

City Council Meeting - Wednesday November 4, 2020

Mayor Michael Thomas presented certificates of appreciation to council members Kimberly Yaney and Gary Conroy for their service to Edgewater. Their terms on the council will end in December. A certificate was also awarded to City Clerk Robin Matusick, who submitted her resignation letter to the city last month, to take effect on November 20, 2020. The Council also approved a severance agreement with Robin Matusick who will provide consulting support for the new clerk in exchange for health benefits. The agreement begins on 11/21/20 and ends on 7/31/2022.

In a Special Council Meeting on October 13, 2020, the council members unanimously voted to offer the City Clerk job to Ms. Bonnie Brown who had previously served as City Clerk before transferring to Edgewater Developmental Services. At the November meeting, the Council approved a hiring agreement for Ms. Brown with starting salary of \$75,000,

Among other items decided at the meeting:

- Ordinance 2020-O-32 General Employee's Pension Plan Change: City Attorney Aaron Wolfe explained that some changes to the pension plan were necessary to conform to recent IRS regulations.
- Denied Permission for Tree Removal: After a short discussion, the City Council denied permission for the owner of 1604 Sable Palm Drive to remove a 37-inch live Oak Tree from the property. The tree itself appears to be healthy and is not a danger to the residence.
- Approved Final Adjustments to 2019 – 2020 Budget: Finance Director Bridgette Vaissiere announced that the city received \$833,291 as part of the Federal Cares Act passed by Congress, and additional grants related to capital projects last year. Last year's budget was updated to reflect these additions.
- Final Zoning Approval: The City Council gave final approval to annex and rezone three properties on South Cory Drive (121, 123 & 125) as Single Family Residential.
- Approved Development Order for First Increment of Farmton: Following a presentation by Glenn Storch representing the Miami Corporation, the Council approved a Development Order for what is being called Farmton Eastern Gateway. This tract consists of 285 acres with a maximum of 350 residential units and is situated west of I-95 and south of SR 442 and the development known as Deering North. Mr. Storch pointed out that the Miami Corporation owns 66,000 acres stretching almost to Titusville. One resident expressed concern regarding the impact on the aquifer but Mr. Storch insisted hydraulic plans rule out any problems and pointed out that this is part of a long-term development plan that has been reviewed by multiple government agencies.