

TOWN OF HYPOLUXO
MINUTES
REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Al Merion Council Chamber
Wednesday, November 16, 2022

CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Michael Brown called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

ROLL CALL - ELECTED OFFICIALS: Mayor Michael Brown, Vice Mayor Richard Roney and Town Council Members Brad Doyle, Linda Allen, Christine Nagy and Stephanie Kahlert were present. There was a quorum.

AGENDA APPROVAL – Addition/Deletions/ Modifications and Adoption –

Councilmember Allen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Nagy. Vote: Unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Qualifying for the March 14, 2023, municipal election will be held from December 1 through December 9, 2022. Please note that there are two new precinct numbers (3401) and (3402). The voting location has not changed from Town Hall.

Holiday Boat Parade will be held on December 9, 2022.

Holiday Open House will be held December 14, 2022.

COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC – None.

C. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEM

**1. Action/Discussion –
Consent Agenda –**

- a. Regular Minutes from the October 19, 2022 Meeting.

Vice Mayor Roney moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Nagy. Vote: Unanimous.

2. Ordinances and Resolutions –

Public Hearings –

a. Ordinance 221

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HYPOLUXO, FLORIDA, AMENDING ARTICLE VII, "LANDSCAPING STANDARDS," OF CHAPTER 28, "LAND DEVELOPMENT," OF THE TOWN CODE OF ORDINANCE BY AMENDING SECTION 298-163, "PLANT SPECIES, QUALITY AND SIZE," AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 28-167, "ARTIFICIAL TURF/SYNTHETIC GRASS," PROVIDING FOR MATERIAL STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR, PROVIDING FOR PERMITTED LOCATIONS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Town Attorney Rubin read Ordinance by title. He clarified the ordinance proposed at tonight's meeting adapted the changes from the first hearing including allowing the artificial turf in the front, rear and side yards for single family. In the townhomes, the artificial turf cannot be visible from a public or road right-of-way.

Mayor Brown noted this is the second reading. Staff is recommending denial of the Ordinance.

Vice Mayor Roney advised the Florida League of Cities Natural Resource Committee is actively working on projects including the removal of artificial turf. He expressed concern with regard to the future effects of artificial turf and the inability to recycle artificial turf.

Councilmember Nagy noted that she found in her research that artificial turf is slippery when wet, that dirt is absorbed into the water system, and that artificial turf does not decompose in the landfill for several hundred years.

Mayor Brown felt that there is not ample research for the effects of artificial turf on Florida's water supply and the environment.

Councilmember Doyle expressed his belief that the Ordinance was expanding the current permitted use in single family residential to be permitted in multi-family homes.

Councilmember Kahlert felt the Ordinance provides guidelines for the installation of artificial turf.

Mayor Brown opened the discussion to the general public.

The following residents spoke in favor of the Ordinance:

Anthony Medina 1905 10th Avenue North, Lake Worth, noted artificial turf helps with uses less water (helps with droughts), the Town should consider standards for installation so that it can be a solution based product, and is a safe product. Europe has methods to recycle artificial turf.

Mayor Brown asked for any additional comments from the public. There being none, this section of the meeting was closed.

Councilmember Kahlert moved to adopt Ordinance 221 as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Doyle. Vote: Nagy, Allen, Roney voted in the negative. Motion failed.

3. Information Items & Reports –

Budget – Comparison of Actual Expenditures and Income to Budget and Statement of Reserves-

Mayor Brown discussed the informational reports that were submitted.

Councilmember Allen moved to approve the expenditures and income to budget as presented. Seconded by Councilmember Kahlert. Vote: Unanimous.

4. Comments

Vice Mayor Roney commented that each association needs to ensure that the Town Codes coincide with their approvals, in particular for building and landscaping.

Mayor Brown announced the following:

- The Annual Holiday Open House will be December 14, 2022.
- The Holiday Boat Parade will be on December 9, 2022.
- The next municipal election will be March 14, 2023, for three council seats.
- The roof work at Town Hall will begin on November 21, 2022.
- The purchase of the building at 7200 S. Federal Highway will be on November 18, 2022. He noted that he is working with County Officials regarding the possibility of a county-run library at the property.
- Town Hall will be closed on November 24 and 25, 2022 for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:27 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 21 DAY OF December, 2022.

ATTEST:
Michael C. Brown

Michael C. Brown, Mayor

ATTEST:
Dixie Gualtieri

Dixie Gualtieri, Deputy Town Clerk

