

LAKELAND CITY COMMISSION

**Regular Session
July 17, 2023**

The Lakeland City Commission met in Regular Session in the Lakeland Electric (LE) Conference Rooms 1A and 1B. Mayor Pro Tem Sara McCarley and Commissioners Bill Read, Stephanie Madden, Mike Musick, and Samuel Simmons were present. Mayor Bill Mutz and Commissioner Chad McLeod were absent. City Manager Shawn Sherrouse, City Attorney Palmer Davis, Finance Director Mike Brossart, and City Clerk Kelly Koos were present.

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 A.M.

PRESENTATIONS

Retirement Literacy (Cherie Watson, Retirement Services Director)

PROCLAMATIONS

ADA 33rd Anniversary of The Americans with Disabilities Act
Buffalo Soldiers Day
Parks and Recreation Month

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RELATED ITEMS

Municipal Boards & Committees 07/14/23

Commissioner Stephanie Madden presented the Committee report to the Commission.

Action: Commissioner Bill Read moved to approve the appointments. Commissioner Mike Musick seconded 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 Mike Musick moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Stephanie Madden 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (with any amendments)

- * Utility Committee Minutes – 06/30/23
- * City Commission Minutes – 06/30/23 – 07/03/23

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

REQUESTS TO APPEAR FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC - None

EQUALIZATION HEARINGS - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinances (Second Reading) – None

Resolutions

Resolution 5831; Proposed 23-036; Authorizing Approval of a Master Agreement with FDOT to Perform Work Related to City Owned Utility Facilities Located in and Along FDOT's Transportation Corridor

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF A UTILITY WORK BY HIGHWAY CONTRACTOR MASTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY OF LAKE LAND TO ENABLE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION CONTRACTORS TO PERFORM WORK RELATED TO CITY OWNED UTILITY FACILITIES LOCATED IN AND ALONG FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S TRANSPORTATION CORRIDOR REQUIRING RELOCATION, CONSTRUCTION OR MODIFICATION; REPEALING RESOLUTION 1672; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the short title.

Motion: Commissioner Bill Read 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 Samuel Simmons, Mike Musick, Stephanie Madden, Bill Read, and Mayor Pro Tem Sara McCarley voted aye. Ayes-five. Nays-zero. The motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous**Final Hearing re: One Year Action Plan and Projected Use of Funds 49th Year CDBG and 29th Year of HOME**

This item was the City's One Year Action Plan & Projected Use of Funds for the 49th Year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and 29th Year HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs. The program year will begin October 1, 2023, and ends September 30, 2024. The recommendations continue to emphasize benefits to low- and moderate-income residents of the City, with funding directed to housing rehabilitation, new construction, home purchase assistance, infrastructure, code enforcement, and public services ranging from summer recreation to services for the elderly.

For program year 2023-2024 the allocations are \$865,988 for CDBG and \$434,505 for HOME. The Planning & Housing Division has conducted numerous public meetings, published notices in the local newspaper, posted information on the City's website, and the City Commission held the first of two public hearings on June 19, 2023. The final public hearing is July 17, 2023, at the conclusion of which staff will request the City Commission's approval to submit the plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by the August 15, 2023, deadline.

Housing Programs Manager Mike Smith gave a brief presentation. Today was the final public hearing. Once approved, staff will submit to HUD.

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

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

The Commission and staff discussed:

- Public Service Grants: There were new applicants but none that received funding this cycle. There were some new organizations who received funding from the General Fund.
- Funds not spent this year would carry over to the new fiscal year.
- The funds come from entitlements from the Federal government.
- The federal funds go directly to the City of Lakeland, which is an entitlement community.

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

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY – None

CITY MANAGER

Recommendation re: Approval of Request to Negotiate Agreement for Professional Engineering and Environmental Consulting Services for the Lake Bonnet Drainage Basin Flood Hazard and Debris Mitigation Project

In accordance with the Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), the City's Purchasing Division issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) No. 2023-RFQ-020 requesting qualifications from qualified firms to provide Professional Engineering and Environmental Consulting Services for the Lake Bonnet Drainage Basin Flood Hazard and Debris Mitigation Project. Four firms responded to the RFQ.

A Selection Committee (SC) comprised of representatives of Lakeland Electric and Public Works staff from the Lakes & Stormwater Division, Engineering Division, and Director's Office evaluated the firms based on the following criteria:

- Capability and adequacy of professional personnel
- Response to the requirements set forth in the public announcement
- Experience and past performance
- Willingness to meet time and budget requirements
- Previous experience with state and federal grant execution, management, and compliance

After review of the responses, the SC recommends that the City begin contract negotiations with the first-ranked firm, as ranked below, upon City Commission approval.

COMPANY NAME	Firm Location	RANK
AECOM Technical Services, Inc.	Tampa	1
Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.	Orlando	2
Environmental Science Associates, Inc.	Tampa	3
HGS, LLC dba RES Environmental Operating Company, LLC	Tampa	4

A negotiated agreement will include the following tasks:

- Environmental Assessment, Feasibility Studies, and Constructability Review
- Environmental Permitting and Value Engineered Design
- Public Participation and Outreach
- Program, Project, and Construction Management
- Grant Compliance Documentation and Reporting

The initial term of the Agreement is six (6) years, with up to two (2) additional one (1) year extension periods. This project is federally funded through the State of Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity's (DEO) Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT) Subrecipient Agreement MT047 dated October 27, 2022.

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve the Request for Approval to negotiate Professional Engineering and Environmental Consulting Services for the Lake Bonnet Drainage Basin Flood Hazard and Debris Mitigation Services and authorize the

appropriate City officials to enter contract negotiations with the first-ranked shortlisted firm above. Should negotiations fail with the first-ranked firm (AECOM Technical Services, Inc.), the City will move to begin negotiations with the next highest-ranked firm (Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.) and so on.

Shawn Sherrouse presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Bill Read 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 and staff discussed:

- The project will take approximately 6 years to complete.
- The City Commission stated that partnerships with third parties were beneficial and used in securing this grant.
- The construction area runs up to Wabash Avenue, and the overflow from Lake Bonnet eventually flows into Itchepackesassa and the Hillsborough River.
- The Feasibility and Environmental Studies will determine where the Lake Bonnet dredged material or muck can be relocated.
- Phase I will include the Environmental Assessment, Feasibility Studies, and Constructability Review and take approximately 18 months to complete. The City will then seek approval from DEO before moving to Phase II.
- Phase II will include Environmental Permitting and Value Engineered Design.
- Phase III will include Construction. During this phase, contractors will construct flood relief/mitigation downstream of Lake Bonnet. In-lake work and dredging will increase capacity in Lake Bonnet.
- Bonnet Springs Park (BSP) contributed \$9 Million in stormwater infrastructure that the City used as leveraged funds in its grant application. The project is federally funded through the State of Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity's (DEO) Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Program (CDBG-MIT). The \$43 Million was awarded to the City through a Subrecipient Agreement MT047 on October 27, 2022, to improve the Lake Bonnet drainage basin and mitigate flooding downstream in mid-to-low-income areas.
- The City has been released to use funds for Phase I, approximately \$6 Million.
- The City Commission asked if the City has the benefit of interest accruing on the lump sum. The grant is reimbursable as the work is completed. The City does not receive a lump sum. Additionally, the State has promised to work with the City if more funding is needed due to rising construction costs.
- Black Water Creek connects to the Hillsborough Drainage Basin north of Lake Gibson.
- Lake Bonnet eventually drains into Tampa Bay, which the City Commission considered a valuable selling point in winning the grant.

- The partnership between the City and Bonnet Springs Park continues. The City recently agreed to clean the stormwater structure at the park that captures stormwater run-off and debris before draining into Lake Bonnet.

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

Recommendation re: Task Authorization with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. for Lake Mirror Sediment Treatment Study

Lake Mirror is one of the priority lakes within the City of Lakeland which has a current regulatory mandate requiring reduction of nutrients. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) has placed Lake Mirror on the Verified Impaired Waters List due to documented eutrophic conditions: an over-enrichment of a body of water by nutrients which promotes excessive aquatic plant growth and is detrimental to aquatic life. Previous studies indicate the lake sediments are a main source of excessive nutrients. This two-phase Sediment Treatment Study will evaluate various sediment treatment options to reduce internal nutrient loads from sediment recycling and improve surface water quality. Phase I will evaluate the effectiveness of three different nutrient sediment treatment products in a laboratory. Phase II will evaluate different treatments using the product determined to be the most effective during Phase I.

The major elements of this Sediment Treatment Study are:

- Compilation and review of previously collected sediment and water quality laboratory analytical data.
- Collection of core samples of unconsolidated sediments and surface water samples for laboratory analysis of physical and chemical characteristics during Phase I and Phase II of the project.
- Transfer of core sediment and surface water samples to an analytical laboratory to complete column testing.
- Column testing of sediment and surface water with three different sediment nutrient reduction products will be completed during Phase I testing. Columns will be sampled periodically over the course of the study to evaluate nutrient release potential from the sediments, and at the end of Phase I the product exhibiting the lowest nutrient release potential will be selected for Phase II testing.
- Column testing during Phase II of the study will consist of applying various doses of the product and periodic sampling to evaluate nutrient release potential differences and identify the optimal application dose of the selected product.
- Summarization and analysis of data, including recommendations for the selected sediment treatment product and dosing; and
- Preparation and submittal of DRAFT and FINAL Technical Memoranda that synthesizes data analysis results and includes recommendations for the selected sediment treatment product and dosing requirements.

The City will use the results of this Sediment Treatment Study in planning and permitting Lake Mirror sediment treatment and lake restoration projects.

Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. is an engineering firm the City has a continuing services contract with for lakes and watershed management services. Funding for this project in the not-to-exceed amount of \$245,677.70 is provided in the FY23 Stormwater Capital Improvement Plan.

Staff recommends the City Commission authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the Task Authorization with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. for the Lake Mirror Sediment Treatment Study in the not-to-exceed amount of \$245,677.70

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

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

The Commission and staff discussed:

- Lakes Morton and Mirror were identified by the DEP as impaired. The City did a study and looked at their stormwater input. They are in design to treat stormwater.
- Sediment is an issue for both lakes. The scope will evaluate the thickness of the sediment and determine how it can be treated.
- The chemicals applied would capture nutrients in the water column and take them to the bottom of the lake and bind them to the bottom.
- In 2018, Lake Bonnet had 28 feet of sediment.
- The City files quarterly reports with the DEP so they are not surprised when a body of water is flagged as impaired.
- Lakes Mirror and Morton have nutrient reduction plans (NRP).
- The DEP and the City typically agree together on the best course of action. New tools are always developing. Many are still experimental.

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

Verbal Report: July 14, 2023, Train Accident/Derailment

Shawn Sherrouse updated the Commission on the Amtrak train derailment after hitting a truck on the tracks. Emergency Manager Ruben Garcia, Assistant Chief of Police Steve Pacheco and Assistant Fire Chief Mike Williams were present. Passengers were transported to the RP Funding Center until Amtrak could provide transportation. Interim RP Funding Center Director Steven Collazo was able to receive the passengers and offer comfort until the charter buses arrived. Staff did a tremendous job in a unique situation. That says a lot about those serving in those capacities. There were no fatalities or serious injuries because of the train accident.

CITY ATTORNEY

Ordinances (First Reading)**Proposed 23-027; Approving the Annexation of Lands 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 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 August 7, 2023.

Miscellaneous Reports

*** Purchase Order for Killebrew, Inc., for Wastewater Sewer Force Main Adjustments at Chestnut Road and Dille Road**

This was a proposal for a purchase order for the adjustment of two (2) sewer force mains (SFM) necessary to mitigate conflicts with a County sidewalk and drainage project.

Polk County Roads and Drainage is proposing construction of a sidewalk and drainage improvements along North Chestnut Road between New Tampa Highway and Butler Drive for the purposes of pedestrian safety and improved stormwater drainage. Construction of storm drains will directly conflict with a 4" SFM and a 6" SFM that are both crossing the proposed drainage location at Chestnut Road and Dille Street.

Killebrew, Inc. was engaged for a proposal to adjust those SFMs per the WW Adjustment Plan and responded with the quote for a total not-to-exceed price of \$69,306.00.

Purchasing has approved the use of Polk County's existing annual contract (#19-031) between Polk County Utilities and Killebrew, which had been awarded the contract through a competitive bid process. Killebrew, Inc. is a local contractor with a proven history of quality and timely work performed for the City and County, and Killebrew's estimate was substantially less than the City's WUE estimate of \$80,000.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the expenditure and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute a purchase order for the above-described work.

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

Memo re: Financial Advisor Services Agreement with PFM Financial Advisors, LLC

This was a Financial Advisor Services Agreement with PFM Financial Advisors, LLC. The City's previous financial advisor, RBC Capital Markets, made the decision to no

longer provide financial advisor services to municipal clients. With an upcoming bond issue for Lakeland Electric's Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engine (RICE) project, it was important for the City to secure the services of a financial advising firm to assist with that project.

PFM Financial Advisors was one of the largest financial advising firms in the country. The financial advisor assigned to the City of Lakeland for RBC Capital Markets, Julie Santamaria, is now with PFM Financial Advisors, providing valuable institutional knowledge and continuity. Seminole County recently issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for financial advisor services and entered a contract with PFM dated December 14, 2021. Based upon that contract's competitive terms and conditions, the City of Lakeland's Purchasing and Finance Departments recommend piggybacking on the Seminole County contract.

Under the Agreement, PFM will provide financial advising services related to specific bond and other debt issuance by the City. PFM will analyze and recommend the structure and timing of financing transactions to secure the most favorable rating and interest rates for the City. They will also assist with the marketing of City debt and the implementation of bond transactions. The Agreement is for a term of five (5) years and may be renewed by the City, at its sole option, for two (2) successive one (1)-year terms each. The City may terminate the Agreement at any time with or without cause and may contract with other financial advisor firms when the City determines it is in its best interest to do so. PFM's rates will primarily be based upon the dollar value of specific bond issues and are at or below what the City has previously been paying for such services. As an example, the fee for a \$100 million bond issue would be \$71,000.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the Financial Advisor Services Agreement with PFM Financial Advisors, LLC and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

Palmer Davis presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Stephanie Madden 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:

- A "piggy-back" allowed the City to skip the RFP process.
- The City would still have to negotiate with the vendor.

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR – None

UTILITY

Ordinances (First Reading)

Proposed 23-028; Establishing Lakeland Electric Rate Classifications, Rates and Fees; Miscellaneous Revisions

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ELECTRIC UTILITY; PROVIDING FOR AVAILABILITY OF SERVICE AND CONDITIONS THEREOF; ESTABLISHING RATE CLASSIFICATIONS; REMOVING DETERMINATION OF BILLING DEMAND CHARGES FOR CERTAIN RATE CLASSES; ESTABLISHING RATES FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE BY THE CITY OF LAKE LAND; ESTABLISHING A SURCHARGE FOR CUSTOMERS RECEIVING SERVICE OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LAKE LAND; ESTABLISHING GENERAL PROVISIONS; ESTABLISHING A METHODOLOGY TO IMPOSE A FUEL CHARGE; PROVIDING RATES AND GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR PRIVATE AREA LIGHTING; PROVIDING FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE COST CHARGE; MODIFYING CUSTOMER PARTICIPATION IN THE SOLAR HOT WATER PROGRAM; PROVIDING GENERAL PROVISIONS OF MEDICALLY ESSENTIAL SERVICE FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS; ESTABLISHING A DEMAND CHARGE FOR EXISTING CUSTOMERS WITH SOLAR SYSTEMS AFTER JANUARY 1, 2025; PROVIDING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RIDER FOR QUALIFIED CUSTOMERS; PROVIDING RATES FOR MISCELLANEOUS FEES AND CHARGES; ESTABLISHING A RATE INCREASE SUFFICIENT TO SUSTAIN A FINANCIALLY SELF-SUPPORTING ELECTRIC UTILITY; REPEALING ORDINANCE 5975; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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Palmer Davis explained this is increasing the base rate across the board by 3.5%. The rate increase in the following year will go back to 2.25%.

Resolutions – None

Miscellaneous

Memo re: Agreement with Pike Electric, LLC for Electrical Distribution Construction Services for Lakeland Electric's Energy Delivery Operations

This was an Agreement with Pike Electric, LLC (Pike) for Electrical Distribution Construction Services for Lakeland Electric's Energy Delivery Operations. While the City

generally uses its own crews for Electrical Distribution Construction services, the number of poles requiring replacement currently exceeds Lakeland's internal crew capacity.

Accordingly, Lakeland Electric staff is seeking approval of additional resources to assist in construction efforts. On May 8, 2023, the City's Purchasing Department issued 2023-RFP-047 to solicit proposals from qualified companies seeking to provide construction crews for maintenance of Lakeland Electric's Distribution System. The City received responses from the five (5) companies listed below.

- Pike Electric, LLC - Mount Airy, NC
- E-J Electric T&D, LLC – Wallingford, CT
- Irby Construction Co. – Richland, MS
- SPE Group – Jacksonville, FL
- The Fishel Company – Columbus, OH

After reviewing the responses, Pike Electric, LLC was selected as the most responsive, responsible bidder with the lowest price. Pricing, terms, and conditions will be pursuant to this Agreement.

The initial term of the Agreement shall be effective for a three (3) year period commencing July 17, 2023, subject to City Commission approval, and continuing through July 17, 2026, unless otherwise terminated or cancelled pursuant to the Agreement. The Agreement provides for two (2) additional one (1) year options of renewal upon mutual written consent of the parties. Pricing will remain firm for the first year of the Agreement. Thereafter, pricing for subsequent years, including renewals, shall be subject to an annual adjustment of no greater than 3% per year.

Pursuant to the Agreement, Pike will provide two (2), four (4) person crews and the necessary equipment to assist in the replacement of poles over the next three (3) years, in addition to providing 24/7 backup support for storm restoration when necessary. The total estimated cost of the work for the initial contract period is \$2,800,000 per year, which is included in Lakeland Electric's FY23 and FY24 budgets.

Staff recommended that the appropriate City officials be authorized to execute this Agreement with Pike for Electrical Distribution Construction Services on behalf of the City.

Ramona Sirianni presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Stephanie Madden 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 price increases, which were up to 3% per year, including renewals.

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

Memo re: Agreement with The Calvert Company, LLC for Non-Segregated Bus Duct Runs for the McIntosh Reciprocating Engine Project

This proposed Agreement with The Calvert Company, LLC (Calvert) was for the purchase of four (4) non-segregated bus duct runs for the McIntosh Reciprocating Engine (RICE) Project. The four (4) bus duct runs will connect the Generator Step Up transformer to the medium voltage switchgear to carry 13.8 KV power between the generators and the switchgear, as well as carry 480-volt power between the low voltage side of the service station transformers and the low voltage switchgear.

On March 10, 2023, the City's Purchasing Department issued Invitation to Bid No. 3100 seeking qualified contractors to provide four (4) non-segregated bus duct runs for the RICE Project. The City received responses from the three (3) contractors listed below.

Contractor	Location	Initial Bid Price
Crown Electric	Middletown, OH	\$360,400.00
The Calvert Company, LLC	Richland, MS	\$367,479.00
Eaton Corporation	Moon Township, PA	\$539,694.20

Upon evaluation by City staff and the City's consulting engineer, Sargent & Lundy, LLC, Calvert was selected as the most responsive responsible bidder capable of providing the four (4) bus duct runs at the lowest price. Although Crown Electric provided a lower initial bid price for the bus duct runs, Crown Electric's pricing for the required structural steel and freight was higher than Calvert thereby making Calvert the lowest total price contractor. In addition, the specific configuration proposed by Crown Electric raised concern related to the tight arrangement of equipment.

Calvert's initial bid price was adjusted based on Lakeland Electric staff and Sargent & Lundy, LLC's evaluation to also include the required structural steel to support the duct work, freight costs, as well as field services for guidance during the installation process. These additional requested features increased Calvert's initial bid proposal by an amount of \$48,532.00.

Upon approval by the City Commission, the equipment is scheduled to be delivered in March 2024, which will then be installed by Rayco Industrial, the above ground contractor for the RICE Project, previously selected by the City Commission pursuant to a separate bid. Calvert will perform all services pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the City's Bid Specification, Calvert's proposal dated July 5, 2023, and the Avail Infrastructure Solutions Terms and Conditions dated July 7, 2023. The total cost of the work, including the additional features, is \$416,011.00, which is included in Lakeland Electric's budget for the RICE Project previously approved by the City Commission and funded through the City's Energy System Revenue Bond.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve this Agreement with Calvert for the purchase of four (4) non-segregated bus duct runs 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 Samuel Simmons moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Mike Musick 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:

- KV stood for kilovolt
- Low voltage is under 5 KV, medium is up to 22KV and above 22KV is high voltage, (22 KV give or take depending on where you read). The low side is 480 volts and the high side is 13,800 volts as it comes to the secondary transformer. A substation voltage is 69 KV. Unit 5 puts out 22KV. Substations operate at 69KV.

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

AUDIENCE - None

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Samuel Simmons spoke to the transportation workshop. He endorsed the 1/2 cent sales tax to provide for transportation infrastructure. What would the City Commission have to do to endorse the effort? Commissioner Sara McCarley explained the County Commission would have to put that on the ballot. If the Commission wanted to support the effort as a body, they would pass a resolution.

Shawn Sherrouse explained the city managers also met with Commissioner Lindsey. The City would show support sometime between now and December.

Commissioner Sara McCarley also said the Commission could encourage them independently or as a body. She then gave a brief recap of Commissioner George Lindsey's request.

Commissioner Stephanie Madden asked why bonding was not an option. Mike Brossart explained the challenge with bonding is meeting the spend down requirements. Most road projects could not be completed within the 24-month spend down requirement.

Shawn Sherrouse explained the County would collect funds and provide a proportionate share to cities. Each city would have to apply for the funds. That would also hamper bonding.

Commissioner Bill Read stated there was also a struggle on how much to request. 1 cent would make Polk the highest sales tax in Florida. The tax could only be in 1/2 cent increments.

Commissioner Sara McCarley remarked another challenge is mitigating what the public is willing to pay to improve roadways.

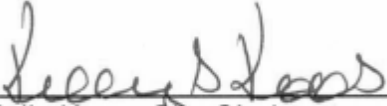
Commissioner Mike Musick announced he will be at the FMEA conference Tuesday-Thursday.

Commissioner Stephanie Madden attended LEHI. Legislators throughout the country were there, 42 in total. She gave a brief report on what she learned:

- They had to build a generation mix considering emissions, reliability, and geography.
- They learned how electricity has improved health, life expectancy, and prosperity.
- Canada was also present. The US and Canada are interdependent on each other for producing energy.
- Tomorrow she will participate in a fly-in for the PMC
- She saw legislators acknowledging that they need to work together beyond political parties.
- Tomorrow, she goes to DC to talk to legislators about public power and Lakeland Electric.
- Part 2 of LEHI is in October. They will learn about hydrogen.
- One of the biggest topics was grid security. They will advocate this week to make the grid part of the Department of Defense.

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT - 10:49 a.m.


Sara Roberts McCarley, Mayor Pro Tem


Kelly Koos, City Clerk

