

Commission Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2025
5:30 pm

Mayor Redding called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm and opened the meeting with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members in attendance included Mayor Andy Redding, Commissioner 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, Executive Assistant Lisa Heeder, Finance Director James Hughes, Code Enforcement Officer Nick Krah, Administrative Assistant Becky Moore, General Manager Drew Mullins, Building & Zoning Official Kevin Powell and Attorney Scott Walker. Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer was absent.

Mayor Redding called for any agenda changes, additions or deletions. There were none. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Redding entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda consisted of the minutes of the May 6, 2025 Commission Meeting, Resolution Number 2025-13 agreement with Inspection Solutions, LLC for building & zoning regulations and enforcement, Resolution Number 2025-31 approving letter of intent between the School Board of Bradford County and the City of Starke, Resolution Number 2025-32 accepting a deed of conveyance from the Bradford County School Board, Resolution Number 2025-33 approving Southern Earth Sciences, Inc. agreement for RJE Community Center Building and the commissioner bill review. Mayor Redding entertained a motion. Commissioner Milner made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The motion passed 4-0.

There was no old business.

There were no emergency items.

Mayor Redding called for citizen's participation. Markleyann Cash expressed concern over the direction of the amphitheater and fines being forgiven. Mayor Redding asked for Mr. Mullins to give an update on the property. Mayor Redding called for Lorey Riley. Ms. Riley said she does not have anything. Mayor Redding called for Alvin Hunter. Mr. Hunter said Commissioner Milner did not heed his words.

Mayor Redding called for the general manager report. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Powell presented the planning & zoning presentation.

Mayor Redding called for Resolution Number 2025-14. Attorney Walker read the resolution by title. A resolution of the City of Starke, Florida, adopting fee schedule

setting forth planning, zoning and building fees and pass through expenses charged by the City of Starke, Florida for providing certain services; repealing all prior resolutions in conflict; and providing an effective date. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to pass Resolution Number 2025-14. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Redding called for the excess parcel appraisal. Mr. Mullins said the surplus property from DOT is at the corner of Church and South Street. It can be donated to us for public use or we could buy it for \$29,000. The commissioners agreed that it should be for public use. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to move forward. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Milner. The motion passed 4-0.

Mr. Mullins suggested having a budget workshop on June 17th at 4:30 pm. Mayor Redding said the 16th at 5:30 pm would be better for him. The commissioners agreed to have a budget workshop on June 16th at 5:30 pm.

Mr. Mullins said the wastewater treatment plant is up and running. Justin deMello with Woodard & Curran presented the project details to the commission and answered any questions. Mr. Mullins encouraged taking a tour of the new plant.

Mayor Redding called for public hearings. Attorney Walker read Ordinance Number 2025-04 by title. An ordinance of the City of Starke, Florida, creating Chapter 22, Article XI of the City of Starke code of ordinances entitled International Property Maintenance Code to adopt the 2024 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code; providing certain amendments thereto to conform to Florida law; creating references to delete portions with respect to the 2024 edition of the International Property Maintenance Code; providing for codification, conflicts, severability, applicability, and an effective date. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to pass the ordinance. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Milner. Mayor Redding asked if there was any further discussion. There was none. He asked for public input. There was none. The motion passed 4-0.

Attorney Walker read Ordinance Number 2025-08 an ordinance of the city commission of the City of Starke, Florida, repealing section 2-92 of the code of ordinances, relating to per diem and travel expenses; providing for conflicts; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to pass the ordinance. Commissioner Milner made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. Mayor Redding asked if there was any further discussion. There was none. He asked if there is any public input. There was none. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Redding called for Ordinance Number 2025-09. Attorney Walker read the ordinance by title. An ordinance of the city commission of the City of Starke, Florida, revising Chapter 2, Article III, Division 4, Section 2-169 salary of the city clerk; amending the annual salary of the city clerk; allowing the future salary of the city clerk to be amended via resolution; providing direction for codification of this ordinance; repealing

all ordinances in conflict; providing for severability; providing for severability and providing for an effective date. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to pass 2025-09. Commissioner Roberts made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Milner. Mayor Redding asked for any further discussion. There was none. He asked for public input. There was none. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Redding called for quasi-judicial hearings. Attorney Walker asked anyone who wishes to speak on either of these matters to raise your right hand and be sworn in. Lance Campbell and Amie Oody Director of the County Health Department were sworn in. Attorney Walker asked if the board has had any ex parte communications. There were none. Attorney Walker read the ordinance 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 ten contiguous acres of land, pursuant to an application, Z 25-02, by the property owner of said acreage; providing for rezoning from Agricultural (AGR) to Highway Commercial District (B-3) of certain lands within the corporate limits of the City of Starke, Florida; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing for severability; providing an effective date. Mr. Campbell said this is a rezoning of a parcel that had a split zoning and came up during one of our review processes for a potential extension of the health department. The staff recommendation is that it is a good use of the land and it meets our land development code. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to pass Ordinance Number 2025-10. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Milner. Mayor Redding asked if there was any further discussion. There was none. He asked if there was any public input. There was none. The motion passed 4-0.

Attorney Walker read Ordinance Number 2025-11 by title. An ordinance of the City of Starke, Florida providing voluntary annexation of properties beyond the city limits for utility services; providing for severability; providing for an effective date. Mr. Mullins said we've been receiving a lot of requests for utility services outside the city. The idea behind this is to allow growth of the city. To provide those outside services a voluntary annexation would need to occur which would come to the commission for approval. Big developments would be required to have developer agreements. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to pass Ordinance Number 2025-11. Commissioner Milner made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Roberts. Mayor Redding asked if there was any public input or further discussion. There was none. The motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Redding called for the attorney's report. Attorney Walker said there is a letter from the legal department in your packet that relates to an independent investigation to be undertaken suggesting that the Douglas and Douglas Law Firm's Meagan Logan conduct the investigation. Commissioner Nugent suggested that we have an additional \$5,000 allowed for contingency. His suggestion was that as a part of the motion Ms. Logan proceed and allow for an additional \$5,000 if needed. He would also suggest the extension of the time frame for the administrative leave. Mayor Redding asked if Ms. Logan will present the information from the investigation. Attorney Walker said yes and a written report will be given to the commissioners. Mayor Redding entertained a motion to

move forward with Douglas and Douglas, specifically Meagan Logan, for \$5,000 to conduct the investigation into the allegations that were made with a contingency of an additional \$5,000. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Milner. Mayor Redding asked if there was any further discussion. There was none. Mayor Redding asked if they need to take a roll call. He said let's do roll call for the record. Commissioner Nugent said yes. Commissioner Milner said aye. Commissioner Roberts said yes. Mayor Redding said yes. The motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Nugent asked if they would make the second item 11.B. Mayor Redding said the second issue to be addressed is extending the administrative leave for Mr. Crosby until which time the investigation is concluded and the entire membership of the commission is present to vote on any other changes to that administrative leave. They're vote is to extend the administrative leave until the investigation has been concluded and no changes to that until the entire commission is present for any changes to the administrative leave status. Commissioner Roberts asked Attorney Walker if that is normal because Commissioner Nugent is fixing to go out on surgery. Mayor Redding said they're trying to ensure that the entire commission is present to vote. Commissioner Roberts asked Attorney Walker if that is his recommendation. Attorney Walker said it is the pleasure. Commissioner Nugent said they had done that in the past when they had serious issues. Mayor Redding entertained a motion. Commissioner Milner suggested based on the advice from counsel that the commission continue the administrative paid leave for the chief administrative officer until the completion of the review and taken up at a meeting when all five commissioners are present. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. Mayor Redding asked for any further discussion. There was none. Mayor Redding said we will take roll call. Commissioner Nugent said aye. Commissioner Milner said aye. Commissioner Roberts said nay. Mayor Redding said yes. The motion passed 3-1. Commissioner Roberts opposed the motion.

Mayor Redding called for the commissioner reports. Commissioner Roberts said he knew it was mentioned by Commissioner Milner about this advisory committee for recreation, but there is no advisory committee. He went to the meeting by way of the TDC. County Commissioner Danny Riddick plans to do a presentation the morning of June 3rd with his board and wishes to come do a presentation for the City Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.