

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

January 22, 2019

Mayor Joe LaCascia called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

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

ROLL CALL – Assistant to the City Manager Sheandolen Dunn

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

- 1) Michael HoShing (505 Orange Boulevard) – Expressed appreciation for the work being done by the Commissioners on behalf of Polk City.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance 2018-11

An Ordinance of Polk City, Florida, amending the Polk City Comprehensive Plan, revising the Future Land Use Element to amend Policy 4.4.e. addressing the Residential Low-X Future Land Use Designation in the Polk City Special Protection Area of the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern to allow for four (4) dwelling units per acre; and amending Policy 9.8.2.d. to allow for four (4) dwelling units per acre in the Polk City Special Protection Area of 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 an effective date, **second and final reading**

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

No Discussion.

Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey to approve Ordinance 2018-11 on second and final reading; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Harper.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2018-16 – Alcoholic Beverage Sales – First Reading

Mayor LaCascia stated Polk City received a letter from Dakshesh Patel, owner of Sunoco Gas Station (644 Commonwealth Avenue) requesting a change in Polk City’s Sunday beer sale hours to match the Polk County Ordinance already adopted. Therefore, staff presented Ordinance 2018-16 for approval.

Mayor LaCascia read the Ordinance by title only. Mayor LaCascia opened the Public Hearing; after hearing no public comment, Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Blethen to approve Ordinance 2018-16 on first reading; this motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Kimsey.

Commissioner Blethen requested clarification on specific verbiage in the ordinance pertaining to hard liquor being sold in Polk City.

City Attorney Cloud provided thorough clarification. Its already legal presuming the business already has a state liquor license. However, there is no business in Polk City that has a liquor license. There is a prohibition in Polk City’s current code against the sale of any alcohol in excess of 14%. This Ordinance makes Polk City’s guidelines the same as Polk County.

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

Motion carried 4/1.

Ordinance 2019-01 - First Reading

An Ordinance proposing amendments to the Polk City Charter; setting a charter amendment referendum; creating City Commission Districts, defining their boundaries and providing for boundary change, repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for an election in which qualified electors of the city may vote for or against these charter amendments; providing for a ballot question; providing for public notice;

providing for severability; providing for conflicts; providing for an effective date, **first reading.**

Mayor LaCascia read the Ordinance by title only.

Motion by Commissioner Carroll to approve Ordinance 2019-01 on first reading; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Harper.

Commissioner Carroll stated adopting this Ordinance would allow Polk City equal representation; would benefit Polk City greatly.

Commissioner Blethen stated at this time there is inadequate education regarding the pros and cons of adopting this Ordinance. This is moving too fast. Needs more time for education.

Commissioner Harper is in favor for adoption of this Ordinance as it would provide fair representation.

Vice Mayor Kimsey stated we must have this Ordinance before us now for approval and then a Special Meeting in February in order to get this on the Election Ballot in April.

Roll Call Vote: Vice Mayor Kimsey - aye, Commissioner Carroll - aye, Commissioner Harper - aye, Commissioner Blethen - Nay, Mayor Lacascia – aye

Motion carried 4/1.

Resolution 2019-01

A Resolution of Polk City, Florida, Approving the Polk City Wastewater Utility Asset Management and Fiscal Sustainability Plan (“AMFS Plan”); authorizing the City Manager to take all actions necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution; providing for an effective date.

Mayor LaCascia stated certain criteria has to be met when receiving specific state funding. If Polk City does not participate in this program, funding will be lost. The FDEP Construction Loan with an 80% grant requires completion of AMFS Plan adoption.

Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey to adopt Resolution 2019-01; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Harper.

Commissioner Blethen inquired about the capital operations, maintenance and renewal items. The concern is the tremendous amount of day-to-day operations.

Mayor LaCascia responded the day-to-day operations must be in place before Polk City receives any money.

Gerry Hartman expressed his complete agreement with Mayor LaCascia's explanation. This grant funding is protecting the investment into Polk City. We are currently doing the vast majority of the requirements to meet the qualifications.

City Manager Jackson stated an essential part is Polk City will be mapping the valves, fire hydrants, water lines, sewer lines. All of these items will be done within this scope.

Mr. Hartman stated the AMFS Plan is simply confirming that Polk City will do all the proper maintenance of its system.

City Manager Jackson reiterated if this is not adopted, we will lose the 80% funding and will have to ultimately borrow the money.

Mayor LaCascia stated this is a living document, not intended to sit on the shelf. This document would not have been possible without the guidance of the City Manager and staff.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-02

A Resolution of Polk City, Florida; Amending Rules and Policies Governing Public Comment; Amending said rules and policies in compliance with Section 286.0114, Florida Statutes; exempting workshop meetings from a requirement to permit public comment; providing findings; providing definitions; providing rules for the conduct of meetings; providing rules for public participation and conduct; requiring the observance of decorum; providing for waivers; providing for severability; providing for an effective date.

City Attorney Cloud stated change the "Council" to "Commission", clarify public comment in all City meetings except in workshops where official action cannot be taken. These changes can be done by adopting this Resolution.

Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey to adopt Resolution 2019-02; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Harper.

Commissioner Blethen requested clarity on public comments. Wants to ensure the residents have an opportunity to discuss a specific topic at the appropriate time.

Mayor LaCascia responded the public can come to workshops, gain knowledge, and come to the regular meetings and make comments at that time.

Commissioner Harper inquired about future workshops.

Mayor LaCascia and City Attorney Cloud responded that we can have Workshops as the Commission deems necessary as well as a Special Meeting. At Workshops, no decisions can be made; whereas at a Special Meeting action can be taken.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

FDOT Meeting – City Manager Jackson stated Jennifer Codo-Salisbury would provide an update on this item. At the request of Polk City, a meeting was scheduled with FDOT on December 18, 2019 to discuss a traffic signal at Mt. Olive Road and SR 33. At this time FDOT has concluded that a traffic signal is not warranted. If the Polk Transportation Planning Organization and FDOT prioritized a traffic signal for improvement, it would take approximately 3-5 years to occur. However, as Polk City looks at new development, with the requirement of a Developers Agreement for new development, that process could go much quicker. This means that developers impacting that intersection would pay their proportionate share, which would facilitate installation of a traffic signal. Polk City could look at requiring a Developers Agreement as well as any future non-residential development and any that would impact Mt. Olive Road and SR 33 to have a Developers Agreement.

Mayor LaCascia stated he has continued to bring this subject up at each meeting for the past four (4) months. He will continue to bring this item up until Polk City gets results.

Special City Commission Meeting – Will be held Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 7pm for the second and final reading of Ordinance 2019-01. This is for the Districting.

Ridge League of Cities Dinner – Polk City is scheduled to host the RLOC Dinner on April 11, 2019. Due to Polk City's upcoming Special Election, does the Commission want to host this dinner or shall pass it on to another city?

The consensus of the Commission was to put it off until another time.

Polk City Elementary Bulldog Blitz 5K run/walk – Saturday, February 3, 2019. Polk City will provide the port-o-lets.

Institute for Elected Municipal Officials (IEMO) – Class will be held June 7-9, 2019 in Palm Beach Gardens. Please let City Manager Jackson know if you would like to attend.

Mt. Olive Water Treatment Plant (Jacobs) – The contractor stated the well should be back up and running the end of this week.

City Manager Vacation – will be taking the remainder of the week for vacation.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

Discussed Florida's Turnpike Enterprise is having an opening for the automated vehicle track (Sun Tracks). Governor DeSantis will be attending, but not clear if this is open to the public.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Vice Mayor Kimsey – Thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Blethen –Discuss the price of water per gallon. We are on the high end versus Polk County. Also discussed the speed indicator. It needs to work. The Sheriff's car during school crossing time.

City Manager Jackson stated the Beacons are not being used anymore. The red light will be used.

Commissioner Carroll – Thanked everyone for coming. He is always available.

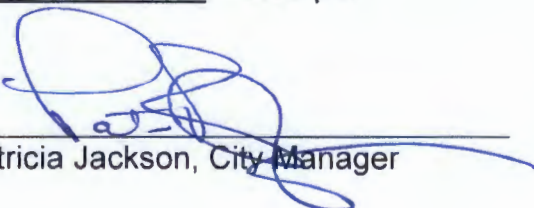
Commissioner Harper – Thanked everyone for coming. The more input from citizens is greatly appreciated. We welcome the comments. Discussed the Donald Bronson Community Center/Storm Shelter Parking lot. Currently, there are only two handicap parking spaces. Need to work on paving the parking area so the citizens don't have to wade thru mud in bad weather. Pace Road Reclaimed Water– we are in the process of getting our water retention ponds done.

City Manager Jackson stated the reclaimed water is an extremely expensive project. We can look at this as a future project if we could acquire grant funds.

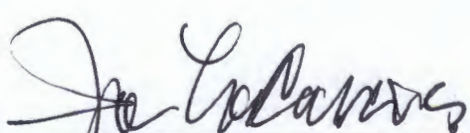
Mayor LaCascia – Thanked the Commissioners for a great workshop. Discussed Polk City turning 100 years old in 2025. Would like to plan a Centennial Celebration. Wants to form a Centennial Celebration Committee. Stay tuned for further information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT – 8:05 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor

CONSENT AGENDA
January 22, 2019

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 – December 17, 2018 – Regular City Commission Meeting
2. Accept minutes – August 9, 2018 – City Commission Workshop

B. REPORTS

1. Building Report – December 2018
2. Code Enforcement Report – December 2018
3. Financial Report – December 2018
4. Library Report – December 2018
5. Polk Sheriff's Report – December 2018
6. Public Works Report – December 2018
7. Utilities Report – December 2018

C. OTHER