

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

October 18, 2021

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

Minister Heriberto "Eddie" Diaz gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor LaCascia.

ROLL CALL – Assistant to the City Manager Sheandolen Dunn

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

Absent: Commissioner Randy Carroll

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey to approve the September 9, 2021 (Budget Hearing 1st Reading), September 20, 2021 (Regular Meeting), and September 23, 2021 (Budget Hearing 2nd and Final Reading) minutes; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Blethen. **Approved by Voice Vote 4/0.**

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE 2021-03

An Ordinance of Polk City, Florida; amending the Polk City Code of Ordinances and the Unified Land Development Code of Polk City, Florida to remedy inconsistencies within the Planned Unit Development Zoning District; amending and updating Article 2, Section 2.04.02.16 Planned Unit Development District; amending Article 3, Section 3.12.03 Planned Unit Development (PUD) in the Green Swamp ACSC; and amending Article 7, Section 7.11.00 Planned Unit Development (PUD); providing for applicability; providing for repeal of conflicting ordinances, providing for severability; providing an effective date. **Second and Final Reading**

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.

Motion by Commissioner Harper to approve Ordinance 2021-03 on Second and Final Reading; this motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Kimsey.

No further discussion or questions by Commission.

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

Motion carried 4/0.

APPROVAL OF THE 2021 CHRISTMAS PARADE ROUTE

City Manager Jackson discussed the 2021 Christmas Parade Route and provided a brief history on the discussions with FDOT regarding the proposed route.

Commissioners Harper and Blethen expressed their concern with the proposed route in an area where the traffic is 60 mph. Closing that area off as well as people lining up on the side of the road prior to the parade is going to be problematic and could potentially require more law enforcement.

Eugene Gorski (747 Berkeley Road) expressed concern about the traffic on Berkeley Road.

City Attorney Cloud suggested that Polk City reach out to our State Representative Josie Tomkow for assistance with FDOT as Polk City would prefer to use the original parade route that has been used for over 20 years.

The City Commission provided consensus for City Staff to reach out to Representative Tomkow.

Vice Mayor Kimsey is pleased that the parade is going to happen.

City Manager Jackson stated the parking would take place at the SR 33 Sprayfield. Also, the parents must do their part to ensure their children's safety.

Motion by Vice Mayor Kimsey to approve the 2021 Christmas Parade Route as tentatively approved by FDOT; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Harper.

Motion carried 4/0 by Voice Vote.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

Workshop for the American Rescue Plan Act Allocations – Polk City received the first installment on September 10 in the amount of \$682,163. Will schedule a Workshop to discuss exactly what these funds can be used for.

Safe Haven Halloween – Friday, October 29, 2021 – 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Polk City Baseball Trunk or Treat – Saturday, October 23, 2021 – 6 pm – 8:30 pm. Commissioners are asked to be judges. Please let Sheandolen know if you are able to participate. City Manager Jackson and Mayor LaCascia will be in attendance.

Vacation – City Manager will be on vacation next week; but is reachable by phone and email.

Public Works Director Interviews – All interviews will be held on Tuesday, October 26.

Republic Services - The contract will be presented at the November meeting

Wex cards – This the gas card the city uses and can be used anywhere.

City Hall – The building will reopen to the public on November 1, 2021.

CITY ATTORNEY

City Attorney Cloud discussed **SB 280** which amends legal standards and processes used by courts to assess the validity of municipal ordinances and imposes new substantive requirements on municipalities for adopting and enforcing ordinances. This bill is a substantial unfunded mandate.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Blethen – None

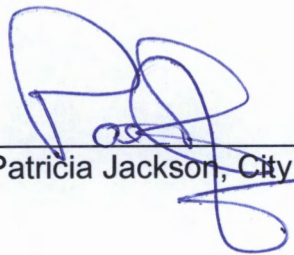
Vice Mayor Kimsey – None

Commissioner Harper – Provided the following names of persons interested in serving on the Centennial Committee (David Byrd, Beverly McQuillen and Garrett Goodrich)

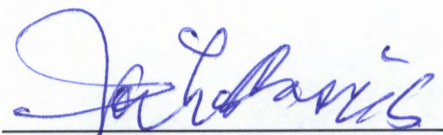
Mayor LaCascia - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT – 7:50 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor