

Town of Pomona Park, Town Council Meeting Minutes
This Meeting was held at Town Hall for Council & Public
February 13, 2024

Mayor Joseph Svingala presided. Council present were Lynda Linkswiler(Absent), CarrieAnn Evans, Patricia Mead, Alisha Kuleski, Dr. Robert Warren, , Town Attorney Bobby Pickens, Town Clerk Andrea Almeida

Also Present- Robert Jordan and Eric Anderson from Northeast Florida Reginal Council

Mayor Svingala led in the pledge of allegiance.

Town Clerk Andrea read the correspondence.

Adoption of the Council Meeting Minutes

Councilwoman Evans motioned to adopt the meeting minutes of 1/9 along with the Special Meeting and Public Hearing Meeting Minutes of 1/30

Councilman Dr. Warren 2nd the motion.

No Discussion

Motion Passes Unanimously.

Mayor Svingala read the Black History Month Proclamation.

Town Clerk Andrea explained some options for the FRDAP funding and Capital City Bank would come out to a meeting to speak.

Councilwoman Evans asked about a payment.

Councilman Dr. Warren asked to excuse Councilwoman Linkswiler from the meeting
Councilwoman Kuleski and Councilwoman Mead 2nd the motion. No Discussion on the matter.
The vote was unanimous.

Martha Mann- Beautification Committee Report- \$897 for a merchandise, food sales. March will be the breakfast buffet for \$10 as a special for the Town. Same hours 8am-10am.

Community Garden Workday was very successful. Spring Season Starts March 1st for Bed rentals. Two open beds still available. Message Board went up at the garden. South State added a roof for the sign. The Committee would like to add fencing and a gate to the area. Last month a Mural was spoken about for the old maintenance shop. Committee is asking for permission to reach out to the schools. Mr. Cooney has volunteered to assist with the project.

Councilwoman Evans motioned to allow for the committee to work on a mural for the building.

Councilwoman Kuleski 2nd the motion. No discussion was had. The Vote was unanimous.

April 20th Garden Dedication- asking for the mayor to speak with light refreshments.

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Upcoming planting projects- white rock to be placed at the North and South End signs.
Hoping for a committee vote for approval.
Fire Hydrant Project has been completed. Painted and cleaned.
Raffle for Mother's Day Basket starting first breakfast.
Two gift baskets were given to the election committee dinner.
Upcoming Events Community Clean-up Day with refreshments afterwards.
8-11am.
March 30 Easter Egg Hunt at Mayor's Park- upped the eggs from 500-to 1000.
10am with two separate age categories.
April 6th breakfast first Saturday.
May 18th Founders Day Market.
June 1st Breakfast and Candidate forum.
Community Feedback- the flags at each end of town and are amazed as how clean the area is compared to other areas of the County.

Mayor Svingala introduced Jorge Ramos as a Council Seat candidate for Seat 6.
Jorge moved here from the Keys. Purchased land here and wants to retire to our community.
No motion to vote tonight for the New Council Seat.
Councilwoman Evans motions to hold off any votes until a future meeting. Councilman Dr. Warren 2nd the Motion.
The Vote 3-2 with Mayor Svingala and Councilwoman Mead not in favor.

Public Hearing Items

Robert Jordan Northeast Florida Regional Council for EAR Compliance
Every 7 years all municipalities have to go through the plans and update any changes.
Change in the planning time frame, policies in future land use element, statutory changes, affordable housing, sanitary sewer, and Basin management. Adding the private property rights element.
The Saint John's Water District has updated the plan. Even though the Town does not have a water service the Town still has a provider. Updated the Map Series, for the FLUM. Adoption of background data analysis.
This is the transmittal process, to the State Agencies required. Usually around 60 days for the return of the comments.

Town Clerk Andrea read Ordinance 2024-02
Councilwoman Evans motioned to adopt 2024-02, Councilwoman Mead 2nd the motion.
The Vote was unanimous.

Land Use Change Case 2024-01 and Rezoning Case RE 2024-01 pulled from the agenda.
Moved to a special meeting on the 27 of February.

Town Clerk Andrea read the Resolution of 2024-01.
Robert Jordan explained what the Live Local Act is.



Councilwoman Evans motioned to adopt Resolution 2024-01 and Councilwoman Kuleski 2nd the Motion.

The vote was unanimous.

FMIT Bill explained by Town Clerk Andrea

Councilwoman Evan motioned to pay FMIT \$12, 231 and Councilman Dr. Warren and Councilwoman Mead 2nd the motion.

The Vote was unanimously approved.

Dr. Warren explained how well his friend perceived the meeting he attended last month.

Bud Eckles- Asked about the Beach Property and what's happening.

Town Clerk Explained the Friends of Dunns Creek Park and asking for assistance with Parking.

Armani Kline- 20 miles march in 8 hours. She participated in the last event in Central Florida.

Asking for a date closer to have some deputy patrols.

Suggested to have Emergency Management come out to the event.

Upcoming Events Reviewed- This Sat across from Community Center, Special Meeting Tuesday Feb 27,

First Sat Breakfast, Beautification Meeting, Good Friday.

Public Comments

Larry Flaman- the use of the Community Center by the Lake Broward Association. They consistently go against everything that the Town does.

Mayor Svingala explained that charging for the rental won't change the attitudes of some.

Noni Garcia- helped with the Lake. She stated the lake would be closed. She stated that the fundraisers were held to help the lake. That Congress helped pay for the lake clean up.

Larry Flaman- if we had beach access for the people to get on the Lake. To open the pier to fishing and the kayak launch. Larry has a plan that to add floats from the fence and Kayaks could go along there.

Move the buoys so that they are a straight line and opened it up to fishing.

Councilwoman Mead motioned to adjourn 7:06pm.

