LAKELAND CITY COMMISSION

Regular Session
October 19, 2026

The Lakeland City Commission met in Regular Session in the City Commission Chambers. Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley and Commissioners Chad McLeod, Terry Coney, Mike Musick, Ashley Troutman and Guy LaLonde were present. Commissioner Stephanie Madden was absent. Deputy City Manager Rob Hernandez, City Attorney Palmer Davis, Interim Finance Director Deidra Joseph, and City Clerk Kelly Koos were present.

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 A.M.

PRESENTATIONS

Lakeland: A Complete Community (Luis Cruz, Economic Development Manager)

REQUESTS TO APPEAR FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC – None

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 shall 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 Ashley Troutman moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Mike Musick seconded.

Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (with any amendments)

*City Commission Minutes 10/02-08/26
*Utility Committee Minutes 10/02/26

Action: The Commission approved these minutes as part of the Consent Agenda.

REPORTS AND RELATED ITEMS

Municipal Boards & Committees 10/15/26

Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley presented this report to the Commission.

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

Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

EQUALIZATION HEARINGS - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinances (Second Reading) - None

Resolutions

Resolution 6088; Proposed 26-052; Authorizing the Execution of a Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for Financial Project No. 458825-1-94-01 to Provide Funding for the Terminal Hold Room Project at Lakeland Linder International Airport

> A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE TERMINAL HOLD ROOM PROJECT AT LAKELAND LINDER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; ADOPTING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Guy LaLonde moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Ashley Troutman seconded.

Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Chad McLeod, Terry Coney, Mike Musick, Ashley Troutman, Guy LaLonde and Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley voted aye. Ayes-six. Nays-zero. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 6089; Proposed 26-053; Vacating an Existing Public Utility Easement Located at the Northwest Corner of Highway 98 South and Colbert Road

> A RESOLUTION RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS; MAKING FINDINGS; VACATING AN EXISTING PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF HIGHWAY 98 SOUTH AND COLBERT ROAD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Ashley Troutman seconded.

Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Guy LaLonde, Mike Musick, Ashley Troutman, Terry Coney, Chad McLeod, and Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley voted aye. Ayes-six. Nays-zero. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 6090; Proposed 26-054; Authorizing Application with the State Revolving Fund Loan Program for the Western Trunk Gravity Sewer Replacement Project

> A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN PROGRAM; MAKING FINDINGS; AUTHORIZING A LOAN APPLICATION; AUTHORIZING A LOAN AGREEMENT; ESTABLISHING PLEDGED REVENUES; DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES; PROVIDING FOR ASSURANCES OF COMPLIANCE WITH LOAN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Ashley Troutman moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Mike Musick seconded.

Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Chad McLeod, Terry Coney, Mike Musick, Ashley Troutman, Guy LaLonde and Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley voted aye. Ayes-six. Nays-zero. The motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY - None

CITY MANAGER

Purchase Order with BlueAlly, Inc. for Subscription of Anti-Malware Technology

BlueAlly, Inc. has submitted a proposal to renew its contract for the City's anti-malware technology, including continued vendor support and subscription access to product fixes and enhancements. This technology helps protect computers, servers, and other devices connected to the City's network by detecting, preventing, and removing malicious software, such as viruses, ransomware, and Trojans. It monitors for known threats and suspicious activity, identifies potentially harmful files or behavior, and blocks or contains threats to help safeguard City systems and data.

The cost for the anti-malware technology is $118,196. This amount is included in the FY 2027 Information Technology Budget.

The City's Purchasing Division has approved the renewal as a piggyback purchase utilizing the State of Florida Department of Management Services State Term Contract No. 43230000-24-STC, Digital Security Solutions.

Staff recommended that the City Commission authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order to BlueAlly, Inc. for anti-malware technology in the amount of $118,196 and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all necessary documents.

Deputy City Manager Rob Hernandez presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Terry Coney seconded.

Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY

Ordinances (First Reading)

Proposed 26-034; Amending the Lakeland City Code and Lakeland Land Development Code to Provide for a Code Enforcement Special Magistrate System

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA RELATING TO CODE ENFORCEMENT; PROVIDING FOR A CODE ENFORCMENT SPECIAL MAGISTRATE; AMENDING DIVISION 2 OF ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA; AMENDING SECTIONS 86-32 AND 90-53 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND; AMENDING SUBSECTIONS 1.1.7, 4.5.13.3, 4.9.3.1.f, 5.14.4.2, 6.3.5, 6.8.1.3, 6.8.2.2, AND 9.6.3.5 OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; 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 November 2, 2026.

Miscellaneous

***Approval of Standard Continuing Contract for Municipal Engineering Services and Authority to Negotiate Continuing Contracts with Shortlisted Firms**

In accordance with the Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act, the City's Purchasing Department recently issued Request for Qualifications 2026-RFQ-075, requesting qualifications from qualified firms to provide professional Municipal Engineering Services pursuant to a continuing contract. A total of thirty-one (31) firms responded to the City's RFQ. A Selection Committee, comprised of Public Works Engineering, Water Department Engineering, Energy Delivery Substation and Energy Production Engineering, and City staff, evaluated the firms based on the following overall criteria:

- Capability and adequacy of professional personnel
- Response to the requirements set forth in the City's RFQ
- Experience and past performance
- Willingness to meet the City's time and budget requirements
- Office location from which work will be performed
- Recent, current and projected workload
- Volume of work previously awarded to the firm

Upon review of the proposals by the Selection Committee, the following seventeen firms listed below, in the order in which they were ranked, have been shortlisted:

Company Name	Location
1. DCCM Infrastructure, Inc.	Lakeland, Florida
2. CHA Consulting, Inc.	Winter Haven, Florida
3. V&A Consulting Engineers, Inc.	Tampa, Florida
4. Tetra Tech, Inc.	Orlando, Florida
5. AECOM Technical Service	Bartow, Florida
6. Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP	Lakeland, Florida
7. CPH Consulting, LLC.	Sanford, Florida
8. Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	Coral Gables, Florida

9. Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc.	Alachua, Florida
10.Dewberry Engineers, Inc.	Lakeland, Florida
11.Wright-Pierce	Lakeland, Florida
12.DRMP, Inc.	Orlando, Florida
13.Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.	Orlando, Florida
14.Black & Veatch Corporation	Orlando, Florida
15.Jacobs Engineering Group	Tampa, Florida
16.American Structurepoint, Inc.	Tampa, Florida
17.Hazen and Sawyer	Orlando, Florida

Included with this agenda item was a copy of the City's standard continuing contract for professional Municipal Engineering Services that the City will enter with the above-specified firms, once approved by the City Commission. By entering a continuing contract with these firms, the City will be able to utilize and benefit from a broad scope of professional municipal engineering services. The continuing contract is a zero-dollar Agreement pursuant to which all work will be performed under separately issued Task Authorizations requiring appropriate City approval based on the dollar value of services provided. The initial term of the Agreement is for a period of three years, effective upon City Commission approval, and includes two additional one-year renewal options upon mutual written agreement of the parties.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the above short-listed firms and authorize the appropriate City officials to negotiate and enter continuing contracts with the above-specified firms for professional Municipal Engineering Services.

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

Lease Agreement with Legacy Business and Real Estate Brokers, LLC

This was a proposed Lease Agreement with Legacy Business and Real Estate Brokers, LLC, for approximately 6,000 square feet of combined warehouse and office space, approximately 7,564 square feet of laydown space, and ten parking spaces located on the north side of Lakeland Linder International Airport (Airport). Legacy Business and Real Estate Brokers, LLC has been a tenant at the Airport since 2015 and currently leases additional space at the Airport.

The initial term of the Lease will be for a period of three years, effective October 19, 2026, subject to City Commission approval. The Lease also includes two additional one-year renewal options upon mutual written agreement of the parties. Commencing October 19, 2026, and continuing through September 30, 2027, the monthly base rent for the premises will be $5,800.00 or $69,600.00 per year, which represents a blended rate for the office, warehouse and laydown space. Commencing October 1, 2027, and continuing through September 30, 2028, the monthly base rent for the premises will increase to $5,974.00 or $71,688.00 per year. Thereafter, base rent will be subject to an annual increase of 3% for the remaining initial term of the Lease and any subsequent options of renewal exercised by the parties, which is consistent with other similar leases

in this area of the Airport. In addition to base rent, Legacy Business and Real Estate Brokers, LLC will be responsible for any applicable taxes, and utilities including electric, water, wastewater, stormwater, refuse collection, and heating/air conditioning.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve this Lease Agreement with Legacy Business and Real Estate Brokers, LLC and authorize the appropriate City officials to finalize and execute all corresponding documents consistent with the above-specified terms.

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

Motion: Commissioner Ashley Troutman moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Mike Musick seconded.

Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

FINANCE DIRECTOR – None

UTILITY

Ordinances – None

Resolutions - None

Miscellaneous

Agreement with BrandSafway Solutions, LLC for Scaffolding & Insulation Services at Lakeland Electric Power Generation Facilities

This was a proposed Agreement with BrandSafway Solutions, LLC for scaffolding and insulation services at Lakeland Electric's power generation facilities, which include McIntosh Power Plant, Larsen Power Plant, Winston Peaking Station and other designated Lakeland Electric facilities. These services are required to provide safe access to equipment, as well as support maintenance, repair, inspection, and outage activities at various Lakeland Electric facility sites. Such services will be utilized throughout the year, with increased demand during Lakeland Electric's scheduled outages and major maintenance activities.

On July 24, 2026, the City's Purchasing Division issued Request for Proposal No. 2026-RFP-080 (RFP), seeking qualified contractors to provide scaffolding and insulation services at Lakeland Electric's power generation facilities on an as-needed basis. The following four (4) firms submitted proposals in response to the City's RFP.

Vendors	Location
BrandSafway Solutions, LLC	Tampa, FL
Incorp Industries, LLC	Tampa, FL
K&G Industrial Services	Mulberry, FL
Pen Gulf, Incorporated	Pensacola, FL

Following evaluation of the proposals by the Selection Committee comprised of Lakeland Electric staff, BrandSafway Solutions LLC was selected as the highest ranked firm and recommended for award based on its qualifications and capabilities that best met Lakeland Electric's operational and outage requirements. Pursuant to the Agreement, BrandSafway Solutions, LLC will provide labor, materials, equipment, and supervision for the construction, modification, maintenance, inspection, and removal of scaffolding and the removal, repair, replacement, and installation of insulation. Services will be performed on an as-needed, time-and-materials basis at the McIntosh and Larsen Power Plants, Winston Peaking Station, and other designated Lakeland Electric facilities.

The Agreement will provide for an initial term of one-year, effective October 19, 2026, subject to City Commission approval. The Agreement also includes four additional one-year renewal options upon mutual written agreement of the parties. The estimated cost for FY27, based on Lakeland Electric's prior years' expenditures for such services, is $2,000,000, which is included in Lakeland Electric's FY27 budget. The total estimated cost over the term of the Agreement, including all renewal options if exercised, is $10,000,000. Funding for these services will be subject to annual budget approval by the City Commission.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the Agreement with BrandSafway Solutions, LLC for scaffolding and insulation services at Lakeland Electric's power generation facilities and authorize the appropriate City staff to execute all corresponding documents related to the Agreement.

Ramona Sirianni presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Terry Coney seconded.

Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Tracy Terri: Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley recognized Tracy Terri who was the Administrative Assistant for the Mayor & Commission. She has changed jobs and is

now working in Water Utilities. She has been amazing! She also thanked the Water Department for being patient while they filled the vacancy.

AUDIENCE

James Thomas came to speak about ebike safety. Mr. Thomas was a veteran. He had concerns about safety of ebikes. There needs to be safety education for ebikes. He helps veterans to get an ebike if they lose their license. He helps them move through recovery. He wanted the City to push out more information about best practices and safety training for ebike users.

Beverly Copeland Inman of Carpenters Way thanked Commissioner Terry Coney, City Attorney Palmer Davis and City Manager Shawn Sherrouse for their town hall meeting. It was a big success. They really appreciated the meeting. She hoped it was just the beginning.

Nahil Odeh came forward to speak about the LHA. He distributed a handout, a copy of which is on file in the agenda packet. He relayed a problem he had with a tenant and the LHA. He expressed concerns about Ben Stevenson and his staff. The board is refusing to do their duty and blocking emails.

Jordan Keene spoke against flock cameras. He said he has hired Private Investigators (P.I.s) to follow all the Commissioners for the next three months. He knows where their grandkids and kids go to school and where they work.

Brittney Singletary came forward to speak about the Western Trunk Line being over budget. She asked about the City's fiduciary oversight.

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Chad McLeod thanked everyone for returning their evaluation forms. The consultant may be reaching out. The evaluation is Nov 16th at 1 p.m. He encouraged all of them to discuss their comments with the City Manager before the review.

Commissioner Terry Coney:

- Recognized the ladies from Carpenters neighborhood. The town hall had a great turnout.
- Today is the first day of early voting.
- Citrus Connection is providing free transportation to the polls on election day. Just show your voter ID card.

Commissioner Guy LaLonde was looking forward to Trick or Treat today around Lake Mirror with Police and Fire departments.

Commissioner Ashley Troutman:

- October 25, 2026, the public can engage with the Lakeland Senior Hub.
- Sister Cities quarterly meeting Wednesday, Oct 21
- I-4 Passenger Rail study link is still live. https://polktpo.com/plans-and-projects/passenger-rail-service/i-4-passenger-rail-station-study/
- TPO heard from Keith Robbins on the strategic safety plan. He brought forth an interesting perspective on how adults should continue their education on traffic safety.
- Cardboard Boat race was October 10, 2026. The Classic Car Show was this past weekend. The Orange Cup Regatta was October 16-18, 2026. These events add to the vibrancy of this community.

Commissioner Mike Musick:

- Thanked Commissioner Terry Coney for the town hall meeting. He heard positive comments from the public.
- Attended Florida Polytechnic's (FPU) ribbon cutting last Thursday. It is the University Safety Administration Operations Center. They displayed their drone vehicle. It's interesting to see how the university is growing.
- Get Out and Vote! Do your research and get educated.

Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley:

- Attended the classic car show. There were some FPU students who had their vehicle on display. Great community involvement. Many people volunteer to make Lakeland what it is.
- The Fire Department's Touch-A-Truck is coming soon.
- She appreciated the safety comments on ebike safety. She sees a lot of those safety issues out around town.
- She said farewell to Tracy and welcomed Ashley Cheshire.

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT – 10:04 a.m.

Kelly S. Koos, MMC
City Clerk

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