

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

October 18, 2022

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

Pastor Lawlor, New Life Community Church gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor LaCascia

ROLL CALL – Assistant City Manager Sheandolen Dunn

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Blethen to approve the September 19, (Regular Meeting and Workshop), and the September 22, 2022 (Budget Hearing – 2nd/Final Reading) minutes; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Nichols. **Unanimously approved by Voice Vote to include corrections as noted by Commissioner Nichols.**

Commissioner Nichols asked that his comments be added to the September minutes on Ordinance 2022-08 regarding the Medical Marijuana.

Unanimously approved by Voice Vote to include corrections as noted by Commissioner Nichols.

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chris Walters (745 4th Street) – Speed bumps needed in all neighborhoods, larger tabletops at the parks, keeping power lines clear of tree limbs and other destructions.

Laura Lambert (414 Meandering Way) – Annexation

City Attorney Cloud briefly discussed the Resolutions in place regarding Meeting decorum.

Whitney Speiler (16811 Commonwealth Avenue) – discussed water reconnect and disconnection fees not being paid by the Mt. Olive Shores North community.

Keith McVeigh (9388 Hog Farm Road) – Employment concerns

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2022-06

Marissa Barmby (CFRPC) provided a thorough overview and discussion of Ordinance 2022-06 - An Ordinance of Polk City, Florida; amending the Future Land Use map of the

Comprehensive Plan of Polk City, Florida; changing the Future Land Use Designation of approximately 0.27 acres located at 957 Lakeshore Drive, from “Commercial” to “Residential Medium”; transmitting said small scale Future Land Use Map amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for notification purposes only; providing for severability; conflicts, and an effective date. This is simply correcting a mapping error. **Second and Final Reading**

City Attorney Cloud read this 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 Blethen to approve Ordinance 2022-06 on Second and Final Reading; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Nichols.

No Discussion by Commission or the Public.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2022-07

Marissa Barmby (CFRPC) provided a thorough overview and discussion of Ordinance 2022-07 – An Ordinance amending the official zoning map of Polk City, Florida; changing the zoning for approximately 0.27 acres located at 957 Lakeshore Drive from General Commercial (C-2) to single family and Duplex (R-3); providing for severability; providing an effective date. **Second and Final Reading**

City Attorney Cloud read this 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 Nichols to approve Ordinance 2022-07 on Second and Final Reading; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Blethen.

No Discussion by Commission or the Public.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2022-08

Marissa Barmby (CFRPC) provided a thorough overview and discussion of Ordinance 2022-08 – An Ordinance of Polk City, Florida; creating subsection 2.02.14, Polk City Land Development Code, prohibiting Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Dispensing Facilities within City boundaries; providing Legislative findings; providing moratorium contingency, conflicts, severability, and an effective date. **Second and Final Reading**

City Attorney Cloud read this 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 Harper to approve Ordinance 2022-08 with Option #2 to ban Medical Marijuana Treatment Center Dispensing Facilities on Second and Final Reading; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Blethen.

No Discussion by Commission or the Public.

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

Motion carried 4/1.

ORDINANCE 2022-09

Marissa Barmby (CFRPC) provided a thorough overview and discussion of Ordinance 2022-09 – An ordinance of Polk City, Florida, vacating three platted easements described below; providing findings and conditions; providing for a certified copy to be filed with the Polk County Clerk of Court and duly recorded in the public records of Polk County; providing for severability; providing for conflict; and providing for an effective date. **Second and Final Reading**

City Attorney Cloud read this 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 Blethen to approve Ordinance 2022-09 on Second and Final Reading; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Carroll.

No Discussion by Commission or the Public.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2022-10

Marissa Barmby (CFRPC) provided a thorough overview and discussion of Ordinance 2022-10 – An Ordinance of Polk City, Florida, approving a subdivision plat titled Sandy Pointe Sweet Gum Lane, a replat of a portion of Sandy Pointe Subdivision; providing findings, plat approval, recording, conflicts, severability & an effective date. **Second and Final Reading**

City Attorney Cloud read this 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 Nichols to approve Ordinance 2022-10 on **Second and Final Reading**; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Blethen.

No Discussion by Commission or the Public.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2022-11

Marissa Barmby (CFRPC) provided a thorough overview and discussion of Ordinance 2022-11 – Annexation - An Ordinance of the City Commission of Polk City, Florida; voluntarily annexing property into the Corporate limits of Polk City, Florida, pursuant to section 171.044, Florida Statutes; amending the city boundary to include said property; providing findings; providing for notice by publication of the proposed annexation; filing a certified copy of the ordinance as provided by law; providing for conflicts, severability, and an effective date. **First Reading**

City Attorney Cloud read this Ordinance by title only. Mayor LaCascia opened the Public Hearing.

Laura Lambert (414 Meandering Way) spoke about building setbacks for Polk City vs. Polk County.

City Attorney Cloud stated Green Swamp standards are a lot more intense for review.

Chad Broker (representative for the owner) stated the setback for Polk County is actually 15ft, whereas Polk City's is 20ft. So, the applicant (property owner) would get five (5) more feet annexing into Polk City.

Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Nichols to approve Ordinance 2022-11 on **First Reading**; this motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harper.

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

No further discussion by Commission or the Public.

Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2022-12

Marissa Barmby (CFRPC) provided a thorough overview and discussion of Ordinance 2022-12 – Future Land Use Amendment – An Ordinance of Polk City, Florida, amending

the Future Land Use Map of the City's Comprehensive Plan by changing the Future Land Use Designation of approximately 1.37 acres from Polk County Convenience Center-X (CC-X) to City Convenience Center-X (CCX) in the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern; transmitting said amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for finding of Compliance; providing for findings, severability, conflicts and an effective date. **First Reading**

City Attorney Cloud read this Ordinance by title only. Mayor LaCascia opened the Public Hearing.

Mayor LaCascia commented briefly on the possible uses for this property.

Motion by Commissioner Nichols to approve Ordinance 2022-12 on **First Reading**; this motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harper.

No further discussion by Commission or the Public.

Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing

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

Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE 2022-13

Marissa Barmby (CFRPC) – Zoning – provided a thorough overview and discussion of Ordinance 2022-13 – Zoning – An Ordinance amending the official zoning map of Polk City, Florida, to change the zoning for approximately 1.37 acres located at 0 State Road 33 (Parcel Number 24-27-01-000000-012020) from Polk County Convenience Center-X (CCX) to City Convenience Center-X (CCX) in the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern; providing for severability, and providing an effective date. **First Reading**

City Attorney Cloud read this 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 Nichols to approve Ordinance 2022-13 on **First Reading**; this motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harper.

No Discussion by Commission or the Public.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

CITY MANAGER ITEM

Winter Haven Fall Festival at MLK Park – November 5, 2022 – 2pm -4pm

City Commission Workshop – Saturday, October 29, 2022 – 9am

Safe Haven Halloween 2022 – Thursday, October 27, 2022 – 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Ordinance 2022-12 – will be transmitted to DEO

CITY ATTORNEY - None

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Nichols - None

Commissioner Carroll – None

Commissioner Blethen – Speed bumps – Road work done a while back. City Manager Jackson responded

Vice Mayor Harper – Since Representative Josie Tomkow is unavailable to serve as the Grand Marshal this year, he is recommending Pastor Walter Lawlor. City Commission provided consensus.

Mayor LaCascia – Thanked Deputy Poindexter for her work in Polk City. Discussed the visit from the Mayor of Polk City, Iowa. There are many similarities in the two Polk City's

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT – 7:55 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor