12-41, “2nd Saturday Truck & Jeep Rally”** October 13, November 10 and December 8, 2012, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., per Staff recommendation - Palatka Main Street, applicant
 - d. **Grant permission to exceed allowable noise levels for Special Events Permit #12-42, “4th Saturday Dancin’ in the Streets”** Oct. 27, Nov. 24 and Dec. 22, 2012, from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. per Staff recommendation – Palatka Main Street, applicant
 - e. **Appoint Bonnie Taylor to the Palatka Tree Committee** to serve at the pleasure of the Commission (no set terms) per staff recommendation
 - f. **Adopt a Resolution of the City of Palatka, Florida, authorizing the execution of Passero Associates Supplemental Agreement #12-31 in an amount not to exceed \$135,000.00** for work incidental to engineering design, & bidding for the Palatka Municipal Airport Taxiway C Drainage & Rehabilitation Project, per Staff recommendation

Commissioner Leary moved to approve all items on consent as presented. Commissioner Norwood seconded the motion, which passed unopposed.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING – TRIM Calendar** - Tentative Budget and Proposed Millage Rate (9.1749) Mayor Myers opened the Public Hearing. The actual proposed millage rate of 9.1749 represents a zero percent (0%) increase over the rolled back rate. These budgets have been on file in the Clerk’s office for the public’s inspection.

Levy Ordinance – 2012/13 Budget year – 2nd Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2012 TO RAISE THE NECESSARY REVENUE TO DEFRAY THE EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF PALATKA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012-2013 in its entirety. Commissioner Kitchens moved to pass the ordinance on 2nd reading for adoption as read. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Commissioner Leary suggested the Finance Director meet with the editor of the newspaper and explain the financial situation the city is in. It’s important for the citizens and taxpayers of the City to understand the Commission will do its best to lower the millage rate next year should the economy improve. Mayor Myers concurred and said they are acting in the best interest of the citizens. The statement was made in the newspaper that the City could balance the budget without adopting the rolled back rate, and they could, but there would be no reserve fund. This is the Commission acting fiscally responsible to the citizens. Commissioner Kitchens concurred and said it is important the City do this; the average citizen will not see an increase in his/her tax bill. She believes it is important for the Finance Director to speak to the editor of the PDN to find out exactly what he does and does not understand. Citizens expect services from the City, and ad valorem taxes are the best way to pay for those. Commissioner Norwood concurred and said the City currently provides services at a very high level; the Commission has always tried to maintain that level of service. The citizens understand the benefit of the services they are receiving. If the newspaper decides to write an editorial, he hopes they get all of the information. Commissioner Brown reminded everyone that all members of the commission live inside the city limits and they pay all the same taxes the citizens pay. They are mindful of this and understand what it means to pay taxes. There being no further discussion, a roll-call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood and Mayor Myers, yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared adopted.

Appropriation Ordinance – 2012/13 Budget year – 2nd Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF MONIES FOR THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF PALATKA FOR GENERAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE SEVERAL GOVERNMENTAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY, AND FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE SEVERAL SINKING FUNDS OF THE CITY TO PAY INTEREST ON AND PROVIDE FOR THE RETIREMENT OF THE OUTSTANDING BONDS AND OTHER FIXED OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY, AND FOR PALATKA GAS AUTHORITY, FOR AND DURING THE FISCAL YEAR A.D. 2012-13. Commissioner Norwood moved to pass the ordinance on 2nd reading for adoption. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion. There being no further discussion, a roll-call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood and Mayor Myers, yes; Nays, none. The ordinance was declared adopted.

5. **PRESENTATION** on proposed Amendments 2, 4, 9, 10 & 11 related to property taxes – Tim Parker, Putnam Co. Property Appraiser, said he's distributed some flyers on the subject (filed). There are eleven amendments; Amendment No 7 has been removed from the ballot. As to Amendment #2, currently if you are a veteran and are combat wounded, you are eligible for a discount if you are over 65 and were a resident of Florida when you enlisted and were wounded. Amendment 2 will extend that to anyone who was not a resident of Florida at the time of enlistment. There are 10 individuals in Putnam County who will be seeking that exemption should this pass. There is a link on his website to amendments; you can click on "track bill" which provides the final bill analysis which provides the fiscal impact.

Mr. Parker said when you go to vote you will see a four-page ballot. Amendments 4 and 5 will be half of one of those pages each. Amendment 4 has four parts. The Legislative is the only body that can put four subjects within one ballot. They have to put as much language on the ballot that's required to make the amendment clear to the voter. As to Amendment 4, at this time yearly increases in commercial property taxable value are capped and cannot go up more than 10%; the first part of #4 cuts this in half to 5%. Currently the impact hasn't been that great, but as the economy turns around it could have a greater impact. The second part of #4 extends the vote on the removal of the 10% cap from 2019 to 2023. The third part is an additional homestead exemption for individuals who have not owned a home in 3 years; currently there is an exemption for those who've not owned a home in 3 years, and this will increase the amount and duration of that exemption. The 4th part is the most difficult part to explain. The #1 call his office receives is asking why, if the market value on the property went down, why did the assessed value go up? This is due to the "recapture" Rule. Each year the assessed value can rise but the increase in taxable assessed value is capped at 3%. Although market value may have gone down, the assessed value still goes up, due to the recapture rule, as it is still lower than the market value. This will be removed if Amendment 4 passes. There is a 28-page report out there that provides information on the benefits of Amendment 4, such as increase home value, jobs and gross domestic product, and the group that has published that report has provided statistics to back those claims up. They need to look at the adverse impact to City budgets. Commissioner Norwood said this would apply to those who are first time homeowners in Florida and could have owned a home elsewhere. Mr. Parker said that is not his understanding. Discussion ensued as to the impact on budgets and which side has the more compelling argument. Commissioner Kitchens said if Amendment 4 passes, the County and City will lose money and homeownership will increase, which will require more services be provided with less tax dollars. Commercial property requires more city services. Bringing in commercial property provides more tax dollars to run the City and more jobs. If they have to provide more services for less money, that's counterproductive. Citizens need to look at this carefully; it could end up costing them more money. Mr. Parker said this will fiscally impact the City, but not the County, as Putnam County is considered a fiscally constrained county. the

County receives offsetting funds as long as the legislature budgets the funds for the impact of Amendment #1, but the City does not; there is no such thing as a fiscally-constrained city. Commissioner noted this is an unfunded mandate.

Mr. Parker said Amendment #9 states property owned by the spouse of active military personnel or a 'first responder' who is killed or dies while on active duty or in the line of duty is exempt from taxation. The exemption is already there for a surviving spouse of military personnel, but this would be for the surviving spouse of anyone who meets the definition of "first responder." If the spouse remarries, he/she loses the exemption. The exemption is portable; it can be moved from home to home.

As to Amendment #10, Mr. Parker said the current tangible personal property exemption for business is \$10,000; this will provide an exemption for personal property valued more than \$25,000 to less than \$50,000. The 2nd part of the exemption gives the county or city an option to offer an incentive to totally exempt a business from personal property tax to lure a business into the city, or keep a business from moving out of the city. It can be done on a case-by-case basis or an overall basis. There will be a form developed for application for any of these amendments

Mr. Parker said Amendment #11 is an additional homestead exemption for those whose home is valued at under \$25,000 and that person has lived in their home for more than 25 years and has a low household income as defined by law. This will have an impact, but he does not know what that will be. In the past, these types of amendments, once they have been tied to a period of time someone has lived on the property, have been ruled unconstitutional, so there will likely be a challenge to this. He believes the amendment is tied to the property.

Commissioner Leary said the League of Women Voters came out today and recommended voting "no" on all amendments. Being a strict constitutionalist, he agrees with them. He thinks all these issues can be addressed legislatively through other avenues.

RESOLUTION urging voters to carefully consider the adverse consequences of Amendment 4 before voting in the November 2012 General Election – Adopt – The Clerk read a resolution entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, CONCERNING AMENDMENT 4 TO THE FLORIDA CONSTITUTION WHICH, IF ADOPTED, WOULD CREATE ADDITIONAL INEQUITIES IN FLORIDA'S TAX SYSTEM BY GRANTING CERTAIN TAX BREAKS TO SOME TAXPAYERS AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER TAXPAYERS. Commissioner Norwood moved to adopt the resolution. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood and Mayor Myers; yes. Nays; none. The Resolution was declared adopted.

6. **RESOLUTION** authorizing execution of an Interlocal Agreement with the Putnam County Board of County Commissioners relative to the expenditure of NSP3 funds for the purchase of up to five homes within the City Limits – Adopt – the Clerk read an ordinance entitled A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION AND EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE HOMES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY UTILIZED NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM 3 (NSP3) FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA. Commissioner Norwood moved to adopt the ordinance. Commissioner Leary Seconded the motion. Commissioner Kitchens said she spoke with Rick Leary concerning her concerns over this, and spoke to Mr. Eubanks and Ms. Thomas from PHA about this today. This is not homeownership; these five homes will be given to the PHA and the City Manager will negotiate an annual payment in lieu

of taxes.' These homes will be rentals homes and will come off the tax rolls for 15 years. These will be low-rent homes and she has concerns with that. She understands why this is coming to the City; initially the County wanted to do this in San Mateo, but there weren't enough foreclosures that were homes; most were mobile homes. She is very concerned about adding five more low-rent homes in Palatka. If this was homeownership, she'd be in favor of it. Commissioner Leary said he shares some of those concerns; at the same time, these homes have been neglected and the banks are trying to keep them up. They are concentrating on neighborhood revitalization; the economy has forced many to go to rental in lieu of home ownership. This will be good for the neighborhoods. Commissioner Brown said the PHA has strict policies for renters and make regular inspections on rental properties; they have rules on keeping these properties up. They will put people out of houses who abuse them. People are always looking for quality rentals; she thinks this will help put people in safe housing. Commissioner Norwood said he does not like that it takes houses off the tax rolls, but he also knows people are constantly complaining about derelict properties within the City. They try to take care of these issues through Code Enforcement, but that is a lengthy process. This will create some aesthetically pleasing properties; he'd like to see this type of program spread equally throughout the County; all these affordable rental homes don't need to be concentrated in the City. They don't want to be a "hub" for low-income housing. Commissioner Brown suggested rent-to-own programs for these houses, saying this will eventually put them back on the tax roll. Mayor Myers said if most of these houses were homesteaded the assessed value would less than the homestead exemption anyway, and the homeowners wouldn't pay a significant amount of tax anyway. He understands not wanting to increase the amount of low-income rental units in the City, but they are making these viable rental units and this provides a service to the citizens. There are many whose circumstances are dire and they need a safe and sanitary place to live.

Commissioner Kitchens asked if this program will be only for Palatka residents, noting in many PHA programs they've brought in residents from other counties. Commissioner Norwood said he's been told St. Johns County sends everyone looking for Section 8 housing to Putnam County. They don't want to become a hub for low-income housing. He wants to be sure there are controls in place to assure these renters will not be coming from other counties. Mayor Myers said that is not under consideration, but they can address this in the future.

Mr. Czymbor agreed and said when he was approached by the County's consultant he expressed all those same concerns. They limited the number of houses and will negotiate for an equitable payment for taxes. He'll also negotiate for a rent-to-own program. They are cooperating with the County in hopes the County will cooperate with the City in the future on an equally important issue. The agreement specifically says if the City can't negotiate an equitable agreement. He recommends adoption. There being no further discussion, a roll-call vote was taken, with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood and Mayor Myers; yes. Nays; none. The Resolution was declared adopted. Commissioner Norwood reiterated that he'd like to see this made equitable throughout the County.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING/DRAFT ORDINANCE – Various properties along Zeagler Drive** - Planning Board recommendation to Amend Future Land Use Map on combined parcels of land greater than 20 acres in size from RH (Residential, High) to COM (Commercial) – City of Palatka, Applicant - **Authorize transmittal of draft ordinance to state agencies for review** – Thad Crowe, Planning Director, said this is a housekeeping measure. Zeagler Drive has medical uses and some commercial, and these properties should be commercial use; they recommend a light commercial designation for these properties. The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA PROVIDING THAT THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE ADOPTED COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF

PALATKA BE AMENDED AS TO CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED IN SECTION 10, TOWNSHIP 10 SOUTH, RANGE 26 EAST (GREATER THAN 20 ACRES IN SIZE) IDENTIFIED AS 201 ZEAGLER DRIVE; THE FRONT PORTION OF 414 ZEAGLER DRIVE EXTENDING BACK AND WEST 275 FEET FROM THE EAST PROPERTY LINE; 520, 524, 530, AND 610 ZEAGLER DRIVE AND THE PARCEL BEHIND IT; 611 AND 613 ZEAGLER DRIVE AND 6541 ST. JOHNS AVENUE, FROM RH (RESIDENTIAL, HIGH) TO COM (COMMERCIAL); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Brown moved to authorize transmittal of draft ordinance to state agencies for review. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion. Commissioner Kitchens said she noted the legal description was omitted for the last parcel and discussed this with Mr. Crowe. Mr. Crowe said he will correct the ordinance before it is transmitted. There being no public comments, the motion was voted upon and passed unopposed.

8. **ORDINANCE** amending Palatka Municipal Code Section 94-261 to allow an exception to parking lot paving requirements for existing uses – 1st Reading – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA AMENDING ZONING CODE SEC. 94-251 TO ALLOW FOR AN EXCEPTION TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL PARKING AND LOADING AREAS BE PAVED; REQUIRING THAT SUCH EXCEPTIONS DO NOT RESULT IN INCREASED ON AND OFF-SITE FLOODING; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Norwood moved to pass the ordinance on 1st reading. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood and Mayor Myers; yes. Nays; none. The ordinance was declared passed on 1st reading.

9. **ORDINANCE** amending Palatka Municipal Code Section 94-2 to amend regulations surrounding home occupation uses in residential areas – 1st Reading – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 94-2 (DEFINITIONS), ELIMINATING THE PROHIBITION ON HOME OCCUPATIONS OPERATING IN ACCESSORY BUILDINGS, AND ELIMINATING CERTAIN USES FROM THE LIST OF PROHIBITED HOME OCCUPATION USES, THEREBY ALLOWING SUCH USES BY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Kitchens moved to pass the ordinance on 1st reading. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. Commissioner Kitchens asked Mr. Crowe if he'd handed out the corrected Page 2; she explained there was a typo that would have prohibited the uses. Mr. Crowe distributed the correction (filed). Mr. Crowe said this would allow for home occupation uses in residential areas for businesses who take one client at a time. Commissioner Norwood asked if they need to amend the ordinance to include the language correction. Mr. Homes said the motion should be to pass on first reading as amended with the supplemental second page. He said paragraph 8 should read "should not be allowed as home occupations" instead of "considered home occupations;" he said to strike the word "considered" and insert "should not be allowed as." Commissioner Brown moved to amend the ordinance as stated. Commissioner Norwood seconded the motion, which passed unopposed. There being no further discussion on the ordinance, a roll-call vote was taken on the motion to adopt the ordinance on first reading as amended, with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood and Mayor Myers; yes. Nays; none. The ordinance was declared passed on 1st reading as amended.

10. **ORDINANCE** amending water rates – 2nd Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA BE AMENDED BY REMOVING SECTION 86-37, WATER PLANT EXPANSION FUND, AND SECTION 86-311(b),

WATER PLANT REPLACEMENT CHARGE; BY REVISING APPENDIX "A" TO SECTION 86-314 AND APPENDIX "A" TO SECTION 86-315 THEREOF, PROVIDING NEW WATER RATE SCHEDULES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012, BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS RESPECTIVELY; BY AMENDING SECTION 86-318 TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL RATE ADJUSTMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Kitchens asked Mr. Holmes to discuss a minor wording adjustment to Section 386(a). Mr. Holmes said he's suggested changing the word "increased" to "adjusted by the City Commission" as necessary (etc.), which would allow for an upward or downward adjustment. Commissioner Kitchens said this is in line with what was discussed at the last meeting, and moved to adopt the ordinance as amended by Mr. Holmes. Commissioner Leary seconded the motion and said at the last meeting there was a lot of comment about the quality of the water. He thinks it's important that citizens understand they are trying to upgrade the system, which is over 100 years old in places; regular maintenance on lines and wells is a tremendous expense. Not setting a responsible rate could create a disaster that will interrupt service and they need to show due diligence when setting rates. Mayor Myers said the purpose of the rate structure change was to provide relief for low-income citizens; when you decrease rates for one, you raise rates for others, and they are looking for that increase from large volume usage commercial accounts. Commissioner Kitchens said there have been several large water main breaks the Department was able to resolve those internally; in financial terms they weren't that big, but it's important to be able to repair the system. Commissioner Norwood said it's important they continue rehabbing infrastructure. Commissioner Brown said people complain about rusty water; the men work hard to alleviate that. Many pipes are old. They've recently replaced pipes on Bronson Street to correct that. They ask the citizens for patience.

11. **ORDINANCE** amending sewer rates – 2nd Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA BE AMENDED BY REMOVING SECTION 86-344(b) AND 86-345(b), PLANT REPLACEMENT CHARGE; BY AMENDING SECTION 86-342(3), WATER POLLUTION CONTROL CHARGE, BY REVISING APPENDIX "A" TO SECTION 86-344 AND APPENDIX "A" TO SECTION 86-345 THEREOF PROVIDING NEW SEWER CHARGES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2012, BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS RESPECTIVELY; BY AMENDING SECTION 86-348 TO PROVIDE FOR ANNUAL RATE ADJUSTMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Kitchens asked the same amendment be made to this ordinance to amend Section 86-348 by changing "increased" to "adjusted by the City Commission." Commissioner Norwood moved to adopt the ordinance as amended. Commissioner Kitchens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood and Mayor Myers; yes. Nays; none. The ordinance was declared adopted as amended.
12. **ORDINANCE** amending Zoning Code Section 94-159 to allow manufacturing in Airport Zoning Districts – 2nd Reading, Adopt – The Clerk read an ordinance entitled AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALATKA, FLORIDA AMENDING ZONING CODE SECTION 94-159 TO ALLOW FOR AVIATION-RELATED MANUFACTURING IN AP-2 (AIRPORT RELATED ZONING DISTRICT) AS A PERMITTED PRINCIPAL USE, ALLOW NON-AVIATION-RELATED MANUFACTURING AS CONDITIONAL USE IN THE AP-2 DISTRICT WHEN APPROVED BY AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND AIRPORT MANAGER, AND ADOPT STANDARDS THAT MINIMIZE GLARE AND EXTERIOR LIGHT ON NEW DEVELOPMNENT IN THE AP-2 DISTRICT TO ENHANCE AIRPORT SAFETY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Commissioner Leary moved to adopt the ordinance as read. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the following

results: Commissioners Brown, Kitchens, Leary, Norwood and Mayor Myers; yes. Nays; none. The ordinance was declared adopted.

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mr. Czymbor said they will be looking at the Special Events ordinance for “gray areas” in classifications at Commissioner Kitchens’ suggestion.

Mr. Czymbor said he met with Mr. Nelson of the PHA concerning current payments in lieu of taxes for PHA properties. Staff will be making a proposal back to the PHA regarding payments for police and fire services; they now receive a nominal payment. They are also reviewing the 1963 PHA Agreement and 1978 amendment to that agreement. He will also be meeting with the County on the payment in lieu of taxes on the Crestwood Nursing Home; the City has been receiving the same payment since 1983. He’s put the County on notice that he doesn’t believe the payment is equitable and they will be re-negotiating this.

Mr. Czymbor said tomorrow there will be some moving of offices at City Hall to make the provision of services better, so any interruption of services will be temporary.

The Clerk reminded the Commission of the Annual Employee Safety Luncheon on Friday, October 5th, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Golf Club.

14. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Kitchens thanked Mr. Holmes for his input, which is valuable.

Commissioner Brown said she was pleasantly surprised last week by a visit to the WWTP. Mr. Drew showed her a machine the City acquired through the Federal Stimulus that has saved the City around \$50,000 per year. She thanked the Staff for going after that stimulus money to help save the City money.

Mr. Leary thanked the Finance Director for acquiring the tablets, which makes things more efficient.

Commissioner Norwood said the “Trail” is coming through Palatka and construction will begin soon. Individuals still don’t understand what is going on and how it is affecting their property. He’s going to ask the County to set up a meeting to get with individual property owners adjacent to the Trails to give them a briefing on what is happening and explain that it won’t have an adverse affect on their properties. People just don’t really know what is going on. Mayor Myers said Don Jacobovitz, the County Public Works Director, is very conversant on that. They have started construction on the east side of the bridge this week. They are all excited about this. Citizens will find that this will enhance the value of their homes.

15. **ADJOURN** – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. upon a motion by Commissioner Kitchens.