LAKELAND CITY COMMISSION

Regular Session
November 4, 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 Deputy City Clerk Heather Bradman were present.

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 A.M.

PRESENTATIONS

Polk Arts & Cultural Alliance's Arts & Cultural Organization of the Year Award (City of Lakeland: Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts)

Beautification Awards (Bill Koen)

- Residential: 43 Lake Hunter Drive - Kathi Moran and Dan Clifton
- Commercial: 3940 S. Pipkin Road - Go-Tilt Warehouse

ICMA Credentialed Manager Designation
Mayor Bill Mutz announced that Shawn Sherrouse received ICMA's Credentialed Manager designation. Mr. Sherrouse is one of 1,300 local government management professionals currently credentialed through the ICMA Voluntary Credentialing Program.

PROCLAMATIONS

Geographic Information Systems Day
Lung Cancer Awareness Month
PO1C Karen Albert Warren Recognition Day

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RELATED ITEMS

Municipal Boards & Committees 11/01/24

Commissioner Stephanie Madden presented this report to the Commission.

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

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

Commissioner Mike Musick got his start with the City serving on a committee. It is a great way to get involved.

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

Real Estate & Transportation Committee 11/01/24

1. Sale of 809 N. Lincoln Avenue to Brenda Lynn

Commissioner Mike Musick presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Bill Read 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.

Attorney/Manager Review Committee 10/29/24

Action: The Commission took no action on this committee report.

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 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 MINUTES (with any amendments)

* City Commission Minutes – Oct 18-21

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

REQUESTS TO APPEAR FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC – None

EQUALIZATION HEARINGS

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

Palmer Davis explained that 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 lot cleaning/clearing or demolition assessment, this is the time to address the Commission.

Lot Cleaning and Clearing

Motion: Commissioner Stephanie Madden moved to approve the assessments. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley seconded.

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

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

Adjourn/Reconvene: The Equalization Board adjourned the meeting and the City Commission reconvened in Regular Session.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinances (Second Reading) – None

Resolutions

Resolution 5951; Proposed 24-076; 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 title.

Motion: Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Stephanie Madden 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.

Miscellaneous

Development Agreement with IPS Enterprises, Inc. for IDEA Charter School

This was a Development Agreement between the City of Lakeland and IPS Enterprises, Inc. IPS Enterprises operates the IDEA K-8 charter school at 1775 Interstate Drive within Interstate Business Park. The school opened in 2024 with a Phase I enrollment capacity of 425 students. As part of the Phase I site plan approval and to accommodate a future Phase II buildout enrollment of 1,645 students by Year 2026, a Development Agreement is necessary to formalize the parties' transportation concurrency and operational mitigation requirements.

Under the Development Agreement, the Developer will complete the following:

Construction of a westbound left-turn lane on Interstate Drive at the State Road 539 (Kathleen Road) intersection and construction of a 155-foot-long northbound right-turn lane on Interstate Drive at the northern site driveway so that both are complete prior to final Certificate of Occupancy issuance;

Installation of a school zone on Interstate Drive if merited by pedestrian traffic; and

Installation of an internal sidewalk connection to the site's 14th Street frontage.

The Agreement specifies that school traffic shall not queue into public right-of-way and that, in the event queuing exceeds available storage during arrival and dismissal times, the Developer and the City will reasonably cooperate to identify/implement programmatic solutions to the traffic management plan, such as expanded on-site queuing and, if necessary, staggered arrival and dismissal times. The Agreement also requires the Developer to report on the number of students enrolled at the school annually, with the enrollment numbers identifying commuters, bus riders and pedestrians. The Developer would expand bus operations or other means of student transportation commensurate with additional demand.

In exchange for the site improvements to be completed by the Developer, transportation concurrency vesting will be granted for the project for 2,448 Daily, 445 AM Peak and 265 School PM Peak trips for up to 15 years, with the City Commission having the option to extend this vesting period twice for periods of five years each.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the Development Agreement with IPS Enterprises, Inc. and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the Agreement.

Chuck Barmby presented. This is the first of 2 public hearings. The second public hearing will be November 18, 2024.

The Commission discussed:

- The definition of vesting. The City allowed development to move forward and reserve the number of trips on the roadway systems. The City books those trips so that future development must include those trips in their traffic analysis to ensure the roadway is not overwhelmed.
- The traffic signal at Interstate Drive/Kathleen Road. Traffic Operations were working with FDOT on the signal timing. A left turn signal may be needed.
- On the Daily Trips slide, the 96 referred to 96 trips by the buses. There are 221 students currently riding buses based on data provided by the applicant.
- Queuing: Cars parked in spaces adjacent to the car line will be restricted on movement during drop off and pick up periods. Most car parkers during that time will be school staff.
- The gym. A future phase beyond the Phase II expansion will include a gym in part of that parking lot. FDOT's turn lane would be completed prior to expansion.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for comments from the public.

Patsy Burton asked if this project affected property on Fairbanks Street, on the other side of the wall. This would not affect property on the other side of the wall. There will be no connection to the east of the wall. There would be pedestrian access off 14th Street.

Reginald Goosby asked about the adjustments in the traffic study. The adjustments accounted for the number of students riding the bus and walking. Mr. Goosby also asked what site IDEA used for comparison. They used a Tampa campus. They have a couple of schools in Tampa, Jacksonville, and outside of Florida.

Robert Farkas, Construction/Planning Manager for IDEA public schools, and Ali Brighton with Kimely-Horn and Associates were here to answer questions. Ms. Brighton did the traffic study.

Mr. Farkas explained there are not 96 buses at this time. There are 5 buses on site. The 96 is the number of trips not the number of buses. They will lose only one lane of queuing when they add the full-size gym. It will be available for community use. It will add 125 jobs to the community.

Ali Brighton with Kimely-Horn explained bus ridership is at 55% adjusted. This was based on Tampa's campus bus ridership. 96 was the number of trips based on the Tampa campus. Parking in the queuing area. Folks who park in those parking spaces adjacent to the car line queue will not be able to enter or exit during that time. Regular parkers will be aware. They were currently working with FDOT on the function of the left turn signal.

The Commission discussed:
- Students are typically within a 5–10-minute drive. There may be others but that is a much smaller percentage.
- The school agreed to connect the apartment complex to pedestrians off 14th Street. They want to keep students off Kathleen Road.
- IDEA public schools' goal is to get every student ready for secondary education. He encouraged folks to go to https://ideapublicschools.org/to do research. There is already a page dedicated to this campus. In other places, IDEA has been willing to stagger start/dismissal times to alleviate traffic issues, should they occur. He encouraged interested parties to attend open houses. The staff and leadership team here in Lakeland are fully engaged.
- IDEA already has a waiting list for next year. There appears to be high demand for this opportunity. He anticipated their enrollment will double this coming year. They have already exceeded expectations.
- The final hearing is November 18, 2024.
- It was exciting to have another school choice with walkable opportunities for surrounding neighborhoods.
- It was exciting that the gym would be available to the surrounding community.

Chuck Barmby acknowledged Traffic Operations for their work on the traffic flow.

CITY ATTORNEY

Ordinances (First Reading)

Proposed 24-055; Change in Zoning from RA-1 (Single-Family Residential) to LD (Limited Development) on Approximately 3.44 Acres Generally Located North of Lake Miriam Drive, South of E. Alamo Drive, East of Lake Miriam and West of Highlands Place Circle

> AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM RA-1 (SINGLEFAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO LD (LIMITED DEVELOPMENT) ON APPROXIMATELY 3.44 ACRES GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF LAKE MIRIAM DRIVE, SOUTH OF E. ALAMO DRIVE, EAST OF LAKE MIRIAM AND WEST OF HIGHLANDS PLACE CIRCLE; 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 November 18, 2024.

Proposed 24-056; Approving a Conditional Use to Allow for the Placement of Accessory Buildings and Structures on a Vacant, Non-Residential Parcel used for Private Recreational Purposes on Approximately 3.44 Acres Generally Located North of Lake Miriam Drive, South of E. Alamo Drive, East of Lake Miriam and West of Highlands Place Circle

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; MAKING FINDINGS; APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR THE PLACEMENT OF ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES ON A VACANT, NON-RESIDENTIAL PARCEL APPROXIMATELY 3.44 ACRES IN SIZE USED FOR PRIVATE RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AND GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF LAKE MIRIAM DRIVE, SOUTH OF E. ALAMO DRIVE, EAST OF LAKE MIRIAM AND WEST OF HIGHLANDS PLACE CIRCLE; 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 November 18, 2024.

Proposed 24-057; Change in Zoning from RA-4 (Single-Family Residential) to C-1 (Pedestrian Commercial) on Approximately 0.13 Acres on Property Located at 109 W. 7th Street and a Change in Zoning from O-1 (Low Impact Office) to C-1 (Pedestrian Commercial) on Approximately 0.24 Acres Located at 103 W. 7th Street

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM RA-4 (SINGLEFAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO C-1 (PEDESTRIAN COMMERCIAL) ON APPROXIMATELY 0.13 ACRES LOCATED AT 109 W. 7TH STREET, AND A CHANGE IN ZONING FROM O-1 (LOW IMPACT OFFICE) TO C-1 (PEDESTRIAN COMMERCIAL) ON APPROXIMATELY 0.24 ACRES LOCATED AT 103 W. 7TH STREET; 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 November 18, 2024.

Proposed 24-058; Approving a Conditional Use to Allow for Future Development of C-1 (Pedestrian Commercial) Uses within the Residential Medium Future Land Use Designation on Approximately 0.37 Acres Located at 103 and 109 W. 7th Street

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; MAKING FINDINGS; APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF C-1 (PEDESTRIAN COMMERCIAL) USES WITHIN THE RESIDENTIAL MEDIUM FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION ON APPROXIMATELY 0.37 ACRES

LOCATED AT 103 AND 109 W. 7TH STREET; FINDING CONFORMITY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The foregoing is the title of an ordinance read for the first time by short title only. The Commission will hold the second reading and public hearing on November 18, 2024.

Miscellaneous

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

During the month of November, the Community & Economic Development Department will be presenting the City Commission with amendments to the Lakeland Comprehensive Plan which will require that at least one of the two hearings on the matter be held after 5:00 p.m. unless such requirement is waived by a majority plus one vote of the Commission.

Staff recommended that the City 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.

FINANCE DIRECTOR

Appropriation and Increase in Estimated Revenues - Fleet Management Vehicle Replacement Fund

The City is requesting an appropriation for the early replacement of seven automated side loaders (ASL) and one front end loader (FEL) trucks assigned to Public Works Solid Waste. With continuing chassis and body production schedule delays, this opportunity will replace one vehicle at the FY2024 price. Delivery would occur in late summer/early fall of 2025. These trucks are scheduled for normal replacement in FY2026 so this action will ensure their arrival near the beginning of that fiscal year.

The following costs associated with replacement of the vehicles are as follows:

- Seven ASLs: $462,895.65 each or $3,240,269.55 in total
- One FEL: $414,548.50
    - $3,654,819 will be available within the Public Works Solid Waste section of the Vehicle Replacement Fund, including auction value

Staff recommened that the City Commission authorize an appropriation and increase in estimated revenue in the Fleet Management Vehicle Replacement Fund of $3,654,819 to the Fleet Management Vehicle Replacement Fund for purchase of seven ASLs and one FEL for Public Works Solid Waste.

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

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

The Commission discussed pricing. They are appropriating now to create the purchase order. The City will not actually pay until delivery.

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

UTILITY

Ordinances – None

Resolutions – None

Miscellaneous

Agreement with Haugland Energy Group, LLC for Installation of Steel Transmission Poles and Related Services

This proposed Agreement with Haugland Energy Group, LLC (Haugland) was for the installation of eleven (11) large steel transmission poles, two (2) substation pier foundations and realignment of sidewalk railing at the West Pipkin bridge for the new 69kV transmission line along a 5.6-mile path located between the Dranefield and Hamilton Substations. This transmission line will provide power to the new Hamilton Substation, which was approved for construction by the City Commission in October 2022, to help increase the service and reliability for the growing customer base in the southwest region of Lakeland Electric's service territory.

Accordingly, on August 20, 2024, the City's Purchasing Department issued Invitation to Bid No. 2024-ITB-294 seeking qualified vendors to provide for the installation of eleven (11) large steel transmission poles, substation pier foundations, sidewalk/railing realignment and construction assistance for the new 69kV transmission line in accordance with the City's Bid Specifications. The City received responses from the four (4) companies listed below.

Vendor	Location	Bid Price
Haugland Energy Group, LLC	Melville, NY	$449,221.00
Service Electric Company	Chattanooga, TN	$555,708.68
SPE Group	Jacksonville, FL	$798,000.00
United Utility	Palm Beach Garden, FL	$833,911.25

Upon evaluation by City staff, Haugland was selected as the most responsive, responsible bidder with the lowest price capable of meeting the City's Bid Specifications.

Pursuant to the Agreement, Haughland will provide all management, administration, tools, construction equipment, labor, and supervision to accomplish the work as specified in the City's Bid Specifications. The City will furnish all the poles for installation.

Upon approval by the City Commission, the City will issue a Purchase Order for the work, which is expected to begin in November 2024 and be completed in January 2025. Haugland will perform all services pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the City's Bid Specifications and Haugland's bid response dated September 24, 2024. The total cost of the work is $449,221.00, which is included in Lakeland Electric's FY25 budget.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve this Agreement with Haugland for the installation of eleven (11) large steel transmission poles and related services for the new 69kV transmission line and authorize the appropriate City officials to issue a Purchase Order, as well as execute all corresponding documents on behalf of the City

Deputy City Attorney Ramona Sirianni 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.

Agreement with AVP Valve, Inc. for Annual Valve Repair

This is a proposed Agreement with AVP Valve, Inc. (AVP) for annual control and safety valve repair services for the McIntosh and Larson Power Plants. McIntosh Unit 5 and Larson Unit 8 are both combined cycle power plants, which contain multiple safety/relief and control valves. These valves require regular maintenance during scheduled outages as well as emergency maintenance when necessary.

Accordingly, on September 5, 2024, the City's Purchasing Department issued Invitation to Bid 2024-ITB-303 (ITB) seeking qualified and experienced industrial valve contractors to perform standard outage repairs and maintenance of the safety/relief and control valves at the City's McIntosh and Larson power plants. A total of two (2) firms responded to the City's ITB.

Contractor	Location	Price (Combined Bid Pricing For Unit 5, Unit 8, Critical Control Valves)
AVP Valve, Inc.	Lakeland, FL	$107,058.40
Southeast Valve, Inc.	Pineville, PA	$173,900.00

Upon evaluation by Lakeland Electric staff, AVP, was selected as the most responsive, responsible bidder with the lowest price capable of meeting the City's Bid Specifications. The bid pricing submitted by the contractors is based on three (3) scenarios that include services for Unit 5, Unit 8 and the critical control valves. The pricing for each category was then totaled for each of the contractors' bids resulting in AVP being selected. Pursuant to the Agreement, AVP will supply all equipment, materials, labor, supervision and tools to maintain, repair, restore or refurbish the control/safety valves for Unit 5 and Unit 8 on an as-needed basis.

The term of the Agreement will become effective upon approval by the City Commission and continue through September 30, 2025. The Agreement contains four (4) additional one (1) year renewal options upon mutual written agreement. All services will be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the City's Bid Specifications and AVP's bid response. The estimated cost of the work through September 2025 is $500,000, which is included in Lakeland Electric's FY25 budget. The estimated cost of the remaining four (4) terms is $2,000,000 and will be subject to budget approval by the City Commission in subsequent budget years.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve this Agreement with AVP for annual control and safety valve repair services for the McIntosh and Larson Power Plants 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 Chad McLeod 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.

Power Purchase Agreement with Edge Solar, LLC

This proposed Power Purchase Agreement (Agreement) was with Edge Solar LLC (Edge), a subsidiary of the Williams Corporation (Williams), related to the development of a utility scale solar power generation facility on former phosphate mining land owned by Williams located east of State Road 33 and south of I-4. Edge will develop, construct, own, operate and maintain the 74.8 MW solar facility and sell all power generated from that facility to Lakeland Electric pursuant to this Agreement. The Agreement represents a benefit to both parties, with Lakeland Electric adding capacity in the summer, and Williams improved environmental, social, and governance profile resulting from the development of a large-scale renewable energy project on formerly mined land.

Upon approval by the City Commission, the initial term of the Agreement shall commence upon commercial operation of the facility, with a guaranteed operation date of no later than March 7, 2027, and continue until the final day of the 24th operating year as determined by the commercial operation date, unless otherwise terminated as provided in the Agreement. Upon mutual written agreement of the parties, and one (1) year prior to the expiration of the initial term, the Agreement may be extended for an additional six (6) year period. The City reserves the right to terminate the Agreement for any reason upon twelve (12) months prior written notice to Edge. Such a termination by the City will be subject to an early termination payment schedule as set forth in the Agreement.

In accordance with the Agreement, Edge will sell and deliver all capacity and energy produced by the facility to the City upon commencing commercial operation. If Edge fails to achieve commercial operation by March 7, 2027, Edge will be required to pay the City liquidated damages in the amount of $75.00 per MW per day, with a cap of $2,000,000.00. Edge will also be obligated to pay the City liquidated damages for decreased capacity based on a calculation of capacity shortfall, which shall not exceed $500,000.00.

Pursuant to the Agreement, Edge shall be responsible for the delivery of wholesale electric capacity and energy to the City at a specified delivery point and will retain any risk of loss up to such delivery point. In addition, Edge Solar will indemnify the City from any and all claims, including bodily injury or damage to or destruction of property that may arise because of Edge’s gross negligence or willful misconduct pursuant to this Agreement.

Accordingly, the City will purchase all energy generated from Edge’s facility, which grants the City the right to claim a portion of the 74.8 MW of solar capacity (37.4 MW summer, 0 MW winter), at a rate of $45.50 per MW hour. The cost of energy purchased by the City will be based on projected generation rates and is estimated to be $8,190,000.00 in 2027. Lakeland Electric will incorporate the expected energy purchase from Edge’s solar facility in its budget for each subsequent budget year. The Agreement also contains a one-time prepayment option in year six (6) of the initial term that will enable the City to buy down the rate to $44.00 per MW hour for a price of $2,500,000.00.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the Power Purchase Agreement with Edge and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all corresponding documents related to the Agreement on behalf of the City.

Ramona Sirianni presented this item to the Commission.

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.

Commissioner Stephanie Madden was excited to see this project. She thanked the folks from Williams Co.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried 6-1, with Commissioner Guy LaLonde voting nay.

AUDIENCE

Kevin Kayden expressed concerns that he was not permitted to provide his video under the audience portion of the agenda. Allowing him to use his USB drive makes his presentations more believable. He will make his presentation available through his YouTube channel.

Rylan Kayden played a video on her iPad for the Commission. She held up the iPad and played the video of Kevin Kayden.

Diana Hoagland came forward about flooding in her neighborhood. She referenced an email she sent the Commission on Thursday. She asked those responsible for lowering the water levels to maintain a laser focus. She wished daily water levels were published and shared with Lake Bonny residents daily. Lake Bonny residents need more answers to better understand what was done in the months leading up to Milton to manage water levels in Lake Bonny. It is not clear if everything that should have been done was done. Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners are investigating flooding in Hillsborough County. She requested a similar investigation. It is not about assigning blame. It is about seeing the issue clearly enough to determine a path forward.

Mayor Bill Mutz reminded her about the meeting on Wednesday. He will ask staff to post stats every day.

Commissioner Stephanie Madden thanked Ms. Hoagland for her emails. They have been helpful. We want to hear everyone's concerns on Wednesday. Ms. Hoagland's emails have been a resource for the Commission.

Mayor Bill Mutz announced speaker comments will be limited to 4 minutes at the Wednesday night meeting. We also hope to let people know about resources that night.

Commissioner Chad McLeod asked what better sharing would look like. Ms. Hoagland asked to see the daily water levels listed online. He would leave it with staff to determine the best way to share data.

Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley thanked Ms. Hoagland for her detailed emails. The information was very helpful.

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Chad McLeod:

- Appreciated Mayor Bill Mutz's leadership on this Commission.
- The Review Committee is meeting immediately following this meeting to continue our discussion and act on feedback received on Friday. We should have that on our next agenda study.

Commissioner Bill Read reminded everyone that the Swan Roundup was this week, Tuesday morning. It is a two-day event.

Commissioner Stephanie Madden:

- Planned to attend Swan Roundup.
- Shout out to LE superstars at the Florida Women in Energy Leadership Forum, Korey Bush, Deanna Rivera, Sherry Lilly, Chelsea Allen, Naomi Tillet, Taya Bankhead, Catherine Lacey, Mary Beth Scott, Cloe Smith, and Cassidy Deeson.

Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley encouraged the public to vote tomorrow. Take your children.

Mayor Bill Mutz: Voting is one of our greatest privileges and responsibility.

Commissioner Mike Musick: Go vote.

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT - 10:59 a.m.

Heather L. Bradman

Heather L. Bradman, Deputy City Clerk

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