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THE GOOD LIFE COMMUNITY

Special Magistrate Hearing Minutes April 29, 2021

Special Magistrate Michael Durham, Esq.

City Manager Adam Boukari

The City Commission will conduct a
Special Magistrate Hearing
At 10:00 AM
to address the item(s) below.

Meeting Date: April 29, 2021

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis Commission, City Hall

CITIZENS ATTENDING: Carolyn Lee, Fuesha Ramsey, Ronnie Solomon, Robert C. Matter. STAFF
ATTENDING: Kathy Winburn, Benda Phillips, Linnelle Stewart, LeAnne Williams, David Floyd.

Notice given pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes. In order to appeal any decision made at this meeting, you will need a verbatim record of the proceedings. It will be your responsibility to ensure such a record is made.

SPECIAL MAGISTRATE HEARING MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Led by Special Magistrate Michael Durham.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Led by Special Magistrate Durham.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Special Magistrate Durham asked for changes to the agenda.

Code Enforcement Officer Linnelle Stewart stated Item B. Case# 20-0074 and Item H. Case# 21-0009 are

now compliant.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Case # 20-0088- Marian Baker, Parcel # 03986-004-016, Affidavit of Compliance
Code Enforcement Officer Stewart stated the property is now compliant and no fines were assessed.
Special Magistrate Durham dismissed the case.
- B. Case # 20-0074- Aaron Messmer Trustee, Parcel # 03774-000-000, Affidavit of Non-Compliance
Code Enforcement Officer Stewart stated the property is now compliant and no fines were assessed.
Special Magistrate Durham dismissed the case.
- C. Case # 20-0084- Fuesha Ramsey, Parcel # 03986-004-010, Affidavit of Non-Compliance
Code Enforcement Officer Stewart stated the property remained non-compliant.
Discussion ensued concerning the state of the property and when Ms. Ramsey would be available for an inspection of her property.
Special Magistrate Durham stated fines would be assessed at \$100 per day beginning March 11, 2021 and continuing until the property could be inspected. He then continued the case to the end of the hearing as the next case was due via Zoom. He asked Ms. Ramsey to consider when an inspection could take place as she waited for her case to come before him again.
- D. Case # 20-0078- Porter Jr. & Reatha Peterson, Parcel # 03934-001-013, Affidavit of Non-Compliance
Code Enforcement Officer Stewart presented her case and stated the property remained non-compliant.
Special Magistrate Durham asked if a re-inspection had taken place.
Code Enforcement Officer Stewart affirmed that she had re-inspected the property.
Special Magistrate Durham asked if a fine should be assessed.
Code Enforcement Officer Stewart stated, according to the Order, a fine of \$100 per day should be assessed.
Special Magistrate Durham found a violation of the Code based upon the evidence submitted and assessed a fine of \$100.00 per day beginning March 11, 2021.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- E. Approval of February 25, 2021 minutes

Minutes approved by unanimous consent.

- F. Case # 21-0008- Richard Matter Trustee, Parcel # 03418-002-000, Violation of three sections of the Code

Code Enforcement Officer Stewart presented her case.

Robert Matter stated he needed 30 days to complete compliance.

Special Magistrate Durham asked if the City had a recommendation

Code Enforcement Officer Stewart stated 30 days could be granted as long as progress was made.

Discussed ensued regarding the specifics to bring the property into compliance.

Special Magistrate Durham set a compliance date of May 31, 2021, and stated that a fine of \$50 per day may be assessed for overgrowth and \$50 per day for junk and debris upon inspection of the property.

- G. Case # 21-0007- Janie Solomon Heirs, Parcel # 03550-000-000, Violation of one section of the Code

Code Enforcement Officer Stewart stated the property is now compliant and no fines were assessed.

Special Magistrate Durham dismissed the case.

- H. Case # 21-0009- Melba Quintero, Parcel # 03416-000-000, Violation of one section of the Code

Code Enforcement Officer Stewart stated the property is now compliant and no fines were assessed.

Special Magistrate Durham dismissed the case.

- I. Case # 21-0011- Cribbs Heirs & Taylor, Parcel # 03438-000-000, Violation of two sections of the Code

Code Enforcement Officer Stewart presented her case She stated photos had been emailed today, and much of the debris was cleaned up.

Special Magistrate Durham asked if the City wanted to move forward with a finding of violation.

Code Enforcement Officer Stewart affirmed this, as the property needs to come into full compliance.

Discussion ensued regarding compliance.

Special Magistrate Durham made a finding of violation with no fines being assessed at this time.

Carolyn Lee asked for 2 weeks to complete compliance.

Special Magistrate Durham asked if the City was willing to give Ms. Lee two more weeks.

Code Enforcement Officer Stewart agreed and stated this was a compliance date of May 13,

2021.

Special Magistrate Durham made a finding of violation of Code 302.8 and 302.1, to come into compliance by May 13, 2021, noon, or a fine of \$50.00 per day for the vehicles and a fine of \$50 per day for the junk and debris will be assessed.

C. Case # 20-0084- Fuesha Ramsey, Parcel # 03986-004-010, Affidavit of Non-Compliance

Ms. Ramsey stated she would leave her gate open on the day Code Enforcement Officer Stewart would be by for inspection.

Code Enforcement Officer Stewart stated she could inspect the property on May 10, 2021.

Special Magistrate Durham asked Ms. Ramsey if this date was a good day for her.

Ms. Ramsey stated it was.

Special Magistrate Durham stated the inspection date would be set for May 10, 2021, to determine if a black Jeep was on the property, a red Bronco, in operable condition, with current registration & registration to be provided to the City by May 3, 2021, as well as a video demonstrating the operability of the vehicle, a video of the green Trail Blazer in operable condition and the registration to be submitted by May 3, 2021, and should the Trail Blazer be on site, someone must be there to demonstrate that it is operable, and finally, the registration to the travel trailer will be submitted by May 3, 2021.

Special Magistrate Durham found the property in violation and assessed a fine of \$25.00 per day beginning March 16, 2021.

Special Magistrate Durham told Ms. Ramsey that she could submit all of the evidence today and the fines could end today.

Ms. Ramsey continued to disagree.

ADJOURN

Special Magistrate Durham adjourned the meeting.

ATTEST:

SPECIAL MAGISTRATE HEARING OF THE
CITY OF ALACHUA, FLORIDA



Special Magistrate



Code Enforcement Officer