LAKELAND CITY COMMISSION

Regular Session
March 3, 2025

The Lakeland City Commission met in Regular Session in the City Commission Chambers. Mayor Bill Mutz and Commissioners Chad McLeod, Stephanie Madden, Sara Roberts McCarley, Mike Musick, and Guy LaLonde were present. Commissioner Bill Read was absent. City Manager Shawn Sherrouse, City Attorney Palmer Davis, Finance Director Mike Brossart, and Deputy City Clerk Heather Bradman were present.

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 A.M.

PROCLAMATIONS

Achievement Academy Awareness Month
Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
Irish American Heritage Month

PRESENTATIONS

Beautification Awards (Bill Koen)

- Residential - 720 W. 14th Street (Land Trust)
- Commercial - Griffin Lofts - 2235 Griffin Road

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 Sara Roberts McCarley moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (with any amendments)

* City Commission Minutes - Feb. 14-17, 2025

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

REPORTS AND RELATED ITEMS

Charter Review Committee - Final Committee Report and Recommendations

Chairman Mike Workman presented to the Commission.

The Commission thanked those who served on the Charter Review Committee. This was a strong, collegial, and thoughtful committee.

Mayor Bill Mutz mentioned a concern he had about elected officials receiving a pension after serving 5 terms (20 years) because that is an ongoing cost to the City. The committee acknowledge the budgetary concern of an unfunded pension liability. However, the committee elected not to make any changes to this because of a lack of subject matter expertise.

Palmer Davis explained to move forward, the Commission would need to consider an ordinance which include all, none, or some of the proposed changes from the committee to develop ballot language for the electors in November.

Mike Workman recognized Palmer Davis for his leadership this past year.

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.

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) - None

Miscellaneous

Local Government Comprehensive Plan Certification Monitoring Report Presentation

Chuck Barmby presented this item to the Commission. This was the 2024 Certification Program Monitoring Report and Amendment to Local Government Comprehensive Planning Certification Program Agreement. This would recognize the annexations of 2024.

Palmer Davis explained the Next step was for the Commission to accept the report and authorize staff to transmit to the Department of Commerce.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the report and transmit to the Department of Commerce. 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 6-0.

Resolutions

Resolution 5970; Proposed 25-009; Amending City of Lakeland Local Government Comprehensive Planning Certification Program Agreement

> A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA RELATING TO PLANNING; AMENDING THE CITY OF LAKELAND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING CERTIFICATION PROGRAM AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDED BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION OF THE CERTIFIED AREA; MAKING FINDINGS; 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, Chad McLeod, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes-six. Nays-zero. The motion carried 6-0.

Resolution 5971; Proposed 25-010; Lots Cleaning and Clearing

> A RESOLUTION RELATING TO ASSESSMENTS; DETERMINING THE NECESSITY FOR HAVING CLEANED AND CLEARED CERTAIN PROPERTIES WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKELAND; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF LIENS AGAINST SUCH PROPERTY FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE CLEANING AND CLEARING THEREOF; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Sara Robert McCarley moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Chad McLeod 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, Stephanie Madden, Sara Roberts McCarley, Mike Musick, Guy LaLonde, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes-six. Nays-zero. The motion carried 6-0.

Resolution 5972; Proposed 25-011; Authorizing the Execution of an Amended Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation to add State and Local Funding for the Purchase of Surrogate Foam and Fluorine-Free Foam for Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Vehicles at Lakeland Linder International Airport

> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ADD ADDITIONAL STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF SURROGATE FOAM AND FLUORINE-FREE FOAM FOR AIRCRAFT RESCUE & FIRE FIGHTING VEHICLES AT LAKELAND LINDER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; ADOPTING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Chad McLeod moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Stephanie Madden 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, Chad McLeod, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes-six. Nays-zero. The motion carried 6-0.

Resolution 5973; Proposed 25-012; Supporting a Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Congressional Community Project Funding Request for the Western Trunk Gravity Sewer Main Project

> A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA SUPPORTING A FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2026 CONGRESSIONAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE WESTERN TRUNK GRAVITY SEWER MAIN PROJECT; ADOPTING FINDINGS; 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 from the audience.

Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley is excited for the Congressional Community Project funding requests. This will be a good relationship for Lakeland in the future.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Chad McLeod, Stephanie Madden, Sara Roberts McCarley, Mike Musick, Guy LaLonde, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes-six. Nays-zero. The motion carried 6-0.

Resolution 5974; Proposed 25-013; Supporting a Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Congressional Community Project Funding Request for the Basins 40 and 41 Pipe Rehabilitation and Infiltration Reduction Project

> A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA SUPPORTING A FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2026 CONGRESSIONAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE BASINS 40 AND 41 PIPE REHABILITATION AND INFILTRATION REDUCTION PROJECT; ADOPTING FINDINGS; 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 Chad McLeod, Stephanie Madden, Sara Roberts McCarley, Mike Musick, Guy LaLonde, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes-six. Nays-zero. The motion carried 6-0.

Resolution 5975; Proposed 25-014; Authorizing the Acquisition of a Portion of Parcel 159 at the Intersection of E. Bay Street and N. Lake Avenue from the Florida Department of Transportation for Road Realignment Purposes

> A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION; AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF A PORTION OF PARCEL 159 AT THE INTERSECTION OF E. BAY STREET AND N. LAKE AVENUE FROM THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ROAD REALIGNMENT PURPOSES; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Chad McLeod 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, Chad McLeod, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes-six. Nays-zero. The motion carried 6-0.

Resolution 5976; Proposed 25-015; Approving a Maintenance Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for City Maintenance of Ponds 1A, 1B and 1C for the East Bay Street Drainage and Roadway Improvements Project

> A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA RELATING TO STORMWATER MAINTENANCE; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR CITY MAINTENANCE OF PONDS 1A, 1B AND 1C FOR THE EAST BAY STREET DRAINAGE AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; ADOPTING FINDINGS; 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, Chad McLeod, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes-six. Nays-zero. The motion carried 6-0.

Resolution 5977; Proposed 25-017; Supporting a Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Congressional Community Project Funding Request for Fire Station 8

> A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA SUPPORTING A FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2026 CONGRESSIONAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST FOR FIRE STATION 8; ADOPTING 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.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Guy LaLonde, Mike Musick, Sara Roberts McCarley, Stephanie Madden, Chad McLeod, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes-six. Nays-zero. The motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Bill Mutz informed the public that the Commission reviewed these resolutions so quickly because they were previously discussed during Agenda Study and all considerations have been accounted for.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

* **Award of 2024-RFP-318 to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. and Authorization to Negotiate Professional Services Agreement for the Dixieland Redevelopment Plan Update**

CRA staff, through the City’s Purchasing Division, issued Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 2024-RFP-318, seeking qualified and experienced firms to provide professional services related to an update of the Lakeland CRA Dixieland Redevelopment Plan. The scope of work for the project includes an in-depth analysis of existing conditions, performance measures, goals and objectives, and a potential 10-year extension of Dixieland’s current sunset date.

A selection committee comprised of CRA staff, Community & Economic Development staff, and a CRA Advisory Board member evaluated the five (5) firms that responded to the RFP. The overall criteria upon which the firms were evaluated included:

- Experience and Expertise: similarity of projects, the quality of those projects, and their relevance to success with respect to this RFP.
- Key Project Personnel: qualifications and relevant experience, including subconsultants.
- Project Delivery and Approach: team organization, understanding of the scope of work, project management and communication plan, ability to meet budget and provide services in a timely manner.
- Fee Proposals: fee to complete the services requested in the RFP.

Six proposals were received in response to the RFP and the selection committee created a shortlist of the top three firms. The top three firms were invited to make presentations to the committee for additional evaluation. The following is a summary of the firms, pricing and final scores:

Company Name	Location	Price	RFP Score
Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc*	Orlando (local office Lakeland)	$175,000	831 + 41.55 (Local) = **872.55**
Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc. (VHB)*	Orlando	$175,000	**864**
Redevelopment Management Associates*	Pompano Beach	$175,000	**806**
GAI Consultants	Orlando	$175,000	**407**
Furr, Wegman & Banks Architects PA	Lakeland	$200,000	309 + 15.45 (Local) = **324.45**
The Delaine Companies	Miami	$120,000	**227**

The CRA Advisory Board reviewed the shortlisted firms' proposals, pricing and final scores at their regular meeting on February 6, 2025, and recommended an award of the Dixieland Redevelopment Plan update to Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. A Notice of Intent to Award was issued on February 12, 2025, and no protests were received.

Staff recommended that the City Commission, acting as the Lakeland Community Redevelopment Agency, award 2024-RFP-318 to Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc. and authorize the appropriate CRA officials to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement with Kimley-Horn for the Dixieland Redevelopment Plan Update at a price not to exceed $175,000.

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

CITY MANAGER

Task Authorization with Register Construction & Engineering, Inc., for the General Parking Lot Enhancement & Overflow Lot Improvements Project at Lakeland Linder International Airport

Staff seeks approval of a Task Authorization with Register Construction & Engineering, Inc. (Register) under the terms and conditions of the City's Continuing Contract for Construction Trade Professionals entered on December 16, 2024, in accordance with Request for Qualifications 2024-RFQ-289.

The proposed Task Authorization for the general parking lot enhancement & overflow lot improvements project includes:

- Installation of entry and exit kiosks for the existing paved public parking lot, including canopies to protect the ticketing and pay stations (installed by The Car Park).
- Construction of a new roadway connection, to align with the new exit kiosk, leading into the overflow parking lot.
- Construction of improvements to the overflow parking lot including public area lighting, parking stops, a paved handicap parking area, swing gates, and a sidewalk connection to the existing terminal curb.
- Sidewalk improvements also include lighted solar pedestrian crossing signs, and modifications to the existing sidewalk to meet ADA requirements.

The total cost of this Task Authorization is $1,149,914.00. Funding for this project is included in the City of Lakeland, Florida Revenue Note, Series 2024 (AMT) that was approved by City Commission on September 3, 2024.

Staff recommended the City Commission approve this Task Authorization with Register Construction & Engineering, Inc. in the amount of $1,149,941.00 to complete the general parking lot enhancements and overflow lot improvements project at Lakeland Linder International Airport and authorize appropriate City officials to execute all corresponding documents on behalf of the City.

Shawn Sherrouse presented this item to the Commission.

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

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

Commissioner Chad McLeod asked about the project timeline. Kris Hallstrand said they are looking at an early summer completion. Some of the pipe just takes time to get in.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried 6-0.

* **Purchase of a Fuel Truck from Oilmen's Truck Tanks, Inc. and Appropriation within the Fleet Management Vehicle Replacement Fund**

Staff requests approval for the early replacement of a multi-product fuel dispensing truck assigned to Public Works Fleet Management. Fleet Management had planned to replace this vehicle in Fiscal Year 2026. However, extended operations during Hurricane Milton shortened this unit's lifespan, requiring an immediate replacement.

The City's Risk Management and Purchasing Department has approved Oilmen's Truck Tanks, Inc. as a sole source vendor based on the City's requirements and vehicle specifications. The cost for the multi-product tanker truck with full dispensing capability is $244,653.

Staff recommended the City Commission approve the purchase of a multi-product fuel dispensing truck from Oilmen's Truck Tanks, Inc. in the amount of $244,653. Staff also recommended the City Commission authorize an appropriation of $244,653 from the Unappropriated Surplus within the Fleet Management Vehicle Replacement Fund for this purchase.

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

* **Acceptance of Florida Recreation Development Assistant Program (FRDAP) Grant for Curtis Peterson Park Concession/Restroom Renovation, Budget Appropriation and Increase in Estimated Revenues**

The City has been awarded a $200,000 matching grant from FRDAP that is funded and administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The grant will provide funding to assist with the renovation of the Concession/Restroom Building located in Curtis Peterson Park. The renovation will consist of updating existing restrooms for ADA compliance, remodel of the concession kitchen area and construct a family restroom. The City of Lakeland's match is $200,000 and is budgeted in the FY'25 Public Improvement Fund utilizing P&R Impact Fees - District 2. The project construction documents are currently in final design for preparation to bid.

Staff recommended that the City Commission authorize an appropriation and increase in estimated revenue in the Public Improvement Fund of $200,000 for the DEP share of this project. It is also recommended that the City Commission authorize the appropriate city staff to execute a Grant Agreement between the DEP and City of Lakeland to obtain the FRDAP Grant.

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

City Manager Verbal Report:

- Recognized Kris Hallstrand for her leadership at Lakeland Linder International Airport (LLIA). There was a Lakeland Economic Development Council (LEDC) meeting last week. Avelo Airlines presented. Mr. Scrugg's of the LEDC commented on Kris Hallstrand and Adam Lunn's leadership at (LLIA).
- Recognized Deputy City Manager Rob Hernandez's work on the federal grant funding resolutions. He was instrumental to help write the resolutions in quick order to get on the agenda. He is also tracking different proposed bill language that he shares with department heads. This allows the City to be more vigilant than ever before.
- Last Tuesday was the City's annual Employee Celebration at Lake Parker Park. It was a great time to celebrate employees' good work serving the community. He recognized Kevin Cook and the Communications Department for taking the lead on this event. Many thanks for Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts and Public Works for also helping with the event.

The Commission discussed:

- Lake Parker Park is a great venue for the annual Employee Celebration. It was a great gathering, and the DJs are Lakeland Electric employees.
- Those commissioners who were not able to attend expressed their appreciation and honor to all employees.
- This City is blessed to have leaders who care about their employees.

CITY ATTORNEY

Ordinances (First Reading)

Proposed 25-003; Approving a Conditional Use for a Research and Development Facility of an Industrial Nature on Property Located at 4040 Kidron Road

> AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; MAKING FINDINGS; APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE FOR A RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITY OF AN INDUSTRIAL NATURE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4040 KIDRON ROAD; FINDING CONFORMITY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; 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 March 17, 2025.

Proposed 25-004; Amending Ordinance 5812; Major Modification of a Conditional Use to Allow for the Expansion of a Bar with Indoor Commercial Recreation Uses on Property Located at 202 N. Massachusetts Avenue

> AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; MAKING FINDINGS; AMENDING ORDINANCE 5812 TO PROVIDE FOR A MAJOR MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPANSION OF A BAR

WITH INDOOR COMMERCIAL RECREATION USES ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 202 N. MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE; FINDING CONFORMITY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; 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 March 17, 2025.

Proposed 25-005; Amending Ordinance 4022, as amended; Major Modification of a Conditional Use for the Dream Center of Lakeland to Include Adjacent Properties Located at 637, 645, 701 and 709 W. 4th Street and 718 W. 5th Street

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; MAKING FINDINGS; AMENDING ORDINANCE 4022, AS AMENDED, TO MODIFY AN EXISTING CONDITIONAL USE FOR THE DREAM CENTER OF LAKELAND TO INCLUDE ADJACENT PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 637, 645, 701 AND 709 W. 4TH STREET AND 718 W. 5TH STREET IN SUPPORT OF AN EXISTING COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER LOCATED AT 635 W. 5TH STREET; FINDING CONFORMITY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; 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 March 17, 2025.

Miscellaneous

* **Use Agreement with Aerospace Center for Excellence, Inc.**

This is an annual Use Agreement with Aerospace Center For Excellence, Inc. (ACE), which gives ACE the authority to conduct its event at the Airport. The main purpose of this Agreement is to provide for insurance and indemnification provisions, as well as delineate those areas where ACE has the responsibility to control and maintain the premises during the event; furthermore, ACE shall have the use of ramps, runways, taxiways and other facilities provided for aircraft and the public at the Airport, which are subject to the operational control of the Airport Director and the Federal Aviation Administration. Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the Use Agreement with ACE and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the Agreement and all corresponding documents.

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

Task Authorization with Wright-Pierce, Inc. for 20-Year Water System Master Plan

This is a proposed Task Authorization with Wright-Pierce, Inc. (Wright-Pierce) for professional services to assist the Water Utilities Department with the development of a 20-Year Water System Master Plan.

The City is experiencing significant growth, increasing flow demands on its water infrastructure. The Water Utilities Department wants to ensure that the water distribution system is appropriately sized and configured to support this growth. The proposed Water System Master Plan aims to benefit residents, businesses and critical community facilities within Lakeland's water service area by developing a strategy to modernize water infrastructure, maintain reliable service, and meet established level of service (LOS) goals. More specifically, the objectives of the Water System Master Plan are to:

- Project water demand within the City's service area for the next 20 years
- Assess the system's capacity
- Update and calibrate the hydraulic model
- Recommend system improvements to:
    - Replace aging infrastructure
    - Accommodate future customers in the service area
    - Meet established LOS goals
- Determine water supplies that could be provided to other PRWC members through proposed interconnects over the 20-year planning period
- Develop project costs and an implementation schedule.

Wright-Pierce will utilize the City's current system model, work in conjunction with City staff to determine future development and growth for 5-year increments out to 2045 and determine upgrades necessary to support these projections. Identified projects will be added to the Water Utilities Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

All services pursuant to this Task Authorization will be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Continuing Agreement for Municipal Engineering Services between the City and Wright-Pierce previously approved by the City Commission in October 2021. The total not-to-exceed cost associated with this Task Authorization is $488,817.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the Task Authorization with Wright-Pierce, Inc. for the development of a 20-Year Water System Master Plan and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the Task Authorization. Staff also recommended that the City Commission authorize an appropriation and increase in estimated revenues of $488,817 in the Water Impact Fee Fund from the Unappropriated Surplus of the Water Utilities Impact Fee Fund to fund the project and authorize a de-appropriation and decrease in estimated revenues of $250,000 in the Water Repair & Replacement Fund, which was the originally budgeted funding source for the project.

Palmer Davis presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Chad McLeod moved to approve the Task Authorization. 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 6-0.

* **Construction Manager at Risk Agreement with Rodda Construction, Inc. for Construction of New Player Development Academy at Joker Marchant Stadium**

This is a Construction Manager at Risk Agreement with Rodda Construction, Inc. for the construction of a New Player Development Academy at Joker Marchant Stadium.

On November 27, 2024, the City's Purchasing Division issued Request for Qualifications (RFQ) #2024-RFQ-342, requesting qualifications from qualified firms to provide Construction Manager at Risk services for a New Player Development Academy at Joker Marchant Stadium. The New Player Development Academy will include a new four-story building with 76 player dorm rooms, a recreation room, administrative offices, lobby, 200-seat dining room, commercial kitchen, commercial laundry area, multipurpose rooms, and site improvements including a new 150-space surface parking area. The facility will be located to the southeast of Joker Marchant Stadium and will require the demolition of an existing media building, one hangar, and an existing two-story dormitory building.

On February 3, 2025, the City Commission approved the shortlist ranking and authorized staff to engage in contract negotiations with Rodda. The parties have subsequently negotiated the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Agreement. Under the CMAR Agreement, Rodda will work with the architect for the project to assess constructability, engage in value engineering, and develop a final budget for the project. Once the plans are finalized, Rodda will provide a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) proposal to the City for the construction of the project and serve as the contractor for the project.

To advance the project, Rodda will initially provide a GMP for the sitework and demolition activities associated with the project and will begin the site/demolition work upon approval of the site work GMP by the City Commission. Once the plans are finalized for the building and parking lot improvements, Rodda will submit a GMP for these improvements. Upon approval of this construction stage GMP by the City Commission, Rodda will commence construction of the new building and parking improvements.

Rodda's fee for its initial pre-construction services under the CMAR Agreement is $50,695. This fee will cover Rodda's constructability assessment and value engineering/budgeting services in preparation of the GMP's for the subsequent sitework and construction. Amendments to the Agreement will then be brought to the City Commission to approve the GMP's for the site/demolition work and construction work as they are developed.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the Construction Manager at Risk Agreement with Rodda Construction, Inc. and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR

* **Revised Recommendation to Correct Original Purchase Order Amount: Approval of Purchase Order to Club Car for Scheduled Replacement of Golf Carts at Cleveland Heights**

The City Commission approved an internal loan and appropriation of $426,038 toward the planned purchase of the new golf carts for Cleveland Heights during the February 17, 2025, Commission meeting. The internal loan ($426,038) and available budget amount ($156,250) are correct in the Golf Course budget, totaling $582,288; however, the purchase order amount requested on February 17, 2025, needs to be corrected from the requested amount of $426,038 to the total budgeted amount of $582,288. The invoice of $582,288 from ClubCar is included in the agenda packet. As noted during the February 17 Commission meeting, the quote from ClubCar is less than the second-place vendor EZGO, whose proposal was $604,033.

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

UTILITY

Ordinances - NONE

Resolutions

Resolution 5978; Proposed 25-016; Establishing Fuel Charge Effective April 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 APRIL 1, 2025; AMENDING TIME OF DAY FUEL CHARGE FOR APPLICABLE RATE CLASSES; REPEALING RESOLUTION 5961; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis presented this item to the Commission.

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, Chad McLeod, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes-six. Nays-zero. The motion carried 6-0.

Miscellaneous

Agreement with GE Energy Management Services, LLC for Purchase of Dissolved Gas Analysis Equipment

This is a proposed Agreement with GE Energy Management Services, LLC (GE) for the purchase of five (5) Dissolved Gas Analysis devices for Lakeland Electric. This equipment will provide Lakeland Electric with online monitoring capability of critical infrastructure transformers and the ability to detect issues prior to failure of the transformer, ultimately improving overall system reliability.

The City's Purchasing Department has approved GE as a sole source supplier for this equipment. Upon approval by the City Commission, the City will issue a Purchase Order for the five (5) devices, which are scheduled to be delivered in May 2025, and then subsequently installed by Lakeland Electric staff. The equipment will have a warranty of one (1) year from first use or eighteen (18) months from delivery, whichever occurs first. The purchase of the devices will be governed by the negotiated terms and conditions in an existing Agreement with GE dated December 2018, as well as GE's Proposal No OP25011460199 dated February 19, 2025. The total cost of the equipment is $184,298.00, which is included in Lakeland Electric's FY25 budget.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve an Agreement with GE for the purchase of five (5) Dissolved Gas Analysis devices and authorize the appropriate City officials to issue a Purchase Order and execute all corresponding documents related to the purchase of the equipment.

Ramona Sirianni presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley moved to approve the Task Authorization. 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 6-0.

AUDIENCE - None

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Fluoridation of City Water

Mayor Bill Mutz opened up comments from citizens in the audience. Each citizen will have a time limit of three minutes to speak.

Justine Harvey said the Commission should keep it simple and give people the choice if they want to incorporate fluoridation in their household water use.

Keith Power said the Florida Surgeon General's guidance to remove fluoridation is not upheld by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Centers for Disease Control (CDC), American Dental Association (ADA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It is a misrepresentation of facts.

Jo Shim said the studies can be confusing; however, correlation does not equal causation. Fluoride up to the recommended level reduces cavities and mitigates disparities among low-income families.

Ryan Johnson is an Intensive Care Unit (ICU) nurse and has experience in patient advocacy. If we take fluoride out of our system, we can assume an increase in dental decay and infection rates. His concern is increased rates in infection and a decrease in public health.

Ryan LeMond said we have fluoridated water for 40 years based on good science. Let another community roll the dice on removing fluoride. The Florida Surgeon General is not a member of our community. This is a decision for our community.

Sparrow Lain wants to get fluoride out of the water because it has a toxin in it. Lacy Lain, mother of Sparrow, said she has a child with a neurological disorder and does not want this neurotoxin added to their diet.

Chrissy Hein has investigated fluoride for more than decade. She does not want water to be medicated. This is important for children's development. She would like the choice to add it if she wants it. The Commission should not make the choice for her.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick move to remove the supplemental fluoride added by water utilities to City water. Commissioner Chad McLeod seconded.

Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley asked are the current fluoride percentages in City water. Assistant Director of Water Utilities Joe Costine said currently there is a natural average of 0.25 milligram/liter or parts/million of fluoride in the water. The additional fluoride is about 0.45 milligram/liter. This brings the total amount of fluoride in City water to 0.7 milligrams/liter.

Commissioner Chad McLeod said he does not feel like he should make that call as a city commissioner because this is personalized health. He wants fluoride in the water but does not want to make that decision for citizens.

Commissioner Stephanie Madden concurred Commissioner McLeod. This comes down to choice and she would vote in favor of motion.

Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley also agreed. She sees both sides very clearly. Public choice is critically important.

Commissioner Mike Musick he made this motion for his constituents who have reached out to him. He wants to cease adding fluoride to take away citizens' fear. Those who want it can add it to their regular diet.

Commissioner Guy LaLonde thanked each citizen who reached out to him on this subject. He also thanked David Bayhan and Joe Costine for allowing him to tour the fluoridation area. This is an additive and adding more to public supply is unnecessary. Overexposure is a real risk. Leaders have a responsibility of the "do no harm" principle.

Mayor Bill Mutz believes this choice should be left to each household. This can only be accomplished with the removal of fluoride from City water.

Palmer Davis clarified if the original motion was meant to immediately stop fluoridation of City water. Commissioner Mike Musick he will amend the original motion to reflect this change in language.

Amended motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to immediately stop adding fluoride to City water. Commissioner Chad McLeod seconded.

Shawn Sherrouse requested clarification for operations regarding the immediacy of stopping fluoridation.

Water Utilities Director David Bayhan said once the motion passes to stop fluoridation, they can stop adding fluoride to the water today.

Commissioner Mike Musick clarified that when he made the motion, he understood that the current fluoride in the water will run its course. Moving forward, the City will cease supplementation fluoridation.

David Bayhan said currently the fluoride is pumped in through feed pumps. They can turn those pumps off. They will figure out what to do with the remaining inventory.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried 6-0.

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Mike Musick celebrate 26 years of marriage yesterday.

Commissioner Chad McLeod attended his first Tourist Development Council meeting last week. Polk County visitor numbers are up from last year.

Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley:

- She and Mayor Mutz attended a recognition last week for a Southeastern University student who was awarded a $25,000 scholarship through the Chick-fil-A Remarkable Futures scholarship program.
- Southern Living noted that Publix is tied for the #1 grocery chain in the country.
- Happy Birthday to the State of Florida today!
- Legislative session gavels in tomorrow. She and others will go up for Polk County Day next week.
- Tiger Express bus routes for the Citrus Connection have been running well in the four parking lots.

Shawn Sherrouse commented that the reconfigured parking area in Joker Marchant has gone well. They have yet to see the backup seen in previous years. Staff has done amazing job and credits their partnership on the bus route.

Commissioner Guy LaLonde said the earlier proclamations for Achievement Academy and colorectal cancer hit home for him. His oldest daughter was born with down syndrome attended Achievement Academy. Also, colorectal cancer is the #1 preventative disease out there. If you have family history, make it a point to get checked. He has lost family members to this cancer. This does not just apply to men, also women.

Mayor Bill Mutz echoed his experiences with Achievement Academy for his daughter, Emma.

Commissioner Stephanie Madden: She and Commissioner LaLonde attended the American Public Power Association (APPA) Legislative Rally in Washington D.C. last week. The most important issue to the City was keeping the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds. Finance Director Mike Brossart put together a chart of a 4% tax-exempt municipal bond at $150 Million versus a 6% taxable bond. Lakeland Electric Manager of Legislative & Regulatory Relations, Cindy Clemmons, created a one-page document that incorporated Mike Brossart's chart along with examples of projects that were built through tax-exempt bonds. She applauded the Lakeland Electric team who also attended.

Commissioner Guy LaLonde said the work done between Mike Brossart, Cindy Clemmons, Korey Bush, Willem Strauss, and other staff was outstanding. They put together a clear, visual presentation to congressmen and senators that was well received.

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT – 11:10 a.m.

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