

LAKELAND CITY COMMISSION

**Regular Session
August 16, 2021**

The Lakeland City Commission met in Regular Session in the City Commission Chambers. Mayor Bill Mutz and Commissioners Bill Read, Chad McLeod, Stephanie Madden, Sara McCarley, Mike Musick, and Phillip Walker were present. 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

Recognition of Commissioner Phillip Walker now serving as President of Florida League of Cities. Commissioner Phillip Walker offered comments.

PRESENTATIONS

Report from Local Health Officials re Covid-19

Dr Jackson's fielded questions from the Commission. Keep up with the science and protect yourself. COVID vs Flu- COVID is a more severe disease and more deadly. Flu is more dangerous for children. Age group 30-45 need to be vaccinated to protect themselves, coworkers and families., Regeneron is available in Polk County for high risk patients. The public today is advised to stay home, isolate from housemates, drink fluids, take Tylenol, and watch for warning signs chest pain, increase in shortness of breath, change in mental status, stay home with mild symptoms. Supportive care is the main thing for mild symptoms. Vitamin D and Zinc have not been proven but she would not advise them not to use it.

Danielle Drummond of Lakeland Regional Health presented. She fielded questions from the Commission. Survival after ventilator depended on the person. The hospital is under pressure. They are working on recruitment. Staffing is the most difficult stress point currently. Health Department continues to conduct out reaches in underserved communities.

Lakeland Linder International Airport - Airport Update (Gene Conrad, Airport Director)

PROCLAMATIONS

Lineman Appreciation Day

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RELATED ITEMS

Real Estate & Transportation Committee 08/13/21

Sale of City-Owned Property Located at 1130 Atlantic Road

Commissioner Bill Read presented this report to the Commission.

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

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

Annie Gibson reported on this item. This homeowner qualified to have her home repaired/rebuilt. She passed away. The City regained control through foreclosure. They are now selling to another income qualified citizen.

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)

* City Commission Minutes 08/02/21

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

REQUESTS TO APPEAR FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC - None

EQUALIZATION HEARINGS - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinances (Second Reading)

Ordinance 5886; Proposed 21-033; Amending the City Charter re: Filling Vacancies on the City Commission and Providing for Canvassing Board Alternates (1st Rdg. 08-02-21)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE LAND, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE CITY CHARTER; ADOPTING FINDINGS; AMENDING SECTION 6 OF THE CITY CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR THE FILLING OF VACANCIES ON THE CITY COMMISSION BY ELECTION AT THE NEXT AVAILABLE REGULAR CITY ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM COMMISSIONER TO FILL A VACANCY UNTIL THE NEXT AVAILABLE REGULAR CITY ELECTION; SPECIFYING QUALIFICATIONS OF AN INTERIM COMMISSIONER; AMENDING SECTION 84 OF THE CITY CHARTER TO PROVIDE FOR ALTERNATES ON THE CANVASSING BOARD; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the short title.

Motion: Commissioner Chad McLeod 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 from the audience.

Commissioner Mike Musick thought this would be a great savings for the citizens. This was a wise move.

Commissioner Sara McCarley: kudos to City Attorney Palmer Davis and his staff for working through this. He did a good job. It will be better serving of the community by cleaning up this language.

Mayor Bill Mutz: these amendments minimize confusion and help with canvassing board.

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

Resolutions

Resolution 5699; Proposed 21-055; Adoption of FY 2022 Lot Clearing and Demolition Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for Collection Utilizing Uniform Method of Collection

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE LAND, FLORIDA RELATING TO NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS; ADOPTING

FINDINGS OF FACT; ADOPTING A NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR UNPAID LOT CLEANING AND CLEARING AND DEMOLITION NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS; ELECTING TO UTILIZE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS, AS AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR COLLECTING SAID ASSESSMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY OR DESIGNEE TO CERTIFY THE ASSESSMENT ROLL TO THE TAX COLLECTOR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the short title.

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

Palmer Davis clarified this was the opportunity for the audience to speak if they received a notice.

Vanessa Wilson came forward. The property was under her married name Vanessa Poole. 937 N. Iowa Av. She now lives in South Florida. She did not have the money to pay the costs.

Palmer Davis explained the tax collector will allow installment payments through a program. The entire amount is going to the tax collector in November and she can contact them to make payment arrangements.

Commissioner Phillip Walker asked about the costs.

Brian Rewis, Interim CED Director explained this dollar amount is an accumulation of any code enforcement liens on the property. The amount would include hard costs as well as administrative costs and any interests that have accrued.

Commissioner Bill Read did not realize the cumulative nature of the dollar amounts on these non-ad-Valorum assessments.

Mr. Rewis explained they are done annually now. The interest rate is 8%.

Conchita James came forward for Ola Mae Morris Lovett, 616 W 7th Street. Her mail is coming to Ms. James address. Ms. James has been having the lot cleaned. Ms Morris had Alzheimer and was not accepting the mail.

Palmer Davis explained the assessment will go to the tax collector. The bill will be issued to the estate. If it goes unpaid it will be sold at a tax sale. If the property is probated, the bill will have to be paid as part of settling the estate. He advised them to go to the Clerk of Court in Bartow and complete some forms.

Wendel Carson 618 W 3rd Street.

Palmer Davis explained the assessment will be added to the tax bill.

Scalicia Jordan 647 14th Street. She purchased the property at the end of last year. She has been keeping the property up. Eric Hillsman was her son. She could not mow the property every week like the City wanted.

Brian Rewis will talk with her after the meeting. He assured her that the City does not want the property. He will investigate these specific charges to check the timing. He suspected they predated her ownership. If a change can be made before it is sent to the tax collector, he will.

The Commission has heard a lot about the tax collection and the assessment process. CRA is working with Tax Collector to sponsor on August 31 an education event at Coleman-Bush to educate the community.

Commissioner Phillip Walker the education is good. Speaking to the property owner, you must stay on top of the property. You must make contact when you receive a notice.

Brian Rewis will be surprised on August 31st if probate issues do not come up during that education event. Hopefully this will be helpful.

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

Resolution 5700; Proposed 21-056; Adoption of FY 2022 Orangewood Community Subdivision Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for Collection Utilizing Uniform Method of Collection

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE LAND, FLORIDA RELATING TO NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT; ADOPTING A NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR THE ORANGEWOOD COMMUNITY SUBDIVISION; ELECTING TO UTILIZE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS, AS AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR COLLECTING THE ASSESSMENT; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY OR DESIGNEE TO CERTIFY THE ASSESSMENT ROLL TO THE TAX COLLECTOR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the short title.

Motion: Commissioner Phillip Walker 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 from the audience.

The Commission discussed the length of the assessment. The original assessment was for 10-years. The annual costs now were for maintenance of the common areas and retention ponds.

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

Resolution 5701; Proposed 21-057; Adoption of FY 2022 Heatherpoint Drive Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll for Collection Utilizing Uniform Method of Collection

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE LAND, FLORIDA RELATING TO NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS; ADOPTING FINDINGS OF FACT; ADOPTING A NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR CERTAIN LOTS ABUTTING HEATHERPOINT DRIVE IN THE CITY OF LAKE LAND; ELECTING TO UTILIZE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS, AS AUTHORIZED UNDER SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR COLLECTING SAID ASSESSMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY OR DESIGNEE TO CERTIFY THE ASSESSMENT ROLL TO THE TAX COLLECTOR; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY - None

CITY MANAGER

Shawn Sherrouse offered the following Verbal Reports:

- Brian Rewis, Interim Community & Economic Director, developed the public forum, Build It, to illicit feedback from customers of the construction services division. That will be rescheduled because of COVID. They will announce once it is rescheduled.

- He congratulated Commissioner Phillip Walker on being sworn in as the President of the Florida League of Cities.

CITY ATTORNEY

Ordinances (First Reading)

Proposed 21-034; Approving the Inclusion of Certain Lands Located within Parkway Corporate Center on S. Pipkin Road within the Boundaries of the Lakeland Area Mass Transit District

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE LAKELAND AREA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT; MAKING FINDINGS; APPROVING THE INCLUSION OF CERTAIN LANDS LOCATED WITHIN PARKWAY CORPORATE CENTER ON SOUTH PIPKIN ROAD IN THE CITY OF LAKELAND WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE LAKELAND AREA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT; 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 September 7, 2021.

Resolutions

Resolution 5702; Proposed 21-058; Vacating a Public Utility Easement on Approximately 160 Acres Located West of E. F. Griffin Road and South of Wind Meadows Subdivision

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS; MAKING FINDINGS; VACATING AN EXISTING 15-FOOT PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT ON APPROXIMATELY 160 ACRES LOCATED WEST OF E. F. GRIFFIN ROAD AND SOUTH OF WIND MEADOWS SUBDIVISION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the short title.

Motion: Commissioner Chad McLeod 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 Chad McLeod, Bill Read, Stephanie Madden, Sara McCarley, Mike Musick, Phillip Walker, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes – seven. Nays – zero. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 5703; Proposed 21-059; Authorizing the Execution of an Airport Rescue Plan Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration Related to COVID-19 Mitigation at Lakeland Linder International Airport

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE LAND, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AIRPORT RESCUE GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION TO PREVENT, PREPARE FOR AND RESPOND TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC AT LAKE LAND LINDER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; ADOPTING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the short title.

Motion: Commissioner Phillip Walker 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, Bill Read, Stephanie Madden, Sara McCarley, Mike Musick, Phillip Walker, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes – seven. Nays – zero. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 5704; Proposed 21-060; Approving Ballot Language for Charter Amendment re: Filling Vacancies on the City Commission and Providing for Canvassing Board Alternates

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE LAND, FLORIDA RELATED TO AN ISSUE ELECTION; FINDING THAT ALL APPLICABLE PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CALLING OF AN ISSUE ELECTION HAVE BEEN SATISFIED; CALLING AN ISSUE ELECTION FOR NOVEMBER 2, 2021 TO CONDUCT A REFERENDUM ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE LAKE LAND CITY CHARTER; PROVIDING BALLOT TITLES AND BALLOT SUMMARIES FOR THE PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the short title.

Motion: Commissioner Chad McLeod 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 Phillip Walker, Mike Musick, Sara McCarley, Stephanie Madden, Chad McLeod, Bill Read, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes-seven. Nays-zero. The motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous Reports

Memo re: Task Authorization with Black & Veatch Corporation for Assistance with a Beneficial Reuse Study

This was a proposed Task Authorization with Black & Veatch (B&V) Corporation for professional services to assist the Water Utilities Department with a Beneficial Reuse Study.

The City of Lakeland reused all the reclaimed water produced at the Glendale and Northside water reclamation facilities for industrial use and ecological benefits. Reuse water is sent to McIntosh Power Plant and Matheson Tri-Gas and the remaining reclaimed water is sent to Se7en Wetlands for advanced treatment as well as ecological and environmental enhancement. Approximately half of the water leaving Se7en Wetlands is reused again by the Tampa Electric Company (TECO) at the Polk Power Station and the remaining half is sent to the Alafia River.

Senate Bill 64 was signed by Governor DeSantis in June of this year which required all domestic wastewater utilities that dispose of effluent, reclaimed water or reuse water by surface water discharge, to submit a plan which would eliminate nonbeneficial surface water discharge by January 1, 2032. The plan must be submitted to Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for review and approval by November 1, 2021.

In accordance with the Task Authorization, B&V, with City Staff and FDEP, would determine if the City's surface water discharge was exempt from SB64 and file accordingly. Additionally, B&V would perform an evaluation to determine the remaining excess reclaimed volume available after meeting all existing reuse needs and minimum flows. Future reuse options to reduce or eliminate the conveyance of reclaimed water to the Alafia River would then be developed through an alternatives analysis while considering regulatory constraints, costs and benefits. If the surface water discharge was not exempt, a reuse plan would be developed and submitted to FDEP to meet the requirements of Senate Bill 64.

All services pursuant to this Task Authorization would be performed in accordance with the terms/conditions set forth in the Continuing Contract for Professional Municipal Engineering Services between the City and Black & Veatch previously approved by the City Commission on October 1, 2016. The total not-to-exceed cost associated with this Task Authorization is \$97,646.00. This project will be funded with Water Utilities' FY 2021 operating funds.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the Task Authorization with Black & Veatch and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the Task Authorization.

Action: The Commission approved this item on the Consent Agenda.

FINANCE DIRECTOR

Appropriation and Increase in Estimated Revenues – American Rescue Plan Fund – Wastewater

On July 13, 2021, the City Commission approved a request of \$17.8 million from the *Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)* for the replacement a major gravity sewer line known as the Southwest Wastewater Trunk Line. The City has been granted \$22.7 million in ARPA funds to be received over a two-year period.

This approximately 2.75-mile long pipeline has been in service for many years and in the mid 1980's was rehabilitated by slip-lining a 30" diameter pipe inside the original 36" diameter pipe. While this rehabilitated the pipeline, it also reduced the capacity of the sewer line.

The Water Utility has recently identified a large area served by this line as having limited capacity for growth. Additionally, the Utility has responded to and repaired several minor deficiencies in the southern portion of this line recently.

The Utility has budgeted \$2.2 million in its Capital Improvement Plan to replace a portion of the southern section. However, it is our opinion that the entire length of the trunk line needs to be replaced to ensure both the continued service and additional capacity of the area. The estimated cost for the entire replacement is \$20.0 million. As there is \$2.2 million currently budgeted, the amount required to complete the project is \$17.8 million.

Staff recommended the request of ARPA funds from the City in two phases. They were currently requesting \$8.9 million for the first phase, which would be added to the current budget of \$2.2 million. They would request the remaining \$8.9 million to complete the project at some point after the City received the balance of its ARPA monies during the summer of 2022.

Therefore, staff requested that the City Commission authorize an appropriation and increase in estimated revenue from the Unappropriated Surplus in the American Rescue Plan Fund of \$8.9 million so Water Utilities could begin phase one of the Southwest Wastewater Trunk Line.

Mike Brossart presented this item to the Commission

Motion: Commissioner Bill Read 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.

UTILITY

Miscellaneous

*** Memo re: Agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services for Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline Relocation**

Lakeland Electric was a registered entity with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and, as such, was required to comply with various reliability standards and requirements associated with the design, maintenance, and operation of its Bulk Electric System. To date, there were approximately 97 Operations and Planning Reliability Standards and 12 cyber security Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Reliability Standards subject to enforcement. Each standard had Requirements and Sub- Requirements which carry penalties directly related to the risk of reliability to the Bulk Electric System for non-compliance. The penalty matrix for non-compliance ranged from \$1,000 to \$1,000,000, per day, per violation, per occurrence.

Accordingly, the City's Purchasing Department issued Request for Qualification (RFQ) #1110 on March 23, 2021, requesting qualifications from interested firms to provide consulting services for NERC compliance to include the following services: (i) compliance program maturity evaluation; (ii) readiness assessment; (iii) subject matter expert training; (iv) on-site audit/spot check support; (v) compliance documentation development and review; (vi) mitigation plan development; (vii) cyber vulnerability assessments; and (viii) services for issues related to compliance and demonstration thereof with NERC reliability standards.

A total of fourteen (14) firms responded to the City's RFQ. A selection team consisting of Lakeland Electric staff from Electric System Compliance & Security, Substation Operations, System Operations and System Planning reviewed and scored the responses. The top five (5) firms with the highest-ranking scores were selected in the order specified below.

Company Name	Location
1. Proven Compliance Solutions, Inc.	Spokane, WA
2. INPOWERED, LLC	Dunlap, TN
3. Archer Energy Solutions, LLC	Clackamas, OR
4. Commonwealth Associates, Inc.	Jackson, MI
5. Quanta Technologies, LLC	Raleigh, NC

This was a proposed zero-dollar Master Services Agreement for NERC Compliance Consulting Services that the City intended to enter into with the above short-listed firms

subject to City Commission approval. All work performed by the firms would be performed pursuant to separately issued Task Authorizations requiring City approval. The initial term of the Agreement was for a period of five (5) years, with two (2) additional one (1) year renewal options upon mutual written agreement of the parties.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the above-specified short-listed firms and authorize the appropriate City officials to negotiate and enter into an Agreement with those firms.

Action: The Commission approved this item on the Consent Agenda.

Memo re: Task Authorization with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for Engineering Services for Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline Relocation Project

This was a proposed Agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM) for Professional Engineering Services for relocation of the City's Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline. This project will provide services related to the design and installation of a 16-inch high pressure natural gas transmission pipeline. The gas pipeline owned by the City and located in the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) right-of-way needs to be relocated to accommodate FDOT's road widening project along State Road 33 and related improvement of the State Road 33/ I-4 Interchange.

On July 6, 2021, the City Commission approved the ranking of firms in accordance with the Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act and authorized staff to negotiate an Agreement with top ranked firm AECOM. The negotiated Agreement provides for all engineering and construction management work for both phases of the project. Phase A of the project will ensure the City's existing gas transmission pipeline can remain active and will not adversely impact FDOT's schedule and construction. Phase B of the project will encompass the design and installation of the relocated gas transmission pipeline.

The Agreement will commence on October 1, 2021, subject to City Commission approval and continue through September 30, 2023. The Agreement may be extended upon written mutual agreement for two (2) additional periods of one (1) year each. AECOM will perform services in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement, as well as associated Task Authorizations approved by the City.

Pursuant to the Agreement, the City reserves the right to terminate the Agreement for any reason upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to AECOM. This is a zero-dollar Agreement as all work performed pursuant to this Agreement will be done under separately issued Task Authorizations requiring appropriate City approval.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve this Agreement with AECOM for Professional Engineering Services for the City's Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline Relocation project and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all corresponding documents on behalf of the City.

Ramona Sirianni presented this item to the Commission.

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

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

Commissioner Phillip Walker asked about a date for the intersection.

That date had not been set. Shawn Sherrouse thought there may be some funding set in the future. The City had also made requests at the Federal Level. They were having frequent conversations with the FDOT. Moving the gas line prepared the City should funding become available sooner.

Chuck Barmby: This has been a top priority for the City. TPO included construction funding. It was at the top of priority. ROW funded in 2023. The city asked for construction to be funded in 2024. There had been no commitment at this point. FDOT was committed at 2028 which is still 8 years out.

The interchange had not been improved since constructed in 1964. The City had set aside \$2 Million in impact fees to help encouraging funding. The City was partnering with FDOT to fund an intermittent signalization project. There may be \$20 Million in the federal infrastructure bill.

Commissioner Cha McLeod asked about traffic during construction.

Mike Dammer of LE: Any work would have traffic disruption. Most of this work would not impact traffic. This was solely the engineering study. They would discuss traffic when they come back for construction.

Commissioner Sara McCarley I-4 and SR 33 were both state roads. The city was not in control of those roads. She thanked LE for planning ahead.

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

Memo re: Task Authorization with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for Engineering Services for Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline Relocation Project

This was a proposed Task Authorization with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. (AECOM) to provide Engineering and Construction Management Services for Phase A of the City's Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline Relocation Project. Phase A of the Project consists of the design and construction oversight of targeted relocations of the City's Gas Transmission Pipeline located in the Florida Department of Transportation's (FDOT) right-of-way to support FDOT's State Road 33 road widening project and related improvement of the State Road 33/ I-4 interchange. Pursuant to this Task Authorization AECOM's services will include:

- FDOT Plans Review
- Preparation of Design Plans/Specifications for Construction
- Preparation of Bid Package
- Environmental Permitting Support
- Construction management

The design portion of AECOM's services would continue through March 2022 and staff anticipated that all construction management activities with regards to Phase A of the Project would be completed by May 2023. All services pursuant to this Task Authorization would be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the City's Continuing Contract for Professional Engineering Services with AECOM dated August 16, 2021, as well as AECOM's proposal dated August 9, 2021. All reimbursable expenses shall be paid in accordance with the City's Consultant Expense Reimbursement Policy. The total estimated not-to-exceed cost of the work was \$354,500 and was included in Lakeland Electric's FY2022 budget, subject to City Commission approval.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve this Task Authorization with AECOM for Engineering Services for Phase A of the City's Natural Gas Transmission Pipeline Relocation Project and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all corresponding documents on behalf of the City.

Ramona Sirianni presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner 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.

AUDIENCE

Paul Lawrence spoke against the COVID-19 vaccine and referenced VARES.

Shawn Sherrouse responded to the Commission about what the city was sharing on the webpage. They were coordinating with the local healthcare providers. They were not creating content but sharing information from the local health providers.

Billy Jo Vines of Sterling Mobile Home Park purchased a mobile home that had termites. The floor was bad. He needed assistance to remodel. He was asking the City to govern the trailer park. They were seniors and disabled and struggling financially.

Commissioner Mike Musick asked the gentleman to wait to talk with him after the meeting.

Commissioner Phillip Walker clarified this was the gentleman he referenced earlier in the meeting and asked Annie Gibson to talk with him. There were organizations to provide assistance to our seniors.

Jonathan Friedt came forward to speak about Watson Clinics' decision to require vaccines. He encouraged the Commission to remain nonpartisan in the discussion on vaccines. He hoped the City did not intend to require vaccines amongst their employees. He asked where they stood with herd immunity when considering both recovered and vaccinated patients.

Mayor Bill Mutz thought we would know more once we were past this current curve or peak.

Jonathan Friedt asked what percentage would be considered herd immunity.

Mayor Bill Mutz thought that was 80%.

Jonathan Friedt spoke again that COVID cannot be totally eradicated because it is in animals.

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Chad McLeod:

- Congratulated Commissioner Phillip Walker for his move to president of Florida League of Cities.
- Acknowledged National Night Out

Commissioner Stephanie Madden:

- Acknowledged Commissioner Phillip Walker's promotion to President of FLC/
- FLC Conference was a source of inspiration and education. Nonpartisan nature is a unique thing that cities have. The ethics course is always a good reminder that we take every year. There are many classes to take to learn about best practices.
- Micro transit autonomous vehicles – BEEP. They were in Yellow Stone National Park and Lake Nona. The goal is to have the shuttles and collect data they can sell to other manufactures of autonomous vehicles.
- Electric Aviation: William was a German company that had 175mph piloted 6 passenger small jets/helicopters (think Jetsons) to fly regionally from locations like Miami to Jacksonville. They can land on parking garages rather than at airports. Exciting technology in the works.
- Citizens were concerned about growth and the traffic that comes with that growth.
- Millennials were changing communities and government.

Commissioner Chad McLeod asked about the Jetson shuttles. How were they funded?

Commissioner Stephanie Madden stated it was a private German company and was looking for investors.

Commissioner Sara McCarley:

- Congratulated Commissioner Phillip Walker.
- Congratulated CFAA on the opening of Sky Lab. That is a public/private partnership.
- Announced 2021 Transportation Summit September 9th at the Advent Fieldhouse in Winter Haven. It is a good place to learn about the long-term vision for our area. Free to the public. 9-3:30 p.m.
- Reminded the public that Lakeland Vision was a nonpartisan non-governmental entity that strives to help the citizens make their voices heard. One of their newer committees was Community Unity.

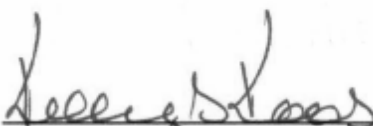
Commissioner Phillip Walker:

- Remember that Lakeland is a jewel. Other cities look up to the City of Lakeland.
- 4 Major "take homes" being supported by FLC this year were:
 1. COVID Recovery – American Rescue Plan
 2. Education Advocacy
 3. Diversity and Inclusion.
 4. Celebrating 100 Years of FLC

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT – 12:09 p.m.



H. William Mutz, Mayor



Kelly S. Koos, City Clerk

