

Commission Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2025
5:30 pm

Chief Administrative Officer Jimmy Crosby called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Commissioner Bob Milner opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Crosby said we have an unusual situation as neither our mayor nor vice mayor are able to be with us tonight but under Robert's Rules of Order, I as Secretary of the Commission am calling the meeting to order for the sole purpose of electing a temporary chairman for tonight's meeting. He entertained a motion. Commissioner Nugent made a motion that Commissioner Bob Milner fill in tonight. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The motion passed 3-0.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Milner asked if there were any agenda changes. Mr. Mullins asked to move the electric and natural gas presentations up. Mayor Pro Tem Milner entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Roberts made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Milner called for the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the Minutes of the March 4, 2025 Commission Meeting, Resolution Number 2025-16 declaring certain property listed under the assets of the city as surplus, the Breast Cancer Awareness & Education Walk April 26, 2025 at 9:30 am and the commissioner bill review. Mayor Pro Tem Milner entertained a motion for the consent agenda. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Milner asked Mr. Mullins to come forward. Mr. Mullins asked Executive Director of the Florida Municipal Electric Association Amy Zubaly to come forward. She presented the electric line crew with an award for providing mutual aid during 2024.

Mr. Mullins said National Natural Gas Workers' Appreciation Day is today. He recognized the gas department.

There was no old business.

There were no emergency items.

Mayor Pro Tem Milner called for citizen's participation. Jim Bowers spoke about

Veteran's needs.

There were no public hearings.

Mayor Pro Tem Milner called for quasi-judicial hearings. Attorney Walker swore in Lance Campbell, Kevin Powell and Brian Blake to solemnly swear to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth. They agreed. Attorney Walker asked if anyone on the board had any ex-parte discussions. Commissioner Nugent said none. Mayor Pro Tem Milner said none. Commissioner Roberts said he was asked by one of the partners if this was going to be on the agenda but there was no discussion. Attorney Walker read Ordinance Number 2025-06 by title. 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 S250206A by the property owner of said acreage, under the amendment procedures established in sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, of the Florida Statutes, as amended; providing for a change in the Land Use Classification from commercial to high density, residential (more than 8 less than 20 units per acre) on certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Starke, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing an effective date. The appropriate motion is to pass Ordinance Number 2025-06 as read by title only. Mr. Campbell said what you have in front of you is a density change from low to high. This went in front of your Planning & Zoning Board last night and passed 3-0 with no comments. The applicant is here if you have any questions. Mayor Pro Tem entertained a motion for Ordinance Number 2025-06. Commissioner Nugent made a motion that Ordinance Number 2025-06 be approved as read. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. Mayor Pro Tem asked if there was anybody from the public who wants to say anything. There were no public comments. The motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Milner called for Ordinance Number 2025-07. Attorney Walker read Ordinance Number 2025-07 by title. 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 applications Z 25-01, by the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from community commercial district (B-2) to multi-family, residential district (R-2B) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Starke, Florida; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing for severability; providing for an effective date. The motion is to pass Ordinance Number 2025-07 as read by title only. Mayor Pro Tem Milner entertained a motion. Commissioner Roberts made a motion to approve Ordinance Number 2025-07 as read by title only. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. Mayor Pro Tem Milner asked if anyone from the audience wishes to be heard on this matter. There were no public comments. The motion passed 3-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Milner called for the general manager report. Mr. Mullins had nothing further.

Mayor Pro Tem called for the chief administrative officer report. Mr. Crosby said we had 8 travel teams come into our ballpark this past weekend for a girls softball tournament. We got the basketball backboards in but haven't got them up yet. They just came in today. The water park is working. Many of us are going to Rural Counties Day tomorrow, which has become a super event in the legislature.

Mayor Pro Tem Milner called for the attorney report. Attorney Walker had nothing further

Mayor Pro Tem Milner entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Roberts made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.