

Commission Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2024
5:30 pm

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

Members in attendance included Mayor Andy Redding, Commissioner Bob Milner, Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer, Commissioner Danny Nugent and Commissioner Scott Roberts. Also in attendance were Executive Assistant Cathy Bradley, Chief Administrative Officer Jimmy Crosby, Deputy Clerk Lisa Heeder, General Manager Drew Mullins, Building & Zoning Official Kevin Powell and Attorney Scott Walker.

Mayor Redding asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Hearing none, Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Milner made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Redding called for the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the Minutes of the October 1, 2024 Commission Meeting, Resolution Number 2025-01 approving that certain agreement with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for drinking water State Revolving Fund planning, design and construction Loan Agreement LS040220, Resolution Number 2025-02 declaring a Local State of Emergency due to the threat of potential Tropical Storm Milton and the commissioner bill review. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was seconded by Commissioner Milner. The motion passed 5-0.

There was no old business.

There were no emergency items.

Mayor Redding asked Paul Still to come to the podium. Mr. Still stated his address as 14167 Southwest 101st Avenue in Starke Florida. He asked to schedule on the next third Tuesday meeting a presentation by the Bradford Soil and Water Conservation District about the Edwards Bottomland Project. Mayor Redding asked Mr. Still to coordinate with staff regarding the presentation.

There were no public hearings.

Mayor Redding called for quasi-judicial hearings Ordinance Number 2024-23 amending the Zoning Map of the Land Development Code pursuant to application Z 24-01. Attorney Walker asked anyone who will testify about this matter to raise their right hand and swear or affirm to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Kevin Powell said I do. Attorney Walker asked the commissioners if they have had any ex parte communications. Commissioner Nugent said no. Commissioner Milner said I have

none sir. Commissioner Mortimer said no sir. Commissioner Roberts said none. Mayor Redding said none. Attorney Walker read the ordinance by title only. This is Ordinance Number 2024-23, 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 ten contiguous acres of land and pursuant to an application, Z 24-01, by the property owners of said acreage; providing for rezoning from multi-family, residential district (R-2B) and single-family, medium density district (R-1C) to planned unit development district (PUD) in accordance with a preliminary development plan dated July 19, 2024, revised on August 15, 2024, and revised on September 20, 2024, of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Starke, Florida; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. Mr. Powell said this is our second reading of this ordinance. This came before you at the last meeting and we do not have any additional information on this. One of the applicants is here if you have any questions. Mayor Redding asked if there were any public comments. There were none. He asked for commissioner comments. There were none. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to pass Ordinance Number 2024-23 on second reading. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-23 on second reading by title only. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Redding called for the general manager's report. Mr. Mullins said they had a kickoff meeting for the Call Street lift station project. He said most of the debris from the hurricanes has been picked up. Call Street is going to be closed at night for work on manholes. Mayor Redding asked how many outages we had during the last storm. Mr. Mullins said nothing during the storm but a small outage the next morning.

Mayor Redding called for the chief administrative officer report. Mr. Crosby said during the hurricane period I would like to complement our utility management staff and the fire chief. We staffed up the fire department. Also, when you are text messaging even on your personal phone that becomes a public record and if you start commenting back and forth on it that becomes a public meeting and becomes problematic with public records laws. If you have a follow up question, just give us a call. Folds & Walker has ethics training and it is very good training. Attorney Walker said the law is changing. The best advice I can give you is to use your city email.

Commissioner Mortimer said I want to echo that and my appreciation to staff and it is a direct reflection of the leadership we have on the ground every day. Mr. Crosby, Mr. Mullins and our chief. I want to personally thank Chief Clemons for his attention to doing the right thing and doing it in a professional manner. I want it to be in the record that you included us in your distribution of information and that helps us answer questions from our citizens and please share my appreciation with your staff.

Mayor Redding entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 pm.