

OCALA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 18, 2000

Meeting Statistics. A regular meeting of the Ocala City Council was conducted in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 151 SE Osceola Avenue, on Tuesday, April 18, 2000, beginning at 7:02 PM.

Invocation/Minutes Approved. Chaplain Green delivered the invocation.

Councilman Finn moved and Councilman Guinn seconded approval of February 22, March 7, and April 4, 2000 City Council Workshop minutes and April 4, 2000 City Council minutes. The motion carried unanimously upon voice vote.

Elected Officials Present:

Gerald K. Ergle, Council President
Michael A. Finn, Council President Pro Tem
Michael S. Amsden, Councilman
R. Kent Guinn, Councilman
Mary S. Rich, Councilwoman
E.L. Foster, Mayor

Municipal Officials/Others Present: The meeting was also attended by City Manager Susan Miller, City Attorney Patrick Gilligan, City Clerk Deborah Bullock, Assistant City Managers Bill Looney and Paul Nugent, Information and Publication Manager Sonny Allen, Planning Director Bill Hunt, Deputy Planning Director Tye Chighizola, Zoning Supervisor Linda Tucker, Director of Community Programs Bill Patten, Downtown Development Manager Bud Scharf, Recreation and Parks Director Dave Pritchard, Electric Utilities Director Dean Shaw, Customer Services Manager Mark Taylor, Right of Way Agent Joe Switt, Acting Engineering Director Doug Harris, Finance Director Glen Baker, the news media and other interested individuals.

Mayor Foster presented Planning Director Bill Hunt with the Tree City USA Award and acknowledged that the City has won this award for ten years. Mayor Foster presented Planning Director Bill Hunt with a plaque, two road signs, a banner, and a flag for winning the Tree City USA National Arbor Day Foundation Award for ten years.

Mike Franco and Marjorie McGee gave a presentation and invited Council to Project Graduation 2000 on May 20th. Mike Franco and Marjorie McGee, representatives of Project Graduation, explained the purpose of Project Graduation and invited Council to attend the celebration on May 20th.

Approved/New City-donated site for Childhood Development Services on North West 10th Street, adjacent to Howard Middle School. Assistant City Manager Paul Nugent explained the current site given to CDS by the City is not suitable for their purposes. The City has located another City owned surplus site on NW 27th Avenue and would recommend that Council donate this property to CDS for a day care facility.

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Councilwoman Rich moved and Councilman Finn seconded approval of the recommendation.

Councilman Amsden inquired how many other pieces of property did the City look at and what is the size of this property. Mr. Nugent explained that they were limited to property sites on the West side of Ocala and the proposed site is less than two acres. They were also looking for a parcel already zoned for this type of business. Council briefly discussed property size and location.

Councilman Finn asked what is the zoning classification. Deputy Planning Director Tye Chighizola replied it is currently zoned institutional.

There being no further discussion, President Ergle called for the vote. The motion carried with Council members Rich, Finn Ergle, and Guinn voting aye and Councilman Amsden voting nay.

Public Hearing/Approved/Recommendation from the North Magnolia CRA Advisory Committee regarding improvement to streets in the CRA. President Ergle opened a public hearing at 7:24 PM and announced Council would be sitting as the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Councilwoman Rich moved and Councilman Guinn seconded approval of the recommendation from the North Magnolia CRA Advisory Committee.

City Manager Miller explained the funding for this project would come out of the CRA budget rather than the General Fund.

There being no further discussion, President Ergle called for the vote. The motion carried unanimously upon roll call vote.

Public Hearing/Council concurred to have the CRA Advisory Committee proceed with the Amendments and Additions to the North Magnolia Corridor Area section of Community Redevelopment Plan and possible changes to the Tax Increment Financing base year. President Ergle opened a public hearing at 7:28 PM for the purpose of receiving comments, with Council still sitting as the Community Redevelopment Agency.

President Ergle called for comments and there being none he indicated they would move forward with the recommendations as outlined.

President Ergle closed the Community Redevelopment Agency public hearing at 7:30 PM.

Public Hearing/Continued until May 2nd/Notice of proposed changes (NOPC) to the Cala Hills DRI/Fourth Amendment and Contract to the Cala Hills Development