

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

May 26, 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 Micheal T. Blethen (Zoom), Commissioner Randy Carroll, City Attorney Thomas Cloud (Zoom), and City Manager Patricia Jackson

Absent: Commissioner Wayne Harper

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey to approve the April 30, 2020 (Regular Meeting) minutes; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll. **Unanimously approved by Voice Vote.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Kimsey (715 4th Street) expressed complaint about the loud and explicit music in his neighborhood. Has reviewed the Ordinance regarding this issue.

City Manager Jackson stated the current Noise Ordinance was done in 1991 and falls under Code Enforcement. It needs more substance added to it. Would like to mirror the Ordinance from Fort Meade in updating Polk City's 1991 Ordinance.

The City Attorney will research and can have the Ordinance ready to present as an Emergency Ordinance in the June meeting, unless it is ready before then and we can call a Special City Commission Meeting.

Discussion ensued.

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. **Second and Final Reading**

Mayor LaCascia 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.

Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey to approve Ordinance 2020-04 on Second and Final Reading; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

Roll Call Vote: Mayor LaCascia—aye, Vice-Mayor Kimsey—aye, Commissioner Blethen—sustained*, Commissioner Carroll—aye

*Commissioner Blethen originally sustained as he did not hear any of the Short title reading or the explanation due to sound issues with Zoom.

City Attorney Cloud read the Ordinance by Short title and provided explanation for this Ordinance.

Commissioner Blethen voted - aye.

Motion carried 4/0.

CDBG PROGRAM PROJECTS

Scott Modesitt (Summit Consulting) addressed the Commission regarding the CDBG Program Projects for Polk City. This is the first of two Public Hearings. The second Public Hearing once the application has been developed; afterwhich this project will go to the Department of Economic Development.

The grant categories are:

A \$650,000 grant in one of the regular CDBG categories. There is no match required for this grant. Application is due in August 2020.

1) Housing Rehabilitation, 2) Neighborhood Revitalization, or 3) Commercial Revitalization.

Housing Rehabilitation Program will provide structural improvements to owner occupied homes or demolition, within the City's jurisdiction. There is a Neighborhood Revitalization is an infrastructure Program which can be used for projects such as stormwater, sewer, street resurfacing.

Commercial Revitalization is targeted for Commercial Districts. Polk City does not have a traditional Commercial District.

After lengthy discussion with the Citizens Advisory Task Force (CATF), they are interested in the Neighborhood Revitalization for Street Repaving, Replacing Sidewalks or Stormwater work.

It is up to the City as to whether you want to apply for housing or infrastructure.

There is also an Economic Development Grant for \$1.5 million can be used if there is a potential business wanting to relocate in Polk City. However, Polk City does not have an eligible business at this time.

We are recommending a Neighborhood Revitalization Grant for infrastructure work targeting the area of Citrus Grove area which meets the income requirements and can be kept under budget to be a stand-alone project.

Mayor LaCascia opened the Public Hearing; no one spoke for or against this item. Mayor LaCascia closed the public hearing.

Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey to approve the FFY 2019-2020 Neighborhood Revitalization Grant and the Economic Development Grant; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

Motion carried 4/0 by Voice Vote.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

- 1) **Vacation** - will be on vacation the remainder of this week, but certainly available by phone and/or email.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

PRWC 2A Implementation Agreement – has been delayed. City Manager Jackson has made a Public Records Request and has yet to get a response. City Attorney Cloud suggested City Manager Jackson determine who the Public Records designee is and make a records request with that person.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Vice Mayor Kimsey – None

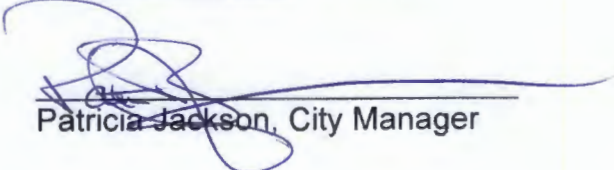
Commissioner Blethen – None

Commissioner Carroll – Will there be any reimbursement from the Department of Corrections since the inmates have not been working the last few months.

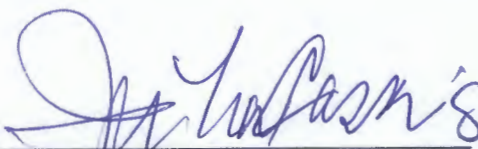
Mayor LaCascia – The Food Drive is going well. Lifeline Screening will be at the DBCC on June 24.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT – 7:57 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor