LAKELAND CITY COMMISSION

Regular Session
April 15, 2024

The Lakeland City commission met in Regular Session in the City Commission Chambers. Mayor Bill Mutz and Commissioners Chad McLeod, Bill Read, Stephanie Madden, Sara Roberts McCarley, Mike Musick, and Guy LaLonde 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.

PRESENTATIONS

CRA Annual Report (Valerie Ferrell, CRA Manager)

Valerie Ferrell Vaught announced she got married last month. A copy of the Lakeland CRA Annual Report is on file in the agenda packet.

PROCLAMATIONS

Donate Life Month
Fair Housing Month
Lakeland Christian School "Vikings" Day - Florida Class 2A Girls Soccer Champions

Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley arrived at 9:29 a.m.

Medical Laboratory Professionals Week
National Arbor Day
National Day of Prayer
Water Conservation Month
Third Annual Just Cares - Just Pay It Forward Day
Volunteer Appreciation Week

Ridge League of Cities Home Rule Heroes Award presented to City Manager Shawn Sherrouse.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RELATED ITEMS

Municipal Boards and Committees 04/12/24

Commissioner Stephanie Madden presented this report.

Motion: Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley moved to approve the appointments. Commissioner Chad McLeod seconded.

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

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

Real Estate and Transportation Committee 04/12/24

Commissioner Mike Musick presented this report to the Commission.

Vacant Land Purchase Agreement with Morgan Creek Properties, LLC.

Motion: Commissioner Chad McLeod 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.

Commissioner Bill Read supported this purchase. The additional mitigation credits were important and it supports ACE.

Mayor Bill Mutz: The internal loan allows us to maximize the use of funds.

Kris Hallstrand recognized Mike Brossart for his assistance in making this happen. This is a great investment for the future of the airport. She appreciated the Commission's support.

Mike Brossart explained the Internal Loan Fund. The City borrows money in 3-ways: internal loan fund, bank borrowing, and bonds. Internal loan funds are short term loans for quick cash for a department.

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

Purchase Agreement for Real Property - Lakeland Park Center Drive Parcel 102

Motion: Commissioner Sara Roberts 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.

Purchase Agreement for Real Property Located North of E. Parker Street, South of Plum Street, West of N. Tennessee Avenue and East of N. Florida Avenue

Motion: Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley 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.

Valerie Farrell Vaught explained the City owned an adjoining lot.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered routine by the City Commission and will be enacted by one motion following an opportunity for public comment. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a City Commissioner or Citizen so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence. For items listed with an asterisk (*) under the Community Redevelopment Agency portion of the agenda, the City Commission shall be deemed to be acting in its capacity as the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Lakeland when approving the consent agenda.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley seconded.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (with any amendments)

- * Utility Committee Minutes – March 29, 2024
- * City Commission Minutes – Mar 29 – April 1, 2024

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

REQUESTS TO APPEAR FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC – None

EQUALIZATION HEARINGS – None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinances (Second Reading)

Ordinance 6031; Proposed 24-012; Approving a Conditional Use to Allow Motor Fuel Sales, Major, as an Accessory Use for the Sam's Club Retail Store on Property Located at 4600 Highway 98 N. (1st Rdg. 04-01-24)

> AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; MAKING FINDINGS; APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW MOTOR FUEL SALES, MAJOR, AS AN ACCESSORY USE FOR THE SAM'S CLUB RETAIL STORE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4600 HIGHWAY 98 NORTH; FINDING CONFORMITY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

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

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

Mim Robinson, civil engineer representing the applicant, was present to address any questions from the Commission.

The Commission discussed:

- Sam's on US Hwy 98 North was doubling the size of the fuel station. There are 6 existing pumps. They were adding an additional 6 pumps. They will be improving circulation to the fuel pumps.
- Chuck Barmby and his team did a great job presenting on Friday.
- Commissioner Mike Musick appreciated the circulation redesign.

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

Resolutions

Resolution 5897; Proposed 24-022; Authorizing Reimbursement from Bond Proceeds of Costs Associated with Vacant Land Purchase Agreement with Morgan Creek Properties, LLC

> A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA TO INCUR COSTS RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR THE LAKELAND LINDER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; EXPRESSING THE INTENT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH UNITED STATES TREASURY REGULATION SECTION 1.150-2 TO REIMBURSE WITH THE PROCEEDS OF REVENUE BONDS THE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES MADE WITH RESPECT TO SUCH PROJECT; EXPRESSING THE INTENT FOR THE FUTURE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF NOTES, BONDS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS IN ONE OR MORE SERIES IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING $3,000,000 TO BE APPLIED TO PAY THE COST OF SUCH PROJECT; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Chad McLeod moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley seconded.

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

Palmer Davis explained this would permit the City to repay the internal loan with bond proceeds.

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

Resolution 5898; Proposed 24-023; Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement for the Subordination of City Utility Interests Located Upon Parcel 500.3 at Sikes Boulevard (SR 563) and Lake Wire Drive

> A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SUBORDINATION OF CITY UTILITY INTERESTS LOCATED UPON PARCEL 500.3 AT SIKES BOULEVARD (SR 563) AND LAKE WIRE DRIVE; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley seconded.

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

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

Resolution 5899; Proposed 24-024; Adopting the Downtown West Action Plan

> A RESOLUTION OF THE LAKELAND CITY COMISSION ADOPTING THE DOWNTOWN WEST ACTION PLAN; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley seconded.

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

The Commission discussed the approval process. They first saw this plan in November 2023. There have been no substantial changes. Valerie Ferrell Vaught gave a presentation, a copy of which is on file in the Agenda Packet.

Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley complimented Valerie Ferrell Vaught on the graph displaying the priority projects. It simplified a complicated subject. She thanked Valerie Ferrell Vaught for bringing the Commission back up to speed and requested this slide again as it is updated.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked why this was under Commission rather than CRA. Palmer Davis thought it was more appropriate because they were adopting by resolution.

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

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY – None

CITY MANAGER

Approval of Purchase Order to R2 Unified Technologies for Core Network Infrastructure Switch Replacements

The City of Lakeland received a proposal from R2 Unified Technologies, an authorized reseller of Cisco Systems Inc.'s products, for replacement of hardware technology and software licenses. The current solution is due for hardware replacement and requires new software licensing to manage and operate. The solution provides the core network communications across the data network for servers, workstations, and internet connectivity. Key elements for the technology include:

- Hardware and Software
- Software Defined Networking
- Port Level Encryption

Funding is provided in the Fiscal Year 2024 Department of Information Technology budget and is part of the lifecycle replacement schedule. The total estimated cost of the work for the initial year of the contract is $1,091,429,92. The total estimated cost for Fiscal Years 2025-2028 for switch licensing will be $192,113.88 annually, pending budget approval. The City's Purchasing Division has approved R2 Unified Technologies pursuant to the NASPO Value Point Data NVP #AR3227 Participating Addendum for FL #43220000-NASPO-19-ACS contract as a piggyback.

Staff recommends the City Commission authorize the issuance of Purchase Order to R2 Unified Technologies in the amount of $1,091,429.92 for the procurement of Core Network Infrastructure Switch Replacements, including an annual payment of $192,113.88 for Fiscal Years 2025-2028 for switch license subscription, and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the appropriate documents.

City Manager Shawn Sherrouse presented this item to the Commission.

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

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

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

Recommendation re: Award Sealed Bid No. 2023-ITB-203 to Rodda Construction, Inc. for Cleaning the Lake Mirror Promenade

On February 14, 2024, the Purchasing Division issued Sealed Bid No. 2023-ITB-203 for the cleaning of the Lake Mirror Promenade and Loggia. The city issued cleaning specifications that were furnished by Pennoni, Inc., for the historic cast concrete balustrade and columns surrounding Lake Mirror.

Purchasing received three bids on March 15, 2024.

Rodda Construction, Inc. (Lakeland, FL)	$368,068
Semco Construction, Inc. (Bartow, FL)	$649,205
American Efficiency Services, Inc. (Cumberland, MD)	no bid

City staff evaluated the submittals and recommended that the contract be awarded to Rodda Construction, Inc. Purchasing issued a Letter of Intent to Award to Rodda Construction, Inc., on April 2, 2024. Funding is provided in the Fiscal Year 2024 Public Improvement Fund.

Staff recommends the City Commission authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order to Rodda Construction, Inc., in the amount of $368,068 for the cleaning of the Lake Mirror Promenade.

Shawn Sherrouse presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Sara Roberts 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.

Change Order No. 13 with Cobb Site Development Inc. for the North Wabash Avenue Extension Project

The Public Works Department (PW) requests the City Commission approve Change Order No. 13 with Cobb Site Development (Cobb) in the amount of $68,984.84 for additional work related to soil settlement damage discovered during the North Wabash Avenue Extension project.

Public Words and RK&K, the City's Construction Engineering and Inspection consultant, have negotiated with Cobb a scope of work and its corresponding cost. The proposed scope of work is located within the intersection of 10th Street with N. Wabash Avenue. There are three 2-barrel pipe crossings located under the intersection. During the design of this project, it was noted that the highly organic soils encountered at depths of up to 62 feet below ground surface were consistent with a paleo-sinkhole (ancient sinkhole) that appears stabilized at depth. Special geotechnical construction techniques (soil improvement and reinforcement) will be required in the vicinity of the intersection because of these soil conditions. Six soil stabilization methods were evaluated and a surcharge method, which includes wick drains, was selected. Wick drains are plastic drainage channels wrapped in geotextile filter fabric that allow for faster drainage of excess water, thus reducing soil settlement time in soft soils.

It was anticipated that some settlement would occur after constructing the double-barrel crossings. Settlement was observed at the time of a water main failure in August 2022. Staff has monitored the intersection over the past 18 months and has observed minimal settlement change since September 2022.

Public Works and Cobb have identified stormwater pipeline joint deficiencies for repair and support. Cobb will use Florida Department of Transportation approved methods of grouting and will provide all dewatering activities without expense to the City. Dewatering is estimated to cost $20,000-$25,000. The City will be responsible for all other expenses in the amount of $68,084.84. The $68,084.84 required for this change order is available in the project budget within the Transportation Fund CIP.

Staff recommends the City Commission authorize the appropriate City officials to execute Change Order No. 13 with Cobb Site Development, Inc. in the amount of $68,084.84.

Shawn Sherrouse presented this item to the Commission.

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

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

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

Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Grant Agreement INV38 between the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the City of Lakeland for The Intelligent Process Automation System to Remove Algae from Lake Bonnet, and Approval to Transfer State Funding from Bonnet Springs Park to the City of Lakeland with an Associated Appropriation

The State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has awarded the City of Lakeland $1,685,000.00 in grant funding for Lake Bonnet under the Innovative Technology Grant Program. The grant will fund innovative technology that can help mitigate harmful algal blooms (HABs) by removing nutrients from Lake Bonnet and the nutrient load discharged downstream during storm events flowing from Lake Bonnet, reaching the Hillsborough River and into Tampa Bay.

The City and Bonnet Springs Park (BSP) have partnered to support the project that will demonstrate an innovative Intelligent Process Automation System (IPAS) that can be incorporated into the algae harvesting technology to provide a cost-effective and comprehensive solution for mitigating and preventing HABs. BSP requested legislative funding from the State of Florida in FY22/23 to complete the Bonnet Springs Park Algae Mitigation and Removal Project. BSP was awarded a grant (LPA0466) in the amount of $450,000. The City's and BSP's projects are similar in scope, utilizing the same equipment and technology, therefore, to streamline efforts and reduce duplicative contracting and deliverables, BSP has offered to transfer their grant funding and combine it with the City's grant INV38. FDEP has approved this request, and the City as Grantee, will oversee the completion of the project while BSP will remain as a coordinating partner. The combination of the two grants will also allow the harvesting activities to be extended an additional 8 months through December 2025. A dock at BSP will be used to assemble and deploy the automatic intake pump structure to extract water from the pond at Bonnet Springs Park, which is hydraulically connected to Lake Bonnet. The algae harvester will be self-sufficient and connected to an existing powerline with an internet connection for continuous and remote operations.

The parties anticipate the total cost of the project will be $2,135,000, combining the City's grant funding of $1,685,000 and BSP's funding of $450,000.

Staff recommends the City Commission authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the Amendment No. 1 to Grant Agreement INV38, and appropriate and increase the estimated revenue in the Stormwater Utility Fund in the amount of $450,000 for the additional funding transfer from LPA0466.

Shawn Sherrouse presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Chad McLeod moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley seconded.

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

The Commission discussed the staging area, next to the lagoon. The extraction will be by floating device that will move around the lake surface.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously, 6-0. Commissioner Chad McLeod was absent at that time.

Purchase of Maintenance Equipment for Holloway Park and Appropriation Allocating District 2 P&R Impact Fees

Holloway Park was recently donated to the City of Lakeland. To maintain the park, the City has determined a need to purchase three (3) mowers and two (2) Kubota tractors. The City has obtained quotes for this equipment which will be purchased and maintained by the Fleet Management Division of Public Works.

Fleet Management will purchase the three (3) mowers with tires and flex forks utilizing the Sourcewell #0311210HTE bid for $50,052 from Commercial Lawn Equipment II. Fleet will also purchase two (2) Kubota vehicles utilizing Florida Sheriff's Association Bid #FSA23- EQU21.0 for $42,062 from Crystal Tractor & Equipment. The total cost for this equipment is $92,114.

Staff recommends the City Commission authorize the appropriate City officials to purchase the equipment and authorize the Appropriation and Increase in Estimated Revenues from the Parks & Recreation Impact Fee District 2 Fund to the Fleet Management Operations Fund in the amount of $92,114 to facilitate the purchase

Shawn Sherrouse presented this item to the Commission.

Commissioner Mike Musick 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 the Kubota tractors. They are RTV multi use vehicles that will move 4 employees.

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

Verbal Reports – City Manager Shawn Sherrouse

Sun 'n Fun Fly In 50th Anniversary: Recognized Airport staff, police, fire, and our partners at Sun 'n Fun. He also recognized the 2,900 volunteers who came from around the nation. It was a great week of events.

Public Power Rodeo: Recognized some line workers who competed in the 22nd Annual Public Power Rodeo. They competed and faired very well.

CITY ATTORNEY

Ordinances (First Reading) – None

Miscellaneous

Task Authorization with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. to Perform Cost Benefit Analysis for Proposed Wastewater Composting Facility

This proposed Task Authorization with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. ("Geosyntec") was to provide professional engineering services for conducting a Cost-Benefit Analysis of a proposed Composting Facility for the Water Utilities Wastewater Department. This initiative is aimed at assessing the feasibility and potential benefits of integrating a composting process into the treatment of biosolids produced by Lakeland's Glendale and Northside Wastewater Reclamation Facilities ("WWRF").

Currently, the WWRFs treat wastewater to produce a reuse water stream, utilized for industrial cooling and excess water management, and a biosolids stream, which after processing, is used as fertilizer. The proposed composting facility seeks to enhance the biosolids treatment by incorporating yard waste, thereby producing a nutrient-rich soil amendment. This method not only presents an opportunity for generating a positive revenue stream through the sale of the compost but also offers a solution to mitigate costs associated with the current anerobic digestion treatment process.

Under this Task Authorization, Geosyntec will perform a comprehensive study to evaluate the feasibility, benefits, and potential market for the compost product. The analysis will include a cost-benefit evaluation, taking into account the initial setup costs, operational efficiencies, potential revenue streams, and environmental impacts.

The services provided by Geosyntec will be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the City's Continuing Contract and Agreement for Professional Municipal Engineering Services, dated October 1, 2019, and Geosyntec's proposal dated March 6, 2024. The total not-to-exceed cost for this Task Authorization is $119,547 and is included in Water Utilities' FY 2024 budget.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve this Task Authorization with Geosyntec and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all necessary documents related to this Task Authorization.

Alex Landback presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Sara Roberts 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 from the audience.

The Commission discussed City liability. The City will comply with all regulations if they move forward. Ft. Myers and Hillsborough County have a facility.

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

* **Task Authorization with Control Southern, Inc. for Services Associated with the Integration of the Combee Water Treatment Plant Switchgear into the Existing DeltaV Control System**

This proposed Task Authorization with Control Southern, Inc., ("Control Southern") was for professional engineering services to assist the Water Production Division in enhancing the operational efficiency and reliability of the control systems at the Combee Water Treatment Plant. This project involves decommissioning an outdated Modicon Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) that currently manages the switchgear for site power and seamlessly integrating this switchgear into the existing DeltaV control system.

Under the terms of the Task Authorization, Control Southern will conduct initial site visits to assess the current setup and formulate preliminary design documents. These documents will be submitted to city staff for review and approval. Following approval, Control Southern will proceed with the integration process, ensuring a streamlined and enhanced control system for the Combee Water Treatment Plant.

The services provided by Control Southern will be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the City's Continuing Agreement for Professional Software Engineering Services, dated September 5, 2023. The total not-to-exceed cost associated with this Task Authorization is $94,324.00 and is included in Water Utilities' FY 2024 budget.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve this Task Authorization with Control Southern and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all necessary documents related to this Task Authorization.

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

* **Polk County Library Cooperative Interlocal Agreement**

This was an updated Polk County Library Cooperative Interlocal Agreement. The Polk County Library Cooperative was formed on October 1, 1997, when an Interlocal Agreement was entered into between the Polk County Board of County Commissioners and the thirteen (13) municipalities with public libraries in the County: Auburndale, Bartow, Dundee, Eagle Lake, Fort Meade, Frostproof, Haines City, Lake Alfred, Lake Wales, Lakeland, Mulberry, Polk City, and Winter Haven. Over the years, the Interlocal agreement has been reviewed and renewed to continue the delivery of seamless public library services for all residents of Polk County.

Under the Interlocal Agreement, each participating municipality agrees to provide library services without charge to all persons residing in Polk County, including residents of the unincorporated areas and those incorporated areas not served by a public library. In exchange, participating municipalities are eligible to receive funds from the Polk County Library Cooperative derived from Polk County library impact fees, the Polk County Library Municipal Service Taxing Unit (MSTU), and State grant funds.

The term of this Agreement extends the City of Lakeland's participation in the Library Cooperative for an additional ten (10) years, beginning October 1, 2024, with automatic renewals thereafter for additional 10- year terms unless the City elects to withdraw from the Cooperative.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the Polk County Library Cooperative Interlocal Agreement, extending the City of Lakeland's participation in the Cooperative.

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR

Appropriation Request - Transportation Fund for Olive Street Sidewalk Project

The Public Works Department requests the City Commission approve an appropriation from the Transportation Fund for the Olive Street Sidewalk Project. The project is located on Olive Street between Pinewood Avenue to South Cornelia Avenue.

This project is a partnership between the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and Public Works. The CRA has invested $96,000 in the section between Pinewood and Central avenues, which is now complete. Staff estimates the remaining 1,270-linear foot portion (almost a quarter of a mile) of the project to cost $130,000.

The funding currently available from the Transportation Fund is $60,000. Public Works requests an additional $70,000 appropriation from the Transportation Fund's Unappropriated Surplus for the project.

Staff recommends the City Commission appropriate $70,000 from the Transportation Fund Unappropriated Surplus to the Olive Street Sidewalk Project.

Finance Director Mike Brossart presented this item to the Commission.

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

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

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

UTILITY

Ordinances – None

Resolutions – None

Miscellaneous

Agreement with W. Soule & Co. for Natural Gas Pipeline Modifications for Lakeland Electric

This proposed Agreement with W. Soule & Co. was for Natural Gas Pipeline Modifications for Lakeland Electric. The City of Lakeland owns and operates two (2) existing gas piping systems that feed the McIntosh and Larsen Power Plants. This project includes various modifications to these piping systems that will enable Florida Gas Transmission Company, LLC (FGT) to provide natural gas directly to these Plant facilities.

Modifications to the existing sixteen (16) inch supply piping will include tying into the FGT's new meter station, which it will build, own, and operate pursuant to a separate agreement. The modifications will also add valving and additional piping to complete a loop so gas can be routed in either direction around the entire McIntosh facility. This project will also include some modifications to the piping at the Larsen facility to enable FGT to feed gas to the existing unit.

On July 10, 2023, the City's Purchasing Department issued Invitation to Bid 2023-ITB-070 seeking qualified vendors to supply, fabricate, install, and test all components associated with modifying plant piping to support the new natural gas loop system in accordance with the City's Bid Specifications. The City received responses from the two (2) vendors listed below.

Company	Location	Bid Price
W. Soule & Co.	Lakeland, FL	$1,471,000
PSIC-Pro Serv Industrial Contractors, LLC	Lakeland, FL	$1,549,825

Upon evaluation by City staff, W. Soule & Co. was selected as the most responsive, responsible bidder with the lowest price capable of meeting the City's Bid Specifications. Upon approval by the City Commission, the City will issue a purchase order to W. Soule & Co. Work associated with the McIntosh Power Plant is anticipated to be completed during its shutdown scheduled for November 4, 2024, to November 18, 2024, and work for the Larsen Power Plant will be completed sometime prior to November 4, 2024.

W. Soule & Co. will perform all work in accordance with the City's Bid Specifications and corresponding addenda thereto. The total cost of the work is $1,471,000 and is included in Lakeland Electric's FY24 budget.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve this Agreement with W. Soule & Co. for Natural Gas Pipeline Modifications for Lakeland Electric 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 Stephanie Madden 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 from the audience.

The Commission discussed:
Connections – This should be the final piece of the puzzle. This would get the plants caught up to speed. LE did not take the gas supply down to the plants very often. This is an opportunity to do modifications.

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

AUDIENCE

Adam Spafford came forward and thanked the Commission for responding to requests to disable facial recognition. He wanted to say downtown is a wonderful place and he apologized for omitting that last time. He encouraged the Commission and community to remain vigilant.

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Guy LaLonde enjoyed Sun 'n Fun and witnessing the proclamation for Major Chad Smith, a local hero.

Mayor Bill Mutz: It was the fruit of Sun 'n Fun in Major Smith's life that caused him to sign up for the Air Force.

Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley:

- Sun 'n Fun: She attended the 50th Anniversary Heritage Marker for Sun 'n Fun. The unveiling was very moving. She was there Saturday and heard so many different languages.
- Ridge League of Cities Dinner: Staff did an awesome job hosting. Mayor Pro Tem Stephanie Madden did a wonderful job emceeing the event.
- Friday is Lincoln Avenue Farm Day. She encouraged others to attend. The Kindergarten team puts it on.

Commissioner Stephanie Madden:

- Sun 'n Fun was unbelievable! The drones were amazing!
- CFRPC: She attended Central Florida Regional Planning Council last week in Wauchula. They announced Florida Commerce held a press release on April 8, 2024 and announced $1.5 Million available to Florida communities for Community Planning and Strategic Economic Development Initiatives. This was to cultivate local economies, stimulate aggressive economic growth, critical local planning issues, promotes innovative planning solutions and included Florida's natural resources. She will forward the information to Shawn Sherrouse.
- She met with Tiffany Van Wieren, of Arts & Medicine, at Watson Clinic. The Cancer Center of Watson Clinic looks for volunteers to play the piano or teach arts/crafts with cancer patients.
- Bike Paths: She has been talking with the bicyclist community. It is controversial to talk about opening up Se7en Wetlands to bicyclists. Staff is reticent to open the park to bicyclists. Gravel bike enthusiasts are making the request. We talked on Friday about Chuck Barmby holding an informational event for local bicyclists to better understand connections that could be made and are coming. They are hosting a Ride of Silence on May 15th at 7 p.m. at First Presbyterian to honor all those who have been injured or killed in our area.

Commissioner Bill Read asked Chuck Barmby if he was at TPO last week. He asked Chuck Barmby to come forward.

Chuck Barmby explained a lot of the conversation was about budgeting shortfalls of the State's resurfacing program and the $58 Million in earmarks affecting FDOT District 1. Those earmarks jumped to the front of the priority setting process for local governments who went through the State legislative process and had their project specifically identified without requesting that funding come from the General Fund. That created a $58 Million deficit in the statewide FDOT Work Program. The state is going to have to remove $58 Million from the 5-year program.

Commissioner Chad McLeod heard several comments yesterday about the fireworks and drones at Sun 'n Fun.

Mayor Bill Mutz attended the Lakeland Economic Development Council's (LEDC) city visit to Pittsburg. They are excellent in research and development. Their research teams are promulgated by funding from Carnegie-Melo and the University of Pittsburg.

Shawn Sherrouse: The LEDC city visit to Pittsburg was a tremendous trip. The group will debrief later and produce a report, which they will share. It was interesting to see the innovation and technology clusters that stem out of Carnegie-Melon and Pitt.

Publix is using one of their innovation centers to improve warehousing. It makes you recognize that the work we do with the comprehensive plan is critical. Its important to be careful planning the “by right” land use and zoning.

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT - 11:30 a.m.

Kelly S. Koos, City Clerk

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