

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

August 20, 2018

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

Pastor Walter Lawlor, New Life Community Church gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Mayor Wanda Harris.

ROLL CALL – Assistant to the City Manager Sheandolen Dunn

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

Absent: Commissioner Randy Carroll

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Vice Mayor Harris to approve the Consent Agenda; this motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) Susan Ketterman (583 Marklen Loop) – Would like to see color-painted crosswalks. Discussed signage at various businesses in Polk City.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Update on Relocation of SR 33 Sprayfield (FDEP Project WW53140) – Gerry Hartman

Mayor LaCascia provided background on the 2010 Optimization Plan approved by the Commission, which would involve consolidation of debt at a lower rate, improvements to the Cardinal Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant and the decommissioning of the Mount Olive Shores South Wastewater Treatment Plant. This Program reduced costs by operating one versus two plants.

Mr. Hartman provided a thorough explanation of Smith Road Reclaimed Water Project Phase One (Design and Permitting). Distributed a Status Update (on file) on this project. Mr. Hartman also provided a detailed explanation on how the new loan was broken down versus the grant funds.

After the presentation, Mr. Hartman addressed questions and/or concerns by the City Commission.

There was no action to be taken on this item. For information purposes only.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

Planning Commission Appointments – Need to update planning Commission appointments.

Bill Stefanski term ends 12/31/2018

Michael HoShing term ends 12/31/2019

Charles Wilson term ends 12/31/2019

David Prins term ends 12/31/2019

All current Planning Commissioners wish to continue to serve.

Motion by Commissioner Kimsey to approve the reappointment of these individuals to the Planning Commission; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Blethen.

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

Motion carried 4/0.

One application has been received to fill the vacancy left by Mr. McKenzie. A copy will be provided to the Commission.

Budget Hearing – September 6, 2018 at 7pm.

Library Closed – The library will be closed during the week of August 27-31 for inventory, repairs and maintenance.

FLC Conference – Thanked the Commission for allowing her to attend the Conference.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

Polk Regional Water Cooperative Lawsuit – The Lawsuit is moving forward with mediation, scheduled for October 18, 2018.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Vice Mayor Harris – Freedom Parks looks good. Thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Blethen – Discussed his attendance at the FLC Conference. Financial statements consistency. Thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Kimsey – Thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor LaCascia – Discussed the traffic light issue in Polk City at SR 33 and MOS Road; will continue bringing this issue in front of TPO and FDOT until there is resolution. Discussed City Manager Jackson's vacation payout. City Manager Jackson still has eight (8) weeks and as of September 15, 2018 she will have five (5) additional weeks. After lengthy discussion with Mrs. Jackson, there are two options for consideration:

Option #1 – Pay Mrs. Jackson for four (4) weeks of vacation = \$7,470

Option #2 – Pay Mrs. Jackson for three (3) weeks of vacation = \$5,602

After lengthy discussion, there was a **motion by Commissioner Kimsey** to approve Option #1; this motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harris.

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

Motion carried 3/1.

Mayor LaCascia stated the Commission needs to take a look at the City's personnel vacation time for certain categories of employees so this kind of problem does not occur every year.

Mayor LaCascia stated Mrs. Jackson's employment contract would need to be amended to reflect Option #1.

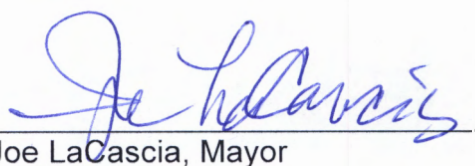
City Attorney Cloud – stated the City Commission can Authorize City Attorney to modify Mrs. Jackson's employment contract to implement the decision now for Option #1 paid by September 15, 2018.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT – 7:55 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor

CONSENT AGENDA
July 16, 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 – June 18, 2018 – Regular City Commission Meeting

B. REPORTS

1. Building Report – April, May, June 2018
2. Finance Report – June 2018
3. Library Report – June 2018

C. OTHER