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Meeting date:

Thursday, September 8, 2022

LAKE MARY CITY COMMISSION

**Lake Mary City Hall
100 N. Country Club Road**

**Special Called Meeting
MINUTES**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022, 7:00 PM

NO VIDEO RECORDING WAS MADE FOR THIS MEETING.

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Moment of Silence**
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Roll Call**

David Mealor, Mayor
Jordan Smith, Commissioner
George F. Duryea, Commissioner
Sidney Miller, Deputy Mayor

Justin York, Commissioner
Kevin Smith, City Manager
Stephen Noto, Assistant City Manager
Michael Biles, Police Chief
Michael Johansmeyer, Fire Chief
Michelle McCurdy, City Clerk
Brent Mason Finance Director
Krystal Clem, Community Development Director
Bruce Paster, Public Works Director
Bryan Nipe, Parks and Recreation Director
Wanda Broadway, Human Resources Manager
Jill Semento, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director
Amber Branton, Deputy City Clerk
Chris Carson, Senior Planner
Tom Rhodes, Information System Analyst
Katie Reischmann, City Attorney

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Draft City Commission Meeting Minutes - August 18, 2022

Commissioner York made a motion to approve the Draft City Commission Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2022. Commissioner Duryea seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Special Presentations

A. Fall Update from Lake Mary Little League (Bryan Nipe, Parks & Recreation Director)

Bryan Nipe, Parks and Recreation Director came forward and asked Jonathan Anderson, Little League President, to join him. Mr. Anderson also asked some of the All-Stars team members to come forward as well. He discussed their successful baseball season which has grown significantly. 10U, 11U, and 12U all made it to State and represented Lake Mary which is something that has never been done before.

Mayor Mealor stated that opening day for Little League is so moving, seeing all the parents and children that are dedicating their time. This is a wonderful result of that time. He thanked Mr. Anderson and the young men and women who are making Lake Mary look so good this year.

B. Proclamation - National IT Professionals Day (Stephen Noto, Assistant City Manager)

Steve Noto, Assistant City Manager came forward and asked Tom Rhodes and Anthony Gibson to come forward as well. Mr. Noto thanked their team for handling every little task and stated that they have some exciting projects coming up that they are looking forward to.

C. Special Recognition - Shawn Anastasia & Donnie Mathis (Michael Johansmeyer, Fire Chief)

Michael Johansmeyer, Fire Chief, came forward and asked Shawn Anastasia and Donnie Mathis to come forward for their pinning ceremonies.

Mayor Mealor congratulated them both.

7. Citizen Participation - This is an opportunity for anyone to come forward and address the Commission on any matter relating to the City or of concern to our citizens. This also includes: 1) any item discussed at a previous work session; 2) any item not specifically listed on a previous agenda but discussed at a previous Commission meeting or 3) any item on tonight's agenda not labeled as a public hearing. Items requiring a public hearing are generally so noted on the agenda and public input will be taken when the item is considered.

No one came forward, and the citizen participation section was closed.

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

A. Ordinance No. 1672 - Tentative FY 2023 Millage Rate (Public Hearing - First Reading) AND Ordinance No. 1673 - Tentative FY 2023 Budget (Public Hearing - First Reading) (Kevin Smith, City Manager)

Katie Reischmann, City Attorney, read Ordinance No. 1672 and Ordinance No. 1673 by title only.

Kevin Smith, City Manager, came forward and stated that there have been no changes to the budget since it was presented at the July workshop. Mr. Smith thanked the Commission for their vision and support along with the City's incredible staff for their hard work and dedication. It puts him in a position to be able to recommend a budget that doesn't increase the millage rate charged to our citizens, which has been the same rate for the past 10 years. There is no utilization of nonrecurring general fund revenues for purposes of funding recurring operating expenses. There is no debt financing in this budget or reduction in services. Rather, as discussed in our workshop, there are some exciting enhancements coming up this next fiscal year. He recommends that the Commission approve Ordinance 1672 to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023 tentative millage rate of 3.5895 mills and the rolled back rate of 3.3181 mills, which is 8.18% higher than the tentative millage rate. He also recommends that the Commission approve Ordinance 1673 to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023 tentative budget, by separate vote.

Mayor Mealor stated 3.5895 mills is the same that it has been for the last ten years. That is an 8.18% increase over the rolled back rate of 3.3181 mills.

Ordinance No. 1672 was opened for a public hearing. Nobody came forward and the public hearing section was closed.

Deputy Mayor Miller stated that he led a group of people for thirty-eight years and budget time had always been a difficult time. He is amazed that our City Manager and our employees have been able to manage our expenses to where we don't have to increase the cost to the public at all, year over year. You are doing a fantastic job Mr. Smith and staff. Mayor Mealor stated that we are fortunate to have that talent pool among us.

Commissioner Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1672 - Tentative FY 2023 Millage Rate (Public Hearing - First Reading). Deputy Mayor Miller seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0 by roll-call vote. Commissioner Smith, Yes; Commissioner Duryea, Yes; Deputy Mayor Miller, Yes; Commissioner York, Yes; Mayor Mealor, Yes.

Mayor Mealor asked Mr. Smith if there was anything else he needed to add in relation to Ordinance No. 1673. Mr. Smith stated no.

Ordinance No. 1673 was opened for a public hearing. Nobody came forward and the public hearing section was closed.

Commissioner Duryea made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1673 - Tentative FY 2023 Budget. Commissioner York seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0 by roll-call vote. Commissioner Duryea, Yes; Deputy Mayor Miller, Yes; Commissioner York, Yes; Commissioner Smith, Yes; Mayor Mealor, Yes.

B. Resolution No. 1052 - CPI Rate Adjustment for Solid Waste Services (Brent Mason, Finance Director)

Mrs. Reischmann read Resolution No. 1052 by title only.

Brent Mason, Finance Director, came forward and stated that currently the City maintains an exclusive franchise agreement with Waste Pro. According to the franchise agreement it provides for an adjustment to collection rates on an annual basis upon request to the City. This rate petition process is based on a CPI and fuel price formula not to exceed 4%. Waste Pro is requesting a 4% increase since the calculated formula exceeds the maximum. In the past seven years three increases to collection rates have been approved, which resulted in the residential collection rate increasing from \$18.00 per month to \$20.02 per month. As shown on attachment one the proposed increase will result in a residential collection rate of \$20.66 per month. Additionally, staff compared the proposed residential collection rate to other Seminole County municipalities, as also shown on attachment one. The new rates would be effective October 1st. Staff is recommending Commission to adopt Resolution No. 1052 adjusting the collection rates for solid waste.

There were no questions related to this item. The item was then opened for public hearing. Nobody came forward and the public hearing section was closed.

Commissioner York made a motion to approve Resolution No. 1052 - CPI Rate Adjustment for Solid Waste Services. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

C. 2022-RZ-07, Ordinance No. 1675 - A request for rezoning of property located at the southeast corner of W. Wilbur Ave. and N. Fourth St. from C-1, General Commercial, and R-1A, Single Family Residential to DC,

Downtown Centre. Applicant: ACC Trust (Quasi-Judicial – Public Hearing - First Reading) (Chris Carson, Project Manager)

Mrs. Reischmann read Ordinance No. 1675 by title only.

Chris Carson, Senior Planner, discussed the information as presented in the Staff Report, which was included in the agenda packet for review.

There were no questions related to this item. The item was then opened for public hearing. Nobody came forward and the public hearing section was closed.

Deputy Mayor Miller made a motion to approve 2022-RZ-07, Ordinance No. 1675 - A request for rezoning of property located at the southeast corner of W. Wilbur Ave. and N. Fourth St. from C-1, General Commercial, and R-1A, Single Family Residential to DC, Downtown Centre. Commissioner York seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0 by roll-call vote on First Reading. Deputy Mayor Miller, Yes; Commissioner York, Yes; Commissioner Smith, Yes; Commissioner Duryea, Yes; Mayor Mealor, Yes.

10. Other Items for Commission Action

11. City Manager's Report

A. Items for Approval

a. Replacement of Police Unit #2320 - 2017 Ford Interceptor Explorer

Mr. Smith stated that the unit was involved in a recent accident, and after analysis, repair isn't warranted based on cost and the unit is due to be replaced in a few months. He requested the Commission to authorize the purchase of a new Ford 2022 Interceptor Explorer as described in the agenda packet, and to declare vehicle #2320 surplus and authorize to dispose of same.

Commissioner Duryea made a motion to authorize purchase of 2022 Ford Interceptor Explorer and declare vehicle #2320 surplus and authorize City Manager to dispose of same. Commissioner Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Items for Information

C. Announcements

12. Mayor and Commissioners Report - 4

A. Commissioner York

He met with residents from West Crystal Lake at a recent meeting of their property owner's association. They have reorganized and pooled money amongst themselves to hire a private company to start spraying the lake. Mr. Dove, head of the group, advised that the sprays have been successful, creating the desired result. They have also been working with our staff, along with Seminole County's staff to explore the potential for an MSBU comparable to what we have with East Crystal Lake. Seminole County Commissioner Amy Lockhart conveyed that the County is giving attention to the matter and there is a potential for an alternative to the MSBU, possibly some kind of Memorandum of Understanding by which the County and City would essentially partner to put a mechanism in place both to finance maintenance now and in the future. It would also put into place the infrastructure so that there is an ongoing lake clean-up and management program. Anyone who has been to the Events Center knows how beautiful the lake is. Many of the residents who live on the lake are excited that it is getting the attention from us and the County. A lot of good work is being done on both sides. He will continue to update the Commission as the work continues. Hopefully we can put something in place that will both satisfy the residents and achieve the desired result, but also create a template for other lake communities.

Mayor Mealor stated that he continues to receive feedback from the attendees from that meeting regarding the work that Commissioner York and Commissioner Lockhart both did. Everyone has been so impressed with the work that the City and County are doing to try to put something in place.

B. Commissioner Smith

He attended a Metro Plan meeting the same morning. Status of the Sunrail transition was provided. The transition to the local funding partners is tentative for June 2024, based on Phase II, North completion, from Debarry to Deland. There are three different options that are being looked at. First option is hiring all staff as direct employees. That is going to cost approximately \$65.2 Million. Second option is that they would hire leadership, admin, operating personnel through a contractor, at about \$63.6 million. The third, and favorite option so far, is contract the entire organization operation through an existing agency such as Lynx and that will be approximately \$52.4 million. Seminole County's cost would be approximately \$10.7 to \$13 million. It's important to stay on top of what is going on as it would impact not just Lake Mary, but all Seminole County. He also directed staff to reach back out to Seminole County regarding the state of the old Burger King location on Lake Mary Blvd. He then thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for their hard work on the parks and baseball fields, which he visits with his children.

C. Commissioner Duryea

He stated that he is excited that Commissioner York and Commissioner Lockhart are trying to get a process together to keep the lake clean. He is anxious to see what will happen.

D. Deputy Mayor Miller

No report.

E. Mayor Mealor

He thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for the Arbor Day Tree Giveaway. He stated that Jamie Hempel does a remarkable job. She was out there the night before, all day of the event, and again that night at WineArt Wednesday. She is continually working and drawing her team together. He asked Mr. Nipe to please thank her and her team for all they did yesterday. He had so many people thank him for the free trees.

13. City Attorney's Report

She will miss the next meeting, but Neysa Borkert will be in attendance.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46.

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