LAKELAND CITY COMMISSION

Regular Session
August 3, 2026

The Lakeland City Commission met in Regular Session in the City Commission Chambers. Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley and Commissioners Chad McLeod, Terry Coney, Stephanie Madden, Mike Musick, Ashley Troutman, and Guy LaLonde were present. City Manager Shawn Sherrouse, City Attorney Palmer Davis, Finance Assistant Director Deidra Joseph, and City Clerk Kelly Koos were present.

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 A.M.

PRESENTATIONS – 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.

Action: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Chad McLeod seconded and the motion carried, 5-0. Commissioner Ashley Troutman and Guy LaLonde were absent at the time of the vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (with any amendments)

*City Commission Minutes 07/20/26

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

REPORTS AND RELATED ITEMS

City Attorney/City Manager Review Committee 07/20/26

Commissioner Chad McLeod presented this report.

Action: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the report. Commissioner Terry Coney seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

EQUALIZATION HEARINGS

Recess/Convene: The 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 regarding a lot cleaning/clearing or demolition assessment, this is the time to address the Commission.

Lot Cleaning and Clearing

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

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

The City Commission discussed the process for adding liens to the tax roll. Staff explained that property owners receive additional notice prior to the lien being added to their property taxes. The Commission asked whether the process is more difficult when properties are not owner-occupied. Staff confirmed that it could be more challenging but noted that first-class notices are mailed and the properties are also posted. Many property owners simply do not respond to the notices.

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

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinances (Second Reading)

Ordinance 6148; Proposed 26-018; Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on the Acceptance, Processing, Review and Approval of Applications for Development Permits, Development Orders and Other Approvals Related to Data Centers and Large Load Customers (1st Rdg. 07-20-2026)

> AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA RELATED TO DATA CENTERS AND LARGE LOAD CUSTOMERS; ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE,

PROCESSING, REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMITS, DEVELOPMENT ORDERS AND OTHER APPROVALS RELATED TO DATA CENTERS AND LARGE LOAD CUSTOMERS; DIRECTING THE REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATE AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF LAKELAND LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND OTHER REGULATIONS RELATING TO DATA CENTERS AND LARGE LOAD CUSTOMERS; ESTABLISHING THE DURATION OF THE MORATORIUM; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Guy LaLonde moved to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Terry Coney seconded.

Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley asked for comments from the public. She explained the speaker card and time limit.

Ashley Bowers-Macrander spoke in support of the moratorium and expressed concerns regarding the environmental impacts of data centers. Lakeland Electric does not currently have the capacity to provide the amount of electricity that would be required by large-scale data centers. Data centers could affect the availability of entry-level employment opportunities for college graduates.

Sam Romain spoke in support of the moratorium and discussed recent legislation intended to protect utility ratepayers. Lakeland Electric, as a municipal utility, was not covered by certain provisions of the legislation. He opposed any amendment to the moratorium that would require restarting the applicable time period and noted that Lakeland Electric's General Manager had requested a moratorium.

Brittany O'Riley spoke in opposition to data center.

Kevin Kayden spoke in opposition to data center.

Spike Poma spoke in opposition to data center development. There was a community effort to slow the development of data centers and allow additional time to evaluate their environmental impacts.

Kendall Donahue spoke in opposition to data center development and encouraged the Commission to consider preserving the community's natural resources and quality of life.

Beverly Copeland spoke in opposition to data center development. She asked whether information gathered by the City during the moratorium would be made available to the public and whether City officials would visit other communities with data centers as part of their research. She also questioned whether a large data center could be divided into multiple facilities to reach the desired total capacity while avoiding the intent of the regulations.

Mike Schmidt, a retired engineer, spoke in opposition to the proposed data center. He questioned whether local contractors would be able to participate in a project of this magnitude and expressed concern that there may not be sufficient local contractors with the necessary experience. The project would not generate significant long-term employment opportunities for the community because companies could bring workers and subcontractors from outside the area. He also questioned whether the economic benefits would remain in Lakeland, noting that profits could ultimately go to an out-of-town corporate office.

Magdelene Dupree spoke in support of the moratorium as written and opposed amending the ordinance. She encouraged the Commission to approve the moratorium in its current form. She questioned whether the project would generate tax revenue during its development and whether the eventual data center would have a local owner or be developed for lease to another company.

Patricia Crane spoke in support of the moratorium. The Commission's decision could have long-term consequences for Lakeland and emphasized the importance of protecting the environment when considering future development.

Atheena Wilson spoke in support of the moratorium as written. She expressed concerns regarding water resources and the proximity of the proposed development to the Bartow area.

Naomi Garcia, of Lakeland, spoke in support of the moratorium. Data centers could be detrimental to the community and expressed concerns regarding their potential impacts.

Brittany Singletary spoke in opposition to the moratorium. She believed it was ineffective and suggested that the City consider a separate utility ordinance to protect Lakeland Electric ratepayers from large loads associated with development located outside the City limits.

Jennifer Hardeman spoke in opposition to data center development. She asked the Commission to close potential loopholes that could allow a data center project to proceed around the moratorium. She requested a commitment from the Commission that the proposed project would not be brought forward under a different name or classification. She referenced statements from staff regarding existing entitlements and discussed the companies involved with Project Swan, noting that key business functions were separated among different entities.

Olivia Bienaime questioned aspects of the proposed moratorium and discussed Senate Bill 484. The legislation gave local officials authority to determine whether a data center was in the best interest of their community. She expressed concerns that the legislation could allow the use of non-disclosure agreements (NDAs), including during a moratorium, and noted that the moratorium could potentially be terminated early without additional public input.

Karen Freedman spoke in support of the moratorium. She discussed the “cautionary principle,” stating that decision-makers should consider potential consequences before acting. She encouraged the Commission to proceed cautiously and requested that the temporary moratorium ultimately be expanded into a permanent prohibition.

Mayor McCarley closed public comments from the audience.

Commission discussion:

Commissioner Chad McLeod had previously questioned the need for a moratorium but recognized the value of a temporary pause to allow staff time to evaluate the issue and develop appropriate amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code. The data center industry is changing rapidly, and other communities are considering similar issues. He was comfortable approving the ordinance as written and that the City would still need to address the Land Development Code even if amendments were ultimately made.

Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley discussed the amount of research the Commission had undertaken and stated that the City should not be expected to serve as a spokesperson for the data center industry. She emphasized that the responsibility for communicating the benefits of a project rests with the companies proposing the development.

Commissioner Ashley Troutman review the history of Lakeland's public power system and the City's willingness in the past to embrace emerging technologies. Emerging technologies can present both opportunities and unknowns and he believed the City should consider projects that are appropriate for the community. He expressed support for pausing large-scale projects exceeding 50 megawatts while the City develops appropriate policies. He stated that he was not advocating for a project comparable to the Fort Meade project but believed the City should remain open to projects that fit Lakeland.

Commissioner Guy LaLonde discussed Senate Bill 484, which requires certain large load customers to pay their associated costs and directs the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC) to develop applicable tariffs and service agreements for investor-owned utilities. A temporary moratorium would provide Lakeland with an opportunity to develop its own large-load policies. He asked Scott Bishop whether Lakeland Electric would be subject to the FPSC tariffs and requirements.

Scott Bishop explained that Lakeland Electric is a municipal utility and is not regulated by the FPSC. Municipal utilities must establish their own tariffs, and the City Commission would determine how Lakeland Electric responds to large load customers. Federal regulations were expected later in the year which could affect future operations and development.

Commissioner LaLonde asked who would bear the risk if the City approved a large load customer and state or federal rules subsequently changed. Mr. Bishop stated that the answer would depend on the nature of any future changes and explained that the eventual regulations could address more than the initial connection of a large load customer, including the operation of the development.

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Commissioner Stephanie Madden appreciated the extensive discussion and believed the temporary moratorium would provide an opportunity to consider the many variables involved. Even the Governor had recognized the prudence of taking a pause to evaluate data centers. She asked City Attorney Palmer Davis to clarify the definition of a large-scale data center.

Mr. Davis explained that the ordinance was intended to address large-scale data centers and large load customers rather than all facilities that could technically be considered data centers. Ordinary data centers and facilities that store data, including certain operations associated with hospitals or other businesses, could otherwise fall within a broad definition.

The Commission discussed the City's existing data centers and current electric customers. Staff noted that the City's largest existing electric customer has an electrical demand of approximately 18 megawatts (Publix). That customer's demand developed over time and was not originally an 18-megawatt request.

Commissioner Madden said the City has a history of residents and businesses raising concerns about regulations and red tape delaying development. She was disappointed that the Commission did not use the same language discussed during the initial meeting and would not support the moratorium as presented.

Commissioner Mike Musick asked Scott Bishop how frequently Lakeland Electric receives requests for electrical capacity that it cannot provide. Mr. Bishop said the utility had not encountered requests of the magnitude currently being discussed until recently and that previous large customers were significantly smaller.

Commissioner Musick believed the City needed a pause but had concerns about the wording of the proposed moratorium, particularly regarding power, water, and environmental impacts. No one was currently requesting 50 megawatts from Lakeland Electric and companies seeking large amounts of power would likely research available capacity before selecting a location. The language of the ordinance matters. He was not opposed to buildings that store data and distinguished traditional data centers from hyperscale facilities. For example, hospitals need facilities to store information. A moratorium was appropriate, but he did not support the ordinance's current language.

Commissioner Terry Coney asked whether existing customers would be able to expand their operations. Palmer Davis said the ordinance provides an exception for data-related operations that are part of an existing business and do not serve a third party. A new third-party data center would not currently be permitted under the City's Land Development Code because the Code does not provide such facilities. The City needs to develop regulations addressing third-party data centers.

Mayor McCarley said she supported using the temporary moratorium to evaluate the issue. The ordinance would not necessarily remain in effect for the full 12 months and could be terminated sooner, potentially after only a few weeks, if the Commission and staff completed their work. The Commission was listening to the public's comments and taking them seriously. They will use the temporary period to develop its own appropriate “guardrails” for large load customers and data centers rather than waiting for state or federal direction.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Chad McLeod, Terry Coney, Guy LaLonde and Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley voted aye. Commissioners Stephanie Madden, Ashley Troutman, and Mike Musick voted no. Ayes-four. Noes-three. The motion carried 4-3.

Resolutions

Resolution 6072; Proposed 26-036; 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 Mike Musick moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Ashley Troutman seconded.

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

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Guy LaLonde, Ashley Troutman, Mike Musick, Stephenie Madden, Terry Coney, Chad McLeod, and Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley voted aye. Ayes-seven. Nays-zero. The motion carried 7-0.

Resolution 6073; Proposed 26-037; Amending the City of Lakeland's Defined Contribution and 457(b) Plans Mandatory Distribution Provisions

> A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA AMENDING THE CITY OF LAKELAND'S DEFINED CONTRIBUTION AND 457(B) PLANS MANDATORY DISTRIBUTION PROVISIONS; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

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

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

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Guy LaLonde, Ashley Troutman, Mike Musick, Stephenie Madden, Terry Coney, Chad McLeod, and Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley voted aye. Ayes-seven. Nays-zero. The motion carried 7-0.

Resolution 6074; Proposed 26-038; Authorizing the Execution of an Amended Grant Agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation for Financial Project No. 445718-1-94-01 to Add State and Local Funding for the Category III Instrument Landing System Project at Lakeland Linder International Airport

> A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE AIRPORT; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AMENDMENT TO A MULTI-YEAR GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ADD STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING FOR THE CATEGORY III INSTRUMENT LANDING SYSTEM PROJECT AT LAKELAND LINDER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT; ADOPTING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Ashley Troutman seconded.

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

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Guy LaLonde, Ashley Troutman, Mike Musick, Stephenie Madden, Terry Coney, Chad McLeod, and Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley voted aye. Ayes-seven. Nays-zero. The motion carried 7-0.

Miscellaneous

Five-Year Consolidated Plan and Strategy (2026-2030) & One Year Action Plan with Projected Use of Funds for the 52nd Year of CDBG and the 32nd Year of HOME

These are the recommendations for the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan and One-Year Action Plan with Projected Use of Funds for the 52nd Year of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and 32nd Year of the Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs. The program year will begin October 1, 2026, and end September 30, 2027. The recommendations continue to emphasize benefits to low and moderate-income residents of the City, with funding directed to housing rehabilitation, home purchase assistance, new construction through the HOME Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) program, code enforcement, and public services ranging from summer recreation to services for the elderly.

For the program year 2026-2027, HUD has issued awards to the City of Lakeland of $846,774 for the CDBG program and $399,503 for the HOME program. Public meetings on the Plan have been held on May 18 and June 18. In addition, the City Commission held the first of two required public hearings on July 6. This is the final public hearing. Following public comment, 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, 2026, deadline.

Palmer Davis presented this item to the Commission.

Housing Programs Manager Mike Smith gave a presentation, a copy of which is on file in the agenda packet.

Motion: Commissioner Ashley Troutman moved to approve the recommendations. Commissioner Guy LaLonde seconded.

Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley asked for public comments. There were none from the audience.

Commissioner LaLonde asked about the use of the funds and Mike Smith explained these funds are used for owner occupied relocation and down payment assistance. All funding is geared toward low income.

Action: Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley called for the vote and the motion carried 7-0.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

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

Purchase Agreement for 1320 Kettles Avenue

This is a Purchase Agreement between the Lakeland Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and Brewington Investments Inc. for the purchase of 1320 Kettles Avenue, a vacant parcel located within the Midtown CRA between W. 8th Street and W. 9th Street. The CRA currently owns the two residential parcels located at 627 W. 8th Street and 631 W. 8th Street, immediately south of the subject property. Individually, each of the three parcels is constrained by lot size and configuration and would not support development consistent with the City's Land Development Code. Assembling the properties will create a viable development site and position the area for future infill residential development consistent with the CRA's redevelopment objectives. Under the Agreement, the CRA would purchase the property for a purchase price of $20,000. The CRA will provide a deposit of $2,000 and have a 120-day due diligence period to assess the suitability of the property. The CRA may terminate the agreement in its sole discretion at any time prior to the expiration of the due diligence period and receive a full refund of its deposit. Closing will occur within 30 days of the expiration of the due diligence period, or approximately November 21, 2026, provided the CRA does not exercise its right to terminate.

The proposed purchase of the subject property was considered by the CRA Advisory Board at its July 9, 2026, meeting and was unanimously recommended for approval. Staff recommended that the City Commission, acting as the Lakeland Community Redevelopment Agency, approve the purchase of the subject property in accordance with the above-described terms and conditions and authorize the appropriate CRA officials to execute all documents necessary to finalize the transaction.

Palmer Davis presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Ashley Troutman seconded.

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

Commissioner Mike Musick said this enables development on lots that were too small to develop. This is a good move.

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

Purchase Agreement for 808 N. Iowa Avenue

This is a Purchase Agreement between the Lakeland Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and P&R Management LLC for the purchase of 808 N. Iowa Avenue, a vacant parcel located within the Midtown CRA between E. Parker Street and Memorial

Boulevard. The CRA continues to assemble properties in the Mass Market area in furtherance of the Mass Market Area Plan, which visualizes the area with infill redevelopment, enhanced streetscapes and pedestrian connectivity. Capitalizing on opportunities to acquire additional parcels will boost the Mass Market Plan and provide the CRA leverage with respect to proposed redevelopment prospects. Under the Agreement, the CRA would purchase the property for a purchase price of $52,000. This price is consistent with an opinion of value prepared for the CRA which values the subject property as part of a larger accumulation of parcels for redevelopment. The CRA will provide a deposit of $3,000 and have a 120-day due diligence period to assess the suitability of the property. The CRA may terminate the agreement in its sole discretion at any time prior to the expiration of the due diligence period and receive a full refund of its deposit. Closing will occur within 30 days of the expiration of the due diligence period, or approximately October 23, 2026, provided the CRA does not exercise its right to terminate.

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Palmer Davis presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Ashley Troutman seconded.

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

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

Purchase Agreement for 929 N. Tennessee Avenue

This is a Purchase Agreement between the Lakeland Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and P&R Property Management Inc. for the purchase of 929 N. Tennessee Avenue, located within the Midtown CRA between Plum Street and Memorial Boulevard. The CRA continues to assemble properties in the Mass Market area in furtherance of the Mass Market Area Plan, which visualizes the area with infill redevelopment, enhanced streetscapes and pedestrian connectivity. Capitalizing on opportunities to acquire additional parcels will boost the Mass Market Plan and provide the CRA leverage with respect to proposed redevelopment prospects. Under the Agreement, the CRA would purchase the property for a purchase price of $78,000. This price is consistent with an opinion of value prepared for the CRA which values the subject property as part of a larger accumulation of parcels for redevelopment. The CRA will provide a deposit of $3,000 and have a 120-day due diligence period to assess the suitability of the property. The CRA may terminate the agreement in its sole discretion at any time prior to the expiration of the due diligence period and receive a full refund of its deposit. Closing will occur within 30 days of the expiration of the due diligence period, or approximately October 23, 2026, provided the CRA does not exercise its right to terminate.

The proposed purchase of the subject property was considered by the CRA Advisory Board at its July 9, 2026, meeting and was unanimously recommended for approval. It is recommended that the City Commission, acting as the Lakeland Community Redevelopment Agency, approve the purchase of the subject property in accordance with the above-described terms and conditions and authorize the appropriate CRA officials to execute all documents necessary to finalize the transaction.

Palmer Davis presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Ashley Troutman seconded.

Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley asked for comments from the Commission and the audience.

Magdelene Dupree asked what was proposed to be built on the property, noting that it was adjacent to other CRA-owned property and expressing concern about the trees located on the site.

Mayor Roberts McCarley explained that the City's tree ordinances would be considered as part of any future development.

CRA Manager Valerie Vaught explained that the property is located within the Mass Market Area and is identified for future infill development for residential purposes.

Action: Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously.
Adjourned/Reconvened: The Community Redevelopment Agency Board adjourned and the City Commission reconvened in Regular Session.

CITY MANAGER

Purchase Order with Schneider Electric Smart Grid Solutions for Renewal of ArcFM Solutions Software

A proposal was received from Schneider Electric Smart Grid Solutions for the renewal of ArcFM Solutions Software for Lakeland Electric, Energy Delivery division. ArcFM Solutions Software is the Design software suite the Energy Delivery division uses to design the electric system. It is a comprehensive graphic work design solution that lets Lakeland Electric build and analyze new construction designs in a single application.

The total cost for the renewal is $102,287. The City's Purchasing Division has approved Schneider Electric Smart Grid Solutions pursuant to the City's Contract # 2004-MM-333. Funding for the Renewal of the ArcFM Solutions Software is provided in the Fiscal Year 2026 Department of Information Technology (DoIT) Operating budget.

Staff recommended the City Commission authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order to Schneider Electric Smart Grid Solutions in the amount of $102,287 for the renewal of ArcFM Solutions Software and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all necessary documents.

Shawn Sherrouse presented this item to the Commission.

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

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

Commissioner Stephanie Madden asked whether the data would be stored in-house by Lakeland Electric or through a third-party vendor. Scott Bishop explained that, until recently, all smart grid data was maintained in-house, but the utility has since transitioned some data management to third-party vendors. He noted, however, that the data continues to be stored locally.

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

Change Order 06 with Vogel Bros. Construction Co. for Installation of a Liquid Chlorine Injection System at the Glendale Wastewater Treatment Plant, a Chlorine Contact Chamber & Effluent Pump Station

Vogel Bros. Building Co. was awarded bid (2023-ITB-168) to construct a Chlorine Contact Chamber & Effluent Pump Station at the Glendale Wastewater Treatment Plant. Water Utilities currently injects chlorine gas into the transmission piping that goes to the Wetlands. The Chlorine Contact Chamber is being constructed because it improves disinfection performance. However, since the Chlorine Contact Chamber was designed and construction began, Water Utilities completed its chlorine conversion study. The study determined that it was more advantageous to convert the City's Wastewater Treatment Plants to liquid chlorine than continuing to use chlorine gas. Converting to liquid chlorine improves safety and operational reliability. As such, a new liquid chlorine injection system and covered storage area is needed. The conversion from chlorine gas to liquid chlorine will replace aging infrastructure, reduce operating costs, improve operational performance and mitigate risk.

Water Utilities requested a modification to Vogel Bros. Building Co.'s original scope of work to implement the conversion from chlorine gas to liquid chlorine at the Glendale Wastewater Treatment Plant. This change order will remove scope that would have been relevant to a gaseous chlorine system and replace it with infrastructure and equipment for a liquid chlorine system. This will include a covered structure, storage tanks, pumps, instrumentation, piping, and other necessary components.

The original contract price for construction of this project was $36,913,322. The cost of this change order is $805,674.18. The funding necessary for this scope of work has already been approved and appropriated by the State Revolving Fund (SRF) and the City Commission. There will be no impact on the contractual end date of the project. Work is expected to be complete by June 2027.

Previous change orders have been processed and are summarized in the following table:

Item	Item Value	Description
	$36,913,322.00	Original PO
CO#1	($10,847,803.00)	Owner Direct Purchase
CO#2	($943,734.41)	Owner Direct Purchase
CO#3	$204,926.40	PCO #8 (helical piles - additional length)
CO#4	$4,207.06	PCO #2, 6, 10, 13 & 17 (piping credit, wall credit, additional pile length, VFD conduit increase, HVAC credit)
CO#5	$57,568.38	PCO #9, 12, 14, & 21 (electrical revisions, fiber optic credit, conduit size increase, quikcrete deduct)
Sub Total	$25,388,486.43	
CO#6	$805,674.18	PCO #19 (Chlorine Conversion)
Revised PO	$26,194,160.61	

Staff recommended the City Commission approve Change Order 06 with Vogel Bros. Building Co. in the amount of $805,674 for the Installation of a Liquid Chlorine Injection System at the Glendale Wastewater Treatment Plant, a Chlorine Contact Chamber and Effluent Pump Station and authorize staff to proceed with increasing Purchase Order 299394 by $805,674.18 bringing the new PO total to $26,194,160.61. Staff also recommend the City Commission authorize the appropriate City Officials to execute all necessary documents.

Shawn Sherrouse presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Ashley Troutman moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Mike Musick seconded.

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

Commissioner Stephanie Madden referenced the discussion from Friday's Agenda Study and emphasized the importance of highlighting innovation and the use of new technologies which can reduce the need for human contact with hazardous materials and provide employees with opportunities to avoid exposure to dangerous gases.

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

CITY ATTORNEY

Ordinances (First Reading)

Proposed 26-022; 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 17, 2026.

Miscellaneous

First Amendment to Land Lease Agreement with Med-Trans Corporation

This is a proposed First Amendment (First Amendment) to the Land Lease Agreement (Lease) with Med-Trans Corporation (Med-Trans) located on the south side of the Airport. In November 2024, the City Commission approved a Lease with Med-Trans for the development of an in-network patient transport aeromedical flight facility which included a temporary office, ramp space, and vehicle parking on approximately 1 acre on the south side of the Airport located off of Flightline Drive. During the term of the Agreement, Med-Trans has been conducting an in-depth market study with the intent of constructing a permanent facility at the Airport in the future. To allow additional time for this evaluation and planning, Med-Trans is seeking to amend the Agreement to add 3 additional 1-year renewal options to its Lease, thereby increasing the total number of renewal options to 5.

This First Amendment will also enable the Airport to perform routine grounds maintenance services for the leased premises for a fee of $235.00 per month or $2,820.00 per year. The fee for routine grounds maintenance services will be adjusted annually in accordance with the Consumer Price Index, with a maximum not-to-exceed annual increase of 8% in accordance with the payment terms set forth in the Lease. The grounds maintenance fee will be billed monthly and paid in addition to Med-Trans' base rent which is currently $1,532.73 per month. The Lease will also be amended to reflect a change in the lease boundaries to accommodate an additional tenant leasehold. Except as otherwise modified in this First Amendment, all other terms and conditions of the Lease shall remain in full force and effect.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve this First Amendment to the Land Lease Agreement with Med-Trans and authorize the appropriate City officials to finalize and execute all corresponding documents consistent with the above-specified terms.

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

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Ashley Troutman seconded.

Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley asked for comments from the Commission and the audience.

Atheena Wilson did not support a piece of airport land being used for private use.

Action: Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley called for the vote and the motion carried unanimously

Donation of City Property to the Florida Department of Transportation to Support Signalization Project on State Road 659 (Combee Road) at County Road 546 (Saddle Creek Road)

Through collaboration between the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), the City of Lakeland and Polk County, FDOT is designing a new traffic signal at the intersection of State Road 659 (Combee Road) and County Road 546 (Saddle Creek Road). FDOT will provide the necessary materials to Polk County, which will install the signal and complete all of the associated roadway modifications at the intersection. Polk County has budgeted construction funds in Fiscal Year 2027 and will be advertising for bids once the final plans are received and utility coordination has been completed. The latest construction estimate is approximately $554,000. During project design phase, it was determined that the City would need to donate 7,702 square feet of land it owns on the west side of the intersection to accommodate the new signal and associated infrastructure. FDOT has prepared a deed, with legal description and sketch of the donation area, for execution by the City. In the agenda packet, there are aerial illustrations of the described donation area and conceptual signal design. It should be noted that the signal is being designed to accommodate a future driveway into the City's property.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the donation of the identified City property and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the deed and all other necessary documents to complete the donation to FDOT.

Palmer Davis presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Ashley Troutman seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Guy LaLonde asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Atheena Wilson did not support a piece of airport land being used for private use.

Action: Mayor Pro Tem Guy LaLonde called for the vote and the motion carried, 6-0. Mayor Roberts McCarley was absent at the time of the vote.

Agreement with US Digital Designs by Honeywell for Phoenix G2 Tone Alerting System at Fire Station 8

This is an agreement with US Digital Designs by Honeywell (USDD) for the purchase of its Phoenix G2 tone alerting system and related installation services for Fire Station 8. Pursuant to this Agreement, the City will purchase USDD's Phoenix G2 system, a tone alerting system that instantly bridges dispatch to action; automatically activates critical station hardware; provides targeted alerting capabilities, allowing only the appropriate personnel and station areas to be activated for specific incidents and eliminating station-wide disruptions for non-assigned units; and uses heart-safe ramping tones to reduce cardiovascular stress during emergency wakeups. The system also includes features such as automated text-to-speech dispatching, zoned audio and lighting controls, mobile alerting capabilities, and remote system management.

The City's Purchasing Department approved the use of the NPPGov cooperative purchasing program, of which the City is a member, to procure these goods and services under NPPGov contract number PS26480. NPPGov is a national cooperative procurement organization offering publicly solicited contracts to government entities nationwide. Additionally, Lakeland Fire Department staff evaluated available tone alert systems and determined that USDD offered the best overall value and competitive pricing, while providing all required functionality, integration capabilities, and long-term reliability.

Services will commence upon approval by the City Commission, with work anticipated to be completed by July 2027, when Station 8 is estimated to be completed. The total cost for the Phoenix G2 system and installation services is $163,446.90, including all required labor, material, equipment, supervision, and administration. The project is funded in the FY2026 Public Improvement Fund CIP Budget.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the Agreement with US Digital Designs by Honeywell for purchase of the Phoenix G2 tone alert system for Firestation 8 and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all corresponding documents necessary for the project.

Assistant City Attorney Katie Prenoveau presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Guy LaLonde seconded.

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

Assistant Fire Chief Matt Brown provided a presentation on the proposed improvements to the fire station. He explained that the improvements are intended to decrease the Fire Department's response time by helping personnel get to the apparatus more quickly.

Chief Brown described a gradual tonal alert system that would be particularly helpful for firefighters during nighttime hours. The system will also include progressive red lighting designed to gradually awaken personnel and help them become aware of the nature of the call. He also noted that panic buttons will be installed in the gym and at the station entrance to assist with medical walk-up situations.

Commissioner LaLonde asked whether the new systems would be installed at all Fire Department stations. Chief Brown explained that, budget permitting, the improvements would eventually be implemented at existing stations as well. The project team is meeting at the site every two weeks. Cameras will also be installed to capture photographs of the project for use on social media.

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

Local Government Area of Opportunity Development Incentive Program 2026 - Residences at Magnolia Place

On July 16, 2026, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation (FHFC) issued Request for Applications (RFA) 2026-202 for Housing Credit Financing for Affordable Housing Developments Located in Broward, Duval, Hillsborough, Lee, Orange, Palm Beach, Pinellas and Polk Counties. The application provides a preference or a "boost" for applications that are partially financed by the local government, with a minimum contribution amount of $610,000.00. Applications to the FHFC are due on August 12, 2026.

On June 22, 2026, the City of Lakeland Housing Division released a Notice of Funds Available to provide a local contribution in the amount of $610,000.00 in anticipation of the RFA and to support developers applying for FHFC funding. The City funds can only be awarded to a single qualified developer seeking to apply to FHFC for housing tax credit financing.

The Housing Division received the following three applications from developers seeking funding from the City of Lakeland:

Residences at Magnolia Place
Rev. Richard W. Richardson Village
Swan Phase III

Following a comprehensive review, the Housing Division determined that the application for Residences at Magnolia Place meets all applicable program requirements and is considered a qualified application. Residences at Magnolia Place is a proposed 75-unit affordable housing community located at 321 W. Peachtree Street, directly north of Lake Wire. A summary of the application for Residences at Magnolia Place was provided for reference.

The application for Rev. Richard W. Richardson Village III was determined to not meet the City's funding guidelines. The Lakeland Housing Authority, a development partner on this project, was recently awarded affordable housing funding for Twin Lakes Phase III and therefore is not eligible for an additional award during the current funding cycle pursuant to the City's Affordable Housing Funding Guidelines, which limit a developer or development partner to one active City-funded affordable housing project at a time when other qualified applications are available for consideration.

The application for Swan Phase III was also determined to be ineligible because it did not satisfy the City's permit readiness and construction timeline requirements established in the funding guidelines.

Since only one application was determined to be eligible under the program guidelines, it is recommended that funding in the amount of $610,000.00 be pledged to Magnolia Place Housing Partners, LP for the 2026 Local Government Area of Opportunity Development Incentive Program. The City’s contribution in this amount will be pledged towards the total project budget of $30,629,208.00. This pledge is subject to the developer being awarded housing credit financing from FHFC, after which a final funding agreement will be brought to the City Commission for approval.

Staff recommended that the City Commission pledge funding to Magnolia Place Housing Partners, LP for the 2026 Local Government Area of Opportunity Development Incentive Program in the amount of $610,000.00 and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the necessary documents to confirm the pledge to FHFC.

Palmer Davis presented this item to the Commission.

Mike Smith outlined the breakdown of the housing units associated with the project.

Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley asked whether the City had an inventory of all housing units. Mr. Smith confirmed that updated housing inventory numbers were available but did not include this project. He offered to resend the updated information to the City Commission.

Commissioner Stephanie Madden explained that the City Commission had previously expressed an interest in setting aside funding to support affordable housing projects that are pursuing state and federal funding opportunities.

Mr. Smith also presented a slide reflecting the updated housing numbers.

Palmer Davis explained that the City of Lakeland was pledging $610,000 toward the project. If the project is not approved, the City will retain the funds.

Motion: Commissioner Guy LaLonde moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Stephanie Madden seconded.

Mayor Roberts McCarley asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Roberts McCarley called for the vote and the motion carried, 6-0. Commissioner Mike Musick was absent at the time of the vote.

FINANCE DIRECTOR

Appropriation and Increase in Estimated Revenues - Public Improvement Fund

The City of Lakeland has been awarded a grant in the amount of $900,000.00 from the Florida Department of Financial Services through its Division of State Fire Marshal to assist with the construction of Fire Station #8, located at 3890 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland, Florida. The funding will support the construction of the new fire station to enhance emergency response capabilities and serve the public safety needs of the surrounding community.

The grant has been accepted, and the funds must now be appropriated into the project budget to allow expenditures in accordance with the grant agreement.

Staff requested that the City Commission authorize an appropriation and increase in estimated revenue in the amount of $900,000.00 in the Public Improvement Fund for the construction of Fire Station #8.

Finance Assistant Director Deidra Joseph presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Guy LaLonde moved to approve the request. Commissioner Mike Musick seconded.

Mayor Roberts McCarley asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments from the audience.

Commissioner LaLonde wanted to publicly thank Representative Jennifer Canady for pushing this through on the City's behalf.

Action: Mayor Roberts McCarley called for the vote and the motion carried, 6-0. Commissioner Ashley Troutman was absent at the time of the vote.

Appropriation - Lakeland Electric Operating Fund

Lakeland Electric (LE) requires additional budget from its unappropriated surplus funds to address the anticipated line clearance budget shortfalls for FY2026.

LE has a target to clear 430-line miles per year. Line clearing is important to mitigate the risk of damage to infrastructure caused by weather events. Due to issues in the past with the execution of line clearing contracts, LE could not achieve its line clearing target during the previous three fiscal years. The line miles cleared in recent years, and the cost thereof, can be summarized as follows:

Details	**FY2023**	**FY2024**	**FY2025**
Actual Spending	$4,702,350.23	$4,752,591.09	$4,715,878.18
Line Miles Cleared	262.25	260.49	252.78

To ensure that LE achieves its line clearing target, and to improve reliability of energy delivery to its customers while reducing the risk of damage to infrastructure caused by weather events, a Line Clearing Supervisor was appointed in June 2025 to oversee the execution of the line clearing contract.

The line clearing budget for FY2026 was set at $6,936,397. For the year to date as of June 30th, LE has already spent $6,048,175.76 and cleared 319.88 line-miles. LE is currently on track to meet or exceed its line clearing target for the first time ever. In addition, LE receives around 1,000 vegetation related customer service requests per year. All customer service requests now get resolved within two weeks, compared to more than three weeks in previous years.

When the budget for FY2026 was prepared, it was not anticipated that this target would be achieved so soon after appointing the Line Clearing Supervisor. To continue with the implementation of the line clearing contract, it is anticipated that the line clearing budget for FY2026 will fall short with approximately $1.5 million.

Staff requested that the City Commission authorize an appropriation of $1,500,000 from the Unappropriated Surplus within the Lakeland Electric Operating Fund to fund the anticipated line clearance budget shortfall for Energy Delivery in FY2026.

Deidra Joseph presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the request. Commissioner Ashley Troutman seconded.

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

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

UTILITY

Ordinances - None

Resolutions - None

Miscellaneous

Procurement of Unit 5 Combustion Turbine Exhaust Repair Services from Northeast Precision Welding, Inc.

This is a request to procure services from Northeast Precision Welding, Inc. (NPW) to perform combustion turbine (CT) exhaust repairs on McIntosh Unit 5. Unit 5's CT exhaust is approximately 25 years old and requires substantial repairs.

The exhaust cylinder supports the exhaust bearing and contains approximately 1,180-degree Fahrenheit exhaust gas within its intended flow path. Continued deterioration could create safety and operational concerns, damage equipment, limit Unit 5's load, or result in a forced shutdown. The proposed Fall 2026 work on Unit 5's CT exhaust is the third of four planned repair mobilizations. The first two repairs were completed during the Spring 2025 and Spring 2026 outages. Inspections during the Spring 2026 outage identified severe damage to the exhaust split-line, fractures in a bearing strut cover, and deterioration of the floating ring and dead-air-space hardware and seals. The proposed work by NPW includes replacing the left upper and lower split-line flange, upgrading a bearing strut cover, replacing and upgrading the floating ring and related access panels, as well as installing 60 wedge-clip assemblies.

The City's Purchasing Department has approved NPW as a sole-source supplier for these specialized repairs. Subject to City Commission approval, the work is scheduled for Unit 5's Fall outage from November 29, 2026, through December 19, 2026. All services by NPW will be governed by the terms and conditions set forth in the City's Purchase Order and NPW's July 6, 2026, proposal.

The total amount for the work is $605,933.60. However, Lakeland Electric staff is requesting a $200,000 contingency amount for unforeseen field conditions that cannot be fully identified until the exhaust system is opened, insulation/liner panels are removed, and non-destructive testing is performed. Some of those unforeseen conditions could include hidden corrosion behind liner plates, additional cracking, and damaged liner anchors or structural supports. Accordingly, the total not-to-exceed cost, including the contingency amount, is $805,933,60. Fifty percent of the cost will be funded from Lakeland Electric's FY26 budget, with the remaining balance funded from Lakeland Electric’s FY27 budget, which is subject to subsequent budget approval by the City Commission.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the issuance of a Purchase Order to NPW for Unit 5 CT exhaust repair services in an amount of $605,933.60, with a contingency amount of $200,000.00, for a total not-to-exceed amount of $805,933.60 and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all corresponding documents.

Ramona Sirianni presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Mike Musick moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Ashley Troutman seconded.

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

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

Procurement of Services with Coastal Reliability Solutions, LLC for Conversion of Larsen Unit 8 Water Injection Pumps

This is a request to procure services with Coastal Reliability Solutions, LLC (Coastal) for the conversion of the spare water injection pumps, associated with the Combustion Turbine at Larsen Unit 8 (Larsen). Lakeland Electric has a used LMV-311 model water injection pump to keep as a spare for Larsen’s existing water injection pumps. However, the spare water injection pump has some wet end components that are not identical to the existing pumps that need to be converted so that it is an exact replacement for the existing water injection pumps. These water injection pumps are a significant component of Larsen’s Combustion Turbine emissions reduction system and are therefore critical to Combustion Turbine availability. The facility’s Title V Air permit prohibits the operation of Larsen’s Combustion Turbine without water injection. Replacement parts and orders for new LMV-311 pumps are subject to long lead times. As such, Lakeland Electric intends to convert the spare LMV-311 water injection pump so it is identical to the existing pumps.

The City’s Purchasing Department has approved Coastal as a sole source supplier of the specified pumps necessary for the conversion project at Larsen. The proposed scope of work includes parts and services such as the gearbox, cover plate, diffuser, impeller, inducer stud, thermal gasket, process O-rings, factory assembly and performance testing. All work will be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the City's Purchase Order, as well as Coastal's Proposal dated July 29, 2026. The total cost for the pump conversion is $125,788.00, which is included in Lakeland Electric's FY26 Budget.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the procurement of parts and services with Coastal Reliability Solutions, LLC for the conversion of Larsen's LMV-311 water injection pump and authorize the appropriate City officials to issue a Purchase Order and execute all necessary documents on behalf of the City.

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

AUDIENCE – None

MAYOR & COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Chad McLeod announced that, beginning this month, he would be serving as Vice President of Communications with the Lakeland Economic Development Council (LEDC). He was excited about the opportunity to focus on the Lakeland community and had consulted with the City Attorney to ensure that he could accept the position while continuing to serve on the City Commission. Most of LEDC's work does not intersect with local government activities; however, if a matter arises that could create a conflict, he will consult with the City Attorney and recuse himself as appropriate.

Commissioner McLeod also announced that the current term would be his final term on the City Commission and that he would not seek reelection next year. He clarified that the decision was not directly related to his new position and that he had never intended to serve more than two terms. He expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve on the Commission and stated that serving in the position had been one of the greatest privileges of his life, particularly because of the people with whom he had served.

Commissioner Terry Coney congratulated Commissioner McLeod on his new position. He had worked with Commissioner McLeod on the CRA Advisory Board and had always appreciated his intentional and thoughtful approach. Commissioner Coney added that he was looking forward to participating in his first National Night Out.

Commissioner Stephanie Madden thanked Commissioner McLeod for his service and for informing the Commission of his decision. She also discussed an upcoming Central Florida Regional Planning Council (CFRPC) meeting in Wauchula, where data centers and related land-use issues would be discussed. Some participants had recently toured Loudoun County, Virginia, an area known as a major data center hub, to learn more about data centers and associated land-use considerations.

Commissioner Madden also discussed the upcoming changes to the Lakeland Youth Council for the 2026-2027 school year. The City Clerk's Office will provide the Commission with an update on vacancies and finalize the calendar for the retreat date.

Commissioner Mike Musick discussed a GIS tool that allows users to review how development has occurred over time. He also referenced Oracle's development of a large hyperscale data center in Texas. He congratulated Commissioner McLeod on his new position.

Commissioner Ashley Troutman announced that, on August 11, he would welcome participants from Lakeland's Sister Cities program from Imabari, Japan. He looked forward to participating in the next City Commission meeting with the delegation.

The Commission wished Commissioner Troutman a happy birthday.

Commissioner Guy LaLonde expressed appreciation for the perspectives shared by the Commission. He congratulated Commissioner McLeod on his new position and expressed disappointment that he would not have the opportunity to continue serving alongside him, noting that he had looked forward to modeling aspects of his own service after Commissioner McLeod during his campaign.

Mayor Sara Roberts McCarley reminded residents that National Night Out activities would be taking place throughout the day and encouraged the community to participate, noting that it was a great opportunity for residents to connect with one another. She also noted that school orientations were taking place during the week and recognized the amount of paperwork families are required to complete and have notarized at the beginning of the school year.

The Mayor reported on her attendance at a Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) meeting in Orlando the previous week. She emphasized the importance of reframing how the community thinks about traffic and transportation. She will be meeting with the District 1 Secretary in the coming weeks. She also discussed the Florida Department of Transportation's role in advocating for transportation funding.

The Commission briefly discussed upcoming legislative matters and the Florida League of Cities (FLC) conference scheduled for the following week.

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT – 12:17 p.m.

Kelly S. Koos,
City Clerk

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