

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

April 30, 2020

Mayor Joe LaCascia called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm via ZOOM Teleconference.

Commissioner Randy Carroll 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, Commissioner Randy Carroll, City Attorney Thomas Cloud, and City Manager Patricia Jackson

Administration of Oath of Office for Incoming City Commissioner

The Oath of Office was administered by City Manager Jackson to Commissioners Wayne Harper, Randy Carroll and Micheal T. Blethen.

Election of Mayor

Motion by Commissioner Harper to nominate Joe LaCascia to serve another one-year term as Mayor; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Election of Vice Mayor

Motion by Commissioner Harper to nominate Don Kimsey to serve another one-year term as Vice Mayor; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey to approve the March 16, 2020 (Regular Meeting) and April 30, 2020 (Special Emergency City Commission Meeting) minutes; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Harper. **Unanimously approved by Voice Vote.**

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Ordinance 2020-04

AN ORDINANCE OF POLK CITY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE POLK CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES (THE "CITY CODE"); CREATING CHAPTER 7 IN THE CITY CODE; TO PROVIDE FOR CIVIL EMERGENCIES; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

City Attorney Cloud 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.

City Attorney Cloud stated Ordinances 2020-02 and 2020-03 approved on April 3, 2020 will expire on August 31, 2020. Ordinance 2020-04 will permanently replace the abovementioned Ordinances.

No questions or comments from the Public or the City Commissioners.

Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey to approve Ordinance 2020-04; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Harper.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

- 1) **COVID-19 City Manager Meetings** – Polk County City Managers have been meeting weekly, via conference call. Polk County will open May 11 and most of the cities will re-open to the public on May 18.
- 2) **May City Commission Meeting** - Hopefully, the May City Commission Meeting will be held at the DBCC due to social distancing or possibly another Zoom meeting again. Will keep everyone updated.
- 3) **Feed the Hungry Food Drive** – The April 25th Food Drive served 248 families. The next Food Drive is scheduled for May 9th at the Donald Bronson Community Center and hoping to serve approximately 400 families.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

The **Emergency Decree** is still in place until August 31, 2020 and we will all continue to monitor COVID-19 updates.

Duke Energy is seeking to place a 100 KWI within the Polk City area from the North to the Williams property, then to the test track. Duke wants an easement, which will be Eminent Domain and they Duke will have to pay all attorney fees. Polk City will not have to pay any money.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Vice Mayor Kimsey – Thanked Keith Prestage for his organization of the Food Drive on April 25.

Commissioner Blethen –Wants to see folks get back to work.

Commissioner Carroll – We are experiencing difficult times and with the number of deaths, would certainly welcome another Zoom Teleconference for the May Meeting.

Commissioner Harper – Thanked everyone for their prayers and concerns during his illness.

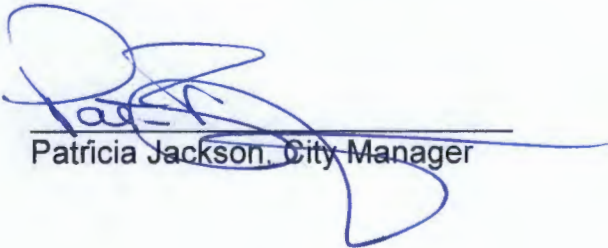
Mayor LaCascia – The City Commission will properly express gratitude to Mr. Blethen for his years of service on the Polk City Commission in an in-person Commission Meeting. Not good to do this on Zoom.

Inquired about the hair salons re-opening and following the Governor’s Executive Order.

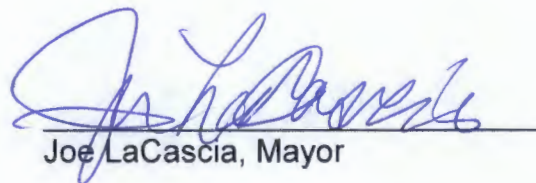
Attorney Cloud responded that those businesses are mandated by the State of Florida, not the City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT – 7:30 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor