

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2021

Chairman Baker called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Baker.

Present: Robert Baker, David Prins, Mike Denico, Edward Hanks, Eugene Gorski
(Alternate)

Absent: Antonio Thomas

Quorum Established

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

N/A

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Overview of the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern

Polk City is located in the southern part of part of Florida's Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern. The State of Florida identified the Green Swamp as an Area of Critical Concern in 1979. The Green Swamp includes approximately 322,690 acres of wetlands, flatlands, and low ridges, which are bounded by sandy ridgelines. The Green Swamp serves as the head waters to four major rivers in Florida including the Withlacoochee, Ocklawaha, Hillsborough and Peace Rivers. These rivers are the main source of drinking water for most of Florida, making it imperative to recognize the Green Swamp as an Area of Critical Concern.

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury and Dana Riddell (CFRPC) provided an overview on the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern and addressed any questions or concerns from the Planning Commission Members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT- 7:20pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager/Clerk



Robert Baker, Chairman