

City of Keystone Heights City Council

Food Truck Workshop May 19, 2025

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Date: May 19 2025 (6:00 PM)

Discussion

1. Review City of Keystone Heights, FL current food truck ordinance. (sec 11-52)

Mayor Nina Rodenroth called the workshop into order.

City Manager, Charlie Van Zant called roll:

present: Mayor Nina Rodenroth, Vice Mayor Elston "Speedy" Kussler, Councilman Dan Lewandowski, Councilman Dave Welch.

absent: Councilman Ryan Knight

Drew Bell presented powerpoint to discuss the agenda.

Workshop goals:

Preferences in modeling the new mobile food vendor ordinance.

Recommended distance from brick and mortar restaurants.

Size of area needed for 1 food truck and the size area of more than one food truck.

The Keystone Heights Food Truck Ordinance was discussed.

2. Review other City and Town ordinances, (Green Cove Springs, Orange Park, Palatka, and Gainesville)

The Food Truck Ordinances from Green Cove Springs, Orange Park, Palatka, and Gainesville were reviewed prior to meeting. The consensus was the Green Cove Springs was close to way the City Council wants Keystone Heights Ordinance to be published.

3. City Manager's recommendation to the City Council

City Manager's recommendation is for the City to use Green Cove Springs' Food Truck Ordinance as a guide.

4. City Council forms recommendation to the Planning and Zoning Board

City Council Discussion:

3 application options:

1. Individual Vendor
2. Property owner
3. Special event, multiple Food Trucks.

Mayor Rodenroth would like Natural Park used for Food Trucks.

The City Council will review the Green Cove Springs Ordinance and would start by eliminating things the City Council would like to be different.

City Manager, Charlie Van Zant states the safest place to have Food Truck is at the Park. This could be done in the fall. He would like options in the ordinance.

Mayor Rodenroth would like to make sure the food truck does have a high traffic area to be successful. Safety Rules are very important.

Drew Bell went over the ordinance.

City Manager could have power to remove permit, if violations occur.

City Manager states they seem to want the process to keep going. They have not objected to the CGS ordinance. Dan Lewandowski would like to see Clay County's ordinance. He would like to have the 1st reading on June 9th.

City Attorney states he and Mrs. Bell could draft an ordinance on the suggestions given.

Councilman Dan Lewandowski would like to look into food trucks on the Rails to Trails. The Keystone Heights strategic plans states the trails are important. Could trucks be on the rails to trails? Mrs. Bell is going to check into it.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 am

Meeting Adjourned: