

Jay G. Foy, Mayor
James E. Woods, Vice Mayor
Jerry E. Beavers, Council Member
Lawrence Gordon, Council Member
Mark C. Uptegraph, Council Member
Janice C. Rutan, Town Administrator
John Fenn Foster, Town Attorney



**Town Council
Workshop
Town Hall Council Chambers
4585 Charlotte Street
Haverhill
Tuesday, September 1, 2015
NOON**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Presentations/Proclamations
 - a. Judge Rand Hoch and Charlie Frederickson re: Proposed Haverhill Civil Rights Ordinance
- III. Council, Attorney and Staff Reports
 - a. Budget Discussion
- IV. New Business
- IV. Old Business
- VI. Adjournment

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**TOWN OF HAVERHILL
Town Council Workshop
September 1, 2015
Town Hall – 4585 Charlotte Street**

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, a Haverhill Town Council Workshop was held on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at the Town Hall, 4585 Charlotte Street, Haverhill. Those present were Jay Foy, Mayor, Lawrence Gordon, Vice Mayor, Jo H. Plyler, Council Member and Mark Uptegraph, Council Member. Also present were Lance Fuchs, Town Attorney, Devon Esplin, Administrative Assistant, Joseph Roche, Director of Public Services, Janice Rutan, and Town Administrator. Judge Rand Hoch and Charlie Fredrickson from Palm Beach County Human Rights Council.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Foy called the Workshop to order at 12:15 p.m.

II. PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

a. Judge Rand Hoch and Charlie Fredrickson re: Proposed Haverhill Civil rights Ordinance

Town Administrator Rutan introduced Judge Hoch and Fredrickson and that Vice Mayor Gordon brought attention to the Ordinance to the Town. Mayor Foy stated that he did not agree with the Ordinance. Judge Hoch said that the Ordinance lets the community know that its people matter. It works well for larger municipalities because companies look for communities who accept all. Hoch stated that the Facebook Company recently opened up a headquarters in Texas and chose a city where this Ordinance was in place so they knew that their employees were welcome in the City. Hoch also presented that having such a large company in the city would bring in a large amount of tax money for the City.

Attorney Fuchs is concerned that the Town would be targeted to prove a point because of the Town's size. Vice Mayor Gordon stated, "The Ordinance would not change any factors for the municipality. The Ordinance doesn't cost money, and it doesn't save money, it's the right thing to do. And we need to let all residents know they are welcome." Fuchs asked why there was such a push for an Ordinance over a Resolution, and Hoch specified that it needs to be an Ordinance because of business development and economic development. An Ordinance has a force of law unlike a Resolution.

Mayor Foy asked if this Ordinance is necessary, because he doesn't see it as being necessary. Vice Mayor Gordon said that it is about minority vs. majority, majority doesn't see the minority struggle. Foy said that it is about good faith and perception. Gordon reiterated that nothing changes the negative, but it makes a better positive. Fredrickson said that it is important for Towns to adopt this Ordinance. Judge Hoch said that it is pro human rights, and gives people a sense of belonging. Town Administrator Rutan is working on getting a copy of the Village of Wellington's Ordinance, so it can be discussed on the September 10th Code & Ordinance Meeting.

III. COUNCIL, ATTORNEY AND STAFF REPORTS

a. Budget Discussion

Rutan stated that Haverhill has one of the lowest Milage rates in the county based on size. Council needs to decide on a Milage rate of 4.25 or 4.5. Council should take a look at the budget and call with any questions.

b. Flood and Drainage issues

Mayor Foy announced that the flood maps are at a reasonable price, and if the prices stay low then the Town should do it. He is also hoping for an improvement on the flood maps. The Mayors Literacy Luncheon in on September 16th, and the mayor may bring two other Town representatives to accompany him.

Town Administrator Rutan is working on the Proclamation for St. Christopher's 50th Anniversary. Council Member Plyler announced that she is pleased with the drainage improvements. Director of Public Services Roche said that the Club Road drainage goes out to Bethany Lane and into the L-4 Canal. Whoever purchases the trailer park will be responsible for keeping up with the drainage/ditch in that area. There will need to be video camera footage taken of the inside of the piped before the pipes are touched to see what type of condition they are in. Rutan announced that Roche and she would be meeting with the new Engineering consulting firm at 10:00 am tomorrow (September 2, 2015). Council Member Uptegraph said that anything in town that will fail should be fixed before starting new projects. Rutan said that the residents of the apartments will be put on notice about the drainage, and Foy said that it could be a code issue if it violated the site plan. Rutan suggested that the Town should let the Engineers look at the drainage issues and let them decide what they want to do instead of the Town instructing them what to do.

No Attorney report.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

There will be a Special Events Meeting on Tuesday to discuss the Halloween Event and the Proclamations for Jeff Renault and Jim Woods are being worked on.

V. OLD BUSINESS

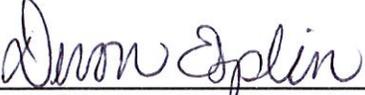
Research is being done on the requirements on the sign for the Pavilion. Foster offered to contact someone at the Fair Grounds to find a company that could create a new sign for the pavilion. The saying that would be put on the sign would be: James E. "Woody" Woods Pavilion Livin' the Dream. Staff also recommended that street signs be installed at town hall to designate the loop around the building be called Woods Way.

The Jehovah Witness construction is coming along.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be discussed, the workshop ended at 1:25 p.m.

Approved: September 10, 2015



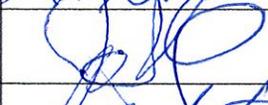
Devon Esplin, Administrative Assistant



Jay G. Foy, Mayor

SIGN IN SHEET

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TOWN COUNCIL WORKSHOP
September 1, 2015, Noon**

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