

City Council Minutes
October 21, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Crestview City Council was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor JB Whitten. Board members present: Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Capps. Council members: Andrew Rencich, Cynthia Brown, and Ryan Bullard. Councilmember Joe Blocker, City Manager Tim Bolduc and City Attorney Jonathan Holloway were excused. Also present: City Clerk Maryanne Girard and various staff members.

2. Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

2.1. Pastor Josh Neel of Hope City Community Church

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pastor Josh Neel of Hope City Community Church.

3. Open Policy Making and Legislative Session

Mayor JB Whitten established a quorum.

4. Approve Agenda

Mayor JB Whitten called for action.

Motion by Councilmember Ryan Bullard and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Capps to approve the agenda, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Cynthia Brown, Andrew Rencich, Doug Capps, Ryan Bullard. Ayes: 4; Absent: 1. Motion carried.

5. Presentations and Reports

5.1. Proclamation in Recognition of the Sister Cities

Mayor JB Whitten declared October 21, 2024 as Sister Cities Day and read the proclamation in English and representatives of the Sister Cities read it in French.

6. Consent Agenda

Mayor JB Whitten called for action.

Motion by Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Capps and seconded by Councilmember Ryan Bullard to approve the Consent agenda, as presented.

Roll Call: Ayes: Cynthia Brown, Andrew Rencich, Doug Capps, Ryan Bullard. Ayes:4; Absent: 1. Motion carried.

6.1. Approval of City Council Final Budget Hearing Minutes of September 23, 2024

6.2. Approval of City Council Regular Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2024

7. Public Hearings / Ordinances on Second Reading

8. Ordinances on First Reading

9. Resolutions

- 9.1. Resolution 2025-02 Expression of Support for the EDATE Incentive Program
Mayor JB Whitten introduced Resolution 2025-02, Expression of Support for the EDATE Incentive Program, to the City Council.

CDS Planning Administrator Nicholas Schwendt went over the temporary tax incentive program's objective explaining it has to be reauthorized by the voters every ten years. He added we have had an addition of 317 jobs to the local economy over the past 10 years.

City Clerk Maryanne Girard read Resolution 2025-02 by Title: A Resolution of the City Council of The City of Crestview Florida, Supporting and Encouraging Approval of the Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Exemption (EDATE) Incentive Program; and Providing for an Effective Date.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem D. Capps said the average annual wage is \$54,000 dollar from this program and is a good thing for the county.

Councilmember R. Bullard said the Chamber of Commerce did an excellent job educating the public on the program.

Mayor JB Whitten said it is beneficial to the county and encouraged the voter to vote yes.

Mayor JB Whitten called for action.

Motion by Councilmember Andrew Rencich and seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Doug Capps to approve Resolution 2025-02.

Roll Call: Ayes: Cynthia Brown, Andrew Rencich, Doug Capps, Ryan Bullard.
Ayes:4; Absent:1. Motion carried.

- 9.2. Resolution 2025-03 Opposing Amendment 4

Councilmember Cyndie Brown presented Resolution 2025-03, Opposing Amendment 4.

City Clerk M. Girard read Resolution into the record by title: A Resolution of the City of Crestview, Florida Opposing Pro-Abortion Amendment 4 to the Florida State Constitution.

Councilmember C. Brown read the resolution in its entirety. She added she is in favor of the resolution.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the Council.

Councilmember R. Bullard said Amendment 4 is not a decision for the government to make.

Mayor JB Whitten called for comment from the public. In hearing none, he called for action.

Motion by Councilmember Cynthia Brown and seconded by Councilmember Andrew Rencich to approve Resolution 2025-03.

Roll Call: Ayes: Cynthia Brown, Andrew Rencich, Doug Capps. Nays: Ryan Bullard;. Ayes: 3; Nays: 1; Absent:1. Motion carried.

10. Action Items

11. City Clerk Report

11.1. Monthly Update

City Clerk Maryanne Girard mentioned the statistics are included in the staff report and added the Fall Academy was canceled due to the hurricane that impacted the Orlando area.

She mentioned Administrative Services Director Jessica Leavins would explain the evaluation process for the City Clerk's annual review.

Administrative Services Director Jessica Leavins went over TRACK and the rating scale. She added the time frame is shortened because the item will be on the next Council meeting for action.

12. City Manager Report

13. Comments from the Mayor and Council

Councilmember R. Bullard asked to place comments at the beginning of the meeting to allow the public an opportunity to speak before the Council takes action.

Mayor JB Whitten replied that the recommendation would be sent to the city manager to be brought up at a future Council meeting.

Mayor JB Whitten added that we have begun City Government Week and went over the schedule.

14. Comments from the Audience

Shannon Hayes came forward and mentioned the fundraiser last week for the Safe Haven Baby Box was successful. He also mentioned the Trunk or Treat event was enjoyable and well-attended.

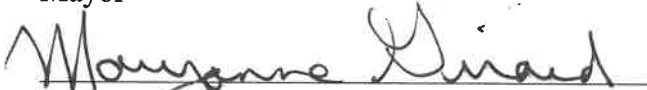
15. Adjournment

Mayor JB Whitten adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Minutes approved this 28th day of October 2024.



JB Whitten
Mayor



Maryanne Girard
City Clerk

Proper Notice having been duly given

