

Commission Meeting Minutes
August 20, 2024
5:30 pm

Mayor Roberts said before we begin the official meeting of the City of Starke Commission there will be a time of voluntary prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Those willing to do so are asked to stand and Commissioner Smith will lead us in prayer followed by the pledge.

Mayor Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

This was the second regular meeting of the month. Members in attendance included Mayor Scott Roberts, Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer, Commissioner Danny Nugent, Commissioner Andy Redding and Commissioner Shannon Smith. Also present were Executive Assistant Cathy Bradley, Building & Zoning Office Manager Lance Campbell, Operations Director Jimmy Crosby, Deputy Clerk Lisa Heeder, Code Enforcement Assistant Nick Krah, City Manager Drew Mullins, Building & Zoning Official Kevin Powell and Attorney Scott Walker.

Mayor Roberts asked for any additions or deletions to the agenda. He entertained a motion for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roberts said moving on to the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the minutes of the August 6, 2024 Commission Meeting and the Commissioner bill review. Mayor Roberts entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Redding made a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roberts called for old business. There was none.

Mayor Roberts said there are no emergency items.

Mayor Roberts said I have one citizen request. The City of Starke welcomes you to this meeting. This time is set aside for our citizens and general public to address the City Commission. This is not a question or answer time, it is not a political forum, nor is it a time for personal accusations or derogatory remarks to or about city personnel. If you would like to address the commission, please complete a form, come to the podium when you are called, speak into the microphone and state your name and address for the record. Please also limit your comments to not more than three minutes. Your participation is welcome. Ms. Frazier said good evening. My name is Dee Dee Frazier. I live at 821 Parkwood Place in Starke, Florida. I'm speaking to you all this evening regarding the flooding that goes on off of Pratt Street or in what we know as Saratoga Heights. I sent a letter two weeks ago but I couldn't make it to the meeting because I

was out of town. She thanked Mr. Mullins for responding. It is my understanding that you guys are starting to do some things to try to alleviate the flooding. Ms. Frazier showed the Commissioners pictures of the flooding. She thanked them for their time. Mayor Roberts said I appreciate you coming.

Mayor Roberts said moving on to public hearings. We have Ordinance 2024-19 that is repealing the replacing the city manager with the position of chief administrative officer on first reading. Attorney Walker said this is an ordinance of the City Commission of the City of Starke, Florida, relating to Chapter 2, Article III; repealing and replacing the City Manager with the position of the Chief Administrative Officer in the City of Starke, Florida ; creating Chapter 2, Article III, Division 5, entitled the General Manager; creating the office, appointment, duties, qualifications, removal and compensation of the same; updating of policies, procedures and handbooks; providing direction for codification of this ordinance; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. Mayor Roberts entertained a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2024-19. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Mortimer. Mayor Roberts asked if there is any further discussion. Commissioner Redding said I think just for clarity's sake this is just a better delineation and delegation of duties that gives more clarity to the positions held by Mr. Crosby and Mr. Mullins. Commissioner Mortimer said this is the way we've been functioning for the last three years. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roberts called for quasi-judicial hearings. Attorney Walker asked anyone that is going to speak on this to stand up and raise their right hand. Do you swear or affirm to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth? Kevin Powell and Marty Shaw took the oath. Attorney Walker said now we need to ask if there's been any ex parte communication with the commissioners. Commissioner Nugent said no. Commissioner Smith said no. Commissioner Mortimer said no. Commissioner Redding said no. Mayor Roberts said no. Attorney Walker said this is an ordinance of the City of Starke, Florida, amending the Future Land Use Plan Map of the City of Starke Comprehensive Plan, as amended, relating to an amendment of 50 or less acres of land, pursuant to an application, S240730A, by the property owners of said acreage, under the amendment procedures established under Sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, of the Florida statutes as amended; providing for a change in land use classification for medium density, residential (more than two and less than or equal to eight units per acre) to commercial on certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Starke, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. Mr. Powell said this is a rezoning request. This is 1900 North Temple Avenue, which was the old Starke Studio Suites that caught on fire and has been torn down. At some point it was taken out of a B-3 classification and put into an R-2 classification. Everything around it is B-3. What we are trying to do is rezone it to make it continuous to B-3 through the entire area and staff would recommend approval. Mayor Roberts asked for any questions of Mr. Powell. There were no questions. He asked for any comments

from the audience. There were no comments from the audience. He entertained a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2024-20 on first reading. Commissioner Redding made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2024-20 on first reading. It was seconded by Commissioner Mortimer. The motion passed 5-0.

Attorney Walker said the next item is Ordinance Number 2024-21 an ordinance of the City of Starke, Florida amending the zoning map of the City of Starke Land Development Code, as amended; relating to the rezoning of less than 10 contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application Z 24-02 by the property owners of said acreage; providing for rezoning from multi-family, medium density district (R-2A) to highway commercial district (B-3) of certain lands lying within the corporate limits of the City of Starke, Florida; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing for severability; and providing an effective date. Mr. Powell said this is the follow-up to the previous ordinance, the Future Land Use Map Change. We are taking it from R-2A to B-3 that is conducive with the area that it's in. The applicant is here if there are any questions. Staff has no other information on this and would recommend approval. Mayor Roberts asked if there are any questions of Mr. Powell. There were no questions. He asked if there were any public comments. There were none. He entertained a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-01 on first reading. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion that ordinance number 2024-21 be approved as read by title only on first reading. It was seconded by Commissioner Redding. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roberts called for the city manager's report. Mr. Mullins said I don't have anything.

Mayor Roberts said moving on to the attorney report. Attorney Walker extended an invitation to tailgate on the Gator Walk.

Mayor Roberts said moving on to the commissioners reports. Commissioner Nugent said the Florida League of Cities Conference was very productive.

Commissioner Smith had nothing further.

Commissioner Mortimer said the conference was really good this year. She said it will be in Orlando next year. So, hopefully we'll be able to have more of our colleagues to attend.

Commissioner Redding said we are continuing to work on the flooding. He thanked Ms. Frazier for coming and expressing her concerns.

Mayor Roberts said I appreciate you representing us at the Florida League of Cities Conference. Commissioner Nugent said we brought a lot of pamphlets back.

Commissioner Mortimer said I want to thank our law enforcement for the responsiveness to calls that I have made. I want you to know I appreciate how responsive and attentive you have been.

Mayor Roberts entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Commissioner Redding. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 pm.