

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING**

JUNE 27, 2011

Mayor Joe LaCascia called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Joe LaCascia, Vice Mayor Trudy Block, Councilor Nancy Adorno, Councilor Mike Blethen-vacation, Councilor Don Kimsey, City Manager Matt Brock, City Attorney Thomas Cloud and City Clerk Patricia Jackson. Gerry Hartman, GAI Consultants, was also present.

A quorum was established.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 2011-1280, an Ordinance of the City of Polk City, Florida, Amending Sections 74-97 and 74-264, Polk City Code; Providing findings; modifying and renaming the Water and Sewer Availability charges as Readiness to Serve Charges; authorizing a credit against the Readiness to Serve Charges; declaring that the City has no obligation to serve properties for which Readiness to Serve Charges have not been paid in full; authorizing special assessments in lieu of Readiness to Serve Charges and ratifying and validating assessments imposed prior to the date of enactment; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; providing an effective date; first reading.

Mayor LaCascia read Ordinance 2011-1280 in short title and gave some background information. Mayor LaCascia opened the public hearing.

Mr. Al Topolski, 416 Travelers Drive, addressed Council and gave them a handout (a copy is available in the City Clerk's office) pertaining to applying the Readiness to Serve Charges to non-customers – Mr. Topolski read from his handout.

Mr. Dwight Kitchens, 410 Travelers Drive, addressed Council and gave them a handout (a copy is on file in the City Clerk's office); he referred to the section stating the City may grant a credit against Readiness to Serve Charges, and asked Council to change it to read "the City shall grant a credit against Readiness to Serve Charges." Discussion took place between Mr. Kitchens, Gerry Hartman and City Council

Mayor LaCascia closed the public hearing.

Under discussion, Councilor Adorno asked for clarification of what the proposal is and what Mr. Kitchens was asking for. Mr. Hartman advised the wording should not be "shall"; that creates liability to the City. Mr. Hartman then gave Council some examples.

Councilor Kimsey compared this to what an electric utility could do; Mayor LaCascia advised we are the governing authority over what Council does. Councilor Kimsey commented it was terrible and he would vote against it.

After further discussion, Vice Mayor Block made a motion to accept Ordinance 2011-1280 on first reading; the motion was seconded by Councilor Adorno.

Roll Call: Councilor Kimsey-nay, Mayor LaCascia-aye, Councilor Adorno-aye, Vice Mayor Block-aye

3-ayes

1 nay

The motion carried to accept Ordinance 2011-1280 on first reading.

Ordinance 2011-1281, an Ordinance of the City of Polk City, Florida; amending Section 74-263, Polk City Code; clarifying the application of meter equivalencies; Providing for severability; providing for conflicts; providing an effective date

Mayor LaCascia read Ordinance 2011-1281 in short title.

Mr. Gerry Hartman, GAI Consultants, advised Council this Ordinance is simply adding previous meter equivalent base numbers, as well as units.

Mayor LaCascia opened the public hearing; there being no public to speak Mayor LaCascia closed the public hearing.

Mayor LaCascia made a motion to accept Ordinance 2011-1281 on first reading; the motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Block.

Roll Call: Mayor LaCascia-aye, Councilor Kimsey-nay, Vice Mayor Block-aye, Councilor Adorno-aye

3-ayes
1-nay

The motion carried to accept Ordinance 2011-1281 on first reading.

NEW BUSINESS

Update on Ranking of Engineering Services Proposal for CDBG Project -- Approval of final ranking sheet

City Clerk Jackson advised the ranking sheets had to be adjusted due to the scoring of the Minority Business section. The updated ranking is as follows; however, GAI Consultants, Inc., remained Number One:

- Number 1: GAI Consultants, Inc.
- Number 2: Envisors
- Number 3: Civil Surv and Jones Edmunds
- Number 4: Chastain-Skillman and Hydro Solutions
- Number 5: Hatch Mott McDonald

Mayor LaCascia made a motion to accept the final ranking of Engineering Services for the CDBG Project; the motion was seconded by Councilor Adorno.

Roll Call: Councilor Adorno-aye, Councilor Kimsey-aye, Mayor LaCascia-aye, Vice Mayor Block-aye

4-ayes
0-nays

The motion carried to accept the final ranking.

The meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m. upon voice vote.

Patricia R. Jackson, City Clerk

Joe LaCascia, Mayor