

Town of Pomona Park, Town Council Meeting Minutes

09/13/2023

This Meeting was held at the Town Hall for the Council & Public

Mayor Joseph Svingala presided. Council present were Lynda Linkswiler, CarrieAnn Evans, Patricia Mead, Dr. Robert Warren, Bud Eckels, Town Attorney Bobby Pickens, Town Clerk Andrea Almeida, Finance Officer Jennifer Paul, and Public Works Superintendent Bruce Wolfred

Mayor Joseph Svingala led in the pledge to the flag. A Moment of Silence for Councilman Victor Szatkowski and Robert Breisinger

Meeting Called to order at 6:00 pm.

A dedication of Resolution 2023-06 was given to the family of Councilman Szatkowski.

The Meeting was adjusted to Resolution 2023-06, A Resolution of the Town of Pomona Park, FL, Honoring Victor Szatkowski. Mayor Joe read the resolution.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to adopt 2023-06, and Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion.

The vote was unanimous.

Budget Hearing

Read Ordinance 2023-03 Adopting the levying of

Ad Valorem Taxes Roll-call vote made on

September 13, 2023: Meeting as follows:

Yes

No

Seat #1 Councilman Warren

x_____

Seat #2 Councilman Linkswiler

x_____

Seat #3 Councilman Evans

x_____

Mayor Svingala

x_____

Seat #4 Councilman Mead

x_____

Seat #5 Councilman Szatkowski (not present)

Seat #6 Councilman Eckels

x_____

UNANIMOUS: 6YEAS / 0 NAYS / 1 ABSENT

This is our First Hearing for the 2023-2024 Budget. Ordinance 2023-04 Adopting the Budget for 2023-2024



The roll-call vote was made on September 13, 2023, Meeting as follows:

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Seat #1 Councilman Warren	X_____	_____
Seat #2 Councilman Linkswiler	X_____	_____
Seat #3 Councilman Evans	X_____	_____
Mayor Svingala	X_____	_____
Seat #4 Councilman Mead	X_____	_____
Seat #5 Councilman Szatkowski(not present)	_____	_____
Seat #6 Councilman Eckels	X_____	_____

UNANIMOUS: 6YEAS/ 0NAYS/ 1ABSENT

Mayor Svingala spoke with the audience about filling the seat for Councilman Szatkowski. Mayor Joe is not ready to fill the seat at this moment. Then, he will recommend someone to fill the chair, and the Council will vote on the seat.

Martha Mann asked about changing the seats to 5. Mayor Joe stated that he would like to keep it at 7. Mayor Joe noted that a change would need to go on the general election.

Guest Speaker

N.E.F.R.C.- Noel Comeaux

To present the Comprehensive plan contract. Mr. Comeaux explained that the Town did not receive a grant for the comp plan. The process will take until March, and then the Town will need to do a small-scale amendment. We were waiting on NEFRC, to create the contract for the Town to sign. A public hearing will go first. After submittal within 30 days, the reviewing agency shall give comments back. A comments report will be sent to the Town. Then, a second hearing will need to be had. The zoning ordinance will still need to be updated. The Comprehensive plan gives the Town a chance to have input of a vision for the Town. The zoning code actually gives you permission to do this. At the second reading of the budget, the scope of work, and then the contract signed. We were getting a bullet list for the timeline.

Public Hearing Items

None

Correspondence

Read by Town Clerk

Jennifer Paul -Treasurer, went over the financial review bills.

No questions or comments on it

Adopt Minutes- Town Council Meeting 08/08/2023.

Special Meeting 08/21/2023 and Emergency Meeting 08/29/2023- Motioned by Councilwoman Evans to adopt the minutes and 2nd by Councilman Dr. Warren. The vote was unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, INCLUDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Tree Report- Councilwoman Mead- September Tree Board Meeting, the Town was fortunate that it only had one tree down from the hurricane. Four trees have been removed, and 43 hours have been used for this quarter. We are finishing up 33 years, and we need to determine January 12 at 4 pm. We need to establish a tree and a place. The ball field would benefit along the walking trail. We will be seeking a grant in 2024 and would like any suggestions. January 12, 2024, at 4 pm at the Ballfield.

Bruce stated that coming this fall, he would like to take care of the 16ft now that we have the lift for the road heights.

Generator Quote

The quote on the generator is listed, and the cost for adding the gas to the generator. The funds are ARPA, and the generator is a Generac.

Fee Schedule Ordinance 2023-06 Councilwoman Evans motioned to adopt the Ordinance 2023—06 Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion. No question asked- The vote was unanimous.

Beautification Martha Mann- Reviewed the Committee. And would like to close down the road for the December Market. Motion by Councilwoman Evans to allow the closure of N. Broward to East Main. Councilman Eckels 2nd. The vote was unanimous. Public Comment was reopened for the Public to speak. No input was added.

The award was given to 110 Aunt Susie. October 7, next breakfast. October 28: Monster Mash Dance, November 4: Everybody having a yard sale. No breakfast that morning. December 2 Breakfast with Holiday Market. December 23 Christmas Dinner for Community. The garden is open for fall. Community Feedback: if a gate was moved to the front of the Beach, make it automatic. The committee would like to see about putting up message boards at the Beach, Mayor Park, or Ballfield. The post office has not responded back to allow approval. Ms. Pat would like the Council to support the beautification committee by coming to the breakfast. Mayor Joe asked about the community center and if they would be added. Martha replied that they are looking at adding a hardier plant. Councilwoman Evans asked about a flowering bush.

GUEST SPEAKERS

N.E.F.R.C.- Noel Comeaux moved to the top.

Manning Invoice #1214062- Councilwoman Mead motioned to approve the Manning invoice.

Councilwoman Evans 2nd the motion. No discussion was had. The vote was unanimous.

ArchiveSocial #274397 Councilwoman Evans motioned to approve Archive Social and Councilman Eckels 2nd the motion. The vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION BY TOWN COUNCIL OF MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Councilman Eckels spoke on form 6, and he does not want to fill out this form. He believes it is too invasive.

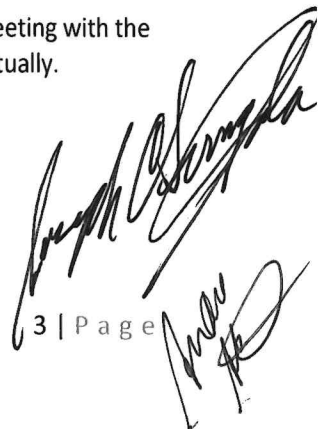
The Town Attorney explained that it is mandatory.

The Town Attorney Spoke about the survey for the Beach and that the Carrols need to have a Public meeting with the Town or workshop. Town Attorney Bobby's recommendation would like both parties to discuss this mutually.

Lynda asked about the open seat, and it was discussed that we need to go out and get people to run.

PUBLIC COMMENTS-

ADJOURNMENT -Motioned by Councilwoman Mead at 7:35 p.m.



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