

LAKELAND CITY COMMISSION

**Regular Session
July 18, 2022**

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

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 A.M.

PRESENTATIONS

Financial Wellness in Retirement (Cherie Watson, Retirement Services Director)

PROCLAMATIONS

Americans with Disabilities Act 32nd Anniversary

Buffalo Soldiers Day

Parks and Recreation Month

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RELATED ITEMS

Municipal Boards & Committee 7/15/22

Commissioner Sara McCarley presented this report.

Motion: Commissioner Phillip Walker moved to approve the appointments. 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.

Real Estate & Transportation Committee 7/15/22

Commissioner Bill Read presented this report.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed with an asterisk (*) were considered routine by the City Commission and were enacted by one motion following an opportunity for public comment. There was no separate discussion of these items unless a City Commissioner or Citizen so requested, in which event the item was removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence.

Motion: Commissioner Sara McCarley moved to approve the Consent Agenda. 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (with any amendments)

* Commission Minutes – July 1-5, 2022

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

REQUESTS TO APPEAR FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC - None

EQUALIZATION HEARINGS

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

Palmer Davis explained 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 re a lots cleaning/clearing or demolition assessment, this is the time to address the Commission.

Demolition of Buildings

The one property listed today had a fire and there were multiple investigations relating to that fire.

Motion: Commissioner Phillip Walker moved to approve the assessment. 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 Equalization Board adjourned and the City Commission reconvened in Regular Session.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinances (Second Reading)

Ordinance 5939; Proposed 22-030; Approving a Conditional Use to Recognize an Existing Church and Child Daycare Facility and Allow for the Construction of a Two-Story, 3,662 sq. ft. Addition on Property Located at 210 Poppell Drive (1st Rdg. 07-05-22)

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; MAKING FINDINGS; APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE TO RECOGNIZE AN EXISTING CHURCH AND CHILD DAYCARE FACILITY AND ALLOW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-STORY, 3,662 SQUARE FOOT ADDITION ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 210 POPPELL DRIVE; FINDING CONFORMITY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the short title.

Motion: Commissioner Phillip Walker moved to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Mike Musick seconded.

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

Action: Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Phillip Walker, Mike Musick, Sara McCarley, Stephanie Madden, Bill Read, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes-six. Nays-zero. The motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous

Final Hearing re: One Year Action Plan and Projected Use of Funds 48th Year CDBG and 28th Year of HOME

Housing Programs Manager Michael Smith presented the plans.

Motion: Commissioner Sara McCarley moved to approve the recommendations. Commissioner Phillip Walker 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.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Recess/convene: The City Commission recessed the regular session and reconvened as the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Tax Increment Financing Agreement with Lake Wire Owner, LLC for Improvements to Property Generally Bounded by Kathleen Road/Sikes Boulevard on the East, George Jenkins Boulevard and CSX Rail Lines on the West and South.

This is a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Agreement with Lake Wire Owner, LLC. The overall site consists of numerous parcels, which total 22.19 acres of land; however, the developer will split the project into two phases, and the TIF Agreement only covers Phase 1. It is anticipated that Phase 2 will be addressed by a future agreement.

The area that makes up Phase 1 combines for a total of around 13.41 acres of land. During Phase 1, the developer proposes to construct four, 4-story buildings, consisting of 300 apartment units, and 15,000 square feet of retail space within two, 1-story buildings along Kathleen Rd. The proposed development will be luxury, market rate apartments with a unit mix of 20 studio; 128 one-bedroom, one-bathroom; 136 two-bedroom, two-bathrooms; and 16 three-bedroom, two bathrooms units. Most of the units will have balconies and all residents will have access to the central clubhouse, fitness area, dog park and resort style pool.

The Developer's hard costs are projected at \$60,000,000, with an additional \$2,307,585 in soft costs and \$9,925,000 in land acquisition costs, bringing the total development costs to approximately \$72,232,585.00. Renderings and proposed plans are attached to the Agreement for reference, and more detailed plans will be submitted to the Building Division for permitting.

The Tax Increment Financing program allows qualified developers to receive a reimbursement of tax increment funds collected by the CRA. The reimbursement is based on incremental revenue collected due to increases in the property's taxable value resulting from the investment made in the real estate. The standard term of reimbursement under the TIF program is five (5) years, beginning in the year following the project's receipt of a Certificate of Occupancy, with the developer receiving a reimbursement of 50% of the tax increment generated in the first year and reimbursement of that same dollar amount each of the next four years, for a total of five years, conditioned upon proof of payment of property taxes.

Lake Wire Owner, LLC requested consideration of a modified 10-year TIF Agreement, with 75% reimbursement of tax increment for years 1 through 10. Based upon estimated project costs, TIF payments under the developer's requested TIF Agreement are projected to total \$4,638,452.25 over the ten years, while TIF payments under the standard TIF Agreement would be an estimated \$1,546,150.75 over the five years. The CRA Advisory Board reviewed the request and recommends approval of a hybrid TIF Agreement, under which the Developer will receive 75% reimbursement for years 1 through 5, and 50% for years 6 through 10. TIF payments under the Advisory Board's hybrid approach are estimated to total \$3,865,376.88 over ten years.

Staff recommends that the City Commission, acting as the City's Community Redevelopment Agency, approve the Tax Increment Financing Agreement with Lake Wire Owner, LLC, which has been prepared in accordance with the CRA Advisory Board's recommendation, and authorize the appropriate CRA officials to execute the Agreement.

Palmer Davis presented this item.

Motion: Commissioner Sara McCarley moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Phillip Walker seconded.

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

The Commission discussed:

- A desire for affordable housing units.
- Admiration for the developers work in the area.
- Connecting Downtown West to the greater downtown area and surrounding neighborhoods.
- Gentrification and protecting the residents in the surrounding area.
- Concerns about setting a precedence with the generosity of the TIF agreement.
- The CRA Advisory Board should be cautious with these generous TIF agreements.

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

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

CITY MANAGER

Recommendation re: Agreement for Transfer of Public Roads between Polk County and Lakeland - Ralston Road

This Agreement for Transfer of Public Roads between Polk County and Lakeland will transfer 850 feet of Ralston Road to the City for operations and maintenance. A 525-foot-long segment between Gresham Farms and County Line Road includes standard lane widths, turn lanes and sidewalks. A 325-foot-long section east of Gresham Farms Road to the City limit boundary (beyond which the roadway would remain under County and private maintenance) consists of a transition between the improved and unimproved roadway sections.

Bringing the subject area of Ralston Road into City operations and maintenance would benefit the citizens of Lakeland in the following ways:

1. Streamline the driveway permitting process for adjacent property owners since the City would review and approve any driveway modifications along the adjacent section of Gresham Farms Road between Ralston and West Pipkin Roads.

2. Connectivity within the corporate limits of Lakeland. The land adjacent to the subject section of Ralston Road was annexed into the City in March 2006 as part of a proposal to develop a mixed-use center in the vicinity of the County Line Road and West Pipkin Road intersection. The annexation agreement would have triggered the transfer of Ralston Road at that time since it is a local road.
3. Consistency of maintenance and operations.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve this Transfer of Public Roads agreement and authorize the appropriate staff to execute it on behalf of the City.

Shawn Sherrouse presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Phillip Walker moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Bill Read seconded.

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

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

CITY ATTORNEY

Ordinances (First Reading)

Proposed 22-029; Approving a Conditional Use to Allow for Off-Street Parking as a Principal Use on Property Located at 411 E. Orange Street

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; MAKING FINDINGS; APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR OFFSTREET PARKING AS A PRINCIPAL USE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 411 E. ORANGE 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 August 1, 2022.

Resolutions

Resolution 5765; Proposed 22-029; 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 short title.

Motion: Commissioner Phillip Walker moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Sara McCarley seconded.

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

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Bill Read, Stephanie Madden, Sara McCarley, Mike Musick, Phillip Walker, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes – six. Nays – zero. The motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous Reports

*** Waiver of 5:01 p.m. Hearing Requirement**

During the month of August, the Community & Economic Development Department will be presenting the Commission with a large-scale land use amendment to the future land use map which will require at least one hearing after 5:00 p.m. Staff requested that the Commission waive the statutory requirement that at least one of the hearings on these matters be held after 5:00 p.m.

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

Memo re: Eighth Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement with Lake Wire Development Company, LLC

*** Eighth Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement with Lake Wire Development Company, LLC**

The City has received a request from Bonnet Springs Park, Inc., on behalf of Lake Wire Development Company, LLC, for a reduction of the purchase price for the vacant 2.6-acre +/- City-owned parcel located immediately north of the old Florida Tile site and south of the intersection of George Jenkins Boulevard and Kathleen Road. The request is to reduce the purchase price to a total sum of \$25,000.

The City originally entered into a Purchase and Sale Agreement in 2018 for the sale of this property to Lake Wire Development Company, LLC, an entity created to purchase, market and sell the old Florida Tile site for the benefit of Bonnet Springs Park. The purchase price specified in the 2018 Agreement was \$424,601, with a \$25,000 deposit to be placed into escrow. The Agreement contemplated a possible request for a reduction in the purchase price, providing that "[t]he Purchase Price may be reduced by Seller in Seller's sole discretion at or prior to Closing upon Seller's review and consideration of any development plan(s) presented to Seller by Purchaser at or prior to Closing."

Per the letter, Bonnet Springs Park, on behalf of Lake Wire Development Company, has requested that the purchase price for the City's property be reduced to the \$25,000 deposit currently held in escrow. In support thereof, they cite the planned October 22, 2022 opening of Bonnet Springs Park and its beneficial impact on the community, and the proposed 630 multi-family units and mixed uses ultimately planned on the Florida

Tile site and City parcel. A purchase price of \$25,000 would represent a reduction from the original purchase price in the amount of \$399,601.

Phase 1 of the proposed development is expected to include the construction of approximately 300 apartment units and 15,000 square feet of retail space. It is anticipated that the closing for the sale of the City's property to Lake Wire Development Company will take place in mid-August, followed shortly thereafter by a closing between Lake Wire Development Company and Carter Acquisitions, LLC, or a related affiliate, for the newly combined Florida Tile site and City parcel.

The Eighth Amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement has been prepared to reflect a reduced purchase price of \$25,000 as requested by Bonnet Springs Park, pending discussion by the City Commission.

Palmer Davis 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 from the audience.

The Commission discussed:

- Documentation that sale proceeds (\$399,601) would go to the BSP Endowment Fund. That documentation was emailed to the Commission last week. A copy is on file in the agenda packet. This documentation was wise.
- The City's contribution was lighting at the entrance and winning the grant to clean up the lake.
- It was good to support this project that will affect everyone.
- It was important people do not forget history of the area, Crescent Heights formerly Robinson Quarters.
- This has been a collaborative effort from the beginning. It started with volunteers and is creating a gem in the community. It will be much more than a park.
- Gentrification
- The price reduction was the citizens' tax dollars.

Shawn Sherrouse explained that in addition to the issues discussed today, there have been \$330,000 of infrastructure contributions from the City. We are approaching about \$5 Million in support for the project.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried 5-1, with Commissioner Bill Read voting nay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR - None

UTILITY

Ordinances – None

**Resolutions – None
Miscellaneous****Memo re: Agreement with Chattanooga Boiler & Tank Company for Procurement of a Field Fabricated Heat Recovery Tank**

This proposed Agreement with Chattanooga Boiler & Tank Company (Chattanooga) was for procurement of a field fabricated heat recovery tank for the McIntosh Reciprocating Engine Project (RICE Project). The engines for the RICE Project are required to maintain temperature while off-line to allow for quick start and loading to meet the demands of the electric system and respond to solar loads. To achieve this, the RICE Project is designed with a heat recovery tank which takes the waste heat from the engines and saves it in a large 200,000-gallon tank of water maintained at 185° Fahrenheit. When the engines shut down, the hot water is then pulled from the heat recovery tank and used to keep the engines warm.

On April 29, 2022, the City's Purchasing Department issued Invitation to Bid No. 2140A seeking qualified contractors to provide for the design, manufacturing, testing, furnishing and delivery of a 200,000-gallon field fabricated heat recovery tank. The City received responses from the two (2) contractors listed below.

Contractor	Location	Bid Price
Chattanooga Boiler & Tank Company	Chattanooga, TN	\$653,965
Precision Build Solutions, LLC	Gibson, FL	\$655,091

Upon evaluation by City staff, Chattanooga was selected as the most responsive, responsible bidder with the lowest price capable of providing the services in accordance with the City's Bid Specifications.

Upon approval by the City Commission, Chattanooga will commence work on the design and manufacturing of the field fabricated tank, which is scheduled for an on-site installation and completion date of March 2023. Chattanooga will perform all services pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement. The original bid price was reduced by \$3,100 by eliminating the painting of the base of the tank as a proposed cost savings initiative recommended by the City's engineering consultant, Sargent & Lundy. The total adjusted cost of the work is \$650,865 and is included in Lakeland Electric's budget for the RICE Project, which was previously approved by the City Commission and funded through the City's Energy System Revenue Bond.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve this Agreement with Chattanooga for procurement of a field fabricated heat recovery tank for the RICE Project and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all corresponding documents on behalf of the City.

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

Motion: Commissioner Phillip Walker 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.

Memo re: Agreement with Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC for Pipeline Capacity to Transport Natural Gas

This was a Firm Capacity Agreement (Agreement) with Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (FGT) for the daily purchase of 1,000 MMBtus of FGT capacity to transport natural gas. Lakeland Electric's staff has been purchasing delivered Natural Gas to cover periods when its capacity is short in order to address peak load requirements. Specifically, delivered Natural Gas uses another shipper's pipeline capacity sold daily to transport Natural Gas to a utility's plant. However, due to nationwide supply chain issues with utility providers' coal units fuel supply and retirements, other shippers now have less daily capacity to sell on the aftermarket during critical consumer usage times such as summer and winter. In addition, the delivery transportation price during peak months now exceeds the cost of paying for additional firm capacity.

In order to address these issues, City staff has negotiated an Agreement with FGT to purchase 1,000 MMBtus of available capacity. Owning firm capacity rights will ensure the City has primary delivery of Natural Gas to its McIntosh and Larsen Plants. With Florida Municipal Power Pool coal units on coal conservation, the capacity factor of Lakeland Electric's units requires additional pipeline capacity. Accordingly, and pursuant to this Agreement, City staff has negotiated a rate below tariff with a term effective from August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2033, subject to City Commission approval. The annual cost of the FGT capacity for the daily 1,000 MMBtus of natural gas is \$264,625 for a total cost of \$2,999,325 during the term of the Agreement from August 1, 2022 to November 30, 2033. During the term of the Agreement, the City will be able to permanently or temporarily release the contracted capacity to another shipper to mitigate costs if the City's future utility capacity needs change. The cost of the capacity on the FGT pipeline is funded through Lakeland Electric's fuel budget.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the purchase of 1,000 MMBtus of FGT capacity and authorize Lakeland Electric's Fuels Manager to enter into an Agreement with FGT for the pipeline capacity, as well as authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all documents related to the Agreement.

Ramona Sirianni presented this item to the Commission.

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

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

The Commission discussed:

- No utility has enough capacity to run all their units 24/7. Everyday there are folks looking for capacity.
- LE's daily consumption varied daily. 1,000 MMBtus is not very much.
- This buys potential capacity but does not fix the cost of gas. This only ensures the ability to deliver the gas to the plant.

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

Memo re: Agreement with ABB, Inc. for Procurement of Low Voltage Switchgear for the McIntosh Reciprocating

This Agreement with ABB, Inc. was for procurement of low voltage switchgear for the McIntosh Reciprocating Engine Project (RICE Project). This 4000-amp low voltage switchgear will bring 480-volt power into the Plant to power auxiliary equipment and distribute it to control the operation of each of the six (6) reciprocating engine generators being procured from MAN Energy Solutions USA, Inc.

On April 22, 2022, the City's Purchasing Department issued Invitation to Bid No. 2132 seeking qualified contractors for the design, manufacturing, assembly, testing and delivery of one (1) double-ended low voltage switchgear lineup. The City received responses from the three (3) contractors listed below.

Contractor	Location	Bid Price
ABB, Inc.	Cary, NC	\$527,360.00
RMS Energy Co., LLC	Randall, MN	\$669,143.00
Eaton Corporation	Ashville, NC	\$932,132.62

Upon evaluation by City staff, ABB was selected as the most responsive, responsible bidder with the lowest price capable of providing the services in accordance with the City's Bid Specifications. Upon approval by the City Commission, ABB, Inc. will commence work on the design and manufacturing of switchgear, which is scheduled for delivery in May 2023, after which it will then be installed by a general contractor selected by the City pursuant to a separate bid.

ABB will perform all services pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the City Bid Documents, including conformed Specification M-8528 Rev C and ABB, Inc.'s proposal dated July 12, 2022. The original bid price was increased by \$60,800.00 for technical modifications to more closely match the City's needs recommended by the City's engineering consultant, Sargent & Lundy. In addition, there is a built-in freight cost of \$13,500.00. The total adjusted cost of the work is \$601,660.00 and is included in Lakeland Electric's budget for the RICE Project, which was previously approved by the City Commission and funded through the City's Energy System Revenue Bond.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve this Agreement with ABB, Inc. for procurement of low voltage switchgear for the RICE Project and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all corresponding documents on behalf of the City.

Motion: Commissioner Sara McCarley moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Phillip Walker 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.

Memo re: Agreement with Young & Franklin, Inc. for a Fuel Control Valve Replacement at Larsen Unit 8

This proposed Agreement with Young & Franklin, Inc. was for a fuel control/speed ratio valve replacement at Larsen Unit 8. This valve regulates and controls the fuel supply to the combustion turbine at Larsen Unit 8. The existing valve is original to the Unit, which is 30 years old and now in need of replacement. Without this valve in good operating condition, the Unit may not be operational or could operate at limited capacity. Due to the duration of the work it must be completed during an extended outage.

The City's Purchasing Department has approved Young & Franklin, Inc. as a sole source supplier for the valve as it is the Original Equipment Manufacturer. Upon approval by the City Commission, Young & Franklin, Inc. will prepare materials for the replacement to be conducted during Unit 8's next scheduled outage beginning October 17, 2022 and ending December 8, 2022. The valve will be installed by City staff under the supervision of Young & Franklin, Inc. The purchase is governed by Young & Franklin, Inc.'s negotiated General Terms and Conditions of Sale and Quote dated July 5, 2022. The total cost for the work is \$131,857 and is included in Lakeland Electric's FY22 budget.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve this Agreement with Young & Franklin, Inc. and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all corresponding documents for the fuel control/speed ratio valve replacement at Larsen Unit 8.

Ramona Sirianni presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Sara 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.

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

AUDIENCE

Katina Donaldson requested an appointment with the Mayor about her son's arrest on a drug charge in 2018. His public defender is not responsive. She is not getting a response from the public defender office. They are trying to place her son in a group home and take care from her. Her son has been determined noncompetent. He is not supposed to be arrested. She has called the SA Haas and not heard back from him.

He has been in custody for over a year. This is kidnapping. He is being punished for his mental issue. People with mental issues do not belong in jail.

Mayor appreciated her comments about her despairing story. This is not the legal arena to resolve her problem. She needed to start with the Sheriff's Office.

Palmer Davis asked her to wait and speak with him after the meeting.

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioners Stephanie Madden, Phillip Walker, and Mike Musick discussed their experience at the FMEA Conference.

Commissioner Stephanie Madden:

- Asked if the recreational interest survey was still open. She encouraged people to participate. The survey is open through July 31st.
- FDOT Road Diet Presentation, how did it go?
- Excited to see a Publix employee who was recognized for saving someone from a burning vehicle.

Commissioner Bill Read wanted to address the road diet and parking in Dixieland. Planning & Transportation Manager Chuck Barmby gave a report. The public meeting was held last Monday. There is a meeting with FDOT tomorrow afternoon to compile comments and determine where to go from here including additional data collection. They will package the data, come up with a recommendation for the Commission. The intent is to bring to Commission in late summer or early fall.

Chuck Barmby explained the CRA has looked at parking. The problem in the past has been location rather than number of spaces. There are a lot of surface lots a block east/west of S Florida.

Commissioner Phillip Walker:

Thought the FDOT meeting was well attended. It was good to hear from the citizens about what they wanted.

Recognized the Dream Center's dedication ceremony this past week. They have enhanced their services in the area.

Mayor Bill Mutz was surprised by the positive comments. There was a level of understanding of the project amongst the citizens. That was a nice surprise. What does the time schedule look like?

Chuck Barmby explained that before we start moving towards constructing a permanent solution, we're in a 5-year range. FDOT will want to formalize their documentation for their process to reduce the lanes. After that there will need to be design which can take approximately 2-years. The temporary construction will remain in place for approximately 5-years.

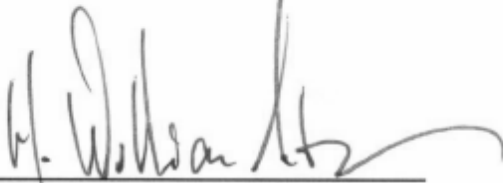
Commissioner Mike Musick thought folks came in expecting a lecture but instead found stations providing information. There were experts at each location covering different areas. One station was the citrus connection station. That was a positive that he took away.

Chuck Barmby acknowledged those who did a good job breaking down a complicated subject.

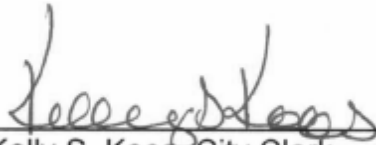
Commissioner Sara McCarley:

Announced the Florida Children's Museum will open at Bonnet Springs Park (BSP). She got to take a tour last week. Lakeland PAL had an exhibit. There were markers for children on the spectrum to help them navigate and enjoy activities. Explorations V closes August 5th for the move to BSP.

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT – 11:20 a.m.



H. William Mutz, Mayor



Kelly S. Koos, City Clerk

