CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES

June 26, 2017

Mayor Joe LaCascia called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm

ROLL CALL - City Manager Patricia Jackson

Present: Mayor Joe LaCascia, Vice Mayor Wanda Harris, Commissioner Mike Blethen, Commissioner Don Kimsey, Commissioner Randy Carroll, City Attorney Thomas Cloud, and City Manager Patricia Jackson

ORDER OF BUSINESS

CFRPC and SWFWMD - As part of the mini-grant awarded to the City by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity - Competitive Florida program, the Southwest Florida Water Management District and the Central Florida Regional Planning Council will provide an overview of Low Impact Design and Development and the benefits to development sites and water quality.

Kathy Delp, Development Services Director stated as part of the mini-grant award to Polk City by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Competitive Grant Program, Central Florida Regional Planning Council (Leny Huaman and Jeff Smucker) and SWFWMD staff (Jennette Seachrist and Cindy Rodriguez) are present to provide an overview of the program.

The purpose of this interactive workshop is to discuss residential and non-residential property aspects for Low Impact Development (LID) and water conservation practices critical to existing and all types of future development in the Polk City Exemption Area and the Green Swamp Area of critical State concern. Water Conservation and LID are imperative to the future of Polk City's viability. In order to optimize development on limited non-residential properties, LID techniques offer space-saving yet innovative and effective stormwater treatment prior to discharge into the Green Swamp Area of critical State concern.

City Attorney Cloud applauded the team for providing this information. Discussed land development regulations and its impact on Polk City.

Motion by Commissioner Kimsey to opt out of Polk County's CDBG Program and enter into an Agreement with the State of Florida Small Cities CDBG Program; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

After further discussion the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

Adjournment - 8:15 pm

Patricia R. Jackson, City Manager

Joe LaCascia, Mayor