

The Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Hernando met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, July 10, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. with Mayor Tom Ferguson presiding. Aldermen present were: Alderman Harris, Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, and Alderman Hobbs. Also present for the meeting were: City Clerk Katie Harbin, City Attorney Kenny Stockton, Planning Director Jared Darby, Reba Wright, Robert Long, Robin Cotten, and Chad Wicker.

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### INVOCATION

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Alderman Miller gave the invocation.

Agenda  
City of Hernando  
Mayor and Board of Alderman  
Recessed Meeting

July 10, 2017

8:00am

- 1) Call the meeting to order
- 2) Invocation
- 3) Appointment of Planning Commission members
- 4) Appointment Election Commissioners member
- 5) Adjourn

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### APPOINT PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS

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Mayor Ferguson asked Kenny how this needs to be done.

Kenny Stockton answered that in the past the Board members have each suggested a person to be appointed, and the Board approves.

Alderman McLendon inquired about the years some of the commission members have served.

Alderman Miller stated if the Mayor is going to allow each Aldermen to pick someone from their ward, then we should each get to choose to submit their names regardless of how many years the person has served.

Alderman McLendon stated then I get to vote on it.

Mayor Ferguson asked how we should handle Mr. Higdon's appointee since he's not here.

Jared Darby stated that Mr. Higdon advised me that he would like to reappoint Bob Wolfe, I have also spoken to Mr. Wolfe and he is willing to serve again.

Mayor Ferguson asked does Mr. Higdon's just roll over.

Kenny Stockton answered that he hasn't spoken to Mr. Higdon. It does not roll over. The Board can vote to appoint Mr. Wolfe and when Mr. Higdon gets back if he doesn't want Mr. Wolfe on the Commission, he can appoint someone different.

The Board went over their appointees.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderwoman Brooks to appoint Robin Cotten, Natalie Lynch, Keith Hawkins, Chad Wicker, Ellen Jernigan, Leigh Wills, Dennis Upchurch Jr, and Bob Wolf as Planning Commissioners. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Bryant, Alderman Miller, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, and Alderman Harris.

Those voting "Nay": None.

ORDERED AND DONE this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017

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#### APPOINT ELECTION COMMISSION MEMEBERS

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Alderman Miller stated that during the previous election, we did not have any problems or complaints, I think we should reappoint those same three, Alice Barnes, Reba Wright, Dale Bellflower.

Alderwoman Brooks stated that we actually found out over the weekend that Mr. Bellflower does not want to serve again, and Mrs. Brooks recommends appointing Ashley Wadsworth in the open spot.

Alderman McLendon asked where her name came from.

Alderwoman Brooks stated that she mentioned it before that she would like to be an election commissioner, I've contacted her about it.

City Clerk Katie Harbin stated that Mrs. Wadsworth mentioned during this last election, that she would possibly like to serve on the commission.

Alderman Hobbs asked if she was on the Republican Executive Committee, she can't be on both, right.

Katie Harbin answered yes, she was, and no she could not be on both.

Alderman McLendon asked where did her name come from, did she tell you Katie.

Katie Harbin answered that during the last election Mrs. Wadsworth had mentioned it, when Mr. Bellflower decided that he didn't want to do it, I let Mrs. Brooks know in case anyone needed a name of someone willing to serve.

Alderwoman Brooks stated that she approached me about it.

Mayor Ferguson asked how many do we have nominated right now.

Alderwoman Brooks answered 3.

Mayor Ferguson asked if anyone else would like to nominate anyone else.

Alderman McLendon asked what are the duties of the Election Commissioners.

Reba Wright answered going over what Election Commissioners do. Run the election, making sure everything is done correctly, everything runs smoothly, get poll workers, certify the election, etc.

Alderman McLendon I didn't know we had an opening.

Alderman Miller stated that this is what we recessed for.

Alderwoman Brooks stated that this came up over the weekend.

Alderman Hobbs stated that Ashley Wadsworth has been serving on the executive committee for a long time.

Katie Harbin answered yes she has.

Alderman Miller stated that he is ok with Mrs. Wadsworth. They work under the direction of our election consultant.

Alderman McLendon stated as long as they remain neutral. I'm not sure how neutral this person was.

Mayor Ferguson stated that they'll have to be neutral. You are on very strict guidelines, correct.

Reba Wright answered absolutely.

Alderman McLendon stated that since the majority of us did not know there was an opening, and didn't go look for someone, can this be carried over.

Kenny Stockton answered yes.

Katie Harbin answered that you have to have 3 election commissioners. You can carry it over, but if something happens you won't be able to have an election if you don't have 3 commissioners.

Alderman Miller stated that we can appoint these 2 and then come back with another one.

Alderman McLendon stated that he has someone he wants to ask to serve on the commission.

Motion was duly made by Alderman Miller, and seconded by Alderman Bryant to appoint Reba Wright and Alice Barnes as Election Commissioners, and appoint a third member at the next Board meeting. A vote was taken with the following results:

Those voting "Aye": Alderman Miller, Alderman McLendon, Alderwoman Brooks, Alderman Hobbs, Alderman Harris, and Alderman Bryant.

Those voting "Nay": None.

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Planning Director Jared Darby asked the Board who had new appointees to have them contact the Planning Department so they can get their paperwork, and have a crash course on the position.

Mayor Ferguson stated that he would like to take off the less important items on the Planning Commission agenda, and put them on the next agenda.

Kenny Stockton answered that we can't pull the items off, unless something is wrong with it. They have been through the process and the next step is to be on the agenda.

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### ADJOURN

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There being no further business at this time a motion was duly made by Alderman Bryant, seconded by Alderman Miller to adjourn.

Motion passed with a unanimous vote of "Aye".

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MAYOR TOM FERGUSON

ATTEST:

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KATIE HARBIN, CITY CLERK