



CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP HAINES CITY, FLORIDA
MINUTES

June 24, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Commission Chambers
620 E. Main Street, Haines City, FL 33844
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Commissioners in Attendance: Mayor Morris L. West
Vice-Mayor Vernel Smith, Jr.
Commissioner Omar Arroyo
Commissioner Kim Downing
Commissioner Anne Huffman

Staff in Attendance: City Manager, James Elensky
City Attorney, Fred Reilly
City Clerk, Sharon Lauther

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the City Commission Meeting to order at 7:14 PM on June 24, 2025 in the City Commission Chambers, located at 620 E Main Street, Haines City, FL.

2. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

2.a Food Truck Ordinance Discussion

City attorney Fred Reilly gave an overview of the mobile food dispensing vehicle (Food Truck) Ordinance. The current regulations that the City has replaced the new proposed ordinance with a series of provisions and regulations that are within the jurisdiction of the City. Discussion took place regarding who would be grandfathered in. Attorney Reilly gave a clear definition regarding a mobile food truck as defined in the State Statute. Further discussion took place regarding compliance of the food trucks.

At this time Mayor West invited the public to come and speak

Larry Augst-127 S. 3rd Street Haines City- Mr. Augst expressed concern regarding the limitation of only one food truck per parcel. While he supports food trucks and enjoys their presence throughout the city, he emphasized the importance of ensuring proper regulation. He also noted that the Health Department maintains jurisdiction over the operational standards of food trucks.

Ms. Diana Patel- 35509 US HW 27N, Haines City- Ms. Patel has five (5) food trucks in a commercial/highway zoned area and has a concern of whether she would be grandfathered in

Joseph Pandone- 743 W. Main Street- Mr. Pandoni offered advice on how to regulate the owners who are not in compliance.

There was a consensus to bring the food truck ordinance to the Commission for consideration- More discussion took place.

Commissioner Huffman would like to see the ordinance on the next agenda for consideration

Vice-Mayor Smith would like to see the next agenda for consideration

Commissioner Arroyo would like to see the ordinance on the next agenda for consideration

Commissioner Downing inquired about food trucks at special events in residential areas. Discussion took place that has a clause to allow food trucks at special events.

Mayor West would like to see the ordinance on the next agenda meeting for consideration, The meeting will be held on July 17, 2025.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Without any further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Morris L. West, Mayor

Sharon Lauther, MMC, City Clerk

Fred Reilly, City Attorney