

Council Meeting – February 1, 2021

The February 1st City Council Meeting started with a discussion initiated by Councilwoman Gigi Bennington regarding a performance evaluation for City Manager Glenn Irby. Ms. Bennington feels that Mr. Irby's performance is lacking and specifically mentioned the following complaints:

- City personnel were not upfront during the Aldi project
- Miscommunications and no follow through.
- Not enough input from the manager, leaves council floundering
- Not proactive.

Ms. Bennington would prefer to terminate the City Manager without cause and bring back Tracey Barlow as City Manager. When none of the other council members supported this idea, Ms. Bennington asked for a vote to keep Mr. Irby as City Manager. All five council members, including Ms. Bennington, voted in the affirmative.

The council gave final approval for modifications to the Trespass Ordinance which was passed last year. The change will remove the 10-day requirement for filing appeals to the trespass charge, and allows the Chief Police and City Manager to jointly rescind a trespass charge for violators who have made amends.

The council also approved waiving fees and approving the sale of alcohol for a Rotary Club event to be held in Hawks Park on February 4th.

City Attorney Aaron Wolfe requested to meet with the City Council in private to discuss possible settlements with the Firefighters Union suit against Edgewater, and a possible settlement in the suit involving the marina development that the council approved a while ago.

Finally, the council authorized the City Manager to schedule Edgewater's participation in an Economic Development Summit that the Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce plans to hold in May.