

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES

July 15, 2019

Vice Mayor Kimsey called the Workshop to order at 6:00 p.m.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Vice Mayor Don Kimsey.

Present: Mayor Joe LaCascia (6:15 pm), Vice Mayor Don Kimsey, Commissioner Mike Blethen, Commissioner Randy Carroll, Commissioner Wayne Harper, Attorney Thomas Wilkes and City Manager Patricia Jackson

Absent: City Attorney Thomas Cloud

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Agenda Review - City Commission Meeting – July 15, 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 2019-05

An Ordinance of Polk City, Florida, amending the official Polk City Zoning Map to change the zoning on approximately 132.14 acres locate on the north side of Mt. Olive Road, East of SR 33, east of Golden Gate Boulevard from Residential Low-4X to Planned Unit Development-X in the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern to allow for 400 single family detached homes (Parcel number: 25-27-06-000000-021020; 25-27-06-000000-021010; 25-27-06-000000-021030; 25-27-05-000000-043010; and 25-27-05-000000-043020); transmitting said amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for finding of Compliance; Providing for Severability; Providing for Conflict; and Providing for An Effective Date. **First Reading**

Commissioner Blethen spoke in regards to road size and daily access. Pleased with Robert Holston's thorough explanation and presentation of The Landings at Mount Olive.

Commissioner Carroll also expressed concern about traffic. However, once this project is complete, it will be nice.

Commissioner Harper is pleased with the project.

Vice Mayor Kimsey discussed five (5) foot setbacks on the forty (40) foot lots.

Mayor LaCascia reiterated the principle concern is traffic.

After reviewing an updated site plan for Holly Cove and lengthy discussion, the recommendation at 7 pm would be to hear full presentations from Jeff Schmucker, CFRPC and Robert Holston (Developer) in an effort to move forward voting on First Reading.

Polk Regional Water Cooperative – First Amendment to the Combined Project Implementation Agreement

City Manager Jackson stated on March 16, 2017, the Polk Regional Water Cooperative approved the Combined Projects Implementation Agreement (Agreement) following approval by 15 of the 16 member governments. The purpose of the Agreement was to implement the approved water projects (combined projects) of the PRWC as outlined by the Interlocal Agreement that established the Cooperative.

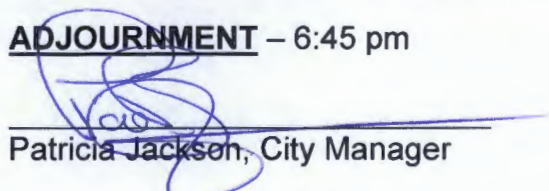
The Agreement provides general summaries of the candidate projects which are the Peace Creek Integrated Water Supply Project, the Southeast Wellfield, and the West Polk County Lower Floridan Aquifer Wellfield. It also governs the overall development, implementation, funding and operation of the Combined Projects.

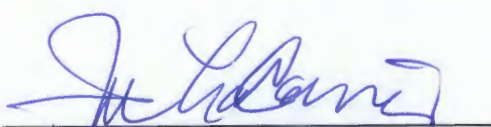
The litigation settlement agreement that was recently approved by the Board of Directors and by several of the individual member governments has presented the opportunity to elevate a nominated project to the status of approved project. The Peace River/Land Use Transition Treatment Facility project was provided for consideration, at the January 16, 2019 Board of Directors meeting, to be elevated from a nominated to approved project and be included in the Combined Projects through the attached First Amendment to the Combined Projects Implementation Agreement.

The Peace River/Land Use Transition Treatment Facility project includes the construction of a surface water intake, treatment facility, storage facilities and transmission lines along the Peace River and transition of existing agricultural and/or mining withdrawals to public supply. It is estimated that approximately 30 MGD of surface water can be withdrawn from the Peace River and 6 MGD of groundwater will be made available as a result of land use transitions over a 50-year period. In the Phase 2 Implementation Agreement Engineer's Report dated April 30, 2017, it was estimated that the construction cost for this project would be \$150,232,900 which anticipated that 5 MGD would be available from the Peace River, the actual construction costs will likely be larger, but the unit cost of water from this project should be less than originally estimated.

The scope of work/contract with Team One (Carollo Engineers) will come before the PRWC BOD for consideration at an upcoming meeting. There will be no increase in the Phase 1 fiscal cost for the addition of this project.

ADJOURNMENT – 6:45 pm


Patricia Jackson, City Manager


Joe LaCascia, Mayor