

Commission Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2025
5:30 pm

Mayor Redding called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and Commissioner Mortimer opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Redding said I want to make note for the record Commissioner Nugent is not here but we have a quorum.

Members in attendance included Mayor Andy Redding, Commissioner Bob Milner, Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer 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, Finance Director James Hughes, Code Enforcement Officer Nick Krah, Captain Kevin Mueller, General Manager Drew Mullins, Commissioner Danny Nugent (came in at 5:39 pm), Attorney Tom Robinson and Attorney Scott Walker.

Mayor Redding asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Crosby asked to remove Ordinance Number 2025-03. Mr. Mullins asked to move item 4.D. to 10.B. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve the agenda with the changes. Commissioner Milner made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Redding called for the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the Minutes of the March 18, 2025 Commission Meeting, Resolution Number 2025-17 declaring certain property listed under the assets of the City of Starke as surplus, Resolution Number 2025-18 approving that certain agreement with CivicPlus for full-service supplementation subscription services 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 4-0.

There was no old business.

There were no emergency items.

Mayor Redding called for citizen's participation. There was no citizen participation.

Mayor Redding called for public hearings. There were no public hearings.

Mayor Redding called for quasi-judicial hearings. He said this is Ordinance Number 2025-06 amending the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan pursuant to Application S250206A and this is the second reading. Attorney Robinson said if you

intend to speak on this issue tonight raise your right hand. Do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. Mr. Campbell said I do. Attorney Robinson asked if there have been any ex parte communications on this issue. Mayor Redding said no sir. Commissioner Milner said no sir. Commissioner Mortimer said no sir. Commissioner Roberts said no sir. Attorney Robinson 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. Lance Campbell with Planning and Zoning said this is the second reading. We came before you and it passed 3-0. There are no new notes from the last reading. I know that two of you were not here so if you have any questions I am here. The applicant is not here at this time. Mayor Redding asked do you have any questions of Mr. Campbell? There were none. Do we have any public comment? Hearing none. We also have Ordinance 2025-07 that will follow this which is pertaining to the same measure. I will entertain a motion to pass Ordinance Number 2025-06. Commissioner Milner made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Redding said if you can go ahead and read the second one by title only. Attorney Robinson said this is Ordinance Number 2025-07. Any additional witnesses or comments on this matter? No? All right I'll continue. 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 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. Mayor Redding said this is in conjunction with 2025-06 and assuming that the testimony is the same, and all recommendations are as they were with the other measure at this time, I will entertain a motion to pass Ordinance Number 2025-07. Commissioner Milner made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Mortimer. Mayor Redding said we also want to note that Commissioner Nugent has joined us. Is there any further discussion? Okay, hearing none. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Redding called for the general manager's report. Mr. Mullins introduced Jacob Williams, General Manager and CEO of Florida Municipal Power Agency, to present the Value of the Municipal Utility to the City Presentation. Mr. Mullins introduced Katie Hall, General Manager and CEO of Florida Gas Utility, to present an opportunity to save ratepayers money on their gas cost with discounted gas transactions. She presented the

Natural Gas Directive Confirmation and Addendum. Mr. Mullins recommended approving this. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to pass Resolution 2025-19. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Redding called for the chief administrative officer's report. Mr. Crosby said this is a resolution for the City to Starke to join with the National Day of Prayer, which is May 1, 2025. This request actually came from a community prayer group at the Church of God by Faith. He asked Cynthia Ross to come forward to speak. Mrs. Ross stated her address as 21085 NE 17th Avenue in Lawtey. She asked the city to help host the event at the Downtown Pavillion starting at 7:00 am ending at 7:00 pm. She asked Mayor Redding if he would come and read the resolution at the event. Mayor Redding agreed. Attorney Robinson read the resolution by title. This is Resolution Number 2025-20 a resolution of the City Commission of Starke, Florida, recognizing May 1st, 2025 as the National Day of Prayer; encouraging citizens to participate in activities to observe this occasion; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion that we approve Resolution 2025-20 recognizing May 1st as National Day of Prayer. It was seconded by Commissioner Milner. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Redding called for the attorney's report. Attorney Robinson had nothing new to report. Commissioner Mortimer asked what is the status of the General Manager's contract? Mr. Mullins said it will be at the next meeting. Commissioner Mortimer asked what has been the hold up? Attorney Walker said legal has finished reviewing the contract. Commissioner Mortimer asked if they could get a copy of the draft? Attorney Walker said they can get a copy of the draft.

Mayor Redding called for the law enforcement report. Captain Kevin Mueller. Passed out and reviewed the Law Enforcement Report for March.

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 :33 pm.