

## SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

October 28, 2021

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

**ROLL CALL** – Assistant to the City Manager Sheandolen Dunn

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

**Absent:** City Attorney Thomas Cloud

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

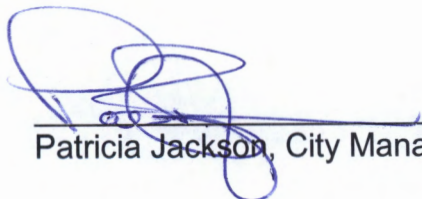
#### **2021 Christmas Parade**

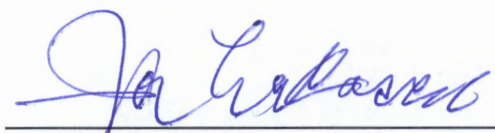
Mayor LaCascia provided a brief background, leading up to the reason for this meeting; discussed the staff timeline included in the meeting packet which reflected the number of times the Christmas Parade has been discussed with the City Commission as well as the communication with FDOT staff. Staff received final approval from FDOT for the Christmas Parade to take place on the original route, which was approved as a result of the letter sent to Representative Josie Tomkow's office requesting assistance with FDOT. However, upon the heels of getting the route approved, staff received word that the Green Pond Baptist Church would have their parade on the same day and time as the Polk City Parade. Therefore, the City Commission needed to make a decision whether to have its Christmas Parade or not.

After lengthy discussion and in total agreement, in an effort to not be criticized for lack of planning as well as the lack of participation, a **motion by Commissioner Harper** was made to NOT have a Christmas Parade this year; this motion was seconded by Mayor LaCascia.

**Motion carried unanimously by Voice Vote.**

**ADJOURNMENT** – 6:45 pm

  
Patricia Jackson, City Manager

  
Joe LaCascia, Mayor