

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

February 20, 2024

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 Micheal T. Blethen, Commissioner Charles Nichols, City Attorney Thomas Cloud and City Manager Patricia Jackson

APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Nichols to approve the **January 16, 2024** (Regular City Commission Meeting and Workshop) and the reports and other items on the Consent Agenda; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Blethen.

Motion carried 3/0 by Voice Vote.

PRESENTATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Ordinance 2024-01 – City Commission provided Consensus to remove this item from the Agenda.

Ordinance 2024-02 – City Commission provided Consensus to remove this item from the Agenda.

Ordinance 2024-03

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury (CFRPC) provided a brief overview and Powerpoint presentation regarding a request by Boyd D Stephens and Laura J Stephens Revocable Trusts (applicant) to amend the official zoning map designation for property from Single Family Residential (R-1) to Planned Unit Development (PUD) on approximately 15.45 acres in Polk City, located on the east side of Berkley Road north of Lakeview Drive and south of Crape Myrtle Lane (Parcel numbers 252632-000000-022020 and 252632-000000-022030). **First Reading**

Mayor LaCascia opened the Public Hearing:

The following Sandy Pointe residents spoke urging denial of the Official Zoning Map Amendment from Single Family Residential (R-1) to Planned Unit Development (PUD).

Paul Holland – 388 Crape Myrtle Lane

James Beck - 392 Bayberry Drive
Michael & Krista Dunn – 258 Bayberry Drive
Edward Clark – 237 Bayberry Drive
Sam Cerra – 101 Bayberry Drive
Lucia Croy – 345 Bayberry Drive
Jie Gao – 237 Bayberry Drive
Mike Blethen – 320 Crape Myrtle Lane

Mayor LaCascia closed the Public Hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Blethen to deny Ordinance 2024-03 Applicant Initiated Official Zoning Map Amendment; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Nichols.

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

Motion carried 3/0.

Kipe Academy

Mayor LaCascia discussed during the January 20, 2024 City Commission Meeting, the Kipe Academy, Inc. item was tabled until further research was done and brought back during the February Meeting. City Attorney Cloud has provided his findings via the email attached in the February Meeting packet.

The City Commission has reviewed the City Attorney’s email and subsequently accepted his advice by **consensus on not moving forward with negotiating or approving a Lease Agreement with Kipe Academy** (a copy of the email will be a part of the minutes).

Petrotech Southeast Inc. Annual Services Agreement

City Manager Jackson discussed Polk City currently has an Annual Services Agreement with Petrotech Southeast, Inc. for Sludge Hauling. The current agreement began June 1, 2022 and will end on September 30, 2025. As the current Agreement does not include Maintenance of the Polymer System, Staff is requesting to amend the Agreement to include Maintenance of the Polymer System to the contract beginning February 1, 2024 – December 31, 2027.

Staff recommended approval of the Petrotech Annual Services Agreement to include the Maintenance of the Polymer System beginning February 1, 2024 – December 31, 2027.

Motion by Commissioner Nichols to approve the Petrotech Southeast Inc. Annual Services Agreement; this motion was seconded by Commissioner Blethen.

Motion carried by Voice Vote 3/0.

CITY MANAGER ITEMS

Municipal Election – No election. The two incumbents ran unopposed. Also, no one has submitted a Letter of Interest for the District 2 Seat and the At-Large Seat.

DRMP – Utility Coordination has taken place for DOT Signalization.

Thank you – City Manager Jackson expressed a heartfelt thank you to everyone for their various acts of kindness and prayers during the passing of her husband Lloyd “Butch” Jackson.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

City Attorney Cloud briefly discussed in January the two bills pending in Legislation:

- 1) Outside City limits Surcharge
- 2) Expanding or even creating a CRA

Those bills did not pass. However, there will be a new bill coming out next year. Attorney Cloud will keep everyone apprised.

COMMISSIONER ITEMS

Commissioner Nichols - None

Commissioner Blethen – None

Mayor LaCascia – None

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT – 8:10 pm



Patricia Jackson, City Manager



Joe LaCascia, Mayor