

**TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GREENVILLE
CITY HALL, 154 SW OLD MISSION AVENUE, GREENVILLE, FL 32331**

**ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION AND REGULAR MEETING
Greenville Senior-Youth Center, 166 SW Onslow Street, Greenville, FL 32331
Thursday November 7, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Dansey called the meeting to order at 6:21 P.M.
2. SWEARING IN NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILMEMBERS:
 - Councilmember-Elect Barbara Dansey, Councilmember-Elect Carl Livingston, and Interim Town Manager Victoria Kingston met at the front of the room.
 - Interim Town Manager Kingston administered the oath to Councilmembers-Elect Dansey and Livingston as required by section 276.05, *Florida Statutes*.
3. SELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS:

ACTION: Councilmember Pleas moved/nominated Councilmember Carl Livingston to serve as Mayor.

The motion failed for a lack of a second.

ACTION: Vice Mayor Housh moved/nominated Councilmember Ryan Kornegay to serve as Mayor. Seconded by Councilmember Carl Livingston.

- No discussion followed the motion and second.

Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Dansey	X	
Vice Mayor Housh	X	
Councilmember Kornegay	X	
Councilmember Livingston	X	
Councilmember Pleas		X

ACTION: Councilmember Carl Livingston moved/nominated Vice Mayor Housh to serve as Vice Mayor. Seconded by Councilmember Ryan Kornegay.

- No discussion followed the motion and second.

Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Dansey	X	
Vice Mayor Housh	X	
Councilmember Kornegay	X	
Councilmember Livingston	X	
Councilmember Pleas	X	

4. ADJOURNMENT:

The Organizational Session was adjourned at 6:26 P.M

REGULAR SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Kornegay called the meeting to order at 6:26 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor Ryan Kornegay
Vice Mayor Robin Housh
Councilmember Barbara Dansey
Councilmember Carl Livingston
Councilmember Chiquila Pleas

Also Present:

Victoria Kingston, Interim Town Manager
John Reid, Town Attorney
Kimberly Reams, Director of Finance and Administration

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

4. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

- Councilmember Kornegay requested that the agenda be approved with the addition of Orientation for New and Returning Councilmembers as Item 9.b.
- Councilmember Pleas asked if she could discuss an issue referenced in the minutes about meetings being scheduled by a majority of the Town Council instead of the Mayor and Town Manager.
 - Mayor Kornegay said that this issue could be discussed under a different agenda item.

ACTION: Vice Mayor Housh moved to approve the amended agenda with the addition of Orientation for New and Returning Councilmembers as Item 9.b. on the meeting agenda.
Seconded by Councilmember Dansey.

Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Kornegay	X	
Vice Mayor Housh	X	
Councilmember Dansey	X	
Councilmember Livingston	X	
Councilmember Pleas	X	

5. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

- Mayor Kornegay recognized Councilmember Pleas to discuss the issue previously discussed.
 - Councilmember Pleas raised concerns that the minutes reflected a policy change that allowed the Mayor and Town Manager to cancel and reschedule meetings.
 - Mayor Kornegay said that the minutes simply reflect what was discussed, but if the Town Council wished to readdress that specific issue, they could do so at a future meeting.
- Mayor Kornegay entertained a motion to approve the minutes from the Workshop and Regular Meeting on October 28, 2024.

ACTION: Councilmember Livingston moved to approve the minutes from the Workshop and Regular Meeting on October 28, 2024.
Seconded by Councilmember Dansey.

Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Kornegay	X	
Vice Mayor Housh	X	
Councilmember Dansey	X	
Councilmember Livingston	X	
Councilmember Pleas	X	

6. CONSIDERATION OF COUNCILMEMBER ABSENCES:

- None.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

- AMBER MILLER: Mrs. Miller lives in a home still deeded to a deceased relative. She and her husband have been unable to have utilities connected because they are not listed on the deed. The Town Council directed the Interim Town Manager and Town Attorney to work with Mrs. Miller.
- JANIE MILLER: Ms. Millen had three issues to discuss.
 - Several security lights are still not on. Councilmember Livingston said that he spoke with Tri-County who said that they were still trying to get people's electricity connected following the storms because they address security lights.
 - Garbage still needs to be collected following the storms on side streets. Interim Manager Kingston said that it is scheduled to be picked up. Councilmember Livingston said that different contractors pick up different garbage, so vegetation, i.e., tree limbs, should not be mixed with construction and demolition items.
 - The elementary school that is being closed is a historical school. Is there any way to keep the school operational? Mayor Kornegay said that there were discussions underway to determine how to preserve the property.

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

- None.

9. OLD BUSINESS

a. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** *Friends of Evergreen Cemetery* – **Town Attorney John Reid/Ms. Louretta Mugge:**

- Mayor Kornegay recognized Town Attorney John Reid and Ms. Louretta Mugge, Chair of Friends of Evergreen Cemetery (FEC).
- Ms. Mugge distributed a printout of requests made by the FEC.
- Attorney Reid discussed the proposed changes to the previously drafted Memorandum of Understanding.
 - The MOU is divided into the responsibilities of the Town and the responsibilities of the FEC.
 - The mowing will be done by the FEC, so that section will be moved from the Town section to the FEC section.
 - The Town will seek FEMA reimbursements for storm damage and will reimburse the FEC for costs already incurred by the committee.
 - The Town will provide a representative along with the Town Public Works Director to update meetings.

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- The FEC will repair pipes above ground, but the Town will repair those below, because the FEC will not have the appropriate equipment.
 - Now either party can terminate the MOU with 60-days' notice.
 - Language is included that says the MOU is not a contract and cannot be enforced by Court.
- Ms. Mugge said that the survey has begun, so hopefully it will have a new map of the plots soon.
- Attorney Reid said that the Council could ask him to return with a revised document or could authorize him to make those changes discussed and present to the Mayor for signature.
- Mayor Kornegay asked the agreement to also include language that includes a waiver of liability by the parties for issues addressed by the MOU.

ACTION: Vice Mayor Housh moved to adopt the MOU with the changes discussed at the meeting.
Seconded by Councilmember Pleas.

Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Kornegay	X	
Vice Mayor Housh	X	
Councilmember Dansey	X	
Councilmember Livingston	X	
Councilmember Pleas	X	

b. **DISCUSSION:** *Orientation for New and Returning Members* – **Mayor Ryan Kornegay**

- Mayor Kornegay wanted to follow up on a previous discussion about providing orientation to new and returning councilmembers.
- Livingston asked if the orientation training had been prepared. He was hesitant to choose dates if the training was not completed.
- The Councilmembers discussed their availability.
- Town Attorney Reid reminded councilmembers that they are required by statute to complete four hours of training that covers ethics, Sunshine Law, and public records. He asked if the orientation would be a shorter, Greenville-specific training.
- Mayor Kornegay asked that the staff consider these issues.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

a. **ACTION:** *Resolution 2024-20: Related to FDOT Projects for Obadiah Street, Church Street and Ray Charles Avenue – Town Attorney John Reid*

- Town Attorney Reid said that a prior resolution authorized the Town Manager to execute all documents necessary to apply for the grant applicable to this project.
- The grant was approved. This resolution authorizes the Interim Town Manager to execute all contracts and necessary documentation to carry out the projects associated with this grant.
- Councilmember Livingston said he thought this grant was from many years ago.
 - Attorney Reid conceded that the grant was awarded in 2021, but that they still had contracts in place following a 2021 Request for Proposal process.
- Councilmember Livingston asked if the contractors would still honor the prices from a 2021 RFP, especially considering the issue of inflation.
 - Attorney Reid said that based on conversations the Interim Town Manager had with the contractors and the contract negotiations that took place last week, the contractors have agreed to honor the previously agreed-upon underlying prices for services and supplies.

ACTION: Vice Mayor Housh moved to adopt Resolution 2024-20.
Seconded by Councilmember Pleas.

Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Kornegay	X	
Vice Mayor Housh	X	
Councilmember Dansey	X	
Councilmember Livingston	X	
Councilmember Pleas	X	

b. **DISCUSSION/ACTION:** *Heart of Greenville – Vice Mayor Robin Housh*

- Mayor Kornegay recognized Vice Mayor Housh.
- Vice Mayor Housh reminded the Town Council that the Heart of Greenville Christmas event was scheduled for December 14, 2024. The Heart of Greenville requests that roads be closed and that the organization have permission to use the park.

ACTION: Councilmember Pleas moved to authorize road closures and use of the park for Heart of Greenville on December 14, 2024.
Seconded by Councilmember Dansey.

Councilmember	Yay	Nay
Mayor Kornegay	X	
Vice Mayor Housh	X	
Councilmember Dansey	X	
Councilmember Livingston	X	
Councilmember Pleas	X	

11. COMMENTS BY INTERIM TOWN MANAGER, TOWN ATTORNEY, AND COUNCILMEMBERS:

- Interim Town Manager Kingston: None.
- Town Attorney Reid: None.
- Vice Mayor Housh asked the Council to consider the applications received for the manager and clerk positions, so the Town could permanently fill those positions.
- Mayor Kornegay asked if we had heard any new information from our financial consultant regarding the Town's finances.
- Ms. Kimberly Reams, Director of Finance and Administration, said that they are still working to prepare all the documents for the independent auditors and did not have a specific timeline for when they would be completed.
- Councilmember Dansey said that the lights downtown looked very nice, and she appreciated the work done.

12. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS REQUEST:

- None.

13. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- Mayor Kornegay added that the Maidson Tourism Development Council had worked with Elesta Pritchett before her passing to prepare a video on Ray Charles. He will find out when it may be complete.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 P.M

Minutes approved and adopted by the Town Council on January 13, 2025.