LAKELAND CITY COMMISSION

Regular Session
December 16, 2024

The Lakeland City Commission met in Regular Session in the City Commission conference room. Mayor Bill Mutz and Commissioners Chad McLeod, Bill Read, Stephanie Madden, Sara Roberts McCarley, Mike Musick, and Guy LaLonde were present. City Manager Shawn Sherrouse, City Attorney Palmer Davis, Assistant Finance Director Deidra Joseph, and City Clerk Kelly Koos were present.

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 A.M.

PRESENTATIONS

2024 Christmas Parade Winners (Bob Donahay, Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Director)

Certified Municipal Clerk - Heather Bradman (Dawn Wright, FACC District Director)

PROCLAMATIONS – None

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RELATED ITEMS

Real Estate & Transportation Committee 12/13/24

1. Lease Agreement with Sora Eatery, LLC
2. Land Lease Agreement with the Florida State Guard

Commissioner Mike Musick presented these items to the Commission.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for a motion to approve the report.

Commissioner Stephanie Madden moved to approve the report. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience.

Commissioner Stephanie Madden asked to hear about the Sora Eatery concept. Anna Imai came forward to explain the plan.

Commissioner Chad McLeod corrected the Committee minutes to reflect that he was not present at the Committee meeting.

Jay Arnold told a little about the State guard. This expands the statewide posture for quicker response. This will be in addition to the location in Tallahassee. They have an

agreement with the Tallahassee airport. Their equipment is located at Camp Blanding, south of Jacksonville.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered routine by the City Commission and will be enacted by one motion following an opportunity for public comment. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a City Commissioner or Citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence. For items listed with an asterisk (*) under the Community Redevelopment Agency portion of the agenda, the City Commission should be deemed to be acting in its capacity as the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Lakeland when approving the consent agenda.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Stephanie Madden seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (with any amendments)

* City Commission Minutes – 12-02-24

Action: The Commission approved this item as part of the Consent Agenda.

REQUESTS TO APPEAR FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC - None

EQUALIZATION HEARINGS

Recess/Convene: The Commission recessed the Regular Session and convened as the Equalization Board.

Palmer Davis explained that the City Charter requires that prior to recording a lien against private property, the City Commission convene as the Equalization Board and grant those property owners the opportunity to object to the recording of the lien or ask any questions they might have. If someone present received a notice to appear before the City Commission regarding a lot cleaning/clearing or demolition assessment, this is the time to address the Commission.

Demolition of Buildings

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the assessments. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn/Reconvene: The Equalization Board adjourned and the City Commission reconvened in Regular Session.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinances (Second Reading)

Ordinance 6079; Proposed 24-060; Approving a Conditional Use to Allow a Food Truck Court on Approximately 0.42 Acres Located at 1108 E. Main Street (1st Rdg. 12-02-24)

> AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; MAKING FINDINGS; APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW A FOOD TRUCK COURT ON APPROXIMATELY 0.42 ACRES LOCATED AT 1108 E. MAIN STREET; FINDING CONFORMITY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Chad McLeod moved to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Stephanie Madden seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience.

Urban Planning & Transportation Manager Chuck Barmby gave a presentation.

Butch Rahman and Chad Englund were the co-owners of the project. The ADA restrooms will be available, probably in both buildings.

The Commission discussed

- Opening dates: The developers hoped to open in the Summer of 2025, before Fall Semester.
- The Squeeze: The developers should consider asking The Squeeze to add a stop to increase traffic in the area.
- The activity moving east of downtown was exciting.
- Streetscape continuing from the Park & Ride may help extend foot traffic. Staff was reviewing the plans now.

- Family Worship Center has expressed a desire to be part of the Rose Street Revitalization.
- This will be a catalyst for traffic for other businesses downtown.
- The applicant could not identify food truck vendors yet. They will be easier to secure once the project moves forward.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Chad McLeod, Bill Read, Stephanie Madden, Sara Roberts McCarley, Mike Musick, Guy LaLonde, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes – seven. Nays – zero. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

Resolution 5955; Proposed 24-080; Demolition of Buildings

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF A LIEN AGAINST PROPERTIES FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE REMOVAL OF DILAPIDATED AND HAZARDOUS BUILDINGS; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Chad McLeod moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Mike Musick seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments from the audience. The Commission discussed:

- The location, southeast of US Hwy 98 and I-4 in the Robson St area.
- It is a small property and the structure was in bad shape. There were also problems with illegal dumping.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Chad McLeod, Bill Read, Stephanie Madden, Mike Musick, Guy LaLonde, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley was absent at that time. Ayes – six. Nays – zero. The motion carried.

Resolution 5956; Proposed 24-081; Establishing the City Commission's Intention to Utilize the Uniform Method of Collection to Collect All Unpaid Demolition and Lot Clearing Non-Ad Valorem Special Assessments Levied by the City Commission during Calendar Year 2024 and Preceding Years

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA ELECTING TO UTILIZE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS, AS AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR COLLECTING ALL UNPAID DEMOLITION AND LOT CLEARING NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS LEVIED BY THE CITY COMMISSION DURING CALENDAR

YEAR 2024 AND PRECEDING YEARS; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT; STATING THE NEED FOR THE LEVY OF SAID ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE MAILING OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Bill Read moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Mike Musick seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Guy LaLonde, Mike Musick, Stephanie Madden, Bill Read, Chad McLeod, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley was absent at that time. Ayes-six. Nays-zero. The motion carried.

Resolution 5957; Proposed 24-082; Establishing the City Commission's Intention to Utilize the Uniform Method of Collection to Collect the Heatherpoint Drive Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for Collection Utilizing Uniform Method of Collection

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA ELECTING TO UTILIZE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS, AS AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS AGAINST CERTAIN LOTS ABUTTING THAT PORTION OF HEATHERPOINT DRIVE NORTH OF AUDUBON OAKS CIRCLE IN THE CITY OF LAKELAND; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT; STATING THE NEED FOR THE LEVY OF SAID ASSESSMENTS; PROVIDING FOR THE MAILING OF THIS RESOLUTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Bill Read moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Chad McLeod, Bill Read, Stephanie Madden, Sara Roberts McCarley, Mike Musick, Guy LaLonde, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes – seven. Nays – zero. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 5958; Proposed 24-083; Authorizing the Execution of a Locally Funded Agreement with the FDOT for the Widening of State Road 33 from Old Combee Road to South of Firstpark Boulevard South

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION; MAKING FINDINGS; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LOCALLY FUNDED AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE WIDENING OF STATE ROAD 33 FROM OLD COMBEE ROAD TO SOUTH OF FIRSTPARK BOULEVARD SOUTH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Chad McLeod moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Guy LaLonde, Mike Musick, Sara Roberts McCarley, Stephanie Madden, Bill Read, Chad McLeod, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes-seven. Nays-zero. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 5959; Proposed 24-084; Expressing Support for the Lakeshore Drive Trail Project

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE LAKESHORE DRIVE TRAIL PROJECT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT FUNDING REQUESTS TO THE POLK TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION AND THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Guy LaLonde, Mike Musick, Sara Roberts McCarley, Stephanie Madden, Bill Read, Chad McLeod, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes-seven. Nays-zero. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 5960; Proposed 24-085; Increasing the City Manager's Delegated Purchasing Authority

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE PURCHASING OF GOODS AND SERVICES ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND; MAKING FINDINGS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE PURCHASES PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY ESTABLISHED HEREIN; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH SPENDING AUTHORITY FOR DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OTHER SUBORDINATES WITHIN DEFINED LIMITS; REPEALING RESOLUTION 5136; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Guy LaLonde seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Chad McLeod, Bill Read, Stephanie Madden, Sara Roberts McCarley, Mike Musick, Guy LaLonde, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes – seven. Nays – zero. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Recess/Convene: The City Commission recessed the Regular Session and convened as the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Approval of Short-Listed Firms and Authority to Negotiate Continuing Contracts for Urban and Community Design, and Infill Conceptual Planning Professional Services

CRA staff, through the Purchasing Department, recently issued Request for Qualification (RFQ) No. 288 in accordance with the Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), requesting qualifications from interested firms to provide planning, design and real estate development services pursuant to a continuing contract. Below is an excerpt of the RFQ introduction:

"The City of Lakeland CRA has identified subject properties that require conceptual forward-thinking drawings with high design standards for multiple infill opportunities within the redevelopment districts and urban core of the City of Lakeland. The design concepts are expected to catalyze redevelopment and provide for multi-family residential, retail, and office uses within Downtown, Midtown and Dixieland redevelopment districts. The proposed projects should be innovative, attractive, stimulate additional development activity, provide

opportunities to live and work all within the core of Lakeland, and substantially add to the improvement of the three redevelopment areas. Infill areas include current CRA-owned property, those identified as potential acquisitions for retail, office, mixed use, or privately-owned property selected for CRA assistance."

A selection committee comprised of CRA and Community & Economic Development staff evaluated the fourteen (14) firms that responded to the RFQ. The overall criteria upon which the firms were evaluated included:

- Team expertise and samples of work.
- Response to the requirements set forth in the RFQ.
- Experience and past performance.
- Key project personnel and relevant experience, including subconsultants.
- Project delivery and approach, team organization and understanding of the scope(s) of work.

After review of the proposals by the Selection Committee, the following twelve (12) firms listed below, in the order in which they were ranked, are recommended to be shortlisted:

	Company Name	**Location**
1	Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc	Orlando Florida (local office Lakeland)
2	Straughn Trout Architects	Lakeland Florida
3	AECOM	Orlando Florida
4	Image Network Inc d/b/a Dover Kohl & Partners	Delaware (local office Coral Gables)
5	Ayres Associates Inc	Wisconsin (local office Tampa)
6	The Lunz Group	Lakeland Florida
7	Torti Gallas & Partnersk	Washington DC (local office Tampa)
8	Goodwyn Mills	Cawood Alabama (local office Tampa)
9	Cormia Design Group	Orlando Florida
10	Inspire Placemaking Collective Inc	Orlando Florida
11	GAI Consultants	Orlando Florida
12	Kittelson & Associates Inc	Oregon (local office Tampa)

Included with this request, in the agenda packet, is a copy of the standard continuing contract the City intends to enter into with the short-listed firms, once approved by the Commission. The initial term of the contract is for a period of three (3) years, with two (2) additional one (1) year renewal options upon mutual written agreement of the parties. Pursuant to the continuing contract, all work will be performed pursuant to separately issued Task Authorizations requiring appropriate City approval based on the overall cost of a particular project.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the short-listed firms and authorize the appropriate City officials to negotiate and enter continuing contracts for consulting services with those firms.

Palmer Davis presented this item to the Commission. This was a zero-dollar item. The expense would be determined when task authorizations are issued.

Motion: Commissioner Bill Read moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Mike Musick seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn/Reconvene: The Community Redevelopment Agency adjourned and the City Commission reconvened the Regular Session.

CITY MANAGER

Award of Bid No. 2024-ITB-304 to XYLEM Tree Experts for City Tree Trimming Contractor Services

Purchasing issued Bid 2024-ITB-304 for the annual services of a qualified and experienced Tree Trimming Contractor on October 2, 2024. The bid was to provide all supervision, labor, equipment, tools, materials and supplies to supplement the city urban forestry program by pruning and removing trees and palms within the right-of-way of city streets, alleyways, parks and other designated areas as specified by the city. The tree pruning/removal services may also be performed near energized power lines of the city's transmission and distribution system.

The bid specifications required trained and experienced personnel equipped for pruning or removing trees from hydraulic lift (bucket) trucks. Each crew should consist of one (1) Crew Leader and two (2) Grounds persons. Personnel shall be qualified in proper traffic control procedures. The annual service for Tree Trimming Contractor is for a one-year period with the option for four (4) one (1) year renewals upon mutual consent.

Three bids were submitted and evaluated by the Parks Department arborist and staff.

Company Name	Location	Price Per Week
Xylem Tree Experts	Norfolk, VA	$4,819.20
The Davey Tree Expert Company	Kent, OH	$5,794.80
Asomeo Environmental Restoration Industry LLC	Sacramento. CA	$7,768.00

Purchasing issued an Intent to Award to Xylem Tree Experts on October 29, 2024. Work is scheduled to start in December and will not exceed 40 weeks as budgeted in the FY25 General Fund Parks Budget of $192,768.

Staff recommended that the City Commission authorize the appropriate City officials to execute a Purchase Order to Xylem Tree Experts for a not to exceed price of $192,768 for Tree Trimming Contractor services.

Motion: Commissioner Chad McLeod moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Stephanie Madden seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

* **Approval of Shortlist for RFQ No. 2024-RFQ-275 - Construction Manager at Risk for Lynncrest Rd / Sylvester Rd Wastewater Pipeline Upgrade Project**

The City of Lakeland Water Utilities Department has a capital improvement project identified in our Wastewater Master plan to increase the size of a force main along Lynncrest Rd and a gravity sewer segment along Sylvester Rd to increase capacity in the area due to project growth or system deficiencies.

Water Utilities has already started designing the project and desires to use the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) delivery method for construction. We have identified this delivery method based on potential difficulties with constructing a 24-inch gravity sewer replacement in a very urban environment. This delivery method allows the contractor to participate during the design of the project and provide valuable construction input.

On September 30, 2024, the City received qualifications from two construction firms proposing to provide CMAR Services for the Lynncrest / Sylvester Wastewater Upgrade Project and the proposals were evaluated by a team of five (5) Water Utilities staff members. The two respondents were:

Kimmins Contracting Corp.	Tampa, Florida
Garney Companies, Inc.	Winter Garden, Florida

Staff requested that the City Commission approve the shortlist and ranking and authorize the Water Utilities Department to proceed with the next phase of the selection process whereby a contract will be brought back to the City Commission for approval.

Action: The Commission approved this item as part of the Consent Agenda.

Approval of Purchase Order to R and K Metal Buildings, LLC for Replacement of Batter's Eyes at Tigertown

During Hurricane Milton, damage occurred at the Tigertown practice fields, to three of the four visual barriers, called Batter's Eyes. A batter's eye is a solid colored, usually dark wall, beyond the center field fence of a baseball field, providing a visual backdrop directly in the line of sight of a baseball batter, while facing the pitcher and awaiting a pitch. This dark surface allows the batter to see the pitched ball. The batter's eyes at Tigertown were built 30 years ago with steel and wood poles, and metal panels that measure 30' x 60'. These Batter's Eyes are required by major league baseball.

The renovation scope includes:

1) Removal of existing batter's eyes structures from fields 1, 2, and 4 that were damaged beyond repair.
2) Install 10" pipe with bat channel, 3' x 3' concrete poles and install metal sheets on one side of batter's eye on fields 1, 2, and 4.

Due to the importance of their use and timing for these to be replaced before Spring Training, three price quotes were attained:

1) R and K Metal Buildings, LLC (Lakeland, FL) $ 274,837.06
2) Powell Industries Maintenance (Lakeland, FL $ 444,421.00
3) Sportsfield Specialties (Delhi, NY) $ 572,408.88

Funding to replace the batter's eyes will be covered by FEMA ($224,837.06) and FMIT the City's property insurance carrier ($50,000). Construction is expected to begin December 23, 2024, and is expected to be completed within 6 weeks.

Staff recommended that the City Commission authorize city officials to execute a purchase order for R and K Metal Buildings, LLC, for a not to exceed price of $274,837.06 for the replacement of three batter's eyes at Tigertown.

Shawn Sherrouse presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Chad McLeod seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments from the audience. The Commission discussed:

- The City was replacing 3 of the 4 batter's eyes on the practice fields.
- The City was responsible for being MLB compliant. They come and inspect every year.
- The City is responsible for the fixed asset as described in the agreement.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Verbal Report – Deputy City Manager

Shawn Sherrouse announced effective today, December 16, 2024, he was promoting Rob Hernandez to Deputy City Manager. Mr. Hernandez came to the City with 30 years of experience in management. His role as Assistant City Manager has been expanding. His experience and past relationships have benefited the City of Lakeland. He is a great leader and well respected.

Shawn Sherrouse was in the process of finding a new Assistant City Manager.

Rob Hernandez was honored for the opportunity. He was grateful for the trust Mr. Sherrouse provided. He was grateful to continue serving in Lakeland.

CITY ATTORNEY

Ordinances (First Reading)

Proposed 24-061; Establishing the Wedgewood Community Development District

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO BE KNOWN AS THE WEDGEWOOD COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 190, FLORIDA STATUTES; NAMING THE DISTRICT; DESCRIBING THE EXTERNAL BOUNDARIES OF THE DISTRICT; DESCRIBING THE FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE DISTRICT; DESIGNATING FIVE PERSONS TO SERVE AS THE INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE DISTRICT'S BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The foregoing is the title of an ordinance read for the first time by short title only. The Commission will hold the second reading and public hearing on January 6, 2025.

Miscellaneous

* **Approval of a Standard Continuing Contract for Fire Protection Contractor I Services with Pye-Barker Fire & Safety, LLC d/b/a United Fire Protection**

In accordance with the Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), the City's Purchasing Department recently issued a Request for Qualifications No. 2024-RFQ284 and formed a committee to select qualified firms to provide Fire Protection Contractor I Services pursuant to a continuing contract. Pye-Barker Fire & Safety, LLC d/b/a United Fire Protection (United Fire) was the only firm to respond to the City's RFQ. Accordingly, City staff is seeking approval to negotiate and enter a continuing contract with United Fire for fire protection contractor services to provide water-based fire sprinkler system and engineered suppression system designs, calculations, modifications, repairs and parts to City facilities.

The overall selection criteria submitted by the Selection Committee, which was comprised of Public Works Facilities Maintenance Fire Protection staff members, for evaluating United Fire included:

- Response to requirements set forth in the RFQ
- Capability and adequacy of the personnel, office/technical staff, service/repair technicians
- Experience and past performance
- Willingness and ability to meet City time and budget requirements
- Location
- Whether firm is a Minority Business Enterprise
- Number of projects previously performed for the City in the past five (5) years

Included with this approval request, and found in the agenda packet, is a copy of a standard continuing contract for Fire Protection Contractor I Services that the City will enter with United Fire once approved by the City Commission. The initial term of the Agreement is for a period of three (3) years, effective December 16, 2024, upon City Commission approval, with two (2) additional one (1) year renewal options upon mutual written agreement of the parties. The Agreement is a zero-dollar contract with all work performed under separately issued Task Authorizations requiring appropriate City approval.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the standard continuing contract with United Fire and authorize the appropriate City staff to execute all corresponding documents.

Action: The Commission approved this item as part of the Consent Agenda.

Renewal of Enterprise 365 Public Sector Program Agreement for Software Services with Bentley Systems, Inc.

This was a proposed renewal of the Enterprise 365 Public Sector Program Agreement with Bentley Systems, Inc. (Bentley) for software services. The Agreement seeks to renew an existing agreement initially approved by the City Commission on December 1, 2022, for software, subscriptions, data, cloud offerings, documentation, maintenance and licenses. The Purchasing Department has approved Bentley as the sole source provider of such software services. The renewal of this Agreement will support several of the City's technology projects in the upcoming year relating to engineering services in operational and technical areas. Specifically, this engineering software is used by several City departments in the design of City assets such as roads, electric, water and wastewater utilities.

The term of this Agreement will be for a period of twelve (12) months, with an effective date of January 1, 2025, upon approval by the City Commission. Pursuant to the Agreement, the City and all departments, including Electric and Water/Wastewater, will

be granted access to Bentley's core products without upfront capital purchase and maintenance costs on all software during the term of the Agreement.

The total expenses associated with this Agreement and corresponding Amendment No. 1 to its terms and conditions will be $152,242 for the twelve (12) month term. The cost for the twelve (12) month term for services has been included in DoIT's FY2025 budget. Without this renewal, the license fees would revert to standard market costs and capital purchase costs for any additional seats of software needed throughout the twelve (12) month term. Thus, renewal of the Agreement with Bentley represents a cost savings for the City. The renewal of this Agreement will also provide numerous benefits to the City such as a lower cost per unit for licensed software, substantially reduced administrative/procurement expenses, maintenance on all Bentley software deployed under this Agreement and the flexibility to deploy products when and where needed. The Agreement will be managed by the DoIT.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve this renewal of the Enterprise 365 Public Sector Program Agreement with Bentley and that the appropriate City officials be authorized to execute all corresponding documents associated with the Agreement.

Deputy City Attorney Ramona Sirianni presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Chad McLeod seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously, 6-0. Commissioner Mike Musick was absent at that time.

Agreement with Ardurra Group, Inc. for Historic Preservation Consulting Services

This was a proposed Agreement with Ardurra Group, Inc. for historic preservation consulting services related to the resurveying of Lakeland's Dixieland and Munn Park Historic Districts.

Phase 1, covering the East and South Lake Morton Historic Districts, was completed in March 2023. Phase 2 will focus on the Dixieland and Munn Park Historic Districts, surveying an estimated 1,318 properties constructed in 1975 and earlier, with activities scheduled from January to June 2025. This project will update the period of significance, assess existing contributing buildings, and identify new historic structures that fall within the designated timeframe.

In October 2024, the City's Purchasing Division issued Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 2024-REQ-305, seeking qualified historic preservation consultants for this Project. The scope of services for Phase 2 includes engagement with City staff and the public, field

surveys of historic buildings, completion of Florida Master Site File inventory forms for all contributing buildings, and the delivery of a Final Survey Report. All activities must adhere to Chapter 1A-46, Florida Administrative Code, and the terms of the State's Small Matching Grant Award Agreement. The Six proposals received in response to the City's RFP were as follows:

Company	Location	Price	RFP Score
Ardurra Group, Inc.	Tampa, FL	144,980	346
Johnson, Mirmiran, & Thompson	Tampa, FL	144,424	333
PaleoWest, LLC dba Chronicle Heritage	Tallahassee, FL	144,980	329
SWCA Environmental Consultants	Tampa, FL	122,397	334
TerraXplorations, Inc.	St. Petersburg, FL	144,967	303
The Delaine Companies	Miami, FL	70,000	181

The selection committee determined that Ardurra Group, Inc. was the most qualified of the six proposals received. The total estimated cost for Phase 2 is $144,980. The State of Florida has contributed a $50,000 grant, with the balance funded by the City's Public Improvement Fund. Staff will seek additional state funding in coming fiscal years to support the third and final phase of the Resurvey Project.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the Agreement with Ardurra Group, Inc. for historic preservation consulting services and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

Assistant City Attorney Alex Landback presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Mike Musick seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments from the audience. The Commission discussed:

- How the list is created and what qualified the surveyors.
- How the boundaries were established. Boundaries start with the National Register of Historic Places. Cities form their boundaries based on the concentration of historic structures in an area. Lakeland's boundaries typically follow the original boundaries of the National Historic Register boundaries.
- Extending the dates to 1975 brought in more buildings such as the old police station and the post office.
- The southern boundary of the Dixieland Historic District, Leyte St.

Natalie Oldencamp served on the Historic Preservation Board and Historic Lakeland Inc. She thought they needed to expand the historic districts. There were seven. They also

wanted two Hollingworth Historic districts. They do have a watch list. They try to prepare for issues that may occur. She was happy they were able to save the Emory Bryant building. She asked the Commission to vote to approve.

Emily Foster was pleased that the Commission was so supportive of this project. It is important to update the historic preservation surveys every decade. Phase III would be the Biltmore/Cumberland area.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Agreement with the State of Florida Division of Historical Resources for Lakeland Historic Districts Resurvey Phase 2

This was a grant funding agreement between the City of Lakeland and the State of Florida's Division of Historical Resources. This grant, in the amount of $50,000.00, will support Phase 2 of the Lakeland Historic Districts Resurvey Project.

The grant will facilitate the procurement of a historic preservation consultant to conduct a survey of historic resources within the Dixieland and Munn Park Historic Districts. Ardurra Group, Inc. has been selected as the consultant for this project. The total cost for Phase 2 of this project is estimated at $144,980. Funding will be disbursed in four installments of $12,500 each, contingent upon the completion of specific deliverables, including the consultant's credential submission and approval, alongside necessary forms, reports, and other documentation as stipulated by the State. The remaining estimated project cost of $94,980 will be covered by the City's Public Improvement Fund.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the Agreement with the State of Florida Division of Historical Resources, along with any other documents necessary to finalize the award of the grant. Staff also requested that the City Commission authorize an increase in estimated revenue in the Public Improvement Fund of $50,000 for the receipt of this Small Matching Grant from the State of Florida.

Alex Landback presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Stephanie Madden seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Assistant CED Director Teresa Maio announced this is the second grant that Emily Foster has secured for the City of Lakeland.

* **Approval of a Standard Continuing Contract for Construction Trade Professional Services and Authority to Negotiate Continuing Contracts with Short-Listed Firms.**

The City's Purchasing Department recently issued a Request for Qualification 2024-RFQ-289 (RFQ) and formed a committee to select qualified firms to provide Construction Trade Professional Services pursuant to a continuing contract. A total of thirteen (13) firms responded to the City's RFQ and the following three (3) companies have been evaluated and short-listed in the order in which they were ranked:

1. Register Construction and Engineering, Inc.	Lakeland, FL
2. Springer Voss Construction	Lakeland, FL
3. Manhattan Construction Company, LLC	Tampa, FL

By entering a continuing contract for Construction Trade Professional Services with these firms, the City will be able to utilize and benefit from a broad range of construction services such as new construction, renovations, repairs, additions and general maintenance of existing City facilities. The overall selection criteria submitted by the Selection Committee, which was comprised of the Airport Assistant Director, Airport Operations Manager, Airport Facilities Coordinator, Accounting Clerk II – Airport and Assistant Director of Economic Development, included:

- Professionalism
- Experience
- Quality Control and Quality Assurance
- Project Management

Included in the agenda packet is a copy of the City's standard continuing contract for Construction Trade Professional Services that the City will enter with the above short-listed firms once approved by the City Commission. The initial term of the Agreement is for a period of three (3) years, effective December 16, 2024, upon City Commission approval, with two (2) additional one (1) year renewal options upon mutual written agreement of the parties. The Agreement is a zero-dollar contract with all work performed under separately issued Task Authorizations requiring appropriate City approval.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the construction firms shortlisted above and authorize the appropriate City staff to negotiate and enter continuing contracts with the above-specified firms, as well as execute all corresponding documents

Action: The Commission approved this item as part of the Consent Agenda.

FINANCE DIRECTOR

Appropriation and Increase in Estimated Revenues - Transportation Fund

Public Works is recommending that the City Commission approve appropriation requests for the following projects:

West 7th Street Sidewalk	$ 112,000
Cleveland Heights Left Turn Lane	$ 62,500
Winston Park Boulevard Connector	$ 350,000

The West 7th Street Sidewalk Project will construct a new sidewalk on 7th Street between N. Webster Avenue and Sidney Avenue. This project was funded in the Fiscal Year 2024 Transportation Fund and was mistakenly not included in the recent Budget Carryovers. This project will be constructed by Public Works' crews.

The Cleveland Heights Boulevard Left-Turn Lane project will extend the southbound left turn lane at Westover Street creating more storage for turning vehicles. This project was identified as a need when the YMCA submitted their recent campus expansion for City review. The project will be funded by the Transportation Impact Fees (District 2) collected from the YMCA project. This project will be constructed by Public Works' crews.

The collector road that is now named "Winston Park Boulevard" has been a zoning requirement for the Lakes at Laurel Highlands residential development from at least 2005, intended to connect this neighborhood to State Road 572 (Airport Road) and North Parkway Frontage Road as well as provide an additional route for general traffic between western Lakeland and the central city area to meet the City's connectivity goals. When completed, Winston Park Boulevard will comprise a longer route between North Parkway Frontage Road and County Road 542 (Old Tampa Highway) through the adjacent 729-acre Lakeland Central Park development that is also under construction on the west side of Airport Road, directly across from Laurel Highlands. The road corridor is depicted in Map TRN-4 (Future Roadway Conditions) of the Lakeland Comprehensive Plan: Our Community 2030 as well as an "Unfunded Need" in Figure 4-5 of the Polk Transportation Planning Organization's Momentum 2045 long-range transportation plan. Winson Park Boulevard between North Parkway Frontage Road and County Road 542 (Old Tampa Highway) is also a designated Proposed Pathway Corridor in Map TRN-8 of the Comprehensive Plan. The corridor is a designated "Developer Contribution Project" in the Southwest Sector Plan adopted by the City Commission via Resolution No. 4720 on October 6, 2008. The new FDOT District One Federal Function Classification and Urban Area Boundaries maps approved by the TPO with pending approval by the Federal Highway Administration show Winston Park Boulevard as an Urban Major Collector roadway.

The Winston Park Boulevard cross-section within Lakes at Laurel Highlands required per Ordinance No. 5541, as amended, consists of two travel lanes (one each direction) with turn lanes at major intersections, sidewalks on both sides of the street, four-foot-wide bicycle lanes in each direction with street lighting and trees within 64 to 80 feet of right-of-way. West of Airport Road, the bicycle facility will transition into a ten-foot-wide December 16, 2024 VII-A Page 2 of 5 concrete side path parallel to the street as was

constructed along the existing Winston Park Boulevard section within Phase I of Lakeland Central Park.

Residents within Lakes at Laurel Highlands, which will now contain approximately 630 homes at buildout, have contacted City and Turnpike staff requesting that the Winston Park Boulevard connection to North Parkway Frontage Road be opened to provide better access for seniors living within Heritage Landings, opportunities for transit service into the neighborhood and a much shorter route for motorists and bicyclists/pedestrians to destinations such as Lakeside Village. For example, the distance between Lakeside Village and Phase 3C (under construction at east end of Laurel Highlands) via Winston Park Boulevard is approximately 2.15 miles vs. 4.64 miles via the Polk Parkway and Airport Road. The estimated cost to complete the Winston Park Boulevard connection to North Parkway Frontage Road is $350,000. The funds for construction, inspection and permitting activities will be derived from District Two City Transportation Impact Fees and will be subtracted from a pending City Transportation Impact Fee Credit Agreement addressing a portion of the developer's construction costs for the roadway, which will also be further deducted to account for its proportional cost to signalize the Winston Park Boulevard/Airport Road intersection. A larger improvement to this intersection is currently being studied by the Lakeland Central Park team for permitting through the Florida Department of Transportation.

City Staff recommended the City Commission authorize appropriations in the amount of $524,500 and an increase in estimated revenue in the amount of $412,500, with the remaining amount of $112,000 funded from the Unappropriated Surplus of the Transportation Fund; West 7th Street Sidewalk $ 112,000 Cleveland Heights Left Turn Lane $ 62,500 Winston Park Boulevard Connector $ 350,000

Assistant Finance Director Deidra Joseph presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Chad McLeod seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Appropriation and Increase in Estimated Revenues - Lakeland Electric

On February 23, 2023, the Siemens 501-G, Unit 5 Combustion Turbine (CT) experienced an unplanned trip offline. Upon inspection, a Siemens borescope technician identified damage in the compressor section extending through the 13th-stage extraction on February 26, 2023. This prompted a cover lift for further assessment, which revealed on March 10, 2023, that the 13th-stage extraction bellows at the Intermediate Pressure Return Air Cooler (IP RAC) were damaged and had liberated material into the

compressor. On March 17, 2023, some of this material was in the extraction line of the compressor. Ultimately, the following repairs and replacements were required:

1. Replacement of the rotor with all-new blading.
2. Cleaning debris from Row 1 vanes.
3. Row 1 turbine blades were replaced due to Foreign Object Damage (FOD).
4. Completion of tuning and balancing procedures.

The unit returned to service on June 21, 2023, after the failure was determined to be caused by premature degradation of the bellows material. Notably, the 501-G's expected life cycle is over 2,500 thermal cycles, but the unit had only completed approximately 1,100 cycles at the time of failure.

The Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine (RICE) Plant project, approved by the City Commission on August 21, 2023, has a revised budget allocation of $174,500,000, with an updated total estimated cost of $183,348,352. This results in a funding shortfall of $8,876,352.

Lakeland Electric submitted an insurance claim for $10,031,430. After accounting for the City's $1,500,000 insurance deductible, the net reimbursement totaled $8,531,430. The repairs were paid for using the Series 2021 Bond proceeds. Per the terms of the Series 2021 Bond Ordinance, insurance proceeds must be reinvested in long-lived assets. Additionally, the funds must be spent within a specific timeframe as will be determined by the terms of the supplemental tax certificate to be issued by the Bond Council.

City Staff recommended the City Commission authorize the following appropriations:

1. To meet the Bond Ordinance requirements, it is requested that the City Commission authorize an appropriation and increase in estimated revenues of $8,531,430 from the insurance reimbursement toward the City's bond-funded RICE Plant project.
2. To ensure that the RICE Plant project budget is not overspent, it is requested that the City Commission authorize an appropriation of $8,876,352 from the Unappropriated Surplus Funds of Lakeland Electric to fund the estimated shortfall.

Assistant Finance Director Deidra Joseph presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Stephanie Madden seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

UTILITY

Ordinances – None

Resolutions

Resolution 5961; Proposed 24-086; Establishing Fuel Charge Effective January 1, 2025

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE ELECTRIC UTILITY; MAKING FINDINGS; ESTABLISHING THE FUEL CHARGE FOR ALL CUSTOMER CLASSES FOR METERS READ ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025; AMENDING TIME OF DAY FUEL CHARGE FOR APPLICABLE RATE CLASSES; REPEALING RESOLUTION 5943; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Mike Musick seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Guy LaLonde, Mike Musick, Sara Roberts McCarley, Stephanie Madden, Bill Read, Chad McLeod, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes-seven. Nays-zero. The motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Change Order No. 3 with Sargent & Lundy, LLC for Peaking Power Generation Professional Engineering Services

This was a proposed Change Order with Sargent & Lundy, LLC for peaking power generation professional engineering services for the McIntosh Reciprocating Internal Combustion Project (MREP). On October 5, 2020, the City Commission approved an Agreement with Sargent & Lundy, LLC for professional engineering services to assist Lakeland Electric in adding approximately 120 megawatts of additional peaking power generation capacity at the McIntosh Power Plant referred to as MREP.

Once the full scope of the MREP was evaluated, a total engineering cost of $6,503,919 was approved by the City Commission on December 20, 2021. The City Commission subsequently approved two (2) Change Orders to the Agreement, one in the amount of $1,877,000 on June 5, 2023, and the other in the amount of $1,068,634 on April 1, 2024.

Lakeland Electric staff is now seeking approval to issue Change Order #3 to the Agreement in the amount of $209,102, plus a contingency amount of $41,345 to bring the total contract amount to $9,700,000. The increased cost stems from additional delays that have required engineering services in excess of the current projected man-

hours set forth in the Agreement. The engineering services provided by Sargent & Lundy, LLC, pursuant to this Change Order #3, are based on the current MREP schedule to provide Lakeland Electric with the necessary startup support until commercial operation is achieved, which is anticipated to be January 31, 2025.

A summary of the associated cost of the engineering services pursuant to the Agreement with Sargent & Lundy, LLC are set forth below:

• October 5, 2020 - Initial Estimated Cost	$ 4,983,232
• December 20, 2021 – Updated Initial Cost	$ 6,503,919
• June 5, 2023 – Change Order #1	$ 1,877,000
• April 1, 2024 – Change Order #2	$ 1,068,634
• December 16, 2024 - Change Order #3	$ 250,447
• **Total Estimated Project Cost**	**$ 9,700,000**

Sargent & Lundy, LLC will perform all engineering services in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement. The updated total estimated cost of the work is $9,700,000. The cost of this Change Order #3 is $250,447, which is included in Lakeland Electric's FY25 Budget.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve Change Order #3 with Sargent & Lundy LLC for professional engineering services and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all corresponding documents on behalf of the City.

Ramona Sirianni presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Purchase of Steam Seals for Larsen Unit 8's Steam Turbine with GE International, Inc.

Hereto for your consideration is a proposed purchase of steam seals for Larsen Power Plant Unit 8's steam turbine with GE International, Inc. (GE). The steam turbine at Larsen Unit 8 is losing steam during power generation causing a degradation in output. The steam loss is due to the leaking steam seals N1 and N2. Rather than venting to the atmosphere the steam is being injected into the turbine lubricating oil which reduces the lubricity of the oil and puts the turbine bearings at risk. The issue is currently under control by reducing the load on the turbine and renting a dewatering unit to extract water from the oil.

The City's Purchasing Department has approved GE as a sole source supplier for these seals as GE is the original equipment manufacturer of Unit 8. Upon approval by the City Commission, the City will issue a purchase order for the seals, which are scheduled to be installed by Lakeland Electric staff during Unit 8's Spring outage scheduled for May 5, 2025 through May 19, 2025. The work will be governed by the negotiated terms and conditions in an existing Agreement with GE dated December 2018, as well as GE's Proposal 1691232-483728 Revision 2 dated December 9, 2024. The total cost of the seals is $60,000.00 and is included in Lakeland Electric's FY25 budget.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the proposed purchase of steam seals for Larsen Unit 8's steam turbine from GE and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all corresponding documents for the work.

Ramona Sirianni presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Change Order to Task Authorization with TEAMWORKnet, Inc. for Lakeland Electric's McIntosh Reciprocating Engine Project Protection/Control Commissioning

This was a proposed Change Order to the Task Authorization with TEAMWORKnet, Inc. (TEAMWORKnet) to provide additional protection/control commissioning for the McIntosh Reciprocating Engine Project (MREP). This includes the commissioning of all electrical equipment from the Tenoroc Substation to the MREP, including but not limited to the Generator Step-up Transformer (GSU), 13.8 KV switchgear, as well as the 480-volt switchgear, wiring details and controls.

On July 15, 2024, the City Commission approved a Task Authorization with TEAMWORKnet to provide protection/control commissioning for the MREP. However, an additional six (6) weeks of engineering support is required by the principal engineer and an additional two (2) weeks of support is required by the project engineer due to the additional delays encountered in the startup and commissioning process for the MREP.

As such, in accordance with this Change Order and upon approval by the City Commission, TEAMWORKnet will continue services, with the work anticipated to be completed by January 31, 2025. In addition to the commissioning of all electrical equipment, TEAMWORKnet will also provide active redline markups to assist Lakeland Electric staff and consulting engineers with developing clean as-built drawings for the Plant.

All services pursuant to this Task Authorization will be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the City's Continuing Contract for Electrical Engineering Services with TEAMWORKnet approved by the City Commission on October 1, 2022, and TEAMWORKnet's proposals dated June 27, 2022, and December 9, 2024. All reimbursable expenses shall be paid in accordance with the City's Consultant Expense Reimbursement Policy. The total not-to-exceed estimated cost of the services is $115,300, which is included in Lakeland Electric's FY2025 budget.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve this Change Order with TEAMWORKnet, Inc. for Lakeland Electric's MREP Protection/Control Commissioning and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all corresponding documents related to the Change Order.

Ramona Sirianni presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Bill Read moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Chad McLeod seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCE

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Mayor Bill Mutz:

- Attended Restoration Fellowship where he saw Andrew Gash in his personal environment doing a fabulous job. His work on the program was exquisite. He did a fantastic job. His parents participated and there were 14 City of Lakeland employees participating.
- Announced that GM was "killing" their $10 billion spend on Cruise Robotaxi. That is not negative. It shows the balancing of new technology.

Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley:

- Attended Lakeland Symphony Orchestra (LSO) yesterday afternoon. It was amazing! There were students from Harrison, other professionals, and volunteers. Florida Southern College (FSC) is a great partner to house the LSO. Lakeland is a great place for the arts.
- Thursday was the Transportation, Planning Organizations (TPO) meeting. We approved something earlier today that is part of the TPO Workplan.
- Over the weekend, Citrus Connection will have offsite parking at Main and Lincoln where citizens can take the bus into the Bonnet Springs Park (BSP). That will continue through the Light Up event at BSP. Also, if you are at the Joinery, you

can pick up that bus at the Park & Ride. There were 572 people who used that transit bus this past weekend.

Commissioner Mike Musick, this past Saturday morning, participated in the Holly Jolly Jingle Bell Jog. It was well attended.

Commissioner Guy LaLonde announced this was his last meeting of his first year. He thanked his colleagues and City staff. He was excited about things next year. He wished them all a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Bill Mutz appreciated his work this year. He has done an exceptional job digging in.

Commissioner Chad McLeod:

- Every year when I look at this last agenda, I realize we sometimes forget all the hurdles we have overcome. It is exciting to look ahead to 2025.
- He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.
- He reminded the Commission of the City Attorney review workshop at 1 p.m.

Commissioner Bill Read:

- Thanked everyone who attended the Christmas parade. It was good to spend time with family.
- He was glad to have the State Guard established here in Lakeland.
- He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Happy Hanukah.

Commissioner Stephanie Madden:

- It was fun to see the children on the commission float. It was fun to have the Youth Council participate in the Christmas parade.
- She attended the Central Florida Development Council (CFDC) meeting. She has learned a lot from serving on that council. Their speaker was a professor from The Citadel. He worked for 30 years for Gulf Stream. When he retired he went back to the Citadel to start an advanced air mobility (AAM) course. He has mapped out the whole State of South Carolina and positioned the charging infrastructure for the AAM. AAMs are like small electric jets. There were 250 companies and thousands of designs that have been piloted. There is a rush to see whose design is approved first. The FAA said there would be a certification of an AAM in 2025. Pilot training was already underway. Secretary Purdue said he wanted Florida to be first for this AAM.
- She asked announced the Minora lighting this year on Lake Mirror this Sunday.

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT - 11:17 a.m.

Kelly S. Koos, City Clerk

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