

LAKELAND CITY COMMISSION**Regular Session
March 17, 2025**

The Lakeland City Commission met in Regular Session in the City Commission Chambers. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick and Commissioners Chad McLeod, Sara Roberts McCarley, and Guy LaLonde were present. Mayor Bill Mutz and Commissioners Stephanie Madden and Bill Read were absent. City Manager Shawn Sherrouse, City Attorney Palmer Davis, Finance Director Mike Brossart, and Deputy City Clerk Heather Bradman were present.

CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 A.M.**PRESENTATIONS**

SUN 'n FUN 51 and The Future of SUN 'n FUN at LAL (Gene Conrad, President & CEO)

PROCLAMATIONS

Vietnam War Veterans Day

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 Guy LaLonde seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick called for the vote and the motion carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (with any amendments)

* Utility Committee Minutes Feb 28, 2025

* City Commission Minutes Feb 28 - Mar 3, 2025

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

REPORTS AND RELATED ITEMS - None

EQUALIZATION HEARINGS - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinances (Second Reading)

Ordinance 6083; Proposed 25-003; Approving a Conditional Use for a Research and Development Facility of an Industrial Nature on Property Located at 4040 Kidron Road (1st Rdg. 03-03-25)

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; MAKING FINDINGS; APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE FOR A RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FACILITY OF AN INDUSTRIAL NATURE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4040 KIDRON ROAD; 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 Sara Roberts McCarley seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Chad McLeod, Sara Roberts McCarley, Guy LaLonde and Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick voted aye. Ayes - four. Nays - zero. The motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 6084; Proposed 25-004; Amending Ordinance 5812; Major Modification of a Conditional Use to Allow for the Expansion of a Bar with Indoor Commercial Recreation Uses on Property Located at 202 N. Massachusetts Avenue (1st Rdg. 03-03-25)

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; MAKING FINDINGS; AMENDING ORDINANCE 5812 TO PROVIDE FOR A MAJOR MODIFICATION OF AN EXISTING CONDITIONAL USE TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPANSION OF A BAR WITH INDOOR COMMERCIAL RECREATION USES ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 202 N. MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE; 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 Guy LaLonde seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick asked for comments from the Commission and the audience.

The Commission asked Urban Planning and Transportation Manager Chuck Barmby to review the presentation, a copy of which is on file in the agenda packet.

Captain Kimball of the Lakeland Police Department shared a Community Service presentation, a copy of which is on file in the agenda packet. She previously provided this presentation to the Planning and Zoning Board to discuss the proactive policing strategy to improve public safety.

The Commission discussed:

- Out of 30 calls, approximately 18 occurred at the Rec Room, and 9 occurred in the parking garage.
- Maple Lanes Lakeland and Wild Greg's Saloon are other bars in the area that regularly hire off-duty officers.
- LPD partners with business owners to outline officer duties, such as maintaining a general presence, conducting regular walkthroughs, or remaining stationed at the front door.
- The ordinance currently sets the hours from 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m., but an amendment is needed to adjust these hours. Additionally, a more detailed job description for officers needs to be created.
- LPD recommends two officers present, based on similar locations.
- The ordinance already specifies the days and hours, so any changes to these will require an amendment.
- The ordinance already includes general officer duties, such as assisting with crowd control and policing patrons. These duties are deemed adequate and do not need to be amended.
- If issues arise at the business location, the conditional use is not automatically revoked. Instead, it will be reviewed by the Commission at a public hearing to address the issues.
- Any violations on the property will count as a "strike" against the business. This is the standard applied to all bars in the area.
- A complaint does not automatically equate to a violation. Violations must be proven and upheld by the Code Enforcement Board.

Motion: Commissioner Guy LaLonde motioned to amend officer hours from 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Commissioner Chad McLeod seconded.

Conn O'Leary is a managing partner at the Rec Room. He said they do not build a crowd until 10:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. They make a last call at 1:45 a.m. and everyone must be off the premises at 2:00 a.m. The change from 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. would be more effective. He agreed to three days a week (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights). Currently, they pay \$3,000 a month for one officer. Adding a second officer would double the price and cause economic hardship. Just the presence of one officer would help manage people off the property.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick asked for comments from the Commission and the audience on the proposed amendment. There were no comments from the audience.

Commissioner Chad McLeod clarified that the officer's job description is not part of amendment. It is not.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Chad McLeod, Sara Roberts McCarley, Guy LaLonde and Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick voted aye. Ayes - four. Nays - zero. The motion carried 4-0.

Motion: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick revisited the original motion as amended.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Guy LaLonde, Sara Roberts McCarley, Chad McLeod, and Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick voted aye. Ayes - four. Nays - zero. The motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance 6085; Proposed 25-005; Amending Ordinance 4022, as amended; Major Modification of a Conditional Use for the Dream Center of Lakeland to Include Adjacent Properties Located at 637, 645, 701 and 709 W. 4th Street and 718 W. 5th Street (1st Rdg. 03-03-25)

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; MAKING FINDINGS; AMENDING ORDINANCE 4022, AS AMENDED, TO MODIFY AN EXISTING CONDITIONAL USE FOR THE DREAM CENTER OF LAKE LAND TO INCLUDE ADJACENT PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 637, 645, 701 AND 709 W. 4TH STREET AND 718 W. 5TH STREET IN SUPPORT OF AN EXISTING COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER LOCATED AT 635 W. 5TH STREET; 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 Sara Roberts McCarley seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Chad McLeod, Sara Roberts McCarley, Guy LaLonde and Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick voted aye. Ayes - four. Nays - zero. The motion carried 4-0.

Resolutions

Resolution 5979; Proposed 25-018; Approving the Vision Zero Action Plan

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE LAND, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE VISION ZERO ACTION PLAN AND EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR TRANSPORTATION SAFETY INITIATIVES THROUGHOUT LAKE LAND AND POLK COUNTY; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Palmer Davis read the title.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments from the audience.

The Commission requested the presentation slides from the Agenda Study Session. It was an eye-opening conversation, and they appreciate all staff efforts.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Chad McLeod, Sara Roberts McCarley, Guy LaLonde and Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick voted aye. Ayes - four. Nays - zero. The motion carried 4-0.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Lease Agreement with Well Done Development, LLC - 114 East Parker Street

This is a lease agreement with Well Done Development, LLC ("The Well"), for the CRA-owned property and office building located at 114 E. Parker Street.

The CRA previously entered into a lease agreement with The Well for a three-year term that commenced December 17, 2021, and expired on December 31, 2024. Since that date, The Well has continued to rent the premises without interruption on a month-to-month basis. The parties have engaged in negotiations, resulting in the proposed successor agreement. The new lease agreement maintains the framework of the original with several revisions and clarifications as to use, maintenance, and the purchase process. The material terms and conditions of the new lease are as follows:

- Term: The lease will commence on April 1, 2025, and expire on December 31, 2027. The new lease does not include an automatic renewal provision.

- **Rent & Additional Costs:**
 - Base rent continues under the original lease's 2.5% annual increase structure, with Year 1 set at \$4.20 per square foot (\$1,675.40 per month).
 - Lessee shall be responsible for annual property insurance premiums, pro-rated monthly, as well as property management and maintenance fees and applicable property taxes.
- **Use of Property:**
 - The lease specifies the allowable use of the premises as "primarily for office-related activities to support the advancement of small business and workforce development."
 - New provisions allow for occasional use of the premises for events, including as a limited-capacity event venue, banquet hall, or meeting space, provided such use complies with local laws and occupancy limits.
- **Parking:** Lessee retains exclusive use of the 17 on-site parking spaces. However, use of shared parking facilities on other CRA-owned properties will require a separate agreement.
- **Maintenance Responsibilities:**
 - CRA will remain responsible for performing structural repairs (roof, walls, foundation, and parking areas), landscaping, and right-of-way maintenance.
 - Lessee will be responsible for performing non-structural and interior maintenance, including HVAC, plumbing, and janitorial services.
- **Right of First Refusal & Offer to Purchase:**
 - Lessee may submit a formal notice of intent to purchase the premises at any time during the lease term, subject to a \$10,000 deposit.
 - The CRA will initiate the statutory public notice process and consider all responsive purchase offers, including from third parties.
 - If the CRA receives a third-party purchase offer, Lessee has 30 days to match the terms and conditions. If Lessee fails to close within 30 days, the right of first refusal is forfeited for future transactions.
 - The CRA reserves the right to reject any sale if it determines that selling the property is not in the public interest.

The CRA Advisory Board unanimously approved the proposed lease agreement at its meeting on March 6, 2025. Staff recommended that the City Commission, acting as the City's Community Redevelopment Agency, approve the Lease Agreement with Well Done Development, LLC and authorize the appropriate officials to execute the Agreement.

Alex Landback presented this item to the Commission.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick called for the vote and the motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick thanked CRA Manager Valerie Vaught and her team for their hard work to serve the community.

Lorenzo Robinson requested to make a public comment after the vote. He urged the Commission to consider this: if the City wants The Well to succeed, should they impose an additional burden on them by requiring them to find parking? The goal for The Well is to attract more people, and this could hinder their efforts.

The Commission hopes The Well continues to grow and has the opportunity to acquire additional parking.

*** Purchase Agreement for Property Located at 514 W. 1st Street**

This is a Purchase Agreement between the Lakeland Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and Octavio Cesar Rodriguez Monroy for the purchase of a vacant parcel located at 514 West 1st Street between Texas Avenue and Martin L. King, Jr. Avenue within the Midtown CRA District. A summary of the parcel is below:

The subject property is located north of W. Memorial Boulevard between Texas Avenue and Martin L. King, Jr. Avenue. The CRA has several properties under contract for purchase within this block for purposes of future redevelopment.

Under the Agreement, the CRA would purchase the subject property for a purchase price of \$50,000. 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 thirty (30) days of the expiration of the due diligence period, or approximately July 3, 2025, 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 March 6, 2025, meeting and received a unanimous recommendation of 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.

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

CITY MANAGER - None

CITY ATTORNEY

Ordinances (First Reading) – NONE

Miscellaneous

Construction Manager at Risk Agreement with Kimmins Contracting Corp. for the Lynncrest Road and Sylvester Road Wastewater Pipeline Upgrade

This is an Agreement for Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) services with Kimmins Contracting Corp. (Kimmins). The Water Utilities Department has a capital improvement project identified in its Wastewater Master Plan to install a new force main along Lynncrest Road and upsize a gravity sewer line along Sylvester Road to increase capacity in the area due to population growth and system age.

On December 16, 2024, the City Commission approved the shortlist for CMAR services and authorized staff to engage in contract negotiations with Kimmins. The parties have negotiated the CMAR Agreement. Under the CMAR Agreement, Kimmins will work with the City's consulting engineer, TetraTech, to assess constructability, engage in value engineering and develop a final budget for the project. Once the plans are finalized, Kimmins will provide a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) to the City for construction of the project and serve as the contractor for the project.

Kimmins' fee for its initial pre-construction services under the CMAR Agreement is \$69,260. An amendment to the Agreement will then be brought to the City Commission to approve the GMP for construction. This work is included in Water Utilities' FY25 budget.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the CMAR Agreement with Kimmins Contracting Corp. and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City.

Palmer Davis presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Guy LaLonde seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick called for the vote and the motion carried 4-0.

Change Order with Tetra Tech, Inc. for Monitoring Services Related to the Duke Energy Transmission Tower Construction Project at the City's Northeast Wellfield

The City of Lakeland entered into a Settlement Agreement with Duke Energy in September of 2023 permitting Duke Energy to construct a 230 kV transmission line across the City's Northeast Wellfield, including the installation of 12 transmission line towers and 2 monitor wells at each tower location. The purpose of the monitor wells is to monitor the effects of the towers on the surficial aquifer within the Northeast Wellfield. Duke Energy has installed approximately one-half of the transmission towers thus far and Tetra Tech has provided the necessary inspection services related to the construction of these towers pursuant to a Continuing Contract for Professional Municipal Engineering Services with the City dated October 1, 2021.

Duke Energy is prepared to install the remaining transmission towers across the property and additional inspection services are necessary to ensure proper installation to prevent adverse impacts to the surficial aquifer. Under the Scope of Services, Tetra Tech will provide the necessary inspection services related to the transmission towers. In addition, Tetra Tech will design and construct the monitoring wells associated with each transmission tower. Finally, Tetra Tech will assist City staff with the initial installation and set-up of water level monitoring devices in each of the monitor wells, which will be used to establish baseline readings and ensure that the transmission towers have no adverse impacts on surficial aquifer water levels.

Tetra Tech's services under this Scope of Services will be performed for a lump sum amount of \$154,290. Funding for these services was included as a part of Duke Energy's payment to the City pursuant to the Settlement Agreement. The project is expected to be completed on or before July 31, 2025.

Staff recommended that the City Commission authorize the appropriate City officials to execute a change order with Tetra Tech, Inc. in the amount of \$154,290.00 for the above-described professional engineering services.

Palmer Davis presented this item to the Commission.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick called for the vote and the motion carried 4-0.

FINANCE DIRECTOR - None**UTILITY****Ordinances - None****Resolutions - None****Miscellaneous****Agreements for Annual Installation of Underground Electrical Conduit for Lakeland Electric**

These are proposed Agreements with P&M Communications Contractors, Inc. and The Fishel Company for annual installation of underground electrical conduit for Lakeland Electric Energy Delivery Operations. The installation of underground electrical conduit has become a standard for all new development in the Lakeland Electric service territory to further improve electric service reliability. However, the City does not have the capability to install long lengths of underground conduit necessary to keep up with the current growth in new development, which requires manpower, technical skill and specialized equipment that the City does not currently possess. By selecting multiple contractors for this type of work, the City is able to ensure availability of service, as well as competitive rates.

On January 15, 2025, the City's Purchasing Department issued Invitation to Bid 2025-ITB-003 (ITB) seeking qualified and experienced contractors to provide annual installation of underground electrical conduit for Lakeland Electric Energy Delivery Operations. A total of two (2) contractors responded to the City's ITB.

Contractor	Location
P&M Communications Contractors, Inc.	Lakeland, FL
The Fishel Company	Columbus, OH

Upon evaluation by Lakeland Electric staff, both contractors were selected as responsive, responsible bidders capable of providing the necessary components at competitive prices. The initial term of the Agreements will become effective upon approval by the City Commission and continue through September 30, 2025. The Agreements also contain four (4) additional one (1) year renewal options upon mutual written agreement of the parties. All services will be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the City's Bid Specifications and each contractor's bid response on an as-needed basis. The estimated cost of the work through September

2025 is \$700,000 and is included in Lakeland Electric's FY25 budget. The estimated cost for the additional four (4) renewals, if exercised, is \$3,300,000, for a total cost of \$4,000,000 over a five (5) year period, which will be subject to budget approval by the City Commission in subsequent budget years.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve Agreements with P&M Communications Contractors, Inc., and The Fishel Company for annual installation of underground electrical conduit for Lakeland Electric Energy Delivery Operations and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute all corresponding documents on behalf of the City.

Ramona Sirianni presented this item to the Commission.

Motion: Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley moved to approve the agreement. Commissioner Guy LaLonde seconded.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick called for the vote and the motion carried 4-0.

Agreements for Annual Performance of Emissions Monitoring Services for Lakeland Electric

These are proposed Agreements for annual performance of emissions monitoring services for the McIntosh, Winston and Larson Power Plants. Stack Testing requirements are determined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection based on the type of industry, fuel consumption, as well as several other factors. Collectively, these factors comprise the EPA regulatory requirements which demonstrate compliance with the applicable emission standards. The Winston Plant requires testing once every three (3) years, while McIntosh Unit 5, Larson Unit 8 and MGT2 are stack tested once a year and the MREP twice a year.

Accordingly, on November 11, 2024, the City's Purchasing Department issued Invitation to Bid 2024-ITB-336 (ITB) seeking qualified and experienced professional testing and monitoring companies to provide services to measure stack and other unit emissions and report the results for the City's McIntosh, Larson and Winston Power Plants. A total of four (4) companies responded to the City's ITB.

Contractor	Location	Initial Bid Price	Corrected Price
Air Hygiene International,	Broken Arrow, OK	\$69,445.00	\$69,445.00
Catalyst Air Management,	Knoxville, TN	\$92,400.00	\$92,400.00

Grace Consulting, Inc.	Wellington, OH	\$38,320.00	\$38,320.00
Tampa Electric Company	Tampa, FL	\$168,000.00	\$64,000.00

Upon evaluation by Lakeland Electric staff, all four (4) vendors were selected as responsive, responsible bidders capable of providing the necessary services at competitive prices. Selecting multiple vendors for this process allows the City to utilize the best rates and select services and availability as necessary. Tampa Electric Company's initial bid contained a clerical error that was corrected and is reflected above. The initial term of the Agreements will become effective upon approval by the City Commission and continue through September 30, 2025. The Agreements also contain four (4) additional one (1) year renewal options upon mutual written agreement of the parties. All services will be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in the City's Bid Specifications and each company's bid response. The estimated cost of the work through September 2025 is \$85,000, which is included in Lakeland Electric's FY25 budget. The estimated cost for the additional four (4) renewals, if exercised, is \$400,000 for a total cost of \$485,000 over a five (5) year period, which will be subject to budget approval by the City Commission in subsequent budget years.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve Agreements with the Air Hygiene International, Inc., Catalyst Air Management, Inc., Grace Consulting, Inc., and Tampa Electric Company for the annual performance of emissions monitoring services for McIntosh, Winston and Larson Power Plants and authorize the appropriate City staff to execute all corresponding documents.

Ramona Sirianni presented this item to the Commission.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick asked for comments from the Commission and the audience. There were no comments.

Action: Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick called for the vote and the motion carried 4-0.

City Manager Verbal Report:

Shawn Sherrouse provided an update on the Lake Bonny flooding. Last Thursday, the City received an emergency field authorization permit from SWFWMD, which lowers the elevation requirement needed to operate emergency pumps. This permit is valid for 90 days, with the option for the City to request a renewal. Last week, SWFWMD conducted an elevation survey and confirmed that the City's gauges are accurate. If residents notice activity around the pump, it is simply part of ongoing operational checks. The City also monitors elevation levels as water is pumped into Lake Parker, checking measurements

daily. Additionally, the pump is inspected weekly to ensure proper operation, and it is currently running at its maximum capacity.

AUDIENCE

Dr. Sally Stone expressed her personal thanks for the continued collaboration with the City. The Well has received an overwhelming amount of community support and is dedicated to supporting local businesses. Dr. Stone is looking forward to purchasing the building. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick thanked Dr. Stone for responding to the community's call.

Terry Coney thanked the Commission for finalizing The Well's contract. As Chairman of the CRA Advisory Board, he and the board have listened to the needs of the community. The NAACP Lakeland Branch is sponsoring a Women's History Month program on March 27th to honor legendary women in Lakeland, and they encourage everyone to attend.

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Chad McLeod congratulated Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick on chairing today's meeting.

Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley:

- Polk County Day was last week, and she spoke about meetings and discussions with the Economic Infrastructure Subcommittee, the Florida Municipal Electric Association, the Ridge League of Cities, and others.
- Today marks the third week of the Legislative Session. Deputy City Manager Rob Hernandez and Lobbyist Dave Shepp are closely monitoring the developments.
- The two budgeted items the City requested are still under consideration in both the House and Senate.
- She suggested sharing the statistics on how these legislative opportunities will financially impact us with the Ridge League of Cities or the Florida League of Cities teams.

Mayor Pro Tem Mike Musick appreciates the legislative work done by Commissioner Roberts McCarley. He will also be attending the Polk Regional Water Cooperative on March 19th in place of Commissioner McLeod, as it is his birthday.

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT – 10:41 a.m.

Heather L. Bradman, Deputy City Clerk