

## CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

December 21, 2020

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Mayor LaCascia called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

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

### **ROLL CALL** – Assistant to the City Manager Sheandolen Dunn

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

**Absent:** Commissioner Micheal T. Blethen

### **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor LaCascia discussed the write-offs on the Consent Agenda. Does not like to see this kind of trend, where there were quite a few write-offs in one area, Golden Gate Boulevard. Would like to see this kind of trend greatly minimized.

Chasity, Guinn, Assistant Public Works Director provided a thorough explanation. There are a lot of rentals and pay plans are not being fulfilled; while others are very high leaks. The deposit will be \$150 or \$300, based on the applicant's credit rating. The deposit has already been taken out if an applicant has vacated the premises without paying the final bill in full. The disconnect policy is in place and active as of today.

**Motion by Commissioner Harper** to approve the November 16, 2020 (City Commission Workshop), November 16, 2020 (City Commission Regular Meeting); this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll. **Unanimously approved by Voice Vote.**

Mayor LaCascia recognized Polk City's Public Works Director, Keith Prestage for his work during Suzette Penton's Celebration of Life Service. The scripture he chose was so reflective of Suzette's life. He did a superb job!

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Douglass Dillard (544 Meandering Way) is a Real Estate Agent and is interested in working with Polk City to advertise property that the City might be selling.

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

#### **Public Hearing – Ordinance 2020-11**

Mayor LaCascia briefly discussed this Ordinance of Polk City, Florida; amending the Future Land Use Map of the City's Comprehensive Plan by changing the Future Land Use Designation of approximately 3.22 acres located at the Northwest corner of the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue North (SR 33) and Citrus Grove Boulevard North

from Commercial to Residential, transmitting the Amendment and notifying the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity; providing for severability; providing for an effective date. **First Reading**

City Attorney Cloud read this Ordinance by title only. Mayor LaCascia opened the Public Hearing; no one speak for or against this Ordinance, Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing.

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury (CFRPC) provided a thorough explanation stating that Ordinance 2020-11 is a companion to Ordinance 2020-12.

Vice Mayor Kimsey reiterated his previous comment from the Workshop, stating that there is not enough transparency for the closely affected neighbors. Does not feel adequate notice was given.

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury responded that the neighbors within 300 feet of the subject area were notified ten (10) days in advance by US Mail of this Public Notice. This notice goes to property owners, not renters. Prior to the Second Reading of this Ordinance, a Public Notice will be posted on the property.

**Motion by Commissioner Harper** to approve Ordinance 2020-11 on First Reading; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

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

**Motion carried 3/1.**

**Public Hearing – Ordinance 2020-12**

City Manager Jackson discussed this Ordinance of Polk City, Florida, amending the official Polk City Zoning Map to change the zoning on approximately 18.71 acres located at the Northwest corner of Commonwealth Avenue (SR 33) and Citrus Grove Boulevard North from R-4 Mixed Residential Use and Planned Unit Development to Planned Unit Development to allow for 168 Multi-family dwelling units; providing for severability; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances; providing for an effective date. **First Reading**

City Attorney Cloud read this Ordinance by title only. Mayor LaCascia opened the Public Hearing; no one speak for or against this Ordinance, Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing.

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury (CFRPC) provided a thorough explanation stating that Ordinance 2020-12 is a companion to Ordinance 2020-11.

**Motion by Mayor LaCascia** to approve Ordinance 2020-12 on First Reading; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Harper.



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

**Motion carried 3/1.**

**Purchase of Vacuum/Jetter on Trailer**

City Manager Jackson and Utilities Director Lori Pearson discussed on several occasions over the last few years, Polk City has had to call ACT or borrow equipment from other cities to fix issues with clogged pipes, overflowing manholes, and cleaning out lift stations. This has become very expensive to the City.

Polk City has received a quote from Vermeer Southeast Sales and Service to purchase a new Vacuum/Jetter and Trailer in the amount of \$98,990.50.

This purchase is in the budget and Polk City will piggyback off the Florida Sheriff's Association Contract.

Staff recommended approval to purchase a Vacuum/Jetter and Trailer in the amount of \$98,990.50 from Vermeer Southeast Sales and Service.

**Motion by Commissioner Harper** to approve the purchase of a Vacuum/Jetter on a Trailer from Vermeer Southeast Sales and Service; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

**Motion carried unanimously by Voice Vote.**

**Discussion of Polk City Community Library – Name Change**

City Manager Jackson discussed the City experienced a tragic loss with the passing of Suzette Penton; however, prior to Suzette's passing there were thoughts of renaming the Polk City Community Library.

One of Suzette's passion was the Library and the people it served. It showed with the various programs she did for children and adults, but she rose to the occasion with the Summer Reading Program by making it adventurous and interesting. The Summer Reading Program had record breaking numbers under Suzette's guidance.

Staff, as well as citizens, would like the Library to be renamed in Suzette's honor. Some of the recommendations are:

The Suzette Marie Penton Community Library  
The Suzette M. Penton Polk City Community Library

After lengthy discussion, the City Commission consensus was to rename the Library the **Suzette Penton Polk City Community Library**, in which a final vote will take place at the 7pm Regular Meeting.

City Attorney Cloud will draft the Resolution for the Library renaming.

**Motion by Commissioner Harper** to approve the renaming of the Polk City Library to the Suzette Penton Polk City Community Library; this motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Kimsey.

**Motion carried unanimously by Voice Vote.**

**CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

**Vacation** – City Manager Jackson will be taking vacation the week after Christmas.

**CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

Provided a brief update on the PRWC Mediation.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS**

**Vice Mayor Kimsey** – Merry Christmas

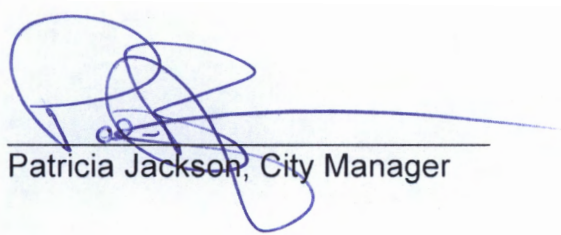
**Commissioner Carroll** – Merry Christmas and Be Safe.

**Commissioner Harper** – Thanked everyone for coming. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

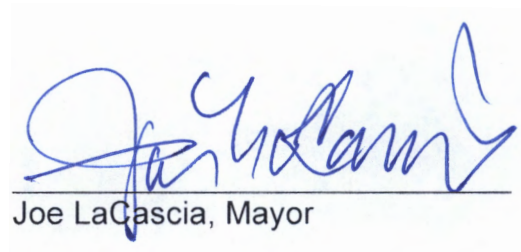
**Mayor LaCascia** – Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT** – 7.20 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor