

## **LAKELAND CITY COMMISSION**

### **Regular Session**

**March 6, 2023**

The Lakeland City Commission met in Regular Session in the City Commission Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Sara McCarley, and Commissioners Chad McLeod, Bill Read, Stephanie Madden, Mike Musick, and Samuel Simmons were present. Mayor Bill Mutz was out of town. 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**

**Risk Management Claims Team - Workers' Compensation Program (Joyce Dias, Risk Management & Purchasing Director)**

**Beautification Award (Bill Koen)**

Commercial - Mary's Bagel Café - 1242 North Florida Avenue  
Residential - Carol & William Marshall - 2644 Collins Avenue

**City Maker Award – Teresa O'Brien**

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

Irish American Heritage Month  
James Henry Mills Medal of Honor Day  
Purchasing Month

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RELATED ITEMS – None**

### **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.

**Action: Commissioner Chad McLeod moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Bill Read seconded and the motion carried unanimously.**

### **REQUESTS TO APPEAR FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC – None**

### **EQUALIZATION HEARINGS**

**Recess/Convene: The Commission recessed the regular session and convened as the Equalization Board.**

Palmer Davis explained 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.

Lots Cleaning and Clearing

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

Mayor Pro Tem Sara McCarley asked for comments from the Equalization Board and the audience. There were no comments.

**Action: Mayor Pro Tem Sara McCarley called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.**

**Adjourn/Reconvene: The Equalization Board adjourned, and the City Commission reconvened the regular session.**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Ordinances (Second Reading) – None**

**Ordinances (First Reading)**

**Proposed 23-004; Changes to the Land Development Code (LDC); Article 2 (Use Standards) and Article 5 (Standards for Specific Uses) to Allow for the Development of Affordable, Multi-Family Residential Projects within Certain Non-Residential Zoning Districts Subject to Location Criteria, Development Standards, and an Approval Process**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE LAND, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; AMENDING ARTICLE 2 (USE STANDARDS) AND ARTICLE 5 (STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC USES) OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS WITHIN CERTAIN NON-RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN LOCATION CRITERIA, DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS, AND AN APPROVAL PROCESS; MAKING FINDINGS; FINDING CONFORMITY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the short title.

**Action:** Mayor Pro Tem Sara McCarley asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

**Proposed 23-011; Changes to the Land Development Code (LDC); Article 2 (Use Standards), Section 2.6 (Master Use List), to Add Public Safety and Security Facilities, Including Police, Fire Rescue and Ambulance Facilities, as a Permitted Use under the General Use Category Utility and Essential service Facilities, Level I**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE LAND, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE; AMENDING ARTICLE 2 (USE STANDARDS), SECTION 2.6 (MASTER USE LIST), TO ADD PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY FACILITIES, INCLUDING POLICE, FIRE RESCUE AND AMBULANCE FACILITIES, AS PERMITTED USES UNDER THE GENERAL USE CATEGORY UTILITY AND ESSENTIAL SERVICE FACILITIES, LEVEL I; FINDING CONFORMITY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Palmer Davis read the short title.

**Action:** Mayor Pro Tem Sara McCarley asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **Local Government Comprehensive Plan Certification Monitoring Report Presentation**

Palmer Davis explained that the City's participation in this program saved time because most comprehensive plan amendments could be approved locally. That was a reflection of good planning practices developed by the City. The City is required to file an annual report.

Mayor Pro Tem Sara McCarley explained this was a wonderful example of how best practices of our planning department. They are ahead of the curve and the State of Florida recognizes that.

Planning and Transportation Manager, Chuck Barmby presented this item to the Commission. A copy of the report is on file in the agenda packet. The City of Lakeland was one of 5 Certified Planning Communities in the State of Florida. The report addressed annexations, large- and small-scale land use changes, and how well the City targets affordable housing and the transportation system based on comparisons to 2022 and 2004. The biggest challenge is affordable housing. The cost of single-family homes

has increased substantially. Wages have not kept up for housing. The City has seen positive steps in conservation of water and electrical usage as well as vehicle mileage traveled in the Lakeland planning area.

The Commission discussed:

- Lakeland's planning department is frequently recognized by other government entities.
- It is difficult to get folks to live with affordable rent near work. The Lakeland metro area housing costs have risen considerably. Transportation is one of the biggest obstacles to affordable housing.
- Lakeland is a mega growth city. Lakeland's affordability is gradually declining because the community is so attractive.
- Congratulated staff for the honor of this program.

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

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

**Action: Mayor Pro Tem Sara McCarley called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.**

#### **CITY MANAGER**

#### **Recommendation re: Purchase of Replacement Media for Chlorine Dry Scrubber at the Williams Water Treatment Plant**

The chlorine dry scrubber at the Williams Water Treatment Plant is utilized to neutralize any gaseous chlorine in the event of a leak. To function, the dry scrubber uses media, which is a consumable product and breaks down over time and is currently in need of replacement.

The two companies providing quotes are the only known suppliers of this type of media and Water Utilities has experience with both companies and conducts semi-annual testing of the media to ensure its continued viability. While the unit price of the PureAir Filtration media is less, our semi-annual testing of their product resulted in a useful life of four (4) years. Semi-annual testing of the FJNugent & Associates, Inc. media resulted in a useful life of at least seven (7) years, resulting in a lower per-year cost. Additionally, experience and testing of the FJNugent & Associates, Inc. media at our Glendale Wastewater plant has resulted in continued viability after ten (10) years.

| <b>Company</b>          | <b>Cost, including Freight</b> | <b>Life Expectancy</b> | <b>Cost per year</b> |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| PureAir Filtration      | \$55,420.00                    | 4 years                | \$13,855.00          |
| FJNugent & Assoc., Inc. | \$65,640.00                    | 7 years                | \$ 9,377.14          |

Staff recommended the City Commission authorize the purchase of the FJNugent & Associates, Inc. Replacement Media as quoted at the not to exceed price of \$65,640.00. Water Utilities has funding in their FY23 budget for this purchase.

Shawn Sherrouse presented this item to the Commission.

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

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

**Action: Mayor Pro Tem Sara McCarley called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.**

#### CITY ATTORNEY

##### Ordinances (First Reading)

**Proposed 23-012; Small Scale Amendment #LUS22-009 to the Future Land Use Map to Change Future Land Use from Residential Medium (RM) to Residential High (RH) on Approximately 3.53 Acres Located at 1205 Neville Avenue**

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR SMALL SCALE AMENDMENT #LUS22-009 TO A CERTAIN PORTION OF THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE LAKE LAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: OUR COMMUNITY 2030; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION ON APPROXIMATELY 3.53 ACRES LOCATED AT 1205 NEVILLE AVENUE FROM RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM (RM) TO RESIDENTIAL HIGH (RH); 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 20, 2023.

**Proposed 23-013; Change in Zoning from RA-3 (Single-Family Residential) to PUD (Planned Unit Development) to Allow an 88-Unit Multi-Family Residential Development on Approximately 3.53 Acres Located at 1205 Neville Avenue**

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM RA-3 (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO PUD (PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT) ZONING TO ALLOW AN 88-UNIT MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON APPROXIMATELY 3.53 ACRES LOCATED AT 1205 NEVILLE AVENUE; PROVIDING CONDITIONS; 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 20, 2023.

**Proposed 23-014; Amending Ordinance 3432, as Amended; Major Modification of PUD (Planned Unit Development) Zoning to Allow a Two-Story 94,000 Sq. Ft. Mini-Warehouse/Self-Storage Facility on Approximately 4.33 Acres Located at 2575 Harden Boulevard**

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; MAKING FINDINGS; AMENDING ORDINANCE 3432, AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR A MAJOR MODIFICATION TO PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT ZONING TO ALLOW A TWO-STORY 94,000 SQUARE FOOT MINI-WAREHOUSE/SELF STORAGE FACILITY ON APPROXIMATELY 4.33 ACRES LOCATED AT 2575 HARDEN BOULEVARD; PROVIDING CONDITIONS; 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 April 3, 2023.

**Resolutions**

**Resolution 5805; Proposed 23-010; 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 short title.

**Motion: Commissioner Bill Read moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Samuel Simmons seconded.**

Mayor Pro Tem Sara McCarley 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, Mike Musick, Samuel Simmons, and Mayor Pro Tem Sara McCarley voted aye. Ayes – six. Nays – zero. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Resolution 5806; Proposed 23-011; Amending City of Lakeland Local Government Comprehensive Planning Certification Program Agreement**



A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA RELATED 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 short title.

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

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

**Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Samuel Simmons, Mike Musick, Stephanie Madden, Bill Read, Chad McLeod, and Mayor Pro Tem Sara McCarley voted aye. Ayes-six. Nays-zero. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Resolution 5807; Proposed 23-012; Authorizing a Memorandum of Agreement with FDOT for the I-4 Florida's Regional Advanced Mobility Elements (FRAME) Project**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION; APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND FOR THE I-4 FLORIDA REGIONAL ADVANCED MOBILITY ELEMENTS PROJECT; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the short title.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Sara McCarley asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments from the public.

The Commission discussed how this would help reroute traffic when there was an incident on I-4.

**Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Chad McLeod, Bill Read, Stephanie Madden, Mike Musick, and Mayor Pro Tem Sara McCarley voted aye. Commissioner Samuel Simmons was absent at that time. Ayes – five. Nays – zero. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.**

**Resolution 5808; Proposed 23-013; Adopting Application Form, Fees and Procedures for Industrial Development Bond Financing**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOND FINANCING; MAKING FINDINGS; ADOPTING AN APPLICATION FORM, FEES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOND FINANCING THROUGH THE CITY OF LAKELAND; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the short title.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Sara McCarley 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, Mike Musick, and Mayor Pro Tem Sara McCarley voted aye. Commissioner Samuel Simmons was absent at that time. Ayes – five. Nays – zero. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.**

**Miscellaneous Reports**

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

During the month of March, the Community & Economic Development Department will be presenting the Commission with Amendments to the Land Development Code 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: Task Authorization with Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc. for Griffin Road Gravity Sewer Replacement**

This proposed Task Authorization with Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc. (K&R) was for construction services to install a new 24" gravity sewer line along Griffin Road. The project consists of replacing about 1,600 linear feet of ductile iron pipe with PVC pipe. The existing pipe has slowly deteriorated due to the corrosive gases made worse by the current configuration of the line with steep drops at each manhole. Recent slip-lining efforts determined that the existing pipe was too thin to structurally support the lining



material. The work area, located between the intersection of Griffin Road and Providence Road, runs approximately 1,600 feet east just before the intersection of Griffin Road and Pyramid Parkway and transports approximately one million gallons of wastewater per day.

In 2018, Water Utilities pre-qualified seven (7) contractors pursuant to Request for Qualification (RFQ) No. 7363 for various City projects and entered into agreements with those contractors. Accordingly, the City's Purchasing Department then issued Invitation to Bid No. 3018 on December 16, 2022, to procure the services of the pre-qualified contractors to perform the work for the Griffin Road project. Of those pre-qualified contractors, the following two (2) responses were received by the City:

| <u>Company</u>             | <u>Location</u> | <u>Evaluated Cost</u> |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc. | Tampa, FL       | \$ 2,822,910.00       |
| Killebrew, Inc             | Lakeland, FL    | \$ 3,237,245.00       |

City Staff, in conjunction with Chastain-Skillman, Inc., the City's consulting engineer for the project, evaluated the bids and determined that K&R was the most responsive responsible bidder with the lowest cost.

K&R will perform all construction services in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in its existing agreement with the City and Invitation to Bid No. 3018. Services pursuant to the Task Authorization will include utilities construction; 8", 18" and 24" gravity sanitary sewer main and manholes, bypass pumping and the relocation of two existing force mains. Work will also include all dewatering, site work, restoration, and pavement restoration, as well as other work necessary to provide a complete, operable, and tested gravity sanitary sewer main installation.

This Task Authorization shall be effective upon City Commission approval and work completed within 270 calendar days following the issuance of the Notice to Proceed to K&R. Cost associated with this Task Authorization is \$2,822,910.00. This project has been approved and budgeted in the Water Utilities FY2023 budget. The following projects were deferred in order to fund the increased budget requirements of the Griffin Road project: Northside Wastewater Plant Replacement of Sludge Pump Equipment; Northside Wastewater Plant BFP Control Panel and Polymer Skid Replacement; Wetlands Effluent Ditch Rehabilitation; Wetlands Effluent Structure Rehabilitation; and the Wetlands Water Quality Improvements (50% Grant Match).

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve this Task Authorization with K&R for the Griffin Road Gravity Sewer Replacement and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all corresponding documents for the project.

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

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

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

**Action: Mayor Pro Tem Sara McCarley called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.**

**Memo re: Agreement with Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. for Purchase of Submersible Pumps for the Glendale Water Reclamation Facility**

This proposed Agreement with Xylem Water Solutions, Inc. (Xylem) was for the purchase of two (2) 70 horsepower submersible pumps for the influent lift station at the Glendale Water Reclamation Facility (Glendale Plant). The influent lift station is located at the head of the Glendale Plant just downstream of the screens. This lift station pumps all the incoming wastewater up to the grit chamber where it flows by gravity through the next few steps in the treatment process. The influent pump station is sized to handle Glendale Plant's entire permitted capacity of 13.7 million gallons per day, in addition to peak flow which occurs during large storms. The pump station has six (6) large pumps to do this task with one (1) pump that serves as a backup.

Recently, one of the pumps failed. While being evaluated for repair, City staff determined that replacement parts were not available. While evaluating the proposal for a new pump, a second pump failed creating a critical need to procure replacement pumps. Xylem has been approved by the City's Purchasing Department as a sole source vendor, since it is the only authorized vendor for Flygt products, as well as the only authorized service repair and warranty provider for Florida.

The normal lead time for the pumps range from 16 to 18 weeks, which places their arrival during hurricane season. However, there is an option to expedite the order which would decrease the delivery time to approximately 8 to 10 weeks for an additional cost of \$15,600.00. The pumps will be purchased pursuant to the terms and conditions contained on the City's Purchase Order. Since these pumps are critical to the operation of the Glendale Plant, particularly during hurricane season, City staff is seeking to expedite shipment of the pumps. The cost of the two (2) pumps is \$144,613.14, in addition to the \$15,600.00 for expedited delivery, for a total cost of \$160,213.14. The cost of the pumps will be funded by Wastewater's undesignated pumps, motors, and controls line item in its FY 2023 budget.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve this purchase with Xylem for the submersible pumps and authorize the appropriate City officials to issue a Purchase Order and execute all corresponding documents for the purchase.

Ramona Sirianni presented this item to the Commission.

**Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Samuel Simmons seconded.**

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

The Commission discussed the life expectancy of the pumps, the ability to lift the pumps from the ground for repairs, and the fact that there were no local bids.

**Action: Mayor Pro Tem Sara McCarley called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.**

**Memo re: Recyclable Materials Processing Agreement with Republic Services of Florida, Limited Partnership**

The Solid Waste and Recycling Division of Public Works collects approximately 7,000 tons of material per year in our City-wide residential and commercial recycling programs. This material, once collected by City recycling trucks, requires cleaning and sorting into sellable recycling commodities. Once the materials are cleaned, sorted and bailed, they are sold on the secondary recycling markets to help offset the costs associated with the City's recycling programs.

In September of 2022, the Solid Waste & Recycling Division issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for recycling processing services for all residential and commercial recyclable material collected. Republic Services was the sole respondent to the RFP. A Notice of Intent to Award was issued on February 23, 2023. Through lengthy negotiations with Republic Services, City staff was able to come to an acceptable processing agreement with Republic in a difficult recycling market for both parties.

Republic's scope of work under the Agreement includes:

- Accepting all collected program recyclables for processing
- Processing, cleaning, and bailing recyclables
- Selling recyclables on the secondary markets
- Disposing of program residue
- Providing recycled material reports

The Agreement is for an initial one-year period and may be extended for two additional one-year periods upon mutual written consent of the parties. The processing fee to be paid to Republic for the first 6 months of the initial term is \$155 per ton. The fee will be increased by 5% to \$162.75 per ton for the second 6 months of the initial term and will be increased by 5% for each additional 1-year renewal term exercised by the parties. The total processing fee to be paid to Republic will be offset by the revenue generated by selling the City's recyclables on the secondary recycling markets. Based upon current market conditions, it is estimated that the City will make a net payment to Republic of \$622,000 for the first year of the Agreement. For comparison purposes, the cost to simply send all collected recycling materials to the Polk County landfill is estimated at \$265,979. As a result, the ultimate net cost to the City to recycle for the current fiscal

year is estimated to be \$356,021. As noted, these figures could change depending upon the prices generated in the secondary recycling market. Funding for Republic's services under the Agreement is provided in the FY 2023 Solid Waste Budget and Solid Waste Fund in the estimated amount of \$622,000.00.

Staff recommended that the City Commission award RFP No. 2308 to Republic Services of Florida, LP and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the Recyclable Materials Weighing, Acceptance, Processing and Marketing Agreement on behalf of the City.

Palmer Davis presented this item to the Commission.

**Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Samuel Simmons seconded.**

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

The Commission discussed Republic was the only bidder. They were the closest. Solid Waste is working on a transfer station and then the City will have more options.

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

#### **AUDIENCE**

Jeff Spear 1222 Congenial St Lakeland FL came forward to address the ordinance proposal about the homeless feedings in Munn Park. He is a spokesperson for Feed My Sheep. They are the only outreach ministry that fills out the paperwork, pays the fees, and holds the event the correct way. We pay the City's fee and are provided electricity and a city worker to pick up trash. They maintain insurance and provide temporary toilets. They give out blankets and jackets. and shoes. His is the only organization that rents the park as they should

The Commission thanked him for abiding by the rules and for his support of those in need. The dialogue will continue.

#### **MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION**

Commissioner Chad McLeod:  
Legislative Session starts tomorrow.

Commissioner Bill Read:  
Sun 'n Fun starts March 27<sup>th</sup>. He encouraged the public to buy their tickets online to save money.

Commissioner Stephanie Madden:

Attended APPA conference in Washington DC.

Asked to hear from Commissioner Chad McLeod after the next homeless coalition meeting.

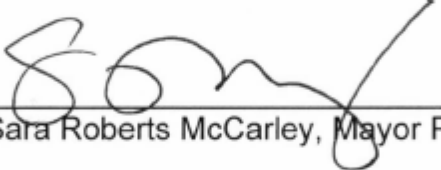
Commissioner Samuel Simmons thought it would be great if we could come together and work to resolve the feeding issue.

City Manager Shawn Sherrouse met 2 weeks ago with Bridget Ingleman. She is director of Polk County Homeless Coalition. We are revitalizing Munn Park which could have some unintended consequences. Many homeless needs are served at night but not during the day. What do service providers need to be able to provide daytime services or programing. We will be back to the Commission for more discussion as we move forward. He hoped the City could support those organizations that provide those services.

Commissioner Sara McCarley:

- Support of serve providers doe not always mean funding.
- Ridge League meeting this week in Bartow on Thursday evening.
- Mayors Sun 'n Fun breakfast was last week. It was well attended.
- Spring Training is underway.
- Transit meeting on Wednesday morning.

**CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT – 10:38 a.m.**

  
Sara Roberts McCarley, Mayor Pro Tem

  
Kelly Koos, City Clerk

