



**PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD MEETING HAINES CITY, FLORIDA**

**MINUTES**

**September 11, 2024, 5:30 p.m.**

**City Hall Commission Chambers**

**620 E. Main Street, Haines City, FL 33844**

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Present: Brian Starks  
Lisa Cowan  
Buster Raggs

Absent: Neremie Philis  
Bharath Gali

Staff Present: Erica Sanchez, Deputy City Clerk, Parks and Recreation Director, Terrell Griffin

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Lakes Advisory Board Meeting was called to order at 5:35 on September 11, 2024 in the City Commission Chambers, located at 620 E Main Street, Haines City, FL.

**2. NEW BUSINESS**

The board voted for a chair and a co-chair

Brian Starks motioned to be the chair

Lisa Cowan second

Motion carried.

Buster Raggs motioned to be the co-chair

Lisa Cowan Second

Motion Carried

## 2.a Fee Schedule Discussion

Parks and Recreation Director Terrell Griffin presented this item.

The City of Haines City's Charter; Article V; Section 5.01 (c) requires an ordinance for acts such as setting services or user charges for municipal services or to grant administrative authority for such charges; and Section 5.01 (c) specifically states that:

*Action requiring an ordinance.* In addition to other acts required by law or by specific provision of this Charter to be done by ordinance, those acts of the city commission shall be by ordinance which:

- (1) Establish a rule or regulation the violation of which carries a penalty;
- (2) Levy taxes authorized by general law;
- (3) Grant, renew or extend a franchise;
- (4) Set service or user charges for municipal services or grant administrative authority for such charges;
- (5) Amend or repeal any ordinance previously adopted, except as otherwise provided in Article X, with respect to repeal of ordinances reconsidered under the referendum power.

**Board Member Cohan** asked where the money is coming from for the programs. and if the deficit continuing to grow.

**Board Chair Starks** asked if the gap measure comes from the state and if there's a program available for people who can't afford these program fees.

**Board Member Cohan** asked when the last time was the fees where adjusted and if there is anyone who reviews the fees. she would love to see a comparison with other cities.

**Board Chair Starks** asked they can bring back their recommendations for the fees to the next schedule.

**Board Member Anthony Jones** said that in comparison to the surrounding cities, these fees are very fare.

**Board Member Cohan** said she would love to see the board's recommendations.

**Board Member Raggs** said he doesn't believe that it is a good time to raise the fees on the residents

**Parks and Recreation Director Griffin** said that he will bring it back to the next meeting to allow the board time to review and make suggestions.

**Board Member Anthony Jones** said times are tough right now due to inflation, but kids are keeping up with the trends.

2.b Farmer's Market Discussion

Parks and Recreation Director Terrell Griffin presented this item. He mentioned that Commissioner Huffman requested it to come back, and that the city is currently looking into bringing it back for the month of October or November.

**Board Member Cohan** said she is all about supporting local businesses and would like to see more arts and craft activities at the famers market.

**Board Member Starks** asked if there would be a fee.

**3. BOARD COMMENTS**

Boad Chair Starks asked if the city could do a job fair.

Board Member Anthony said he was born and raised in Haines City and asked for their thoughts on youth softball.

board member Cohan

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Without any further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:38.

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Brian Starks, Chair

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Sharon Lauther, MMC, City Clerk

