

SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES



May 8, 2025
5:45PM
City Hall Lake Butler
200 SW 1st Street
Lake Butler, Florida 32054

AGENDA

1. Call to order – Roll Call

Mayor Hendrix called the special meeting to order at 5:45pm.

In Attendance: Commissioner Sirmones, Vice-Mayor Huggins, Commissioner Redman, Commissioner Stephenson, Mayor Hendrix, Administrative Assistant Page, Finance Director Mecusker

Absent: City Manager Hayes & City Attorney Maines

a. Admin Content

If a person decides to appeal a decision made with respect to any matter at this meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and may need to ensure that a verbatim record is made.

2. Approval of The Agenda Format.

A. Motion to approve the agenda format.

Motion to approve the agenda format was made by Commissioner Sirmones. Motion seconded by Commissioner Redman. Unanimous approval. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Board Discussion on City Parcel #30-05-20-13-004-0110-0 located at 102 W Main Street Lake Butler, FL 32054

Mayor Hendrix referenced the issues with parking at the Courthouse, and has been discussed previously.

Mayor Hendrix stated that Mrs. Hayes wanted to present an idea to the County Commission the opportunity for the City to sell the property on Main Street to the County and the City purchase the property next to Jackson's, which would give the City the opportunity to do recreation or what not in the event this takes place.

Mayor Hendrix also stated that we do not know if the County would be in agreement with that, but that Mrs. Hayes wanted to know if the Board would give her permission to do a presentation that a County Commissioner asked for at the next County Commission meeting and wanted to see if that is the direction the Boards wants to go in.

Vice-Mayor Huggins asked what kind of recreation. Mayor Hendrix referenced she has heard pickleball courts and stated it may not be used for recreation if it takes place, but that it is an opportunity.

Commissioner Redman referenced the vendors and food trucks that set up there and asked about those. Mayor Hendrix stated that can be discussed too.

Commissioner Redman asked if they charge to use the lot, and Mayor Hendrix stated she did not think so.

Commissioner Stephenson raised concern and stated he is not sure how the Board can commit and permit the vendors if the City buys the property. Mayor Hendrix stated that the City and County would have to both agree. Commissioner Redman stated that the food trucks and vendors bringing in that money is good for the economy. Mayor Hendrix reiterated that this is just the Board giving Mrs. Hayes permission to present this idea to the County.

Mayor Hendrix stated that City Attorney Maines advised not to get into too much detail during tonight's meeting, and that the next step would be if in agreement would be to appraise the properties and evaluate the cost for this process and would not be a swap, and stated the County may say no, but referenced again the issue with parking at the Courthouse.

Motion to authorize the City Manager to present a proposal to the Union County Board of County Commissioners for the purchase of county-owned parcel #30-05-20-11-006-0010-0 and the sale of city-owned parcel #30-05-20-13-004-0110-0 was made by Commissioner Redman. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sirmones. Unanimous approval. Motion passed 5-0.

4. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the special city commission meeting was made by Commissioner Redman. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sirmones. Unanimous approval. Motion passed 5-0.

Special meeting adjourned at 5:53pm.