

**Special Magistrate Hearing Minutes**  
**March 18, 2025**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Council Chambers**

**1 Call to Order**

Special Magistrate S. Taylor called the Hearing to order at 5:38 p.m.

**2 Administration of oath to staff/ Respondents/Witnesses**

Special Magistrate S. Taylor swore in all participants for the quasi-judicial segments of the meeting.

**3 Red Light Hearing**

3.1 Case 1012000000218606

Special Magistrate S. Taylor explained the process. Officer Spry presented the case. He then asked the Deputy City Clerk to play the video.

Special Magistrate S. Taylor then asked Ms. Barnes if she had any testimony to give. Ms. Barnes informed the magistrate that it was her vehicle, but at the time of the violation, it was being leased by Ms. Maria Berg. Ms. Barnes provided the lease agreement between her and Ms. Berg. Mr. Taylor reviewed the document provided.

Special Magistrate S. Taylor stated that even though there was a violation of Florida Statute 316.083 that the owner of the vehicle was not in possession or driving the vehicle at the time and dismissed the case.

3.2 Case 1012000000216758

Special Magistrate S. Taylor explained the process to Mr. David Lowe.

Officer Spry proceeded to present the case. He then asked the Deputy City Clerk to play the video.

Special Magistrate S. Taylor requested a replay of the video. He asked Mr. Lowe if he had testimony to present.

Mr. Lowe stated that he was contesting this violation due to the timing of the red light. He then explained the angle of which the video is taken may lead viewers to think a violation occurred. Mr. Lowe then gave pictures to show that his driver's side was over the line before the passenger side.

Special Magistrate S. Taylor reviewed the pictures provided. He noted that in the counter argument that if a vehicle is on the line a citation cannot be issued explaining the actual crossing of the line constitutes when a citation issued. He explained this matter has exigent circumstances. Mr. Taylor stated that this is not the first time that there was an issue with this particular intersection, as it pertains to the red-light camera. As it stands, Special Magistrate S. Taylor dismissed the case as it pertains to Mr. Lowe.

**4 Code Enforcement Hearings**

4.1. Case 23-896

Special Magistrate S. Taylor opened Case #23-896 for the property located at 798 South Wilson Street, Crestview. He noted that the property owner Mr. Devin Jones was not in attendance.

Code Enforcement Officer A. Blackburn presented the case and requested that Exhibit 1 be entered as evidence.

Special Magistrate S. Taylor accepted Exhibit 1 into the record.

Special Magistrate Taylor asked if the property had a land development order on it. Code Enforcement Officer A. Blackburn answered that there is one, but it has expired adding that the property owner had not done anything on or to the property.

Special Magistrate S. Taylor found that there were standing violations on the property. He then stated that the property owner had thirty (30) days to bring the property into compliance and to pay the fee of \$250 for the hearing or a fine not to exceed \$250.00 per day will begin to accrue.

4.2 Case 24-649

Special Magistrate S. Taylor opened Case #24-649 for the property located at 280 Bracewell Street. He noted that the property owners, Jack W, Jimmer R. and Franklin M. McCurley were not in attendance.

Code Enforcement Officer A. Blackburn presented the case and requested that Exhibit 2 be entered as evidence.

Special Magistrate S. Taylor accepted Exhibit 2 into the record.

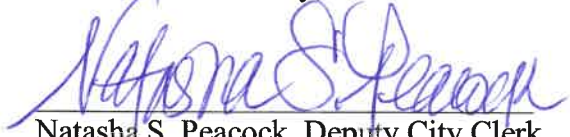
Special Magistrate Taylor asked if there was any change to the property since the violations were issued, and Ms. Blackburn stated that there had been no change to the property.

Special Magistrate S. Taylor found that there were standing violations on the property. He then stated that the property owner had thirty (30) days to bring the property into compliance and to pay the fee of \$250 for the hearing or a fine not to exceed \$250.00 per day will begin to accrue.

**5 Adjournment**

Special Magistrate S. Taylor adjourned the Hearing at 6:17 p.m.

Minutes submitted by,



Natasha S. Peacock, Deputy City Clerk  
*Proper Notice having been duly given*