

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

March 21, 2023

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 – City Manager Patricia Jackson

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

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Vice Mayor Harper to approve the February 18, 2023 (Regular City Commission Meeting), as well as the Reports and Other items on the Consent Agenda; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Blethen.

Approved by Voice Vote 4/0.

PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 2023-01

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury (CFRPC) provided a thorough overview and discussion of Ordinance 2023-01 – An Ordinance of Polk City, Florida; amending Section 2.05.02, Polk City Land Development Code, removing requirements for City Commission approval of boat docks and providing for corrections; repealing all ordinances in conflict; providing for codification; and providing an effective date. **First Reading**

City Attorney Cloud read this Ordinance by title only. No one spoke for or against this Ordinance. Mayor LaCascia opened the Public Hearing. Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Nichols to approve Ordinance 2023-01 on **First Reading**; this motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Harper.

Vice Mayor Harper inquired about this type of Agenda item coming before the Commission before today.

City Manager Jackson clarified that this step is being taken as the Boat Docks are governed by FDEP and presented to the Planning Commission, so it is not necessary for the Boat Dock approvals to come before the City Commission.

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

Motion carried 4/0.

Carter Boulevard Resurfacing

City Manager Jackson discussed the resurfacing project for Carter Boulevard which will consist of repairing corners and cut-out indentions, install base, repack, remove and replace speed humps.

Staff recommended approval for Odom Contracting/G&G Site Development, Inc. be awarded this project in the amount of \$39,802.00.

Motion by Vice Mayor Harper to approve Odom Contracting/G&G Site Development, Inc be awarded this project in the amount of \$39,802.00; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Nichols.

Motion carried 4/0 by Voice Vote.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

FDOT Vision Planning for Polk City – weekly meetings are going great. Will keep you up to date as we receive minutes from each meeting.

City Commission Vacancy - No applications received for the Commission vacancy. The deadline will be extended through April. Will continue to advertise.

Vice Mayor Harper asked if the Commission needed to do anything as far as the District is concerned, if we can't get someone from the District to serve on the Commission.

City Manager Jackson and City Attorney responded. If no one submits a Letter of Interest, can the Commission appoint someone until the 2024 Election? City Attorney Cloud responded yes, but the person **must be** from that specific District as stated in Polk City's Charter.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

HB 975 - The Legislature is hard at work and will support a Bill that will do away with Solid Waste Collection Franchise Agreements in Local Governments, which is bound to increase Solid Waste rates for those persons living in communities that have contract haulers. This is not a good Bill!

HB1331 and SB1380 – The Legislature is attempting to change how Municipal Utility rates are set. There will be additional accounting requirements. Briefly discussed with City Manager Jackson and will keep her abreast of what Polk City needs to do, as these requirements will take effect the Summer 2024.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Nichols – None

Commissioner Blethen – None

Vice Mayor Harper – None

Mayor LaCascia – Discussed the Ridge League of Cities Scholarship. There are eleven (11) applicants. There will be five (5) awarded in the amount of \$1,250 each. City Commission is encouraged to attend the meeting where these scholarships are awarded. Will keep you posted on this particular meeting date.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT – 7:25 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor