

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, May 15, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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 the Pledge of Allegiance.

City Clerk Meeks announced a quorum, with the Mayor and all Council Members present.

The following attendance is noted:

**Attendees**

Ray Bagshaw, Mayor  
John Dowless, Council President  
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  
Ellen Hardgrove, AICP  
Shannon Patterson, PD Office Manager

**PRESENTATION**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Review and Approval of Minutes
  - April 17, 2018 City Council Meeting Minutes

City Clerk Meeks noted clerical errors provided by Council Member Horn prior to the Council meeting.

*Council Member Horn made the Motion to accept the Minutes with corrections; Second by Council Member Fortini. Approved (5/0).*

**ORDINANCES**

City Attorney Smith confirmed that the Orange County Public School's Planned Development application has been withdrawn; therefore, there is nothing pending before Council related to this application. Council President Dowless read the email confirming the withdrawal.

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

None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS****1. Non-Ad Valorem Assessment**

City Clerk Meeks referred to her memo provided in the agenda packet. In response to Council President Dowless, Mayor Bagshaw suggested a 2% increase. Council Member Chotas stated that he was inclined to keep the same assessment.

*Council Member Chotas made the Motion to keep the non-ad valorem assessment the same (\$292.92); Second by Council Member Pierce. Approved (5/0).*

**GENERAL INFORMATION (No action required)**

None.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**L. BOARDS & COMMITTEES****1. VAR 2018-02\_5160 Stratemyer (Proposed boat dock exceeds 1000 sq.ft.)**

Council Member Fortini asked why these items cannot be on the consent agenda when the Engineer and Planner recommend approval. City Attorney Smith said he prefers it not be on the consent agenda; however, Code allows for this item to be on the consent agenda under certain circumstances..

Engineer Mahler presented his report. With the aid of an aerial view of the property, Engineer Mahler was able to show Council the location of the proposed docks along with the adjacent boat dock. He was also able to show the depth of the water. He said the applicant has all the documents needed to move forward except for Council approval.

Applicant Marc Miller responded to questions regarding vegetative plant life being removed. It was noted that this information is included in the Department of Environmental Protection's report. Mr. Miller said that currently there is no vegetation. Mr. Miller said there is about ten feet of dock, four feet

wide that goes over vegetation. He said the issue of extending out is the depth, which also includes three feet of muck. Mr. Miller said he is one of the last property owners that do not have a dock.

**Public Comments**

Resident Bill Crooks said his dock was constructed last year. He said last year there were dead fish and noted his concerns. City Attorney Smith Drew said one of the criteria staff would check, as part of their approval, is the environmental protection of the lake. Staff would not recommend approval if there was an environmental compromise.

*Council Member Fortini made the Motion to approve Variance 2018-02; Second by Council Member Pierce.*

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

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

2. **VAR 2018-03 –(Revised Application)** 5160 Stratemyer (Proposed boat dock exceeds 65’ in length)

Engineer Mahler said the length and size go hand- in-hand. There was no discussion.

No public comments.

*Council Member Pierce made the Motion to approve Variance 2018-03; Second by Council Member Fortini.*

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

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

3. **VAR 2018-04-** 673 Lake Harbor (to allow a building and deck to remain within the lake setback)

Planner Hardgrove said this is a post-construction situation, and explained the request is a result of a porch and deck being left off of the survey. She said the criteria of a variance have been met. Peter Schroeder, applicant/owner explained how he found out about the omission while looking at the house for hurricane damage. Mr. Schroeder said he is not proposing any changes; he is just trying to clear the title.

No public comments.

*Council Member Fortini made the Motion to approve Variance 2018-04; Second by Council President Dowless.*

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

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

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **City Attorney Smith:**

City Attorney Smith said that in the May 14, 2018 Planning & Zoning Board meeting there was a question regarding all the variances. The Board asked consideration in having an administrative variance. Council Member Chotas said he has no problems if the Planning & Zoning Board approves and then place the variance on the consent agenda. Council President Dowless asked the City Attorney to bring information back in the June City Council meeting.

Business owner Sue Fulford asked for the status of the moratorium. City Attorney Smith said the Planning & Zoning Board set a workshop for June 4, 2018.

### **Police Chief Freeburg:**

- Monthly Report

Chief Freeburg referred to his report and asked if there were any questions; there were none. He said the Police Department has changed their response procedures and as a result, arrest warrants have been increasing. Chief Freeburg explained why the process has made a difference.

### **City Clerk Meeks:**

- TRIM Calendar

City Clerk Meeks explained the TRIM calendar and it was accepted by City Council. City Clerk Meeks said she will send out calendar requests for the budget workshops and hearing dates. Mayor Bagshaw said he hopes to have a preliminary budget ready for Council in early June.

- **2020 Local Update of Census Addresses' Project**

City Clerk Meeks referred to her memo provided in Council packets regarding her update on the 2020 Census.

**MAYOR & COUNCIL REPORTS**

- **Mayor Bagshaw-**

Mayor Bagshaw said he is still getting positive comments about the work done at Holden/Orange and Gatlin Avenue. He reported on his meeting with “Rasheed”, the new owner of Ft. Gatlin and Water’s Edge plazas. Mayor Bagshaw said the Wells Fargo Bank will be moving inside the shopping center and the bank building will be removed to create more parking. Mayor Bagshaw noted several businesses that have renewed their lease. He said Cornerstone will be having an art exhibit and tribute to the Pulse Nightclub on June 15, 2018 at the Edgewood Eats Third Friday Truck event.

- **Council President Dowless –**

Council President Dowless said he would like to bring someone in from MetroPlan for a presentation in the June City Council meeting regarding the Orange Avenue Corridor Study.

- **Council Member Chotas-**

Council Member Chotas noted his appreciation of Mayor Bagshaw for staying on top of everything.

- **Council Member Fortini –**

Council Member Fortini confirmed with Mayor Bagshaw that the third Friday food truck event is scheduled this week. She said she was concerned it might rain. Mayor Bagshaw said he checks weather in advance of events and plans accordingly.

- **Council Member Horn-**

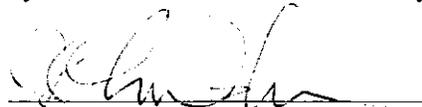
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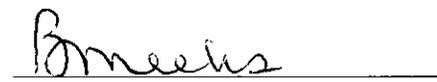
- **Council Member Pierce-**

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 7:33 p.m.

  
John Dowless  
Council President

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

*Approved on*

June

19,

2018