

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES
July 18, 2023

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

Pastor Walter 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, Commissioner Charles Nichols, Commissioner Brian Knouff, City Manager Patricia Jackson, and City Attorney Thomas Cloud

Absent: Commissioner Micheal T. Blethen, Vice Mayor Wayne Harper

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Nichols to approve the June 20, 2023 (Regular City Commission Meeting), as well as the Reports and Other items on the Consent Agenda; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Knouff.

Approved by Voice Vote 3/0.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Public Hearing - Ordinance 2023-02

Marisa Barmby (CFRPC) discussed an Ordinance of Polk City, Florida; amending the Polk City Land Development Code by adding Section 2.03.05, "Outdoor Display of Merchandise"; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing for severability, conflicts, codification, and an effective date. **First Reading**

On July 10, 2023, the Planning Commission voted to recommend approval of the proposed text amendments to the City Commission.

The proposed amendments are provided to permit outdoor display of merchandise while protecting the health and safety of the community. Several of the requirements are proposed to ensure outdoor displays will not block access, will not cause issues with traffic, and will be brought in during times of inclement weather. The requirements provide details as to how the display area may be located on the site. This is in deference to other sections of the Code that provide specific outdoor display requirements, including uses that do not permit outdoor displays.

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.

Commissioner Knouff asked how long the permit was good for. Kathy Delp responded until such time that the business no longer exists.

City Manager Jackson stated the need to create an Outdoor Display of Merchandise application with fees to bring back to the City Commission before second and final reading.

Mayor LaCascia stated he did have concerns about this item prior to reviewing the ordinance as it is written.

Motion by Commissioner Nichols to approve Ordinance 2023-02 Outdoor Display of Merchandise; this motion as seconded by Commissioner Knouff.

Roll Call Vote: Mayor LaCascia – aye, Commissioner Nichols – aye, Commissioner Knouff – aye

Motion carried 3/0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

City Attorney Cloud discussed Legislation that was passed this year regarding **Local Ordinance Act and Business Impact Statement Requirements**, which will go into effect On October 1, 2023. After lengthy discussion, he recommended that CFRPC write the Business Impact Statement as they are already in an established relationship with Polk City. The City Commission provided authorization to proceed with the Ordinance.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

Polk City Vision – FDOT – Another Community Workshop will be held on Thursday, August 24, 2023 – 5:30pm – 7:30pm.

CivilSurv – August Agenda regarding Potable Wate System Study that was completed.

2023-2024 Budget – Staff is working on the 2023-2024 budget. Will be completed by the end of July, as required. A Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, August 19, 2023, 9am – 12 Noon, to review and discuss the proposed budget.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

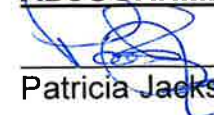
Commissioner Nichols – None

Commissioner Knouff – None

Mayor LaCascia - None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT – 7:25 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor