

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

June 18, 2018

Mayor Joe LaCascia called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Assistant Pastor Philip Hunt, New Life Community Church gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Joe LaCascia.

ROLL CALL – Assistant to the City Manager Sheandolen Dunn

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Vice Mayor Harris to approve the Consent Agenda; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll. Unanimously approved.

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Ketterman (583 Marklen Loop) discussed recent work on the roof at the Women's Club (Activity Center). The worker did not have a shirt on.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FY 2017 Audit

FY 2017 Audit was presented by Mike Brynjulfson (President, Brynjulfson CPA's). Folk City had a clean audit with no findings and in good financial condition. After a lengthy presentation, Mr. Brynjulfson addressed questions by the Commissioners.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Mr. Brynjulfson and City Staff for their work on the FY 2017 Audit.

Motion by Commissioner Kimsey to approve the FY 2017 Audit as presented by Mike Brynjulfson; this motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris.

Roll Call Vote: Mayor LaCascia – aye, Commissioner Carroll – aye, Vice Mayor Harris – aye, Commissioner Kimsey – aye, Commissioner Blethen – aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2018-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE POLK CITY, FLORIDA; VOLUNTARILY ANNEXING CERTAIN PROPERTY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 171.044, FLORIDA STATUTES; REDEFINING THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE MUNICIPALITY TO INCLUDE SAID PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND FILING OF A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY AND WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Second and Final Reading.

Mayor LaCascia read Ordinance 2018-03 by title only. Mayor LaCascia opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke for or against this Ordinance. Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Vice Mayor Harris to approve Ordinance 2018-03 on Second and Final Reading; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

No Discussion by Commission.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Carroll – aye, Vice Mayor Harris –aye, Commissioner Kimsey – aye, Commissioner Blethen – aye, Mayor LaCascia – aye,

Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2018-04

AN ORDINANCE OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA, SPECIFICALLY, CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF APPROXIMATELY 0.28 ACRES LOCATED AT 111 CLEARWATER COURT, (PARCEL NUMBER 25-26-32-000000-041320) FROM “POLK COUNTY RESIDENTIAL LOW” TO “POLK CITY RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM”; AND TRANSMITTING SAID AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR NOTIFICATION PURPOSES ONLY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Second and Final Reading

City Attorney Cloud read Ordinance 2018-04 by title only. Mayor LaCascia opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke for or against the ordinance. Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Vice Mayor Harris to approve Ordinance 2018-04 on Second and Final Reading; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Blethen.

Commissioner Kimsey requested clarification on this ordinance. City Attorney Cloud provided clarification.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Kimsey–aye, Commissioner Blethen–aye, Commissioner Carroll–aye, Mayor LaCascia–aye, Vice Mayor Harris – aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2018-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA TO CHANGE THE ZONING FOR APPROXIMATELY 0.28 ACRES LOCATED AT 111 CLEARWATER COURT (PARCEL NUMBER 25-26-32-000000-041320) FROM POLK COUNTY RESIDENTIAL LOW-4 (RL-4) TO POLK CITY MIXED RESIDENTIAL USE (R-4); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Second and Final Reading.

Mayor LaCascia read Ordinance 2018-05 by title only. Mayor LaCascia opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke for or against the ordinance. Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Vice Mayor Harris to approve Ordinance 2018-05 on Second and Final Reading; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

No Discussion by Commission.

Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Kimsey–aye, Vice Mayor Harris–aye, Commissioner Carroll–aye, Mayor LaCascia – aye, Commissioner Blethen – aye,

Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2018-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE POLK CITY, FLORIDA; VOLUNTARILY ANNEXING CERTAIN PROPERTY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 171.044, FLORIDA STATUTES; REDEFINING THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE MUNICIPALITY TO INCLUDE SAID PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION AND FILING OF A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE WITH THE CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR POLK COUNTY AND WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Second and Final Reading.

This Ordinance has been moved to the July Meeting.

Ordinance 2018-07

AN ORDINANCE OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA, PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA, SPECIFICALLY, CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION OF APPROXIMATELY 17.66 ACRES LOCATED AT 0 VOYLES LOOP, 0 STATE ROAD 33, AND 9835 NORTH STATE ROAD 33 (PARCEL NUMBERS 25-26-31-000000-032140, 25-26-31-000000-032010, 25-26-31-000000-041010) FROM POLK COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN-X TO POLK CITY INSTITUTIONAL-X IN THE GREEN SWAMP AREA OF CRITICAL STATE CONCERN; AND TRANSMITTING SAID AMENDMENT TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR FINDING OF COMPLIANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. First Reading

City Attorney Cloud read Ordinance 2018-07 by title only. Mayor LaCascia opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke for or against the ordinance. Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Kimsey to approve Ordinance 2018-07 on First Reading; this motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris.

No Discussion by Commission.

Roll Call Vote: Vice Mayor Harris—aye, Commissioner Carroll—aye, Mayor LaCascia – aye, Commissioner Blethen – aye, Commissioner Kimsey—aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2018-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA TO CHANGE THE ZONING FOR APPROXIMATELY 17.66 ACRES LOCATED AT 0 VOYLES LOOP, 0 STATE ROAD 33, AND 9835 NORTH STATE ROAD 33 (PARCEL NUMBERS 25-26-31-000000-032140, 25-26-31-000000-032010, 25-26-31-000000-041010) FROM POLK COUNTY RESIDENTIAL SUBURBAN-X TO POLK CITY INSTITUTIONAL-2X IN THE GREEN SWAMP AREA OF CRITICAL STATE CONCERN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. First Reading

Mayor LaCascia read Ordinance 2018-08 by title only. Mayor LaCascia opened the Public Hearing. No one spoke for or against the ordinance. Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Blethen to approve Ordinance 2018-08 on First Reading; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

No Discussion by Commission.

Roll Call Vote: Mayor LaCascia-aye, Vice Mayor Harris-aye,
Commissioner Carroll-aye, Commissioner Blethen-aye,
Commissioner Kimsey-aye

Motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

Polk Sheriff Deputy – Polk City Extra Duty Detail – City Manager has requested clarification on when to begin with the extra duty detail.

Motion by Commissioner Kimsey to wait until the new fiscal year to bring a new deputy; this motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris. **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

CDBG Restroom Project (Freedom Park) – The work has begun. The restrooms will be closed approximately two weeks.

July 4th Holiday – the offices and Library will be closed on Wednesday, July 4.

City Manager Vacation – Mrs. Jackson will be on vacation for two weeks beginning June 25. Mayor LaCascia discussed City Manager Jackson being paid for some of her vacation as she may not be able to use it all before her anniversary date of September 2. He feels this is a critical time for her not to be away from the office. Mrs. Jackson will be available by phone during vacation.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

City Attorney Cloud provided an update on the Polk Regional Water Cooperative – Peace River – SWFWMD Lawsuit. Polk City is not a part of the lawsuit, but Polk City is a part of the Polk Regional Water Cooperative.

Several cities in Polk County have joined the lawsuit. Polk City should sit on the sidelines...only a small amount of involvement part of this. Polk City's water does not come from Peace River Basin. A petition has been filed on behalf of the Co-op and Polk County. The petition would mostly likely be denied due to lack of standing. Polk County has prepared a joint press release if the petition is denied and the press release would go before the Governor. This case will be assigned to an Administrative Law Judge with the Division of Administrative Hearings. At this time, it is not known if a hearing will be held. There is an element of fairness about this case that is lacking; therefore, the petition was filed. It is difficult to say, but a hearing could be scheduled for the first part of 2019.

Mayor LaCascia inquired about the attorney fees for this case.

City Manager Jackson stated at the request of the PRWC Board of Directors, the Polk County City Managers met last week in an effort to discuss a fair and equitable way to pay the Attorneys fees. Each city would pay the fees on a percentage basis.

Discussion ensued.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Vice Mayor Harris – Thanked the Public Works Staff for their work in making Polk City look good. Thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Blethen – Acknowledgment of Library and staff regarding the Summer Reading Program, however, there is a safety concern in the City with all the kids walking to the various programs at the Library, the Activity Center or the Donald Bronson Community Center.

Commissioner Carroll – Thanked everyone for coming. Freedom Park looks great.

Commissioner Kimsey – The transformation in Polk City is wonderful.


Mayor LaCascia – Discussed the Best Buy Warehouse and as a result, the traffic on Mount Olive Shores Road and SR 33. As the Polk City delegate to the TPO, will work to get this issue back on the FDOT agenda as Polk City is in desperate need of a traffic light at the MOS Road and SR 33 Intersection.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT – 8:29 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Wanda Harris, Vice Mayor

CONSENT AGENDA
June 18, 2018

MAY ALL BE APPROVED BY ONE VOTE OF COMMISSION TO ACCEPT CONSENT AGENDA. Commission Members may remove a specific item below for discussion, and add it to the regular agenda under New or Unfinished Business, whichever category best applies to the subject.

A. CITY CLERK

1. Accept minutes –May 21, 2018 – Regular City Commission Meeting
2. Accept minutes – May 29, 2018 – Special City Commission Meeting
3. Accept minutes – June 4, 2018 – City Commission Workshop

B. REPORTS

1. Financial Report – May 2018
2. Library Report – May 2018
3. Polk Sheriff's Report – May 2018
4. Utilities Report – May 2018

C. OTHER