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## CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES

March 18, 2019

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Mayor Joe LaCascia called the Workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

**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

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Agenda Review - City Commission Meeting – March 18, 2019**

Mayor LaCascia stated the purpose of the Workshop is to discuss items being presented on the 7pm Regular Meeting Agenda and address any questions or concerns and ultimately be able to proceed in a more efficient manner at the Regular Meeting.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance 2018-16 – Alcoholic Beverage Sales – Second and Final Reading**

An Ordinance of Polk City, Florida; amending the Code of Ordinances of Polk City, Florida; amending Section 6-61 of the Code of Ordinances of Polk City, Florida; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; providing an effective date, **Second and Final 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.

No discussion.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING - Ordinance 2019-02**

An Ordinance of Polk City, Florida, amending the Polk City Land Development Code, Amending Article 2, Regulations for Specific Districts, Table 2 – table of uses for each zoning district to add special events facilities in the zoning districts of Agriculture/Single Family Residential (AG-1), Single Family residential with horses (AG-2), single family residential (R-1), single family residential (R-2), Residential Business, and Professional District (C-1), General Commercial District (C-2), and Public Buildings and Grounds

(PR); amending Article 3, Development Design and Improvement Standards; adding Section 3.10.01.2 – Special Events Facilities; and amending Article 9 – Definitions; adding the definition of Special Event Facilities; providing for applicability; repeal; severability; and an effective date, **Second and Final Reading**

Commissioner Carroll discussed email from Robert Baker regarding his displeasure of this ordinance.

City Manager Jackson responded that Mr. Baker has never come in or spoken to any City staff. However, he was mainly referring to a Code Enforcement issue. He will speak at the Regular Meeting at 7pm.

### **Central Florida Regional Planning Council – Planning Advisory Services – DEO #PO329**

Jeff Schmucker (CFRPC) provided a thorough explanation on the Planning Advisory Services Agreement and the work CFRPC will administer on behalf of Polk City in regards to the DEO Technical Assistance Grant in the amount of \$30,000 grant that Polk City has received. Mr. Schmucker addressed questions and concerns from the City Commissioners.

Commissioner Blethen inquired about how the funds would be allocated.

Commissioner Harper stated Polk City does not need public parking, but in desperate need of sidewalks.

### **Adjustment in Fees for Commissioners – Mayor LaCascia**

Mayor LaCascia stated several months ago he presented the City Commission with a list of concerns regarding the manner in which the City Commission is doing its jobs in reviewing information prior to meetings. There are several other items that Polk City could improve upon. Prior to the Regular meeting, the Commission would meet in a Workshop setting to discuss items on the Agenda. One other item is to attend the Institute for Elected Municipal Officials (IEMO). This is a critical learning tool for the Commissioners.

The City Commission's currently salary is \$65.00/month and the Mayor is \$130/month; Inquired with all cities in Polk County and Polk City is well below on the salary scale (see table in file).

Therefore, Mayor LaCascia is proposing \$150/month for Commissioners and \$300/month for the Mayor. Total cost is \$4,680/year. If this increase is approved, total cost would be \$10,800.00/year and would begin April 1, 2019.

Commissioner Harper stated no one is doing this for the money. Suggested waiting until later to do this increase.

Mayor LaCascia stated a Resolution would be done if there is a salary increase.

Commissioner Blethen stated this increase would possibly entice others to become a Commissioner.

Vice Mayor Kimsey suggested reimbursement for mileage and Mayor LaCascia has represented Polk City very well.

Commissioner Blethen would like more discussion on the expenses.

Mayor LaCascia continued discussion on being more professional and more efficient as a Commissioner.

Commissioner Carroll stated he is not a Commissioner for the money.

**Planning Commission Alternate Candidates**

THIS ITEM WAS NOT DISCUSSED.

**ADJOURNMENT** – 6:57 pm

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Patricia Jackson, City Manager

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Joe LaCascia, Mayor