

1 MINUTES, UMATILLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING
2 JUNE 6, 2017 7:00 P.M.
3 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1 S CENTRAL AVENUE, UMATILLA, FL
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5 Pledge led by **President Wright** and invocation given by **City Clerk Howard**.

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7 **Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.**

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9 **ROLL CALL**

10 IN ATTENDANCE: President Laura Wright; Vice President Brian Butler; Council members Katherine
11 Adams, Eric Olson; Mayor Mary Johnson; Public Works Director Aaron Mercer; Police Lieutenant David
12 Seeley; Finance Manager Brent Mason; City Attorney Kevin Stone; City Manager Scott Blankenship;
13 City Clerk Karen Howard

14 ABSENT: Council member Scott Purvis

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16 **AGENDA REVIEW**

17 **City Manager Blankenship** said **Council member Purvis** was not able to attend the meeting and had
18 requested the second reading of the Backyard Chicken Ordinance be tabled until the next meeting.

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20 **MOTION by Butler; SECOND by Adams; to postpone the second reading of ordinance 2017-A**
21 **until the June 20th meeting. Motion carried. 3-1, with Olson dissenting.**

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23 **MINUTES REVIEW**

24 1 Minutes, City Council meeting May 16, 2017

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26 **MOTION by Olson; SECOND by Adams; to approve the minutes of the City Council meeting of**
27 **May 16, 2017. Motion carried.**

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29 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

30 None

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32 **PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

33 2 Ordinance 2017 - A Backyard Chicken Ordinance, Second Reading
34 **Postponed until June 20th meeting**

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36 3 Ordinance 2017 – B, First Reading

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38 **Attorney Stone** read the ordinance by title:

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40 **ORDINANCE 2017 - B**

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42 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UMATILLA, FLORIDA,**
43 **PROVIDING FOR AMENDMENTS OF THE CITY CHARTER; AMENDING ARTICLE**
44 **II, SECTION 3 RELATING TO POWERS OF THE CITY; AMENDING ARTICLE III,**
45 **SECTION 1 OF THE CHARTER RELATING TO THE CITY COUNCIL**
46 **MEMBERSHIP; AMENDING ARTICLE III SECTION 6 MEETINGS; AMENDING**
47 **ARTICLE III SECTION 14 SPECIAL MEETINGS; AMENDING ARTICLE VI**
48 **SECTION 7 CANVASS OF RETURNS; AMENDING ARTICLE XII, SECTION 1.10**
49 **AUTHORITY OF CITY TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS UPON THE MUNICIPAL**

50 **AIRPORT; PROVIDING REQUISITE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR SUBMISSION TO**
51 **ELECTORS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN**
52 **THE CHARTER; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE**
53 **DATE.**

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55 **City Manager Blankenship** noted the referendum questions suggested by the Charter Review
56 Committee. These are recommendations made by the Charter Review Committee and can be
57 altered or removed at the pleasure of the Council.

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59 **Ballot Question 1:** Powers of the City

60 Removes the city's authority to levy a publicity tax

61 **Ballot Question 2:** City Council Term Limits

62 Retains Term Limits but allows Council members to regain eligibility to run for Council after
63 sitting out one two year election cycle.

64 **Ballot Question 3:** Canvass of Returns

65 Removes obsolete language at request of Supervisor of Elections Office

66 **Ballot Question 4:** City Council meetings

67 Allows newly elected officials to be seated during the first meeting after election results are
68 certified.

69 **Ballot Question 5:** City Council Special Meetings

70 Allows Special Meetings to be called with reasonable notice and the right for the public to attend
71 Special Meetings.

72 **Ballot Question 6:** Limits on Airport Expansion; Removal of Referendum Requirement

73 Allows airport expansion or acquisition serving a valid municipal purpose or reasonably
74 calculated to promote safety, compliance with laws and regulations, or economic development.

75 **Ballot Question 7:** Limit on Number of Runways at Airport

76 Prohibits placement of more than one runway at airport.

77 **Ballot Question 8:** Limit on Length of Runway at Airport

78 Restricts runway length to 3,000 linear feet.

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80 The Charter Review Committee will continue to meet to formulate referendum questions for
81 2018.

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83 **Vice President Butler** expressed concern regarding the term limit question, stating the time for
84 sitting out should be at least six years.

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86 **Council member Adams** stated six years is too long.

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88 **Council member Olson** stated it is hard to get people to run for office.

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90 **Mayor Johnson** was in favor of two years

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92 Audience member **Steve Austin** asked how long a person can serve and **Attorney Stone**
93 responded the Charter states twelve (12) years or three (3) terms; the wording is a bit ambiguous
94 and has a lack of clarity.

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96 **Council member Adams** said Section 3 references councilman and requested the language be
97 changed. **Attorney Stone** said there are many places in the charter like this and we would like to
98 make the entire Charter gender neutral. This will be on a future ballot.
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100 **MOTION by Olson; SECOND by Adams; to approve Ordinance 2017 – B Referendum**
101 **Questions.**

102 **AYES: Adams, Olson, Butler, Wright**

103 **Nos: none**

104 **Motion carried.**

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106 **NEW BUSINESS**

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108 4 Special Election

109 **City Manager Blankenship** said staff contacted the Supervisor of Elections office and learned a Special
110 Election could be held on August 29th.

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112 Staff met with DOT in May and learned through the REDI designation there are funds available to
113 purchase land at the airport with no match requirement. The REDI designation sunsets in mid
114 December. Staff will reapply for the designation but there is no guarantee the city will retain the
115 designation.

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117 **MOTION by Olson; SECOND by Butler; to approve holding a Special Election on August**
118 **29th at a cost of \$3,600. Motion carried.**

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120 **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

121 **None**

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123 **REPORTS**

124 **ATTORNEY**– **Attorney Stone** indicated his wife is due to deliver their baby next week and he
125 will likely not be attending at the June 20th Council meeting.

126 **MAYOR JOHNSON**

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- 128 • Meeting with Lake County Sheriff Grinnell Thursday to discuss the current crime wave in
Lake County
 - 129 • Hope to meet with City Manager Blankenship next week to visit businesses regarding the
130 programs available through the CRA

131 **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

132 **Butler**

- 133 • Attended the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials in Tampa

134 **Adams**

- 135 • Attended the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials in Tampa
- 136 • June 21st the Museum will host a Snack and Chat from noon – 2 p.m. featuring **Bob**
137 **Skinner**

138 **Wright**

- 139 • Attended the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials in Tampa
- 140 • Kiwanis and Schools are meeting with the Chamber to prepare for Breakfast for
141 Educators

142 STAFF

143 **Police Lieutenant David Seeley** reported the officers trained with the Eustis Police Department
144 today on active shooters. The training went well.

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146 **Public Works Director Aaron Mercer** reported his department is wrapping up projects and are
147 focused on our maintenance and mowing. We are putting together a list for sidewalk
148 replacement and hope to piggyback with the contractor used by the City of Eustis.

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150 President Wright noted Clean Up Umatilla Day is June 17th

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152 **Meeting adjourned 7:24 p.m.**

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154 **ATTEST:**

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158 Laura K Wright
159 Council President

Karen H. Howard, CMC
City Clerk