

SPECIAL EMERGENCY CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

April 3, 2020

Mayor Joe LaCascia called the meeting to order at 3:00 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 Mike Blethen, Commissioner Randy Carroll, City Attorney Thomas Cloud, and City Manager Patricia Jackson

Absent: Commissioner Wayne Harper

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Emergency Ordinance 2020-02

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.

Mayor LaCascia read the Ordinance by title only.

City Attorney Cloud provided a thorough explanation of this Ordinance.

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

Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey to approve Emergency Ordinance 2020-02; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

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

Motion carried 4/0.

Emergency Ordinance 2020-03

An Ordinance of Polk City, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to make provisions for electronic attendance by elected and appointed officials at City Meetings during periods of a declared public health emergency; providing for repealer; providing an effective date.

Mayor LaCascia read the Ordinance by title only.

City Attorney Cloud provided a thorough explanation of this Ordinance.

Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey to approve Emergency Ordinance 2020-03; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

Lorraine Schneider (775 Teaberry Trail) expressed her appreciation for this Ordinance being put in place.

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

Motion carried 4/0.

Resolution 2020-03

A Resolution of the City Commission of Polk City, Florida (City), amending and extending its declared state of emergency due to the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); authorizing and directing the City Manager to take whatever prudent actions which may be necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City and customers of the City's Utilities Systems pursuant to this declaration; ratifying and affirming such actions taken by the City Commission and City Manager prior to and in furtherance of its March 16, 2020, Emergency Declaration; providing an effective date.

Mayor LaCascia read the Ordinance by title only.

City Attorney Cloud provided a thorough explanation of this Resolution, which supersedes Resolution 2020-02 (approved 3/16/20). Not recommending a full "stay at home" order at this time.

City Manager Jackson discussed the "*Essential Duty*" staffers for Polk City. However, staff has been minimized and some staffers equipped to work from home and are doing so until notified otherwise.

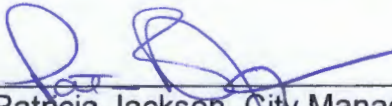
Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey to approve Resolution 2020-03; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

Micheal T. Blethen (320 Crape Myrtle Lane) requested clarity and his appreciation for these Ordinances and Resolution being done.

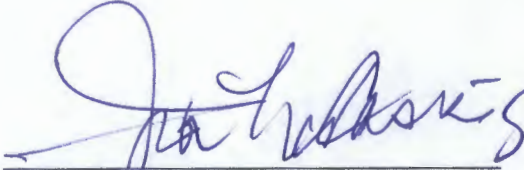
Roll Call Vote: Commissioner Blethen–aye, Mayor LaCascia–aye, Vice-Mayor Kimsey–aye, Commissioner Carroll–aye

Motion carried 4/0.

ADJOURNMENT – 3:30 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor