

Council Meeting – December 7, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Edgewater City Council was held on December 7th with new council members Mrs. Gigi Bennington and Mr. Jonah Powers joining the three other members.

Before starting with agenda items, Mayor Thomas nominated Mrs. Bennington to take over as Vice-Mayor, a position that was previously held by Councilman Conroy. The nomination was unanimously approved by council members, although Mrs. Power commented afterwards that she disagreed with the Mayor's statement that taking on the Vice-Mayor position would interfere with Mrs. Power's time with her children.

Among the agenda items approved were:

General Pension Plan Change Council approved changes to the General Pension Plan to accommodate IRS regulations regarding minimum distributions.

Police & Fire Pension Plans Change Council approved minor changes to Police and Fire Pension plans affecting payouts of supplemental benefits. No actuarial impacts were attributed to these changes.

Zoning Change for 3850 S. Ridgewood Ave Council approved the 2nd reading for a zoning change affecting approximately 25 acres behind 2850 S. Ridgewood Avenue to allow development of a Boat & RV Storage facility with 2 or 3 commercial buildings fronting S. Ridgewood.

Annexation & Zoning Change Council approved 1st reading of ordinances to annex and zone 3.4 acres of land adjacent to 3042 S. Ridgewood as commercial. This property will be used as additional parking for businesses at 3042 S. Ridgewood, which reportedly might include a Perrine's outlet.

Zoning Change for 33rd-34th St Duplexes Council approved 1st reading of ordinances to rezone 2.2 acres of land south of 33rd & 34th Streets and east of India Palm Drive from Neighborhood Business to Multifamily Residential. Darren Lear, the Director of Development Services, explained that there are a number of duplexes in this area that were previously in compliance with codes but fell out of compliance due to code changes in 2004. This change will allow the current buildings to be back in compliance and allow for some additional buildings.

2020-2021 Budget Amendment The council approved a 4.4 million dollar addition to the 2020-2021 budget. Finance Director Bridgette Vaissiere explained that many of these changes were due to capital projects and purchase orders initiated in the previous fiscal year that need to be carried forward. Also the city has identified additional CRA and corona virus relief funds that allow them to add items to the new fiscal year. Ms. Vaissiere predicted more budget amendments in the future.

Preliminary Plat Approval for Elegant Manor Estates The council gave preliminary plat approval for 27.69 acres to be developed south of Air Park Road and west of Silver Palm Drive. This plot is adjacent to Florida Shores and will include 54 lots with minimum size of 80' by 125' which is consistent with Florida Shores. This area is zoned as Single Family Residential.

Fee Waiver for YMCA Fund Raiser The Edgewater YMCA is planning a "Movie in the Park" fund raiser and asked the city to waive \$300 fees associated with this special event and for permission to sell alcohol. The City Council approved waiving the fees but did not go along with the proposal to sell alcohol.