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**MINUTES**
**City of Cocoa**
**Regular Meeting of The City Council**

**August 27, 2024**

A Regular City Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, in Cocoa City Hall, in City Council Chambers, located at 65 Stone Street, in Cocoa, Florida, 32922, as publicly noticed.

## I. Opening Matters:

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Councilmember Goins provided the invocation and Deputy Mayor Hearn led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The City Clerk took the roll.

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| PRESENT: | Michael C. Blake | Mayor |
| | Lavander Hearn | Deputy Mayor |
| | Alex Goins | Councilmember |
| | Lorraine Koss | Councilmember (via phone) |
| | Anthony Garganese | City Attorney |
| | Stockton Whitten | City Manager |
| | Monica Arsenault | City Clerk |

ABSENT:

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Abby Morgan, Public Works Director; Rebecca Bowman, Finance Director; Charlene Neuterman, Community Services Director; Samantha Senger, Communications and Economic Development Director; Evander Collier, Police Chief; Jack Walsh, Utilities Director; Tammy Gemmati, Administrative Services Director; Robert Beach, Chief Technology Officer; Mitch Lawyer, Systems and Support Manager; Megan Crutcher, Help Desk Support Tech; Luci Ribeiro, Planner; and Jennifer Webster, Senior Planner.

**II. Approval of Agenda and Minutes:**

1. Agenda: Regular Meeting of August 27, 2024. (24-499).

* **MOTION by Councilmember Goins; Seconded by Mayor Blake to approve the agenda for the Regular meeting of August 27, 2024 as written.**

**THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:**

**AYES: Blake, Hearn, Goins, Koss**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)**

2. Minutes: (a) Regular Meeting of July 9, 2024. (24-501).

* **MOTION by Councilmember Goins; Seconded by Mayor Blake to approve the minutes for the Regular City Council meeting of July 9, 2024 as written.**

**THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:**

**AYES: Blake, Hearn, Goins, Koss**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)**

**III. Awards and Presentations:**

1. Presentation by Mark Rendell, Superintendent, Brevard County Schools. (24-405). (Mark Rendell)

Superintendent Mark Rendell provided a presentation on the current standing of Brevard County schools.

Mayor Blake thanked Superintendent Rendell for his presentation.

Councilmember Goins suggested partnering with BPS to help offer free food or gift cards for the top twenty or fifty students to help motivate attendance in schools.

**IV. Delegations:**

J.B. Dennis, 3710 Catalina Dr., Cocoa, representing National Action Network, spoke about the homeless crisis. He shared that he has made a few suggestions to help with the crisis but they have all been denied so far. He wished to respectfully request that his petition be added to an upcoming agenda. In response, Mayor Blake stated that he would collaborate with the City Manager on the issue.

Pam Shaia, 14 Oleander St., Cocoa, thanked Council and staff for all of their hard work and stated that she has seen great changes in the city since she opened her business here. Everyone may not

Margaret Goudelock, 1803 N. Indian River Dr., Cocoa, wished to introduce herself to Council and staff. She owns property in Cocoa, 1803 N. Indian River Drive and 1808 Manor Drive, and wanted Council to know that she has made a great investment in her properties and is working to fix them up. She thinks the city has done a great job in improving the crime rate but feels there is still work to be done. She would like to meet with Council in the future to address some of these issues.

Donna Kettner, 103 Derby St., Cocoa, spoke about Cocoa Village and the noise ordinance not being enforced. She has put a lot of money into her home to retain the historical aesthetic. She wants to maintain the peace and quiet and would like to see Council protect the rights of those who live here.

## V. Consent Agenda:

### (A) General Consent Items:

1. Approve the FY 2025 Joint Funding Agreement between the City of Cocoa and the United States Department of the Interior - U.S. Geological Survey for Water Quality Sampling and Water Level Measurements, Funding of $131,713, pending the Adoption of the FY25 Budget. (24-446). (Utilities Director)

2. Council approval on the grant application to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the purpose of amending the existing grant (Agreement # 24PLN48) in the amount of $11,300 for additional services not provided under the first grant Scope of Services. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and execute the task order. (24-465). (Community Services Director)

3. Council Approval of a Resolution Amending the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, BAF#24-124-A in the amount of $63,200 to cover the private provider services in the Building Permits Fund through September 30th. (24-487). (Community Services Director)

4. Requesting settlement authority for the tentative settlement agreement between City of Cocoa Police Officer Joshua Roane and the City of Cocoa authorizing the payment of the Workers' Compensation settlement. (24-491). (Administrative Services Director)

5. Approve Resolution #24-080 Amending Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, BAF #24-126-A; requesting settlement approval for the tentative settlement agreement between former City of Cocoa employee Jeannie Linkenhoker and the City of Cocoa authorizing the payment of the Workers' Compensation settlement. (24-492). (Administrative Services Director)

6. Approval of the revised Emergency Pay Policy. (24-497). (Finance Director)

**(B) Multi-Year Contracts:**

7. To Approve the Second Amendment to Purchase Agreement to RFQ-20-03-COC with Jacobs Engineering Group Inc. for Engineering Services for Water System to Initiate the Second Two-Year Term Renewal Option, and to Increase the Cost Limitation in Compliance with the Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) Statute. (24-447). (Utilities Director)

8. Approve a multi-year contract for Building Services with CAP Government, LLC, piggy-backing off the City of Palm Bay contract IFB-09-0-2021/SZ and authorize the City Manager to sign contract amendments or renewals. Authorize the City Manager to transfer up to $154,000 in the Building Permit Fund from personal services to contractual services to provide budget for the cost of additional professional services for building permits. (24-489). (Community Services Director)

*** MOTION by Deputy Mayor Hearn; Seconded by Councilmember Goins to approve the Consent agenda.**

**THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:**

**AYES: Blake, Hearn, Goins, Koss**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)**

**VI. Public Hearings:**

1. Consideration of an appeal of a Board of Adjustment decision approving a Special Exception for a bar or lounge in the CBD-CVO zoning district and the Cocoa Village Subdistrict in accordance with Appendix A, Zoning, Article XI, Section 13(C) and Section 22 (F) of the City of Cocoa Code. The City Council shall conduct the appeal hearing in accordance with Appendix A, Zoning, Article XVIII, Section 1. (24-474). (City Manager)

City Attorney Garganese reminded Council of their duties and responsibilities and the rules of a quasi-judicial hearing. He noted that the appellant is Aleck

Greenwood and because this is a quasi-judicial hearing, the appellant, along with any lawyers or others who have testimony, are allowed to testify.

City Attorney Garganese asked, for the record, if any members of Council have any direct interest in the property whether that be financial or otherwise. In response, all members of Council stated that they do not.

Mayor Blake, Deputy Mayor Hearn and Councilmember Goins all shared that they have had brief conversations with Mr. Greenwood.

Councilmember Goins shared that he visited the site approximately two months ago and spoke with the owner, Chris Hyskell.

Mayor Blake added that he also spoke with the owner, Chris Hyskell approximately three months ago.

Councilmember Koss noted that she had a brief conversation with Donna Kettner who made her aware of the item over the phone. She has also heard conversations in her hair salon from those who live in the area of the subject property and feel strongly about it.

City Attorney Garganese swore in the group wishing to speak.

Aleck Greenwood, the appellant, introduced those wishing to speak, including the attorneys.

Joe Caruso, 600 Florida Ave., #104, Cocoa, and representing Mr. Greenwood, has been practicing law in the area for fifty-seven years. His first witness is Glen Kemp, who has been doing appraisal work for over forty years. Mr. Kemp will be testifying to the impact that has occurred to the abutting and surrounding property owners.

Mr. Caruso provided an enlarged color-coded map[1], which he used to show who the surrounding property owners are, when they purchased their property and how many units with tenants live in several of the residential buildings.

Mr. Glen Kemp, 436 Snook Pl., Cocoa, introduced himself and provided his professional background, noting that he has lived in Brevard County for over thirty years. He provided a packet to Council to be entered into the record[2].

Mr. Kemp highlighted items within the packet and spoke about marketability. He shared the different characteristics of the north and south halves of Cocoa Village. The north half is more retail and commercial with shops, bars and restaurants and the south half is predominantly mixed use, with some retail, businesses and

[1] Exhibit A: Map provided by Joe Caruso
[2] Exhibit B: Packet provided by Mr. Kemp

residences. Based on his many years of professional experience as an appraiser, he does not believe that this business is compatible with the surrounding properties and he thinks this is a poor business decision.

Charles Steinberg, 640 Brevard Ave., Cocoa, and an attorney, stated that he owns three units at 638 Brevard Avenue. There are currently two tenants in those units. He is also under the impression that the business is already operating while the appeal is still going on. The reason for the Special Exception in the first place is because the use was not permitted and it is the responsibility of the applicant to show why they are entitled to the Special Exception.

Mr. Steinberg referred to the City's Code and pointed out that the entire bar is outside and will include seating for approximately fifty people. He highlighted sections of the staff report that was written in the item and pointed out what he believes are discrepancies and the questions left unanswered that the City's code addresses.

Lastly, he shared that the neighborhood has been there for many years and it came first before this business. The business should be compatible with the area and not the other way around.

Judge Nancy Maloney, 112 Derby St., Cocoa, shared her professional experience in practicing law in the area.

She noted that 635 Brevard Avenue was once a small business, a barbershop for thirty-five years with three parking spaces. The Farm Bar purchased this property with this knowledge. Without any approvals, this business built out into the three existing parking spaces, a bar and restaurant with music and seating for upwards of sixty to eighty people. She feels this does substantial injustice to those who have lived in the area for many years.

Additionally, she shared that residents came out to the Board of Adjustment meeting and voiced their concerns about the noise and garbage. The property owners are aggrieved by this unlawful and unpermitted use. This sets a dangerous precedent and invites reoccurrences that could come before the Board of Adjustment and City Council. Evidence has been provided and she is asking the Council to do the right thing and do what is necessary to protect the community.

Kevin Raymond, 109 Derby St., Cocoa, heard what the lawyers have had to say about what warrants a special exception. He feels that this bar does not meet any of those reasons and does not offer any benefit to the community there.

Pat Chambers, 37 Derby St., Cocoa, and shared her concerns regarding the noise. She already has to hear George and Dragon and now she has to hear the noise two hundred feet from her house.

Pam Shaia, Chair of the City's Board of Adjustment, shared that she voted no at the meeting as well. She is a business owner and she understands protocol. The owner had plenty of opportunity to go to the City to ask the proper questions and he did not. She continues to stand behind her initial vote, which is no.

Aleck Greenwood, 640 Brevard Ave., Cocoa, and the appellant, read a letter from Carole Pope into the record[3].

Mr. Greenwood explained that the biggest problem is the decision goes with the land. This means that if the owner decides to sell the property the use goes with the land which could mean further problems down the road. This creates spot zoning and a non-conforming property. This will also contradict the success that Cocoa Village has currently built.

He talked about all of the incoming residential projects coming in and pointed out that the noise will affect all of those incoming families. It will also create property value losses. He reiterated that this will set a precedent and begged Council to review the facts and disapprove the Special Exception.

Luci Riberio, City Planner, provided a presentation[4] and provided the restrictions of the Special Exception. She also shared that as the current zoning stands, a restaurant does not require a special exception but a bar does. One of the restrictions is that only beer and wine would be allowed with the special exception, not liquor. Additionally, hours of operation could only be between 10am and 10pm.

Ms. Ribeiro provided staff's analysis of 638 Brevard Avenue in the presentation.

She reviewed the arguments put forward by the appellant and addressed each. She provided staff's recommendation to affirm the BOA's approval of the Special Exception for a bar or lounge in the CDB-CVO zoning district and the Cocoa Village Subdistrict in accordance with Appendix A, Zoning, Article XI, Section 13(C) and Section 22 (F)of the City of Cocoa Code, with conditions.

City Attorney Garganese reiterated the exhibits that have been reviewed so far[5].

Chris Hyskell, the applicant and owner of the business, shared that he has heard a lot of negative comments this evening but no one has addressed any of their concerns with him directly. He does not even like to refer to his business as a "bar". It was never meant to be another George and Dragon. He also shared some photos[6] of the business.

[3] Exhibit C: Email from Carole Pope
[4] Exhibit D: Special Exception Appeal for "The Backyard" Presentation
[5] Exhibit E: Council Agenda item
[6] Exhibit F: Pictures provided by Chris Hyskell

He noted that this is meant to be a dog-friendly place and he also has two children that he intends to have around so it is also meant to be family friendly. They have invested a lot of time and money in this business and are proud of it. They have a no-smoking policy, and they do not have live or loud music as it is not that type of bar. They are not open as they are still going through the approval process.

Additionally, they are selling beer and wine, but they offer a lot more such as yoga in the morning, a gardening club, dog socials and painting classes. He reiterated that this is a family business that he would like to leave to his children someday. They will also offer employment of six waitresses and have hired a waitress or two from Murdock's which just closed. There will also be a general manager that will monitor the business and make sure they are abiding by the rules. He would like to be on the same side as the other residents and business owners that reside in Cocoa Village.

Councilmember Goins asked about sound barriers. In response, Mr. Hyskell shared that he is an aerospace engineer and has bought special speakers that are carefully angled towards the ground to keep the noise in and not projecting outwards.

Councilmember Goins asked for clarification about amplified music. In response, Ms. Ribeiro shared that Mr. Hyskell originally proposed a small stage which he agreed to remove. This will ensure that no live music will be played and no DJ equipment will be hooked up.

Deputy Mayor Hearn asked about Mr. Hyskell's plan for parking. In response, Mr. Hyskell shared that they thought long and hard about it. The parking situation would have also warranted a special exception process and even if it was approved, they could have maybe created three parking spaces which they did not think was an effective use of space. Additionally, it is not their intention to create more traffic congestion and they would like the business to be walkable and attract a lot of the local residences. They even considered a biking service so that people could park where they can and their service would offer people a free ride to their business. They also installed a bike rack so people could ride their own bicycles.

Deputy Mayor Hearn asked what controls the Council has to enforce the conditions set forth. In response, City Attorney Garganese explained the injunction process.

Mayor Blake stated that he had a lengthy conversation with Mr. Hyskell and he has reservations about the way in which he went about constructing his business. He is a long time Cocoa resident and cares about this community. For these reasons, he is not in support of the business.

Councilmember Koss added that she finds the business very attractive and she would visit it if it were in a different location. She talked about compatibility and

feels the same that Mayor Blake does. This is a very special neighborhood and we are in a boom period. This is an area that needs to be protected and she feels this is ultimately an issue of compatibility.

In response, Mr. Hyskell shared that they have been working with staff, particularly the Building and Planning Departments, and have worked carefully with staff to make sure that their business is compatible.

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Councilmember Koss to overturn the BOA's approval of the Special Exception for a bar or lounge in the CBD-CVO zoning district and the Cocoa Village Subdistrict, for discussion.**

Councilmember Goins asked for further clarification on when permits were pulled. In response, Ms. Ribeiro shared that he did start construction without permits and reviewed the timeline. She pointed out that if Council overturns the Board of Adjustment's approval, only his ability to operate as a bar will be affected. He can still operate his business and do other things; he just won't be able to sell alcohol.

In response, Mr. Hyskell explained that he had originally dealt with a different City Planner that does not work for the city anymore. Unfortunately, they were given erroneous information, but it was the information that they were given. They were under the impression that they were clear to begin work.

City Manager Whitten clarified the review and permitting process, and noted that the official process did not begin until October 2023.

**THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:**

**AYES: Blake, Hearn, Goins, Koss**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)**

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Councilmember Goins for a five-minute recess.**

**THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:**

**AYES: Blake, Hearn, Goins, Koss**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)**

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Councilmember Goins to restart the meeting.**

**THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:**

**AYES: Blake, Hearn, Goins, Koss**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)**

2. Consideration of a Land Development Code Amendment to Appendix A, Article XI, Sections 4a and 22 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Cocoa 1) to allow for Neighborhood Commercial, Mixed-Use development, and public parking on certain, very limited properties within the Consent Decree area, also known as the Heart of Cocoa, consistent with the Substitute Consent Decree, and amending the list of permitted and special exception uses and 2) building types permitted for those certain properties authorized for Neighborhood Commercial and Mixed-Use development within the Heart of Cocoa subdistrict of the Cocoa Waterfront Overlay; 3) amending the bulk regulations for single-family, duplex, triplex, and fourplex development in the Consent Decree area; 4) amending the minimum yard setbacks in the Consent Decree area. (24-475). (City Manager)

City Attorney Garganese announced that this is the First Reading and read the title into the record as follows:

**Ordinance 11-2024**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COCOA, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING APPENDIX A, ARTICLE XI, SECTIONS 4A AND 22 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COCOA TO ALLOW FOR NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL, MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT, AND PUBLIC PARKING ON CERTAIN VERY LIMITED PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CONSENT DECREE AREA, ALSO KNOWN AS THE HEART OF COCOA, CONSISTENT WITH THE SUBSTITUTE CONSENT DECREE; AMENDING THE LIST OF PERMITTED AND SPECIAL EXCEPTION USES FOR THE CONSENT DECREE AREA; AMENDING THE BUILDING TYPES PERMITTED FOR THOSE CERTAIN PROPERTIES AUTHORIZED FOR NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL AND MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE HEART OF COCOA SUBDISTRICT OF THE COCOA WATERFRONT OVERLAY DISTRICT AS MORE PARTICULARLY DEPICTED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO; AMENDING THE BULK REGULATIONS FOR SINGLE-FAMILY, DUPLEX, TRIPLEX, AND FOURPLEX DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONSENT DECREE AREA; AMENDING THE MINIMUM YARD SETBACKS IN THE CONSENT DECREE AREA; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF PRIOR INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, INCORPORATION INTO THE CODE, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Jennifer Webster, City Planner, provided a presentation[7] and explained the purpose of the item. She provided several maps, showing the location, the zoning, and the FLU.

Mayor Blake opened the Hearing to the public.

There being no questions or comments, the public portion of the Hearing was closed.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Goins; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hearn to approve Ordinance 11-2024 on First Reading.**

**THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:**

**AYES: Blake, Hearn, Goins, Koss**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)**

**VII. Council Business:**

1. Approve the current Code Enforcement Lien for the property at 730 Thomas Ln., be reduced to $2,677.50 as recommended by the Code Enforcement Board. (24-424). (Police Chief)

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Councilmember Goins to approve the current Code Enforcement Lien for the property located at 730 Thomas Ln, be reduced to $2,677.50 as recommended by the Code Enforcement Board.**

**THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:**

**AYES: Blake, Hearn, Goins, Koss**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)**

2. Approve the current Code Enforcement Lien for the property at 803 Kensington Dr., be reduced to $4,654.71 as recommended by the Code Enforcement Board. (24-425). (Police Chief)

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hearn to approve the current Code Enforcement Lien for the property located at 803 Kensington Dr, be reduced to $4,654.71 as recommended by the Code Enforcement Board.**

**THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:**

[7] Exhibit G: Ordinance 11-2024 Zoning Text Amendment

**AYES: Blake, Hearn, Goins, Koss**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)**

3. Consider the appointment of Qualified Candidate Patricia Weeks to fill the vacancy and unexpired term of City Council District 3 Seat through November 2024. (24-471). (City Manager)

* **MOTION by Mayor Blake; Seconded by Councilmember Goins to approve the appointment of Patricia Weeks to fill the vacancy and unexpired term of City Council District 3 Seat through November 2024.**

The City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Weeks and swore her in as the new District 3 Councilperson, fulfilling a vacancy through November 2024.

**THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:**

**AYES: Blake, Hearn, Goins, Koss**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)[8]**

4. Consider the Donation Application for Cocoa Youth Athletics Corporation in the amount of $1,000. (24-496). (Administrative Services Director)

* **MOTION by Councilmember Weeks; Seconded by Councilmember Goins to approve the donation application in the amount of $1,000 to Cocoa Youth Athletics.**

**THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:**

**AYES: Blake, Hearn, Goins, Weeks**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)**

**VIII. City Business:**

1. Approve the Final Assessment Resolution 2024-078 for Fire Protection, for Fiscal Year 2025. (24-468). (Finance Director)

Ms. Bowman provided a brief background on the item.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Goins; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hearn to approve Resolution 2024-078.**

**THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:**

[8] Councilmember Koss left the meeting at 9:43pm

**AYES: Blake, Hearn, Goins, Weeks**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)**

2. Approve the Final Assessment Resolution 2024-079 for Stormwater Utility Services, Fiscal Year 2025. (24-469). (Finance Director)

Ms. Bowman provided a brief background on the item.

* **MOTION by Deputy Mayor Hearn; Seconded by Mayor Blake to approve Resolution 2024-079.**

**THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:**

**AYES: Blake, Hearn, Goins, Weeks**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)**

3. Approve a Resolution Amending the FY25 Budget, BAF#24-123-T, for the provision of $50,000 of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) funds earmarked for community-based expenditures toward the City's repair/rehabilitation program, to fund projects presently on the program's wait list. (24-485). (Finance Director)

Ms. Bowman provided a brief background on the item.

* **MOTION by Councilmember Weeks; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hearn to approve the item.**

**THE VOTE ON THE MOTION WAS:**

**AYES: Blake, Hearn, Goins, Weeks**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)**

## IX. Informational Agenda:

1. Approved change orders to construction contracts that the City Council has authorized the City Manager, by resolution, to approve in excess of the City Manager's spending authority. (24-438). (Finance Director)

2. Data showing the relation between the estimated and actual income and expenses to date. (24-439). (Finance Director)

3. FY 2024 July Budget Adjustment Report. (24-440). (Finance Director)

4. Bi-weekly Report from August 12 - August 23, 2024. (24-500). (City Manager)

**X. Reports:**

City Attorney Garganese congratulated Councilmember Weeks on her selection as the new Councilperson for District 3. He also congratulated Mayor Blake on his inauguration as President of the Florida League of Cities.

Councilmember Goins also congratulated Councilmember Weeks and welcomed her to Council. He also shared a few pictures from events he attended recently.

Deputy Mayor Hearn reiterated Councilmember Goins' sentiments and congratulated both Councilmember Weeks on becoming the newest District 3 Councilperson as well as Mayor Blake on becoming President of the Florida League of Cities.

He announced that he is happy to say he will be remaining on Council for another four years as he is unopposed in the election.

Councilmember Weeks talked about the safety concerns she has been hearing about SR524, however a turning lane from SR524 onto Adamson Road is being installed and also from Adamson Road onto SR524 which may help.

Mayor Blake gave a shoutout to the Fire Department and Police Department and thanked them for their hard work on a situation that recently took place.

He also thanked Council, his family, friends, pastor and the City Manager for attending his inauguration at the Florida League of Cities conference.

Lastly, he welcomed Councilmember Weeks to Council.

**XI. Adjournment:**

*** MOTION by Councilmember Goins; Seconded by Deputy Mayor Hearn, to adjourn the Regular meeting of August 27, 2024.**

**AYES: Blake, Hearn, Goins, Weeks**

**THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY (4-0)**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:58 p.m.**

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**Michael C. Blake, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Monica Arsenault, City Clerk**