

**City of Dunnellon City Council
Zoom Meeting**

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Date: March 8, 2021

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: City Hall, with Social Distancing Modifications
20750 River Dr., Dunnellon, FL 34431

Dunnellon City Council meeting held with Social Distancing Modifications.

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Members of the public who would like to participate are encouraged to register in advance by Noon on Monday, March 8th.

Public input on non-agenda items will be heard at the beginning of the meeting. A three (3) minute time limit will be strictly administered.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor White called the meeting to order at approximately 5:34 p.m. and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked if a citizen would volunteer to open with prayer. Mary Ann Hilton provided the invocation.

Mayor White called upon the City Clerk to call roll.

Roll Call

Bill White, Mayor, Seat 1

Louise Kenny, Councilman, Seat 2

Anita Williams, Councilwoman, Seat 3,

Valerie Hanchar, Vice-Mayor, Seat 4

Jan Cubbage, Councilwoman, Seat 5

Staff Present

Mandy Roberts, City Clerk

Chief Mike McQuaig, Police Department

Troy Slattery, Public Works Department

Jan Smith, Finance Department

Lynn Wyland, Clerk's Department

Julie Danowski, Clerk's Department

Legal Counsel

Andrew Hand,

Shepard, Smith, Kohlmyer & Hand, P.A.

Proof of Publication

Mrs. Roberts announced for the record the agenda for this meeting was posted on the City's website and City Hall bulletin board on Thursday, March 4, 2021.

One or more members of the same City of Dunnellon advisory board may attend this meeting and may speak to Council.

Council comments regarding agenda.

No comments

Mayor White called for public comments on non-agenda items – 3 minute time limit.

Kathy Dunn, 11386 SW Hendrix Drive, announced a public forum scheduled for Thursday, March 11, 2021 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. to discuss a City beautification project. They are seeking to identify and address eye sores within the city. She believes it would lift spirits, draw people to the City, and increase property values. She is hoping for one new project per quarter.

Consent Agenda

1. City Council Minutes

December 9, 2020 City Council Workshop

December 14, 2021 City Council Meeting

December 21, 2020 Special City Council Meeting

2. Waive Section 6-4 Of The City Code, Possession Or Consumption On Public Property Or On Private Property Without Permission, During The Hours Of 9:00 A.m. TO 5:00 P.m. On April 10, 2021, Within The Barricaded Areas As Shown On The Map Provided At The 3/3/2021 Workshop

3. Approve Proclamation #PRO2021-01, Arbor Day 2021

4. Ratify Proclamation #PRO2021-02, Centenarian Herbert Wilson Meredith

5. Approve Proclamation #PRO2021-03, Dunnellon High School Football

Consent Agenda Approval

Mayor White called for public comments. There were none.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved the consent agenda be approved as presented. Councilwoman Kenny seconded the motion. All members were in favor. The vote was 5-0.

Regular Agenda

Agenda Item No. 6 – Special Presentation - Dunnellon High School Football

Mayor White welcomed Principal Wade Martin and Head Coach Price Harris and spoke about the successes of the Tigers. They are a statewide power in the group they play, consistently in the playoffs, and in the final 4 both last and this year. Despite Covid 19, they went undefeated in the season.

Ms. Roberts read the proclamation into the record.

“PROCLAMATION #PRO2021~03

**DUNNELLON VARSITY FOOTBALL
*TIGERS APPRECIATION DAY***

WHEREAS, Dunnellon High School was established in 1945, and is one of the oldest established secondary schools in Marion County, Florida, and currently has over 1,000 students in grades 9-12, and requires scholastic aptitude to participate in any athletic team or club; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Dunnellon High School Football program is to help the students reach their academic and athletic goals and to produce men that go on to become good husbands, fathers and upstanding members of society that will one day impact our community and the world; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Principal Wade Martin and Athletic Director Bruce Wentz and coaches Price Harris, Tommy Sutton, Earnest McNeal, Joshua Burkhart, Justin Hamm, Stanley Jackson, Aaron Richardson, Gary Leinenbach and Nelson Rodriguez, the Varsity Dunnellon Tigers won the District Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Tigers continued to go undefeated winning the County Championship and on December 4th 2020 defeated the Vanguard Knights for the Regional Championship which led them to play in the Final Four on December 11th. With a score of 26-24 they finished just short of a shot at the State Championship; and

WHEREAS, these young student athlete’s accomplishments were hard earned and most deserved. They practiced rigorously during their season with dogged determination to succeed, while keeping their academics a priority. Their efforts are truly commendable; and

WHEREAS, the Dunnellon City Council would like to sincerely thank each of the players for their unwavering discipline, devotion and determination; and the coaches for their faithful leadership in this community. You have our genuine reverence and most heartfelt congratulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that the Dunnellon City Council recognizes March 8th 2021 as **Dunnellon Varsity Tigers Appreciation Day** and encourages the entire community to show their support and appreciation to these athletes.

PASSED and PROCLAIMED this 8th day of March 2021.”

Mayor White, presented the award and was thanked for his and the City’s support.

Agenda Item No. 7 – Sheriff Billy Woods - Request To Address City Council

Sherriff Woods came to offer information and answer questions regarding the possibility of Dunnellon policing being assumed by Marion County. He offered several points to consider including response time, crash service, cost to incorporate, services gained and lost and advantages

of remaining small. The Sherriff also praised Chief McQuaig for doing an exceptional job providing service to the community.

Mayor White called for questions or comments.

Councilwoman Kenny thanked him for coming and requested an outline of his points in writing to review. Each Council member thanked him for his assistance. Mayor White asked other clarifying questions and then thanked him for coming.

Agenda Item No. 8 – Resolution #RES2021-05, Council Code of Conduct Amendment

Mayor White explained this agenda item reconfigures workshops where the public would have the opportunity to speak both at the beginning and the end of the workshops.

Mayor White called for public comments. No comments.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved Resolution #RES2021-05, be read by title only. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. The vote was taken and all members were in favor. The vote was 5/0.

Ms. Roberts read the following into the record:

“Resolution #RES2021-05

A Resolution Of The City Of Dunnellon Amending Resolution No. 2013-15 Regarding The City Council Code Of Conduct To Amend Rules Of Order Regarding Public Comment And Public Participation; Providing For Severability, Conflicts, And An Effective Date.”

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved Resolution #RES2021-05 be approved. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion.

Mayor White called for discussion. There was none.

The vote was taken and all members were in favor. The vote was 5/0.

Agenda Item No. 9 – Ordinance #ORD2021-01, City Clerk Duties

Mayor White called for public comments. There were none.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved Ordinance #ORD2021-01 be read by title only. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion. The vote was taken and all member were in favor. The vote was 5/0.

Ms. Roberts read the following into the record:

“Ordinance #ORD2021-01

An Ordinance Of The City Of Dunnellon, Florida, Amending Chapter 2 – Administration, Article Iii – Officers And Employees, Division 2 – City Manager And Creating Division 3 – Finance Officer, Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Dunnellon; Providing For Conflicts; Providing For Severability; Providing For Codification; And Providing For An Effective Date.”

Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved Ordinance #ORD2021-01 be approved. Councilwoman Williams seconded the motion.

Councilwoman Kenny requested information on how to insert the alternate language provided by Attorney Hand. Attorney Hand explained the procedures. Vice-Mayor Hanchar pointed out there was a motion to approve and a second, but no vote yet.

Council discussion included reasons for and against this change, including whether or not Council should be involved in this process and why. Vice-Mayor Hanchar feels the Council does not have the knowledge of HR. Councilwoman Williams felt we need to place trust in the City Clerk’s abilities. Councilwoman Cabbage brought up liability concerns. Mayor White clarified they were only seeking a final vote on the hiring and firing of department heads.

Motion to amend for change in the language to include “fill in the blank” wording by Councilwoman Kenny. Councilwoman Cabbage seconded the motion.

Mayor White called for public comment:

Kathy Dunn, 11386 SW Hendrix Dr., didn’t understand why city council doesn’t want to return hiring / firing to the elected individuals.

No further comments were recieved.

Mayor White called for a vote. Passed 3 / 2 with Vice-Mayor Hanchar and Councilwoman Williams opposing.

Agenda Item No. 10 – Discussion - Nine Island Cove

Mayor White called for public comment.

Dr. Burt Eno, 9220 SW 193rd. referred to the presentation at the workshop. He is committed to do the work and to raise the funds to get this accomplished. He requested Council approve the prospectus as it provides a future option for park expansion and works to add it to the Florida Forever program.

Paul Marraffino, 19544 SW 82nd Pl. Rd., sent letters out to all property owners in 2019. All but two responded. One has passed away and another cannot be located. All communicated with were interested.

Motion to endorse the application and sign the prospectus by Louise Kenny and seconded by Jan Cabbage.

Discussion followed including information Vice Mayor Hanchar obtained from the State of Florida, the ability to pay for and maintain a new park, and whether or not the prospectus should be sent with the application. Further discussion included how to find out whether or not the park would be eligible for the Florida Forever program, and clarifying the application procedures.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar provided the 2019 Prospectus documents.

Councilwoman Kenny rescinded first motion and seconded by Jan Cabbage. All in favor.

Motion to support the application and submit management prospectus made by Councilwoman Kenny and seconded by Councilwoman Cabbage. Vote passes 3-2

Agenda Item No. 11 - Council Liaison Reports and Comments

Councilwoman Cabbage; Historic Preservation Board meeting is tomorrow March 09, 2021.

Vice-Mayor Hanchar; the Dunnellon FFA swine show has been represented very well by a grand champion from a young man who has lived in Dunnellon for years. She would also like to see funding for little league parks.

Mayor White; reminded council they are a body that works together and anything said is news worthy.

Agenda Item No. 12 – Departments Report

Public Works

Mr. Slattery has 20 projects currently open including, the parking lot (at 10-15% completion), Earnie Mills (complete next week), storm drains, decorative street lighting (HPS), City beach portable office building, shade shelters, storm water project (may be delayed), and water meters. There will be a special meeting on March 22nd to discuss the road pavement project.

Building and Zoning

Chief McQuaig gave an update on a variety of topics including new residences, certificates of occupancy, permitting, City code cases, zoning and occupancy applications, Boomtown Day and Rainbow Springs Art Festival.

Finance

Ms. Smith said the downtown project is complete. CDBG grant and closing documents are coming. Auditors will be here end of March to beginning of April and will be here a couple weeks.

City Clerk

Ms. Roberts introduced Julie Danowski, new staff assistant. Ads for new positions are being published tomorrow. Received resignation from Matt Leibfried and there are no viable applicants yet. Next Wednesday, March 17, is the joint workshop with Planning and Historical Board.

Community Development

Chief McQuaig said the bridge project will be finished by Friday.

Agenda Item No. 13 - City Attorney's Report

The state received its first distribution with 60,000 doses of Johnson and Johnson Vaccine.

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Agenda Item No. 14 – Adjourn

At approximately 8:08 p.m. Vice-Mayor Hanchar moved the March 8, 2021 City Council meeting be adjourned. Councilwoman Kenny seconded. The vote was taken and all members voted in favor. The motion passed 5/0.

Attest:

Amanda Roberts, CMC
City Clerk

William P. White, Mayor