

## CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP MINUTES

December 21, 2020

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Mayor LaCascia called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**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

### **Agenda Review - City Commission Meeting – December 21, 2020**

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

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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

Mayor LaCascia briefly discussed this Ordinance of Polk City, Florida, providing for the amendment of the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan of Polk City, Florida, specifically, changing the Future Land Use Designation of Approximately 3.22 acres located in the Northwest corner of the Intersection of Commonwealth Avenue North (SR 33) and Citrus Grove Boulevard North from Commercial to Residential Medium (parcel Number 25-26-33-296500-102020); and transmitting said amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for notification; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. **First Reading**

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

Mayor LaCascia inquired about what would be done with this property and if it would be low-income housing?

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury responded this is 18.71 acres to be developed into 168 units (apartments or condos). A Traffic Study will be required and must meet all of Polk City's Land Development Code Regulations.

City Manager Jackson stated that if the traffic study is not met properly, the development will not be built.

Vice Mayor Kimsey stated 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 renter. Prior to the Second Reading of this Ordinance, a public notice will be posted on the property.

### **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**

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury provided a thorough explanation and stated that Ordinance 2020-12 is a companion to Ordinance 2020-11.

### **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.

### **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 ITEMS** - None

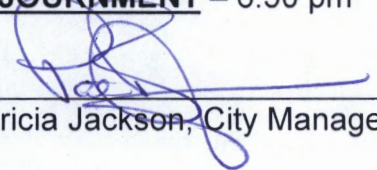
**CITY MANAGER ITEMS**

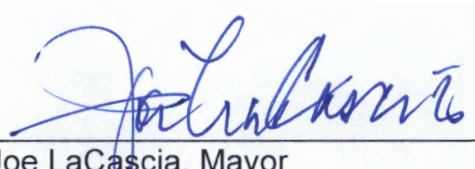
**Citrus Hill Water Line Project** – City Manager Jackson provided an update. Would like to proceed with bids. Odom Contracting is willing to do the work that Polk City needs to have done.

**V. Matt Williams Water Plant** – Declared an emergency because of the shaft that was broken. Repair was \$34,000.

**COMMISSIONER ITEMS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT** – 6:50 pm

  
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Patricia Jackson, City Manager

  
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Joe LaCascia, Mayor