

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 7:00 P.M.
REGULAR SESSION**

PRESENT: The Honorable W. Eugene Hunt, Jr., Mayor
The Honorable Carey L. Freeman, Vice Mayor
The Honorable Herbert R. Green, Jr.
The Honorable Thomas J. Cannella II
The Honorable David A. Hux
The Honorable Charles M. Southall III
The Honorable Jana D. Andrews

J. Randall Wheeler, City Manager
Evie Insley, City Clerk
D. Wayne Moore, City Attorney

ABSENT: None

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Hunt called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor Hunt rendered the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

- **Certificate of Appreciation – Lester Nagel, Board of Zoning Appeals**

Mayor Hunt presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Lester Nagel for his 16 years on the Board of Zoning Appeals Board.

- **New Employee Introduction – Bryan Harrell, Senior Building Inspector**

Community Development Director Wally Horton introduced the City's new Senior Building Inspector Bryan Harrell.

AUDIENCE FOR VISITORS:

None

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

1. Councilman Green moved, seconded by Councilman Southall, to adopt the minutes of the regular session held on September 9, 2019 as submitted. Recorded vote on the motion:

YES: Councilmembers Hux, Southall, Green, Cannella, Vice Mayor Freeman and Mayor Hunt

NO: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Andrews

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution Establishing an Audience for Visitors and Public Hearing Public Participation Policy

City Manager Randy Wheeler presented Council with a resolution establishing an Audience for Visitors and Public Hearing Public Participation Policy.

The policy was developed based on Council comments at the August 19, 2019 Special Meeting held at the Community Center. The policy does not include time limits on speakers but does address speaker cards, general procedures for speakers as well as the use of the City's audiovisual equipment.

Members of the public wishing to address City Council during Audience for Visitors or a Public Hearing are requested to complete a speaker card and provide to the City Clerk prior to the published start time of the City Council Meeting. The presiding Officer shall recognize each person who has completed a speaker card and afford an opportunity for any other person who wishes to make public comments. Each speaker shall be recognized by the Presiding Officer, normally the Mayor. When recognized speakers are asked to go directly to the podium and address the Presiding Officer and state their name and address for the record. Individuals wishing to utilize the City's audiovisual equipment as part of their presentation must submit their materials two business days prior to the meeting.

Councilman Green suggested that a "suggested time limit" be noted on the speaker card, after a brief discussion amongst Council, direction was not provided to staff.

After a brief discussion it was decided by Council that Section 6 of the Policy should read "Individuals wishing to utilize the City's audiovisual equipment as part of their presentation must submit their materials two business days prior to the meeting **to the City Clerk**"

Councilman Green moved, seconded by Councilman Cannella to adopt the resolution to establish an Audience for Visitors and Public Hearing Participation Policy and to add "to the City Clerk" to the end of section 6. Recorded vote on the motion:

YES: Councilmembers Andrews, Southall, Cannella, Hux, Green, Vice Mayor Freeman and Mayor Hunt

NO: None

COMMENTS OF THE CITY MANAGER:

None

COUNCIL DIRECTIVES:

Councilman Green reported the Food Pantry will be held on September 24th and will be hosted by Tabernacle United Methodist Church.

Councilman Southall suggested to Council that a Work Session should be held to discuss improving flood mitigation within the City, highlighting a few possible locations to concentrate on for potential flood valves to prevent flooding during tidal events.

Mayor Hunt agreed with Councilman Southall that a Work Session to discuss the flooding issues in the community would be a good idea.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Councilman Green moved, seconded by Vice Mayor Freeman to adjourn the meeting. Recorded vote on the motion:

YES: Councilmembers Andrews, Cannella, Southall, Hux, Green, Vice Mayor Freeman and Mayor Hunt.

NO: None

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:19 p.m.