

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Commission of the City of Auburndale held December 2, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commission Room of City Hall, after having been properly advertised,

### **ELECT AND INSTALL 2025 MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR**

City Clerk Brandon Henry conducted the nominations for the Office of Mayor and Vice Mayor for the 2025 year. Dr. Dorothea Taylor Bogert was nominated as Mayor and Alex Cam was nominated as Vice Mayor for 2025. Both were unanimously voted upon for their respective positions. The City Clerk administered the Oaths of Office for Mayor and for Vice Mayor. Copies of the Oaths of Office are attached to the Minutes.

The Meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Dave Melendez, Berkley Chapel, and a salute to the flag.

The following members were present: Mayor Dorothea Taylor Bogert, Vice Mayor Alex Cam, Commissioners: Keith Cowie, Jordan Helms, and Bill Sterling. Also, present were: City Manager Jeffrey Tillman, City Attorney Frederick J. Murphy Jr., City Clerk Brandon Henry, and Police Chief Terry Storie.

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Cam, seconded by Commissioner Cowie, to approve Minutes of the City Commission Meeting of November 18, 2024. Upon vote, all ayes.

City Manager Jeffrey Tillman announced that we had a World AIDS/HIV Day event at the band stage in the Downtown City Park. It was a good event, he thanked Pastor Curtis Johnson. He congratulated the Mayor and the Vice Mayor for their elections.

City Attorney Frederick J. Murphy Jr. congratulated the Mayor and Vice Mayor.

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Cam, seconded by Commissioner Cowie, to add discussion of an additional \$100 hurricane recovery bonus for staff as Agenda Item 2. Upon vote, all ayes.

Mayor Taylor Bogert asked if there was public comment on any item not on the agenda. There was no public comment.

### **1. ORDINANCE #1804 AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 ANNUAL BUDGET**

City Manager Tillman said in accordance with Florida Statutes, adopted auditing practices, and on the recommendation of the City's Auditor, the City needs to amend by Ordinance the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget to properly appropriate for revenue and expenditures that may exceed budgeted amounts. As provided by Ordinance No. 1026, the level of budgetary control for the City's Annual Budget is at the Fund Level. Events occur during each fiscal year, which were not anticipated at the time of budget approval. The proposed Ordinance amends the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Budget to reflect the collection of unanticipated revenue and appropriation for unanticipated expenditures.

City Manager Tillman summarized the amendment.

The proposed Ordinance was prepared by the Finance Director and reviewed by the City Manager and City Attorney. The proposed Ordinance was approved on first reading November 18, 2024, and is being presented for second and final reading. Staff recommends approval of the Budget Amending Ordinance #1804.

City Attorney Frederick J. Murphy Jr. read Ordinance 1804 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF AUBURNDALE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1756 AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS OF FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024 BUDGET**, by title only.

Mayor Taylor Bogert asked for public comment. There was no public comment.

**Motion** by Commissioner Helms, seconded by Commissioner Sterling, to approve Ordinance #1804 amending the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Annual Budget, as read on second and final reading by title only. Upon vote, all ayes.

## **2. ADDITIONAL \$100 HURRICANE RECOVERY BONUS**

**Motion** by Vice Mayor Cam, seconded by Commissioner Cowie, to approve an additional \$100 bonus for each staff member working during the hurricane.

Commissioner Cowie said he agrees with Vice Mayor Cam. It is very well deserved. That Saturday evening, you would not have even known a hurricane came through town.

Mayor Taylor Bogert concurs. She thanked staff.

Upon vote, all ayes.

City Manager Tillman thanked the Commission for their support for City employees.

Mayor Taylor Bogert wished that everybody had a Happy Thanksgiving.

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:10:54 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Minutes are true and correct.



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Brandon Henry, City Clerk