

SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

September 24, 2020

Mayor Joe LaCascia called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Commissioner Randy Carroll gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL –City Manager Patricia Jackson

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

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Ordinance 2020-10

An Ordinance of the City Commission of Polk City, Florida, amending Section 2-132 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Polk City (The "Code"); increasing spending limits for City Manager approved purchases and contracts; providing for severability; providing for conflicts; providing an effective date. **First Reading**

Mayor LaCascia read the Ordinance by title only. Mayor LaCascia briefly discussed at the previous meeting the City Manager was instructed to draft an Ordinance regarding the City Manager's increased spending limit from \$10,000 to \$25,000 and the Sealed Bid amounts to \$50,000 and up.

City Attorney Cloud stated there is no substantive change to the City's Charter; however, he recommended that Polk City reach out to Municode to update the Charter to reflect "Polk City" instead of the "City of Polk City" and change "Council" to "Commissioner".

Motion by Commissioner Harper to approve Ordinance 2020-10; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

Commissioner Blethen inquired about the main goal of increasing the City Manager's spending limit. Does not see this as necessary.

Mayor LaCascia and City Manager Jackson provided a thorough explanation as to the proposed of the City Manager's spending limit increase; which is certainly relevant with the cost of doing business today. Airing on the side of caution, City Manager Jackson always brings big ticket items to the City Commission's attention, whether for approval or not. There has not been an increase since 2013.

Lengthy Discussion ensued.

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

Motion carried 4/1.

Resolution 2020-08

A Resolution of the City Commission of Polk City, Florida, authorizing the Chief Elected Official to make application to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for a Community Development Block Grant, and to adopt the City's Comprehensive Plan as its Community Development Plan, providing an effective date, and for other purposes.

Mayor LaCascia read the Resolution by title only.

Scott Modesitt (Summit Consulting) stated this Resolution goes along with the CDBG Grant Application. This is a housekeeping item.

Motion by Commissioner Blethen to adopt Resolution 2020-08; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Harper.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-09

A Resolution committing the expenditures of local funds by Polk City, Florida, on CDBG eligible activities as leverage for the City's FFY 2019 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Application in the Neighborhood Revitalization Category.

Mayor LaCascia read the Resolution by title only.

Scott Modesitt (Summit Consulting) was present to address any questions or concerns regarding this project. Clarified Polk City's portion of this project. This is a \$650,000 grant. Total cost \$843,940.28. If there is an overage, the City would incur that cost. A portion of this will be pledged in the application at matching grant funds thru the resolution to claim points in the application.

Motion by Commissioner Harper to adopt Resolution 2020-09; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

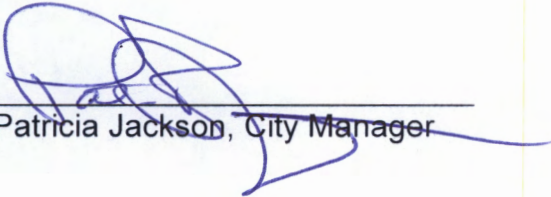
City Manager Jackson will be out beginning tomorrow due to her husband's upcoming surgery. Will be available by phone and email.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

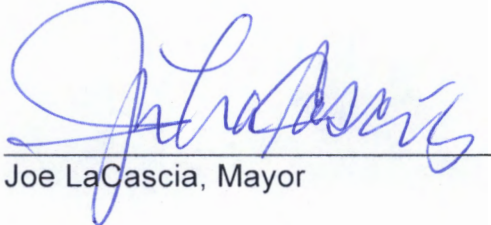
City Attorney Cloud spoke regarding a letter sent to the State of Florida. The goal is to protect the City's Water Use Permit during mediation.

Mayor LaCascia provided further comments regarding Polk City's Water Use Permit and the Polk Regional Water Cooperative.

ADJOURNMENT – 7:16 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor