

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2018

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

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 and City Manager Patricia Jackson

Absent: Commissioner Randy Carroll, City Attorney Thomas Cloud

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Pearce (1125 Motorcoach Drive) – Disappointed in the discontinuance of curbside product selling.

City Manager Jackson stated per FDOT State Statute 337.406 that deals with “*unlawful use of state transportation facility R-O-W and penalties*”, DHSMV and other Law Enforcement Agencies are authorized and directed to enforce this statute relating to peddling in the R-O-W.

Mayor LaCascia stated Polk City can pass an Ordinance to reduce the \$450 to a more reasonable fee; however Polk City still cannot override the State Statute.

City Manager Jackson suggested the peddler come to Polk City’s weekend flea market and set up.

Discuss Additional Law Enforcement

Mayor LaCascia provided a brief history on additional law enforcement in Polk City. This matter was discussed at the February 19 meeting and later moved to a Workshop.

Lt. Steve Perkins (PCSO) provided options for additional law enforcement in Polk City.
1) Spend \$89,000 on an additional Deputy; 2) add one Deputy on an as-needed basis with a minimum of four (4) hours. This cost would be \$34.00/hour. This would be the most economical way to serve Polk City’s need. At this point there is not a specified high crime area in Polk City.

Commissioner Kimsey stated Polk City is growing and is in need of Law Enforcement.

Mayor LaCascia stated he is not in favor of spending \$89,000 on an additional Deputy when the daily statistics are not reflective of such a need.

After lengthy discussion, there was a **Motion by Commissioner Kimsey** to table the Additional Law Enforcement subject until the April Meeting; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Blethen. **Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

Sandra Cutts (315 Central Avenue) - commented about bad drivers in her neighborhood. She would like to see a part-time Deputy during the night hours and someone working the speed radar on SR 33.

Contract for Hartman Consultants for Professional Services - FDEP Project

City Manager Jackson provided a brief history on the Professional Services Contract for the Final Design and Permitting of the Reclaimed Water Reuse Location to Smith Road Sand Mine. In September 2017, the City Commission approved the cost for design and permitting to move forward with this project.

Staff is recommending approval of the Contract for the Final Design and Permitting of the Reclaimed Water Reuse Location to Smith Road Sand Mine.

Commissioner Kimsey asked how long after everything is put out on Smith Road can the property be used for housing.

Mr. Hartman responded for low income housing there is a requirement of 18 months. For medium income is 9 months. For clearance on a City type project is 3 months for DEP. For commercial buildings (non-eating type facilities) there is no time requirement.

Motion by Vice Mayor Harris to approve the Contract for Hartman Consultants for Professional Services - FDEP Project; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Kimsey.

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

Motion carried 4/0.

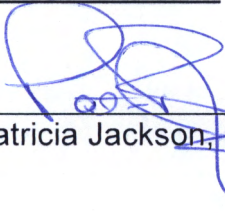
CITY MANAGER ITEMS- None

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS - None

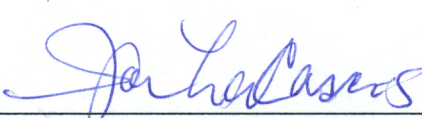
COMMISSIONER ITEMS - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT – 7:54 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor