

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, March 20, 2018**  
**6:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER-INVOCATION-PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President Dowless opened the Edgewood City Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. Council President Dowless asked for a moment of silence followed by resident Les Slesnick led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Meeks announced a quorum.

The following attendance is noted:

**Attendees**

Ray Bagshaw, Mayor

John Dowless, Council President

(Quorum)

Richard Horn, Council Member

Lee Chotas, Council Member

Susan Fortini, Council Member

Ben Pierce, Council Member

**Staff**

Bea L. Meeks, City Clerk

John Freeburg, Police Chief

City Attorney Drew Smith

Engineer David Mahler

Shannon Patterson, PD Office Manager

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

1. Election Report – City Clerk Bea Meeks

City Clerk Meeks announced that there were three open Council seats and three candidates qualified with no opposition; therefore, there was no election. She reported that the only costs associated with the election was the required election ad.

2. Administer Oath of Office to newly elected Council member(s), Susan Fortini (2-year Term), Ben Pierce (3-year Term) and Lee Chotas (3-year Term)
3. Election of Council President and Council President Pro Tem

*Council Member Fortini made the Motion that Council Member Dowless be the Council President; Second by Council Member Horn. Unanimously approved.*

*Council Member Fortini made the Motion that Council Member Chotas be the Council President Pro Tem; Second by Council Member Horn. Unanimously approved.*

**PRESENTATION**

Legislative Update - Rosanna Manuela Catalano, Esquire - Capitol Access

Council President Dowless asked to amend the agenda and move to "Presentation"; there were no objections. A legislative update was given by Rosanna M. Catalano. Ms. Catalano gave a brief bio of herself and Capitol Access, the government affairs consulting group she was representing.

Following Ms. Catalano's presentation, Council Members returned to the organizational business portion of the agenda.

Council President Dowless designate the following areas of responsibility that are not already under the Jurisdiction of the mayor

Finance	<i>Council Member Ben Pierce</i>
Code Enforcement	
HAINC liaison	<i>Council Member Richard Alan Horn</i>
Cypress Grove liaison	
Land Development/Master Plan	<i>Council Member Susan Fortini</i>
Public Works	<i>Council Member Lee Chotas</i>
Metro Plan	<i>Council President John Dowless</i>
Police Department*	<i>Mayor Ray Bagshaw</i>
City Hall*	
Contract Staff*	
<b>Pursuant to Section 4.04 of the City Charter, the mayor has jurisdiction over the police department, city hall and contract staff.</b>	

**4. Review and Appointment of Consultants per City Charter**

City Clerk Meeks referred to her memo regarding her review of consultant contracts. She said staff is very happy with the current consultants. Said she realizes the City has to be fiscally responsible but would also like for Council to consider the time staff spends with the consultants. Council President Dowless asked Mayor Bagshaw for his input. Mayor Bagshaw gave positive input regarding the City Attorney, City Engineer and Accounting firm. He said he knows Council had concerns about the auditor and gave his input regarding the City's auditing firm. He said all in all he thinks everything is good. He noted the services provided from Planner Hardgrove. It was noted that the City does not have an

Agreement with her. Council asked for a Letter of Engagement. Mayor Bagshaw confirmed for Council President Dowless he is in agreement with keeping all the consultants. City Attorney Smith confirmed for Council Member Chotas that the Planning and Legal services are not required to go through a bid process.

*Council Member Chotas made the Motion to accept the Mayor's recommendation; Second by Council Member Horn. Unanimously approved.*

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Review and Approval of Minutes

- February 20, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes

*Council Member Fortini made the Motion to approve the February 20, 2018 Minutes as presented; Second by Council Member Horn. Unanimously approved.*

Council President Dowless moved to "New Business" to consider the following boat dock variance:

1. 2018-VAR-01 – Boat Dock Variance Request –

Engineer David Mahler explained that approval of the variance would allow the applicant's boat dock to be constructed to 94 feet, which is greater than the allowable length of 65 feet. The request was made in order to achieve a water depth suitable for boating. Engineer Mahler confirmed for Council Member Chotas that the boat dock was replacing an existing boat dock that also exceeded the allowable length. Engineer Mahler also confirmed the overall size of the boat dock does not exceed the total square footage of the boat dock.

*Council Member Chotas made the Motion to approve the variance as requested; Council Member Fortini Second the Motion.*

City Clerk Meeks confirmed for Council President Dowless there were no public comment requests regarding the variance.

*City Council unanimously approved boat dock variance 2018-VAR-01.*

**ORDINANCES**

1. **ORDINANCE 2018-05** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING CHAPTER 134, "ZONING," OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES; AMENDING THE LISTS OF PERMITTED, PROHIBITED, AND SPECIAL EXCEPTION USES WITHIN THE C-1 ZONING DISTRICT TO ALLOW BARS; PROVIDING A DEFINITION OF THE TERM BAR; AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM RESTAURANT; AMENDING SECTION CHAPTER 6, "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES," OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ALLOW FOR ON-PREMISES OUTDOOR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES RELATED TO BARS AND RESTAURANTS; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Smith gave the first reading of Ordinance 2018-05 in title only.

City Attorney Smith said the Ordinance makes it clear there can be outdoor seating. Council Member Chotas questioned the different wording of Ordinance 2018-05 and Ordinance 2018-06. City Attorney Smith said the wording in Ordinance 2018-06 is statutory language for “doggie dining”. Council Member Chotas had concerns about the definition of “bar”. It was agreed that Council Member Chotas and City Attorney Smith will work together on the wordsmithing of the Ordinance.

*Council Member Horn made the Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2018-05; Second by Council President Dowless.*

Council President Dowless opened for public comments. City Clerk Meeks confirmed that there were no requests to speak on the Ordinance.

*The Motion was approved by the following roll call vote (5/0):*

<i>Council Member Chotas</i>	<i>Favor</i>
<i>Council Member Pierce</i>	<i>Favor</i>
<i>Council Member Horn</i>	<i>Favor</i>
<i>Council President Dowless</i>	<i>Favor</i>
<i>Council Member Fortini</i>	<i>Favor</i>

City Clerk Meeks confirmed the second and final hearing will be April 17, 2018.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS (ORDINANCES – SECOND READINGS & RELATED ACTION)**

1. **ORDINANCE 2018-06** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY EDGEWOOD, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CREATING SECTION 10-10. “CITY OF EDGEWOOD DOG FRIENDLY DINING PROGRAM”; PROVIDING FOR ALLOWANCE OF PATRONS’ DOGS AT CERTAIN OUTDOOR SEATING AREAS OF RESTAURANTS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING RESTRICTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO ALLOWANCE OF DOGS AT OUTDOOR SEATING AREAS; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Smith gave the second and final reading of 2018-06 in title only.

Council President Dowless opened for public comments. City Clerk Meeks confirmed that there were no requests to speak on the Ordinance.

Council Member Chotas would like the word “accident” removed.

*Council Member Horn made the Motion to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance 2018-06 with the removal of the word “accident”; Second by Council Member Fortini.*

*The Motion was approved by the following roll call vote (5/0):*

<i>Council President Dowless</i>	<i>Favor</i>
<i>Council Member Horn</i>	<i>Favor</i>
<i>Council Member Pierce</i>	<i>Favor</i>
<i>Council Member Fortini</i>	<i>Favor</i>
<i>Council Member Chotas</i>	<i>Favor</i>

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, FLORIDA, DECLARING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SUCH SURPLUS EQUIPMENT, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Smith gave the reading of Resolution 2018-02 in title only. Chief Freeburg explained the donation that is going to Puerto Rico. He said the equipment is going for a good cause.

*Council Member Fortini made the Motion to approve Resolution 2018-02; Second by Council Member Pierce. Unanimously approved (5/0).*

**GENERAL INFORMATION (No action required)**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Resident Les Slesnick invited all members of Council and Staff to the annual Easter Egg hunt at his home on Sunday, March 25, 2018.

**BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

None.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**City Attorney Smith -**

No report.

**Police Chief Freeburg:**

- Monthly Report

Chief Freeburg referred to his report provided in Council Member's agenda notebook. He reported on the house fire in Edgewood and said the home was a total loss. He also provided information on the exchange zone the Police Department is creating. He explained that the exchange zone is a place people can meet to sell goods they list on Craigslist, or other postings. Chief Freeburg said the area will be marked and well-lit, and in view of security cameras. Chief Freeburg said that officers will not be present when sells take place, the department is just providing the exchange so people will have less fear of making their sale or purchase.

#### **City Clerk Meeks:**

City Clerk Meeks reported on the following:

- The City's 2020 Census will be done by Orange County GIS department. City Clerk Meeks will review information from the County to verify addresses and confirm for final submittal.
- Confirmed staff is still working with FEMA and providing documents when requested, as part of the reimbursement process.
- Submitted Local Highway Finance Report on march 9, 2018.
- Announced Shannon Patterson, Police Department Manager, is a grandma again.

### **MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

- **Mayor Bagshaw**

Mayor Bagshaw reported on the following:

- Mayor Bagshaw reported that in the March Tri-County meeting, Debbie Clements from Duke Energy, shared that while Duke employees were in Puerto Rico restoring power loss during Hurricane Maria, workers also restored power in areas that had not had power for sixteen years.
- Reported Third Friday event went well.
- Reported that Ft. Gatlin is moving forward with cleanup. He noted that a microbrewery wants to locate in the shopping center. Mayor Bagshaw said the owner is now doing work to create a cross-access between Water's Edge and Fort Gatlin shopping centers.

Council President Dowless asked about the sign code. City Attorney Smith said businesses have one year to comply. Mayor Bagshaw said a letter will be mailed out advising of the sign code update.

- Mayor Bagshaw reported that he is moving forward with the City's annexation plan.

- **Council President Dowless -**

No report.

- **Council Member Chotas –**

No report.

- **Council Member Fortini –**

No report.

- **Council Member Horn –**

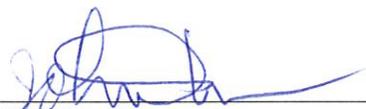
No report.

- **Council Member Pierce -**

No report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business or discussion, Council President Dowless made a Motion to adjourn; Second by Council Member Horn. The City Council meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.



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John Dowless  
Council President



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Bea L. Meeks, MMC, CPM, CBTO  
City Clerk

*Approved on April 17, 2018*