

TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2016
7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Grant, Vice Mayor Angela Thomas, Councilman Cole, and Councilman Theo Washington. **ABSENT:** Councilman Rodney Daniels.

STAFF: Attorney Joseph Morrell, Abu Canady, Public Works Director, Rod Bargaineer, Recreation Director, Joseph Jenkins, Deputy, Roger Dixon, Chief Administrative Officer, Katrina Gibson, Finance Director, and Cathlene Williams; Town Clerk.

- I. CALL TO ORDER & VERIFICATION OF QUORUM- **Mayor Grant called the Council Meeting to order at 7:33 p.m., Pastor Critton led the Prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.**

- II. **INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS**

- IV. **DISCUSSION ITEMS ONLY**
- V. **PUBLIC HEARING**

- VI. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Approval of December 15, 2015 Town Council Minutes.**
 - B. **Approval of Resolution #2016-1, Support for Innovative Traffic Signal Technologies Pilot Project.**
 - C. **Approval of Detail Budget and Check Register for the month of November, 2015.**
 - D. **Approval of Agreement between the Town of Eatonville & P.E.C., Zora Neale Hurston Festival.**
 - E. **Approval of Resolution #2016-2, identifying a need to amend the Towns Charter.**
 - F. **Approval of Resolution #2016-3, Trade Mark the Town's Logo.**
 - G. **Approval of Proclamation recognizing January 23-31, 2016 as Zora Neale Hurston Festival.**

Mayor Grant made note to the changes on the PEC contract, Section 1.4, "road will continue to be closed from College Street to Wymore Road". Add a "Section 2.5- fees for the police officers to be determined by Deputy Jenkins no later than Thursday, January 7, 2016, Vice Mayor Thomas will review the fee, once satisfied, the fee amount will be inserted into the Zora Contract. As part of the contract, Mayor Grant asked that another "**SECTION, 2.3**" section be added; All Town of Eatonville residents shall be charged a rate of \$20.00 for entry into the festival, they will need to verify their proof of

residency. Vice Mayor Thomas asked if the \$20.00 ticket will get residents into the reserved seating area. Mr. Chad indicated NO, they will have to upgrade the ticket price.

Motion by Councilman Cole, the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Thomas to approve the Consent Agenda, with item **(H)** being moved to Council Decision. **AYE: ALL**, Motion Passes.

VII. COUNCIL DECISION

H. Approval of Resolution #2016-4, obligation of the Town to Orange County Public Schools Revenue Loss, Clear Channel Bill Board. Attorney Morrell made note that to this Resolution, the last sentence in "Section 2", should be deleted. Attorney Morrell asked where the billboard will be relocated if it is moved, and once the property is developed it may have to be moved again. Mayor Grant replied that may happen, we are only acknowledging tonight the obligation that we already have and we stand by it. Motion by Councilman Cole, the motion was seconded by Councilman Washington; note that the last sentence in **SECTION TWO** of the Resolution was deleted. **AYE: ALL, MOTION PASSES.**

VIII. STAFF REPORT

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE/COUNCIL/ATTORNEY REPORT

Councilman Cole- trash service, late hour pick-up, if nothing is said to the company, they are under the impression that Eatonville is satisfied with their services.

Councilman Washington- Wishing all the citizens a Happy New Years.

Vice Mayor Thomas- There is a Town Hall meeting tomorrow, 1/6/2016 at the Denton Johnson Center, from 6-8 PM, with Senator Geraldine Thompson, she will have very important information that we need.

Mayor Grant- the MLK Parade is approaching, all Council members will be on one (1) float, and this will be a better quality parade, much shorter, to send a message that we will not just have anything in the parade.

Attorney Morrell- with respect to PEC, it is my understanding they have remitted the sums requested, I will prepare a general release and dismiss the litigation with PEC.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

NONE

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION-

Louisteen Cummings- entrance fee into the Zora Festival, will a toddler age 3-5 have to pay the \$20.00 entry fee. Mr. Chad indicated he would look into this, there is a cut-off for age, and children's day is the Friday of the Festival.

Isaac Jenkins- the current trash service, the working conditions and hours of service they are providing, they are not picking up recycling on a regular basis. On a Sunday morning trash was being picked up, not on a regularly scheduled day. Mayor Grant indicated that he has concerns with this company as well, Mr. Canady will be having a meeting with this company regarding these concerns.

X. ADJOURNMENT- Council Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.



**Respectfully Submitted by:
Cathlene Williams, Town Clerk**