

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

November 16, 2020

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

Keith Prestage, Public Works Director gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL – Assistant to the City Manager Sheandolen Dunn

Present: Mayor Joe LaCascia, Vice Mayor Don Kimsey, Commissioner Wayne Harper, Commissioner Micheal T. Blethen, City Attorney Thomas Cloud and City Manager Patricia Jackson

Absent: Commissioner Randy Carroll

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Harper to approve the October 19, 2020 (City Commission Workshop), October 19, 2020 (City Commission Regular Meeting); this motion was seconded by Commissioner Blethen. **Unanimously approved by Voice Vote.**

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Republic Services Amendment Three to Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Franchise Agreement 2021

Mayor LaCascia briefly discussed the Republic Services Agreement. On July 14, 2020 the City Commission approved a one-time three-year extension with an automatic increase of 1.5% per year.

Commissioner Harper would vote for the 3% increase for one year, but not passing any increase on to the customers.

Commissioner Blethen is in agreement with Commissioner Harper and also does not want to pass on any additional expense to the customers.

City Manager clarified that the previous increases, which were less than 6%, were not passed on to the customer.

After lengthy discussion, **Motion by Commissioner Harper** to approve the Republic Services Agreement giving a 3% increase for one-year beginning January 1, 2021 with no increase to the customers at this time; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Blethen.

The City Attorney will amend the contract clarifying the terms of 3% for a one-year term.

No Discussion.

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

Motion carried 4/0.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

Suzette Penton - City Manager Jackson advised the Commission the amount of time Suzette has on the books. The City of Haines City and the Polk County Library Cooperative, along with City staff will assist at the Library as needed. City Commission provided consensus for the City Manager to do whatever she needs to do in assisting Suzette's family during this most difficult time.

Employee Thanksgiving Luncheon – Wednesday, November 18 at the DBCC – 11:30 am

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

Southern Water Use Caution Area (SWUCA) Agreement – City Attorney Cloud has requested authorization to sign the SWUCA Agreement discussed in the Workshop.

Motion by Commissioner Harper to approve City Attorney Cloud executing the SWUCA agreement; motion was seconded by Commissioner Blethen.

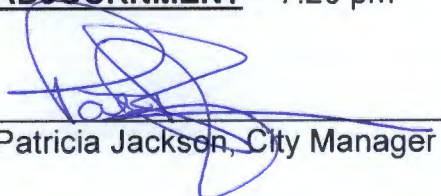
Motion carried 4/0.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

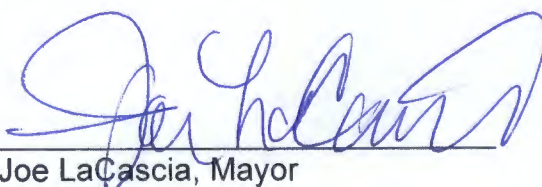
Vice Mayor Kimsey – None
Commissioner Blethen – None
Commissioner Carroll – None
Commissioner Harper – None
Mayor LaCascia – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT – 7.20 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor