

**CITY COUNCIL  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, April 16, 2019  
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 all Council Members present.

The following attendance is noted:

**Attendees**

John Dowless, Acting Mayor  
Ben Pierce, Council President Pro-Tem  
Richard Horn, Council Member  
Lee Chotas, Council Member  
Susan Fortini, Council Member

**Staff**

Bea L. Meeks, City Clerk  
Sandy Riffle, Deputy City Clerk  
John Freeburg, Police Chief  
City Attorney Drew Smith  
Shannon Patterson, PD Office Manager

**PRESENTATION**

Chief Freeburg introduced the accreditation assessment team that was on site for the week. The accreditation team leader explained the accreditation process and what it means for a police department to be accredited. They noted that there are 238 standards they review. Their presentation was followed by questions and answers.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Review and Approval of Minutes
  - March 19, 2019 City Council Meeting Minutes
  - April 11, 2019 City Council Special Meeting Minutes
  - Agreement for Traffic Control on Private Roads

Council Member Chotas asked about the limitations of the Agreement. City Attorney Smith explained that the City will not be changing their sovereign immunity. Council Member Chotas expressed concerns about the roads inside of Camelot; noting that they do not meet standards. Council Member Chotas asked for consideration in adding "hold harmless" language. City Attorney Smith said the Agreement can be pulled for further review based on Council Member Chotas' concerns. **City Clerk Meeks will place back on the May 21, 2019 agenda.**

*Council Member Horn made the Motion to accept the Minutes of March 19, 2019 and April 11, 2019 as presented; Second by Council Member Fortini. Approved (5/0).*

#### ORDINANCES

1. **ORDINANCE 2019-02** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, FLORIDA, RENAMING AND DESIGNATING LARUE AVENUE SO THAT IT WILL HEREAFTER BE KNOWN AS BAGSHAW WAY IN HONOR OF MAYOR RAYMOND A. BAGSHAW; DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO NOTIFY THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF THE NAME CHANGE, TO RECORD A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE IN THE OFFICIAL RECORDS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND TO UPDATE THE OFFICIAL MAPS OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD TO REFLECT THE CHANGED NAME; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

City Attorney Smith gave first reading of Ordinance 2019-02 in title only.

There were no public comments.

*Council Member Chotas made the Motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2019-02; 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 President Dowless</i>	<i>Favor</i>
<i>Council Member Fortini</i>	<i>Favor</i>
<i>Council Member Chotas</i>	<i>Favor</i>

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

1. **ORDINANCE 2019-01** - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDGEWOOD, FLORIDA, AMENDING SUBPART B "LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS", CHAPTER 101, "GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS", ARTICLE I, "PASS-THROUGH FEES", IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR PASS-THROUGH TO THE APPLICANT OF CERTAIN COSTS INCURRED BY THE CITY PERTAINING TO THE REVIEW, INSPECTION AND REGULATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR SIGN PERMITS

AND WAIVERS FROM THE EDGEWOOD CENTRAL DISTRICT STANDARDS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Smith gave the second/final reading of Ordinance 2019-01 in title only.

There were no public comments.

Council President Dowless explained the purpose of the Ordinance.

***Council President Dowless made the Motion to approve the second/final reading of Ordinance 2019-01; Second by Council Member Pierce.***

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

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

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

***(For purposes of the recording of the meeting) Council President Dowless announced he was going to address "New Business" and then will come back to unfinished business.***

1. Vacancy – Office of Mayor (***Motion by Council Member Horn; Second by Council Member Pierce to approve Council President Dowless as Mayor*** was laid on the table in the April 11, 2019 City Council Special Meeting.)

Due to Council President Dowless declaring a conflict, City Clerk Meeks provided him with a Form 8B. Council President Dowless confirmed he will not be accepting the compensation for the Mayor's seat that is in the budget. Council President Dowless turned the gavel over to Council President Pro Tem Ben Pierce.

City Attorney Smith said when the Motion to approve Council President Dowless as Mayor is approved, Council President Dowless is no longer a council member. Council Member Chotas said he supports the Motion to approve Council President Dowless as Mayor. Council President Dowless said he is going to rely on the Council Members and their assignments to help with the operations of the City. City Attorney Smith explained the process for appointing a new council member.

***The Motion was approved by the following roll call vote (4/0):***

<b><i>Council Member Fortini</i></b>	<b><i>Favor</i></b>
<b><i>Council President Pro Tem Pierce</i></b>	<b><i>Favor</i></b>
<b><i>Council Member Chotas</i></b>	<b><i>Favor</i></b>
<b><i>Council Member Horn</i></b>	<b><i>Favor</i></b>

2. New Horizon's Agreement - City Attorney Smith (Discussion Only)

City Clerk Meeks spoke briefly about the duties associated with the maintenance of Bagshaw Park. City Attorney Smith said he was going to address increasing insurance in the Agreement. Council Member Chotas said the Agreement should include only the work needed on public properties.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Body Cam Lease Program – Police Chief John Freeburg

Chief Freeburg explained the Police Department's body cam program. He explained that signing an Agreement now will save the City money. Chief Freeburg said the cameras will not be provided until October however, the City saves money signing the Agreement now. Chief Freeburg explained the benefit to his department and officers for the new technology of the cameras. He confirmed that the fiscal year budget for 2019/2020 budget will show an increase.

*Council Member Fortini made the Motion to approve the body cam lease Agreement as presented; Second by Council Member Horn. Approved (5/0).*

**GENERAL INFORMATION (No action required)**

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

**Susan Lomas – Jessamine Glen**

Ms. Lomas said that when Jessamine Glen was annexed into the City, the City promised homeowners within the subdivision they would maintain the entranceway to the subdivision and along the subdivision wall on Holden Avenue. Following Ms. Lomas' history of the maintenance provided to the Jessamine Glen Subdivision, City Attorney Smith said he had enough information to move forward and give consideration in this matter.

**Chris Rader- Legacy**

Resident Chris Rader said he wanted to show his support for Council President Dowless to be Mayor. He said Council President Dowless has a heart for the community.

*(For purposes of the recording of the meeting) Council President Dowless moved to "New Business".*

**BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

None.

**STAFF REPORTS**

**City Attorney Smith:**

No report.

**Police Chief Freeburg:**

- Monthly Report –

Chief Freeburg referenced his report in the agenda packet. He also informed Council of recent arrests that were made from an ATV incident wherein a pregnant woman and her husband were assaulted.

**City Clerk Meeks:**

City Clerk Meeks updated Council on the status of the quiet zones. She explained that due to some required forms that had to be submitted, she was unable to give a timeframe as to when the forms would be completed and when the zones would be active.

<b>MAYOR &amp; COUNCIL REPORTS</b>
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- **Council President Dowless (Now Mayor Dowless)**

Mayor Dowless spoke to City Attorney Smith regarding Council Member Horn taking the 3-year term, as opposed to the one-year term accepted in the March City Council meeting. Mayor Dowless said he would like to see Council Member Horn be appointed to the three-year term.

*Council Member Fortini made the Motion for Council Member Horn to serve the 3-year term; Second by Council Member Chotas.*

*The Motion was approved by the following roll call vote (4/0):*

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

Mayor Dowless addressed the Community Action Board and the need for representation from Council. Following the discussion, *City Clerk Meeks was directed to place this matter on the May agenda.*

- **Council Member Chotas**

No report.

- **Council Member Fortini**

Council Member Fortini reminded everyone about Mayor Bagshaw's Celebration of Life scheduled for April 19, 2019; she gave a brief description of the event plans. Deputy City Clerk Riffle explained that if it rains, the event will be moved to May 17<sup>th</sup>.

- **Council Member Horn –**


Council Member Horn reported on a tree that recently fell on Lake Gatlin Woods Court. He said two trees next to the fallen tree are in horrible shape. Council Member Horn said that the budget for tree removal exceeds the approved budget. City Clerk Meeks said that she is in receipt of a proposal in the amount of \$2700 to remove the trees. Council Member Fortini said that the City should move forward with the removal before someone gets hurt. Council Member Horn said he checked the record and that the subject property is public land. *Staff was directed to have the tree removed.*

- **Council Member Pierce**

No report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business or discussion, the Council meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. on the Motion of Council Member Fortini and Second by Council President Pro Tem Pierce.

  
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Ben Pierce  
Council President Pro Tem

  
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Bea L. Meeks, MMC  
City Clerk