LAKELAND CITY COMMISSION

Regular Session
January 21, 2025

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

Pooled Investments Update (Jeff Stearns, City Treasurer)

PROCLAMATIONS - None

REQUESTS TO APPEAR FROM THE GENERAL PUBLIC - None

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

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for discussion. There was none.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried. Commissioner Guy LaLonde was absent at the time of the vote.

REPORTS AND RELATED ITEMS

Legislative Committee 01/06/25

Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley gave this report to this Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Chad McLeod moved to approve the report. Commissioner Stephanie Madden seconded.

The Commission discussed:

- The change to the Legislative Committee Process
- The three categories of Asks, Ongoing, and Watch.
- The Asks should be at or below $1 Million. They will focus the Commission on what to discuss with the legislators.
- The department requests through normal channels (FDOT, FAA, etc.) would continue in the Ongoing category.
- The need for the Ongoing and Watch lists in writing for the Commission and the legislators.
- The Commission will visit legislators in Tallahassee during the committee weeks before the budget is set.
- The need for constant conversations with the legislators year-round.
- Concerns about limiting voices in favor of efficiency.
- The new approach was intended to make sure Lakeland's Asks were inline with the legislative priorities.

Commissioner Bill Read left for the day at 9:40 a.m.

Commissioner Madden would not support this change if they were not going to see the staff's priorities (Ongoing). We need to make sure our legislators are aware of our comprehensive lists.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked for any comments from the audience there were none.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz called for the vote and the motion carried, 5-1. Commissioner Madden voted nay.

Real Estate & Transportation Committee 01/17/25

Purchase Agreement - Property Located at the Northeast Corner of East Belmar Street and South Florida Avenue

Motion: Commissioner Chad McLeod moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Stephanie Madden seconded.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked 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 - Property Located at the Northwest Corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue and Memorial Boulevard

Motion: Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Guy LaLonde 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 Property Located at 833 N. Florida Avenue and 918 N. Tennessee Avenue

Motion: Commissioner Chad McLeod moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Stephanie Madden 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.

EQUALIZATION HEARINGS - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinances (Second Reading)

Ordinance 6081; Proposed 25-001; Approving a Conditional Use to Recognize Existing Outdoor Recreation and Public Services Facilities and Allow for the Development of a New 156-Bed Dormitory and Baseball Training Facilities within the Tigertown Sports Complex Generally Located East of Lakeland Hills Boulevard, South of Granada Street and West of W. Lake Parker Drive (1st Rdg. 01-06-25)

> AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; MAKING FINDINGS; APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE TO RECOGNIZE EXISTING OUTDOOR RECREATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE FACILITIES AND ALLOW FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW 156-BED DORMITORY AND BASEBALL TRAINING FACILITIES WITHIN THE TIGERTOWN SPORTS COMPLEX, GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF LAKELAND HILLS BOULEVARD, SOUTH OF GRANADA STREET AND WEST OF W. LAKE PARKER DRIVE; FINDING CONFORMITY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Chad McLeod moved to approve the ordinance. 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, Chad McLeod, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes-six. Nays-zero. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 6082; Proposed 25-002; Annual Update to the Capital Improvements Element of the Lakeland Comprehensive Plan: Our Community 2030, Including Updates to the Five-Year Schedule of Capital Improvements (1st Rdg. 01-06-25)

> AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR AN UPDATE TO THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS ELEMENT OF THE LAKELAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: OUR COMMUNITY 2030; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Sarah 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 Chad McLeod, Stephanie Madden, Sara Roberts McCarley, Mike Musick, Guy LaLonde, and Mayor Bill Mutz voted aye. Ayes-six. Nays-zero. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolutions

Resolution 5963; Proposed 25-002; Amending Resolution 4968, as Amended, to Modify Eligibility Conditions for Retiree Bonuses

> A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA RELATING TO PENSIONS; AMENDING RESOLUTION 4968, AS AMENDED; AMENDING ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS FOR RETIREE BONUSES; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

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

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

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

Resolution 5964; Proposed 25-003; Vacating a Portion of an Existing Public Utility Easement Located at 1623 King Avenue

> A RESOLUTION RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENTS; MAKING FINDINGS; VACATING A PORTION OF AN EXISTING PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED AT 1623 KING AVENUE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

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

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

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

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Recess/Convene: The City Commission recessed the Regular Session and convened as the Community Redevelopment Agency.

Award of 2024-RFP-287 to Redevelopment Management Associates Inc. and Authorization to Negotiate Professional Services Agreement for the Midtown Redevelopment Plan Update

CRA staff, through the Purchasing Department, issued Request for Proposals (RFP) No. 287 seeking qualified and experienced firms to provide professional services related to the modification of the Lakeland CRA Midtown District Redevelopment Plan (Plan). The scope of work for this project includes an in-depth analysis of existing conditions and performance measures, an update of goals and objectives, recommendations of best practices for community redevelopment plans and principles, and an analysis of a potential 10-year extension of the Midtown CRA's current sunset date.

A selection committee comprised of CRA staff, Community & Economic Development staff and a CRA Advisory Board member evaluated the five (5) firms that responded to the RFP. The overall criteria upon which the firms were evaluated included:

- Experience and Expertise: similarity of projects, the quality of those projects, and their relevance to success with respect to this RFP.
- Key Project Personnel: qualifications and relevant experience, including subconsultants.
- Project Delivery and Approach: team organization, understanding of the scope of work, project management and communication plan, ability to meet budget and provide services in a timely manner.
- Fee Proposals: fee to complete the services requested in the RFP.

Five proposals were received in response to the RFP and the selection committee created a shortlist of the top three firms. The top three firms were invited to make presentations to the committee for additional evaluation. The third-ranked firm withdrew from the shortlist, leaving the top two firms available for consideration. The following is a summary of the firms, pricing and final scores:

Company Name	Location	Price	RFP Score
Redevelopment Management Associates*	Pompano Beach	$317,500	**864**
Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc*	Orlando (local office Lakeland)	$398,000	854 + 42.7 (Local) = **896.7**
Inspire Placemaking	Orlando	$167,860	**400**
Furr, Wegman & Banks	Lakeland	$259,600	346 + 17.3 (Local) = **363.3**
The Delaine Companies	Miami	$200,000	**255**

The CRA Advisory Board reviewed the shortlisted firms' proposals, pricing and final scores at their regular meeting on January 9, 2025, and recommended an award of the Midtown Redevelopment Plan Update to Redevelopment Management Associates Inc. based upon their higher evaluation score and lower price. The City's Local Preference Ordinance permits the City to procure goods and services from non-local firms based upon the best interest of the City irrespective of local preference scores.

Staff recommended that the City Commission, acting as the Lakeland Community Redevelopment Agency, award 2024-RFP-287 to Redevelopment Management Associates Inc. and authorize the appropriate City officials to negotiate and enter into a professional services agreement for the Midtown Redevelopment Plan Update at a price not to exceed $317,500.

Palmer Davis 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.

Adjourn/Reconvene: The Community Redevelopment Agency adjourned, and the City Commission reconvened the Regular Session.

CITY MANAGER

Task Authorization with Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC for Disaster Consulting Services for Hurricane Milton

Staff requested that the City Commission approve this Task Authorization with Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC (GMC) for disaster consulting services in response to Hurricane Milton for a not to exceed amount of $1,250,000.

In April of 2022, the City entered into an agreement with GMC for disaster consulting services to provide personnel in the following key functional areas:

- **Scoping and Planning:** GMC shall work with the city to understand costs that are eligible for reimbursement, whether via FEMA, Insurance, HUD or from other sources of funding in accordance with the Master Contract.
- **Project Formulation & Project Worksheet Preparations:** GMC will coordinate the development of project worksheets and versions as required by FDEM & FEMA including scope changes, appeals, and assistance with all FEMA public assistance (PA) categories in accordance with the Master Contract.
    - Identifying eligible Federal Emergency Management (FEMA) Public Assistance (PA) projects
    - Conducting meetings with City, State, and FEMA staff
    - Performing site visits with FEMA and other stakeholders
    - Collecting and preparing project documentation
    - Drafting scopes of work and project language
- **Project Mitigation:** GMC will work with the City to identify potential mitigation projects throughout the damaged area. Once projects are identified, GMC will provide an engineering cost estimate and develop the proper paperwork required to qualify FEMA 406 and FDEM 404 mitigation funding for the project in accordance with the Master Contract.

President Biden declared a State of Emergency designated as Florida Hurricane Milton DR-4834-FL on October 11, 2024, with an incident period of October 5, 2024, to April 11, 2026. Within Florida, FEMA has designated Polk County as eligible for Individual and Public Assistance (Categories A-G). Based on initial damage assessments and the City's prior experience with recovery costs related to Hurricane Milton, a not to exceed amount of $1,250,000 has been proposed under the terms of the Disaster Consulting Services

Agreement with GMC for their services. These direct administrative costs are eligible for reimbursement through FEMA.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve a Task Authorization to Goodwyn Mills Cawood in the amount of $1,250,000 for disaster consulting services to be funded from the Hurricane Milton Disaster Funds and authorize the appropriate City staff to execute the Task Authorization on behalf of the city.

Shawn Sherrouse presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Stephanie Madden 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.

Award of Bid No. 2024-ITB-335 for Annual Disposal of Yard Waste, Class III and Construction and Demolition Material to Angelos Recycle Materials and Republic Service Cedar Trails Landfill

The Solid Waste and Recycling Division of the City's Public Works Department collects approximately 17,000 tons of non-putrescible waste annually, comprised of Yard Waste, Class III Waste (bulk items), Construction and Demolition (C&D) Material, and Tires. Multiple disposal sites are awarded to allow the material collected by the City's Solid Waste trucks to be disposed of at the nearest disposal site, allowing for the efficient collection and disposal of the waste. Additionally, multiple site awards allow for alternative disposal sites in the event of a storm affecting the city and a disposal site becomes overwhelmed with disposal material.

On November 7, 2024, the City issued Invitation to Bid No. 2024-ITB-335 for the Annual Disposal of Yard Waste, Class III Material and C&D Material. The Purchasing Division issued a Notice of Intent to award on December 3, 2024, for the following disposal sites based on the type of material accepted by the facilities, a valid Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) disposal site permit, and their proximity to the City's Solid Waste operations:

- GFL Environmental DBA Angelos Recycled Materials - Lakeland and Dade City, FL
- Republic Service Cedar Trails Landfill – Lakeland and Bartow, FL

City staff evaluated the bids and will use both responding vendors based on the type of material accepted and mileage to their facility for City trucks. The material accepted at each facility is as follows:

- GFL Environmental DBA Angelos Recycled Materials - Yard Waste, C&D, Class III and Tires
- Republic Services - Yard Waste, C&D, and Class III

Funding for these services in the estimated amount of $450,000 is provided in the Fiscal Year 2025 Solid Waste Budget.

Staff recommended the City Commission award Bid No. 2024-ITB-335 to GFL Environmental DBA Angelos Recycled Materials, and Republic Services LP of Florida, and authorize the City Manager to execute purchase orders on behalf of the City of Lakeland for these services.

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.

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

- **Task Authorization with CivilSurv Design Group, Inc. for Design Services for the Lakeland Park Center Drive West Connector (Union Drive to Carpenters Way) Project**

This task authorization for design services is required for development of 30% roadway plans. In road construction projects, 30% of plans refer to the preliminary design stage of the project. At this stage, the plans include essential information needed to determine the project’s scope and feasible construction options.

In October 2023, the City Commission confirmed the alignment for the extension of Lakeland Park Center Drive from Union Drive to Carpenters Way. The City Commission also adopted a resolution finding a reasonable necessity for, and authorizing the acquisition by gift, purchase or eminent domain of certain properties located near the intersection of Union Drive with Lakeland Park Center Drive. In October 2024, the City completed the acquisition of both parcels without litigation.

Design services are required for proposed improvements to Lakeland Park Center Drive from approximately 330 feet east of the easternmost entrance to the Lakeland Park Center Shopping Center at the end of improvements performed by RAMCO Development to Carpenters Way including improvements to Union Drive. The total length of improvements is approximately 1,000 feet or 0.19 miles.

The proposed improvements will consist of a new road to match the recently completed section of Lakeland Park Drive from Carpenters Way to the Fields BMW property. The road will consist of:

- Two 11’ wide lanes, with concrete curbs and gutters
- 10’ wide trail on the north side of the road
- 5’ wide sidewalk on the south side of the road
- Mechanically stabilized earth wall to raise the grade of the road from existing ground to the Carpenters Way overpass over I-4 (design of the wall to be performed in a future phase)
- Sheet piling for wetland excavation and backfill (design for sheet piling to be performed in a future phase)
- Street lighting (design for street lighting to be performed in a future phase)
- Drainage will consist of a storm sewer collection system with stormwater ponds.

The services consist of preparing 30% plans for the proposed improvements, a pond siting report, environmental services, geotechnical services, and coordination with the previously prepared 30% plans for Lakeland Park Drive from Union Drive to Fields Motor Cars BMW dealership.

The City has a municipal services continuing contract with CivilSurv Design Group, Inc. Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2025 Transportation Fund.

Staff recommended the City Commission authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the task authorization with CivilSurv Design Group, Inc. in the amount of $141,809.00.

Shawn Sherrouse presented this item to the Commission.

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

Approval of Purchase Order to Vortex Services, LLC for Sewer Main Annual Rehabilitation Project

The Water Utilities Department received the proposal from Vortex Services, LLC (“Vortex”), for construction services to rehabilitate approximately 17,978 linear feet of degraded sewer pipes and approximately 88 service laterals (City portion) at various locations around the City.

Vortex will be utilizing Cured-In-Place-Pipes (CIPP), which are jointless, seamless, flexible plastic pipe liners installed within existing sewer mains. The CIPP installation process is a trenchless, “no-dig” method of pipe rehabilitation used to repair damaged pipes from the inside without disturbing surface structures or materials. Vortex will access the sewer mains through existing manholes and insert the CIPP, which will expand and line the wall of the pipe as it cures. The purpose of this curing process is to reduce, and ideally eliminate, cracks and holes that would otherwise allow groundwater and roots to enter the pipe, causing operational problems or mechanical failure.

The scope of work for this project consists of 19 separate work locations that have been identified by Wastewater Collections using several methods. Most of the locations were identified by direct field observation by sewer maintenance crews and through camera inspection where there is a clear need to address the pipe condition. Other significant considerations were the age, material type, and expected service life of the identified sewer mains. Each successful CIPP sewer pipe rehabilitation can add 50 or more years of useful service life to the repaired sewer main.

Vortex's proposal was solicited utilizing an existing bid established via Buy Board Cooperative Purchasing, also known as the Local Government Purchasing Cooperative. The City of Lakeland is a member of this. Vortex will perform the scope of work under the proposal for a total not-to-exceed cost of $2,351,468.50, which is included in Water Utilities' FY 2025 Budget. This is a unit-priced proposal, and the actual billing will be based on installed quantities. The project is expected to be completed on or before September 30, 2025.

Staff recommended the City Commission approve and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute a purchase order with Vortex Services, LLC in the amount of $2,351,468.50, and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the appropriate documents.

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 from the audience.

Mayor Mutz asked David Bayhan for his comments. Mr. Bayhan explained this was a larger area than usual. Staff found additional areas that needed attention.

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

Task Authorization with Register Construction & Engineering, Inc., for the Construction of an Aircraft Maintenance Facility at Lakeland Linder International Airport

Staff seeks approval of a Task Authorization with Register Construction & Engineering, Inc. (Register) under the terms and conditions of the City's Continuing Contract for Construction Trade Professionals entered on December 16, 2024, in accordance with Request for Qualifications 2024-RFQ-289.

This is a proposed Task Authorization for the construction of an approximately 16,500 square foot aircraft maintenance facility which includes the following: a 12,000 square foot Hangar, 3,000 square foot Office, 1,500 square feet of Storage Space, an associated Aircraft Apron, Vehicle Parking Lot, and security elements with both landside and airside connections to the hangar.

The building will be a pre-engineered metal building that includes all structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protection systems. Engineering and permitting for this project are being completed by AtkinsRealis USA, Inc. under a separate Task Authorization as approved by the City Commission on September 16, 2024.

This new facility is being constructed per Section 3.1 of the Lease Agreement between the City and Double M Aviation, LLC entered on September 16, 2024.

The total cost of this Task Authorization is $3,331,321.00. The total project cost will not exceed $3.7 million. Funding for this project is included in the City of Lakeland, Florida Revenue Note, Series 2024 (AMT) that was approved by City Commission on September 3, 2024.

Staff recommended the City Commission approve this Task Authorization with Register Construction & Engineering, Inc. in the amount of $3,331,321.00 to complete the construction of the new aircraft maintenance facility for Double M Aviation, LLC. at Lakeland Linder International Airport and authorize appropriate City officials to execute all corresponding documents on behalf of the City.

Shawn Sherrouse presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley 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.

City Manager Verbal Reports:

Imperial Swan Hotel - There was a significant fire at the Imperial Swan Hotel last week. Shawn Sherrouse recognized community partners who assisted the Milton survivors who were sheltering at the hotel. Those community partners included Florida United Methodist Churches, Combee Connection, United Way of Central Florida, Red Cross, GiveWell, Volunteer Florida, FEMA, Florida Department of Emergency Management, Polk County Emergency Management, LPD, the City’s Emergency Manager, and LFD.

Commissioner Roberts McCarley got photos later that weekend from the Red Cross about City staff stepping up and supporting those people. They did a great job.

Lake Bonny - Mayor Mutz asked Shawn Sherrouse if he could provide any updates for Lake Bonny residents on the pump. Shawn Sherrouse received an email Friday regarding this. He and staff members worked throughout the holiday weekend to respond. Shawn Sherrouse read the response for the Commission, a copy of which is on file in the agenda packet.

Staff proposed a study on the entire watershed, not just that pump. That study would take 4-6 months to complete. SWFWMD did have some information they can provide to AECOM to move the study forward more quickly. Mr. Sherrouse has discussed the study with the County Manager and he is assured of the County's commitment. Mr. Sherrouse will send a map to the Commission depicting the boundaries of the watershed.

Laurie Smith came forward. The Lake Hancock Watershed begins north of Lake Gibson. The Lake Hancock Watershed is where SWFWMD controls what flows into the Peace River. SWFWMD must manage flooding once the water leaves Lake Hancock. The City of Lakeland was beholden to SWFWMD and the parameters of the permit process.

CITY ATTORNEY

Ordinances (First Reading) – None

Miscellaneous

- **Approval of a Standard Continuing Contract for Electrical Contractor Services with Strickland Power, Inc.**

The City’s Purchasing Department recently issued Invitation to Bid 2024-ITB-334 (ITB) and formed a committee to select qualified firms to provide Electrical Contractor Services pursuant to a continuing contract. A total of seven (7) firms responded to the City’s ITB.

VENDOR	LOCATION
Strickland Power, Inc.	Lakeland, FL
Precision Electric of Lakeland	Lakeland, FL
Comp Environmental, Inc.	Winter Haven, FL
Mission Critical Solutions, Inc.	Tampa, FL
Electrical Engineering Enterprises	Tampa, FL
Archis, Inc.	Winter Garden, FL
JH Ham Engineering, Inc.	Lakeland, FL

City staff conducted an evaluation of all bids based on submission of their unit costs for regular/non-regular business hours for master electrician, journeyman electrician, apprentice electrician/general laborer, as well as their percentage mark up of materials over cost. Upon evaluation, City staff determined that Strickland Power, Inc., was the lowest responsive responsible bidder that met all the City's Bid specifications. Pursuant to the Agreement, Strickland Power, Inc. will provide all labor, tools, equipment, materials, services, supervision and procurement of required permits for various types of electrical work, including, but not limited to construction repairs and installation of switchgear, conduit, and conductors, as well as other electrical components for existing City facilities.

Included with this approval request is a copy of the City's standard Continuing Contract for Electrical Contractor Services that the City will enter with Strickland Power, Inc. once approved by the City Commission. The initial term of the Agreement is for a period of three (3) years, effective January 21, 2025, upon City Commission approval, with two (2) additional one (1) year renewal options upon mutual written agreement of the parties. The Agreement is a zero-dollar contract with all work performed under separately issued Task Authorizations requiring appropriate City approval.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the Continuing Contract for Electrical Contractor Services with Strickland Power, Inc. and authorize the appropriate City staff to as execute all corresponding documents.

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

* **Approval of a Standard Continuing Contract for Roofing Contractor Services with Springer Peterson Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. and R.F. Lusa Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc.**

The City's Purchasing Department recently issued Invitation to Bid 2024-ITB-337 (ITB) requesting qualified firms to provide Roofing Contractor Services for smaller projects under $50,000 pursuant to a continuing contract. The City has approximately 300 buildings comprising two (2) million square feet of facilities that are maintained by the Facilities Maintenance staff and other parties. A total of twelve (12) firms responded to the City's ITB and are listed below in the order in which they provided their bid proposals.

VENDOR	LOCATION
Ulloa Management Group, LLC	St. Augustine, FL
Central Florida Equity Builders	Oviedo, FL
Springer Peterson Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc.	Eaton Park, FL
R.F. Lusa Roofing & Sheet Metal Inc.	Lakeland, FL
Atlas Apex Roofing, LLC	Oakland Park, FL
PRS, Inc.	Tampa, FL
Architectural Sheet Metal, Inc.	Orlando, FL
Advanced Roofing, Inc.	Ft Lauderdale, FL
Next Dimension Construction and Roofing	Summerfield, FL
Rycars Construction, LLC	Tampa, FL
Quality Roofing, Inc.	Tampa, FL
RK Roofing and Sheet Metal, LLC	Winter Haven, FL

City staff evaluated all the bids based on the submission of each firm's unit cost for regular/non-regular business hours for a certified roofer and roofer helper/roofer apprentice, as well as pricing based on per square for architectural shingles installed on a pitch roof and pricing per square for a thermoplastic polyolefin roof. The warranty provided for each project will be dependent on the roofing material installed such as architectural shingles which have a twenty-five (25) year manufacturer's warranty and the thermoplastic polyolefin roof which has a twenty (20) year manufacturer's warranty. Upon evaluation, City staff determined that the two (2) lowest bidders did not fulfill the minimum bid specifications related to having a required business location within 50 miles of the City.

Consequently, the next two (2) lowest bidders, Springer Peterson Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. and R.F. Lusa Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. were selected as the most responsible responsive bidders that met the City's Bid specifications. Pursuant to the Agreement, Springer Peterson Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. and R.F. Lusa Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. will provide all labor, tools, equipment, materials, supervision, and procure required permits for various types of roofing, including, but not limited to: construction; repairs; and installation of built-ups, modified, single-ply, multi-ply, shingle, standing seam metal and asphalt roofs for all existing City facilities.

Included in the agenda packet is a copy of the City's Continuing Contract for Roofing Contractor Services that the City will enter with Springer Peterson Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. and R.F. Lusa Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. upon approval by the City Commission. The initial term of the Agreement is for a period of three (3) years, effective January 21, 2025, subject to City Commission approval, with two (2) additional one (1) year renewal options upon mutual written agreement of the parties. The Agreement is a zero-dollar contract with all work performed under separately issued Task Authorizations requiring appropriate City approval based on the dollar value of the services provided.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve Continuing Contracts for Roofing Contractor Services with Springer Peterson Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. and R.F. Lusa Roofing & Sheet Metal, Inc. and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all corresponding documents.

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR - None

UTILITY

Ordinances – None

Resolutions – None

Miscellaneous

* **Task Authorization with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. for Groundwater Monitoring Support at McIntosh Power Plant**

This proposed Task Authorization with Geosyntec Consultants, Inc. (Geosyntec) was to provide groundwater monitoring support in accordance with the federal Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR) Rule for the byproduct storage area at McIntosh Power Plant. Pursuant to this Task Authorization, Geosyntec will:
Provide sample collection from groundwater monitoring wells
Provide semi-annual detection and assessment monitoring support, including data validation of raw analytical data
Preparation of an annual groundwater monitoring and corrective action report for the byproduct storage area
Provide groundwater elevation contour figures
Provide general CCR support including regular meetings with Lakeland staff.

Upon approval by the City Commission, Geosyntec will commence work. All services pursuant to this Task Authorization will be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the City's Continuing Contract for Environmental Consulting Services with Geosyntec dated November 1, 2024, and Geosyntec's proposal dated January 2, 2025. All reimbursable expenses shall be paid in accordance with the City's Consultant Expense Reimbursement Policy. The total not-to-exceed cost of the work is estimated at $178,500.00, which is included in Lakeland Electric's FY2025 budget.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve this Task Authorization with Geosyntec to provide groundwater monitoring support in accordance with the CCR Rule for the byproduct storage area at the McIntosh Power Plant and authorize the appropriate City staff to execute all corresponding documents related to the Task Authorization.

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

Agreement with Alpine Power Systems, Inc. for Backup Battery Supply and Installation Services for Lakeland Electric

This proposed Agreement with Alpine Power Systems, Inc. (APS) was to furnish and install UPS and DC backup batteries for McIntosh Gas Turbine 1 (MGT1), McIntosh Gas Turbine 2 (MGT2) and Larsen Unit 8. Each of these units recently failed battery testing and/or rack inspections requiring replacement of the batteries. The existing batteries are eight (8) to seventeen (17) years old. Generally, the useful life expectancy of such batteries is approximately ten (10) years. These batteries provide back-up power to critical equipment to protect the Turbine/Generators in the event of a power failure.

Accordingly, on November 6, 2024, the City's Purchasing Department issued Invitation to Bid 2024-ITB-330 (ITB) seeking qualified vendors to furnish and install UPS and DC backup batteries for MGT1, MGT2 and Larsen Unit 8. A total of three (3) vendors responded to the City's ITB.

Contractor	Location	Bid Price
Alpine Power Systems, Inc.	Redford, MI	$214,220.00
PWR Storage Solutions, LLC	Dallas, TX	$234,625.01
Battery Research and Testing, Inc.	Oswego, NY	$248,817.42

Upon evaluation by Lakeland Electric staff, APS was selected as the most responsive, responsible bidder with the lowest price capable of meeting the City's Bid Specifications. Pursuant to the Agreement, APS will disassemble the existing batteries, install new replacement batteries, tie-in new batteries to the existing systems, refurbish or replace battery racks, and perform commission testing of the new batteries. All services will be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the City's Bid Specifications and APS' bid response, which includes proper disposal of the old batteries and a twenty (20) year warranty on all new batteries. Upon approval by the City Commission, the City will issue a Purchase Order and work scheduled for the units will occur during early 2025. The total cost of the work is $214,220.00, which is included in Lakeland Electric's FY25 budget.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve this Agreement with APS for backup battery supply and installation services 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 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.

AUDIENCE

Lisa Louder of Foxwood Estates came forward to discuss fluoride in the water. She was a doctor of wholistic nutrition. She has her clients purchase systems to remove the fluoride. She was concerned about fluoride in the water.

Chrissy Hine came forward to echo concerns about fluoride in the water. She encouraged the Commission to remove the fluoride from the water supply.

Dave Louder thanked everyone working on issues here in Lakeland. He has been aware of the fluoride issue for some time. He believes it is a dangerous and unnecessary additive. It has detrimental effects.

Commissioner Mike Musick stated he would vote to remove the fluoride. The benefit of fluoride in the toothpaste is better than it was. He did not see the benefit of keeping fluoride in the water. He thought enough concern has been raised. He appreciated the information that has been provided so intelligently. He appreciated the scientific approach. What would be the next step?

Palmer Davis explained the Commission could just direct staff to remove it. He thought they may want to hold a public hearing first. It should at least be an agenda item.

Shawn Sherrouse explained staff has used this process for decades. The cost is negligible. Staff was not moving toward removing it. It is a policy issue and staff will follow commission direction. Staff was not advocating for or against fluoride in the water. Staff's position is neutral.

Mayor Bill Mutz asked if there was a proponent on the commission for keeping fluoride.

Commissioner Chad McLeod was not ready to vote today. We should hear from those who were in favor of keeping fluoride in the water. There are different doctors with different opinions.

Commissioner Guy LaLonde stated the Commission is the policy maker. We are not medical doctors. He was not personally in favor of adding things to water that do not already exist. He wanted to hear from all sides before deciding.

The City of Bartow was hosting a fluoride workshop at the Bartow Civic Center on February 18, 2025 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Palmer Davis explained the Commission could attend that meeting if they did not offer comment.

Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley clarified that it did not require a public hearing because it did not require an ordinance or resolution.

The Commission discussed how to proceed with the public hearing. The consensus was to do it as an agenda item on the February 17, 2025 agenda, at the end of the meeting.

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Guy LaLonde remarked on the wonderful MLK Parade. He thanked staff for all their work on the event.

Mayor Bill Mutz enjoyed watching Commissioner Guy LaLonde interact with his constituents during the parade.

Commissioner Mike Musick announce he left the last meeting to greet his first grandbaby and since then, a second was delivered! Nine days and two grandbabies! He cannot wait until the next meeting!

Commissioner Stephanie Madden was so thrilled to see how many constituents knew Commissioner Guy LaLonde and what a great job he was doing in his district. The parade was so fun! She loved the prayer breakfast, especially the speaker who is now a Winter Haven City Commissioner. She was proud of our Mayor and that Lakeland held that listening session during the George Floyd protests, that we relocated the confederate monument, and that the city adopted body cameras. She thanked the Mayor and Commission for their willingness to have the tough conversations.

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT – 11:41 a.m.

Kelly S. Koos, City Clerk

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