



MICANOPY, SEMINOLE CHIEF

Minutes

Town Commission Regularly Scheduled Meeting (Rescheduled from September 12, 2017)

Tuesday • September 19, 2017 • 7:30 pm

1. Call to Order: 7:30 pm
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to Flag
3. Roll Call:
Commissioners Attending:

• Joseph Aufmuth, Mayor Pro-Tem	Present
• Troy Blakely	Present
• Virginia Mance, Mayor	Absent with notice
• Timothy Parker	Present
• Mike Roberts	Present
• Debbie Gonano, Town Administrator	Present
• Patty Polk, Deputy Town Clerk	Present
• Scott Walker, Town Attorney	Present
• Courtney Johnson, Town Attorney	Absent
4. Consent Agenda Approval:
 - A. Agenda
Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Blakely) to move item 10D. to 6B. Willie Mae Stokes Community Center; passed 4-0
 - B. Minutes of Regular Meeting of August 8, 2017
 - C. Review & Acceptance of Financial Transactions & Reports
Motion made and seconded (Parker/Blakely) to approve the Minutes and Financial Reports as submitted; passed 4-0
5. Guests: None
6. Citizen's Forum
 - A. Sandra Tyson, Seminary Ave, thanked the Mayor for her concern for the citizens after Hurricane Irma. Also thanked staff for cleaning up the Town from all the fallen trees. She feels that it is important to address afternoon traffic on Seminary Ave at the Micanopy Cooperative School especially after the recent lock-down incident.
- 6B. Willie Mae Stokes Community Center – Pastor Christopher Stokes presented.
Pastor Chris Stokes stated that the Willie Mae Stokes Community Center (WMSCC) is an independent 501(c)3 multi-generational, multi-use recreation and neighborhood resource center serving the residents of Micanopy and surrounding neighborhoods. The center is governed by a Board of Directors with oversight provided by a Community Advisory Board made-up of residents and youth from the community we serve. The Board of Directors has become aware that they will not be able to ask the Town of Micanopy for a portion of the Wild Spaces Public Places (WSPP) funding, as the Center (being privately-owned) is not eligible for the WSPP funds. The WMSCC Board has hired a contractor, Trey Worley, and they would like the Town's financial assistance in the amount of \$20,000 to renovate the 2,000-square foot one-story portable building project, for which the contractor has provided advice on the proper procedure to follow to complete the project. Projected cost estimates are: Site Work/Septic/Electrical \$5,000, Design Engineering/Permits \$5,000, Construction Cost/Restrooms \$5,000, and Security System \$5000, totaling \$20,000. Discussion ensued. The donated computer system is unsurpassed by anything around. The WMSCC does not have clear title to the property on which the building is currently sitting but is in the process of getting the title cleared. Commissioner Roberts is worried about setting a precedent and is against giving Town money to a private organization. Mayor Pro-Tem Aufmuth believes that this is a community center and in some ways similar to a charter school. Pastor Stokes stated that there is a need for a community center and a place for people to gather in Micanopy. Attorney Walker discussed the budget and the need to have money allocated for charitable donations. Town Administrator Gonano discussed the capability, with the Commissions' consent, of moving funds to

charitable donations. Commissioner Parker questioned if the community center can apply for grants and found that this is not an option, as grants are for direct services and not necessarily for renovation of a building. Mayor Pro-Tem Aufmuth handed the gavel and the meeting over to Commissioner Roberts.

Motion made and seconded (Blakely/Aufmuth) to approve the \$20,000 request for next year's budget; Motion made and seconded (Blakely/Aufmuth) to amend the above motion to include 'upon obtaining a clear title.'

Pastor Stokes stated his intention to keep the Commission abreast of their progress with obtaining the property title, and he stated that and no one wants this over more than they do. Mrs. Gonano would like to know if it would be possible to get a letter of intent from the owner. Pastor Stokes will provide whatever is needed to satisfy the question of ownership of the property. Commissioner Roberts repeated his concern regarding improper title to the property and problems that would be caused if the Board does not receive clear title to the property.

Motion made and seconded (Blakely/Aufmuth) to withdraw the above amendment

Motion made and seconded (Blakely/Aufmuth) to amend the above motion to include a letter of intent or verification that it is the intent of the current owner to provide the property to the Willie Mae Stokes Community Center; passed 3-1 (Parker opposed)

Attorney Walker repeated and explained the consequences of the above motion to Commissioner Roberts. The nature of the above motion is that the \$20,000 would be granted to the 501(c)3 with the assurances and intent that title would eventually be granted to the 501(c)3 and the construction expense would be funded in the FY 2017-2018 fiscal year. If you didn't understand this motion, then you can recall the vote. Commissioner Roberts did not understand the motion, and he thought that the WMSCC would have to have clear title before any money changed hands. Attorney Walker discussed that the property deed and probate court will need to be done before the property title will be available; which then can be transferred to the Community Center. Attorney Walker asked for the Commission to recall the vote.

Commissioner Roberts asked for a recall vote.

Motion fails 2-2; (Parker & Roberts opposed)

Motion made and seconded (Aufmuth/Blakely) to allot \$20,000 disbursement in the 2017/2018 budget upon clear title; passed 4-0

Discussion ensued. Commissioner Roberts is concerned that we are setting a precedent of giving money to other organizations upon their requests. Pastor Stokes believes that there is a need for a community center and not just a want. Beth Allerton, Micanopy Library, reminded citizens that the library offers many services to this community including: the most successful student tutoring program in Alachua County, an adult literacy tutor; homework assistance, job search support, help with resumes, and much more. It is always nice to have more help but the fact is that there is currently help for the community through the Micanopy Library.

Pastor Stokes questioned the next step in the process. Mrs. Gonano stated that the \$20,000 amount will be approved in the 2017/2018 tentative budget public hearing on September 25, 2017 and upon final budget public hearing October 3, 2017.

7. Citizen Board and Committee Reports

A. Planning & Historic Preservation Board – Fro Warren, Chair presented the P&HPB August 2017 meeting.

- Approved a handicap ramp on the Thrasher Warehouse II building.
- Requested an Ad Hoc Committee to plan the Firehouse Playground Design. Possibly have interested citizens come to the next P&HPB meeting to discuss their desire to be on the Ad Hoc Committee. Town Administrator Gonano discussed the possibility of replacing the existing play structure with Town money and reapplying for the FRDAP grant to replace the remainder of the Firehouse Playground. Commissioners are in agreement.
- Public Information Kiosk Design has been researched, and Fro will present drawings to the Commission at the next meeting.

B. Tree Committee

Sandra Tyson, Seminary Ave, inquired if an inventory of trees lost in the Hurricane had been performed, but no such survey had been completed.

1) Downtown Island Ad Hoc Committee – Jerry Morris presented an AD Hoc Committee statement – The University of Florida came out and they said the new trees are doing fine.

Fro Warren, discussed the shade structure (pergola) design with the next step being architectural drawings.

8. Town Attorney Report: Attorney Walker presented

A. Resolution No. 2017-07 Ex Parte Communication – Attorney Walker read Resolution 2017-07 on short title. Discussion ensued.

Motion made and seconded (Blakely/Parker) to approve Resolution 2017-07 as submitted; passed 4-0

- B. Alachua County School Board ILA Modification – Attorney Brian Moore presented Discussion ensued.
Motion made and seconded (Blakely/Roberts) to approve the Alachua County School Board ILA Modification as submitted; passed 4-0
- C. North Central Florida Regional Planning Council (NCFRPC) Annual Agreement – Attorney Walker presented
Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Parker) to add in the Section 119 dealing with public records provision; passed 4-0
9. Town Administrator Report
- A. 2017/2018 Budget and Millage Rollback Rate 5.8114 – Tentative Budget Hearing September 25@6pm. Final Millage/Budget Hearing October 3@6pm – Informational
- Town Administrator Gonano will revise the budget to show the \$20,000 allocated to the WMSCC. Discussion ensued regarding funds for additional hurricane clean-up costs and if the Commission would like to allocate more money.
Motion made and seconded (Parker/Roberts) to allocate \$6,000 to the emergency clean-up effort; passed 4-0
10. New Business
- A. Kyle Stoekel, PGIT Insurance Quote – Kyle Stoekel presented the Public Risk Insurance Agency (PRIA) which is a subsidiary of Brown and Brown, Inc. The insurance quote is a \$5,732 (13.3%) savings from our current insurance rate and PGIT is offering a two-year fixed rate guarantee.
Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Parker) to approve the PGIT insurance quote as submitted; passed 4-0
- B. Alachua County Fairgrounds Grant Support Letter – Town Administrator presented in the Mayor’s absence.
Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Parker) to approve the letter as submitted; passed 4-0
- C. Senator Perry Meeting Discussion Topics – Informational, their meeting is being held tonight.
- D. Willie Mae Stokes Community Center – Moved to item 6B).
11. Unfinished Business
- A. Mittauer & Associates Status of Water Plant Upgrade – Mittauer is in the process of preparing a report. There is a possibility of putting this out for bid in mid-October, collection of bids in November, and completion by December.
- B. Firehouse Playground FRDAP Grant Extension – Town Administrator Gonano presented. The Department of Environmental Protection will be re-submitting the 2017-2018 Combined Applicant Priority List to the Legislature for consideration of funding for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. We are ranked #32 on the list.
Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Parker) to extend the grant process; passed 4-0
- C. Soccer Shots – Josh Hamilton not available.
12. Town Commissioner Reports:
- Commissioner Joseph Aufmuth: Thank you for your support in the community and in the future, we need to be better assigned. Thank you to Town Staff for their support and hard work. Beth Allerton, Micanopy Librarian, discussed that the Fall Festival Committee has insurance required for O’Steen Brothers to open up Livingston St to traffic during the Fall Festival 2017.
 - Commissioner Troy Blakely: Thank you to Town personnel for the fine job through this time of trial.
 - Commissioner Timothy Parker: Thank you to Town staff. A small generator with a propane tank for Town Hall during power outages would be very helpful.
 - Commissioner Mike Roberts: Would like a letter drafted to Duke Energy thanking them and the other power companies who worked with them.
Motion made and seconded (Roberts/Blakely) to send a letter to Duke Energy thanking them and the other power companies who repaired our power lines; passed 4-0
Discussed the need for a generator, natural gas stove, and hot water heater when we plan the recreation center at the Ball Park.
13. Mayor Ginny Mance Report: Absent with notice
14. Adjourn: 10:10pm

MINUTES APPROVED:

As submitted _____ as amended _____ at Town Commission Meeting _____

Virginia Mance, Mayor

Patty S. Polk, Recorder