

On Monday, July 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., the City of Wauchula Commission met for its regular meeting.

Nadaskay called the meeting to order.

Commissioner's present were Mayor Pro-Tem Neda Cobb, Russell Smith, Mayor Keith Nadaskay, Sherri Albritton and Gary Smith.

Also, present were City Manager Terry Atchley, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Sandee Braxton, Assistant City Manager/Police Chief John Eason, Community Development Director Kyle Long, Director of Support Services & Internal Auditing James Braddock, Community Redevelopment Director Jessica Newman, City Attorney Kristie Hatcher-Bolin and City Clerk Holly Smith.

Nadaskay declared a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

Albritton motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Cobb.

With no discussion, Nadaskay asked for all in favor, all responded aye.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes for the June 7, 2021 Special Meeting and June 14, 2021 Meeting

G. Smith motioned to approve all minutes as presented, seconded by Cobb.

With no discussion, Nadaskay asked for all in favor, all responded aye.

Motion carried.

This meeting is also being held virtually.

All virtual attendees will be muted upon entry to the meeting. If you wish to participate during public comment, please raise your hand and you will be unmuted.

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PRESENTATION

Electric Reliability Presentation

Cairo Vanegas – Florida Municipal Power Association

Vanegas addressed the Commission and reviewed the reliability of the Wauchula Distribution System.

Vanegas discussed types of outages, frequency of outages and outage response. Vanegas ended his presentation with the summary of findings with the City of Wauchula's reliability performance. A few questions were asked during the presentation. Atchley made some closing comments.

FDOT Repurposing Update

Vitor Suguri – FDOT

Frank Kalpakis – FDOT Consultant

Suguri addressed the Commission and stated after much discussion and the feedback from the community, FDOT would not be pursuing the lane repurposing project. Suguri stated FDOT would be having a community workshop on August 3, 2021 between 5:00pm to 8:00pm at the Train Depot to get feedback from the community on what aspirations they would like to see in the downtown core, any issues and what improvements they would like to see.

Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

No public comment

City Manager/Non-Consent

Announce Power Cost Adjustment

Atchley announced the PCA for July should be \$0.017, a decrease from the prior month.

The tax-exempt portion should be \$0.017, the same as the prior month.

Resolution 2021-08 – Setting the Tentative Millage for the 2021/2022 Budget

Braxton addressed the Commission and explained Resolution 2021-08. Braxton noted the resolution would set the millage rate at 5.5532 the same as the current rate. Braxton stated it was a 4.98% increase from the rolled-back rate which was 5.2898. Braxton explained keeping the same millage from last year would require us to notice a tax increase which would be around \$50,000. Braxton stated the proposed budget was based off the 5.5532 millage rate.

Cobb motioned to approve Resolution 2021-08 with the 5.5532 millage rate, seconded by R. Smith.

With no further discussion, Nadaskay asked for all in favor, all responded aye.

Motion carried.

Proclamation 2021-02 – First Responders Appreciation Day

Timothy Staton with Mosaic virtually addressed the Commission and explained Proclamation 2021-02.

Albritton motioned to approve Proclamation 2021-02, seconded by G. Smith.

With no further discussion, Nadaskay asked for all in favor, all responded aye.

Motion carried.

Ranking of the EDA Grant Applications

The Commissioners submitted their signed ranking sheet to Smith. #1 Hardee County EDC/EDA #2 Hardee Youth Center

Discuss the City of Wauchula and IDA Interlocal Agreement

Newman addressed the Commission and explained the City of Wauchula and IDA Interlocal Agreement.

Newman stated the agreement was approved this morning at the IDA meeting and one change had been made to the agreement, the removal of the R. Riveter name from the agreement.

Albritton motioned to approved the City of Wauchula and the IDA Interlocal Agreement, seconded by Cobb.

With no further discussion, Nadaskay asked for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

Discuss the City of Wauchula and CRA Interlocal Agreement

Newman addressed the Commission and explained the City of Wauchula and CRA Interlocal Agreement.

G. Smith motioned to approved the City of Wauchula and the CRA Interlocal Agreement, seconded by Albritton.

With no further discussion, Nadaskay asked for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

Approval of the DEO Grant Agreement

Newman addressed the Commission and explained the DEO Grant Agreement. Albritton motioned to approve the DEO Grant Agreement, seconded by Cobb. With no further discussion, Nadaskay asked for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

Resolution 2021-07 – Variance for 529 W. Main Street (Robarts Funeral Home)

Long addressed the Commission and explained Resolution 2021-07. Long discussed what was written in the Land Development Code regarding signage and the visibility triangle. Long stated the proposed sign did not meet the requirements of the code and asked for a denial of the variance. Discussion was had on other areas the sign could be placed.

Don Chancey – PO Box 845, Wauchula

Chancey addressed the Commission and questioned the intersection and it having a traffic light. Chancey also asked how the building at 231 West Main Street was able to be built because it was on the property line and intruded the clear visibility triangle. Long stated that was a zero-lot line property. More questions were asked regarding the code, the triangle of visibility and the reason for the denial. After much discussion the Commission suggested to table the resolution until the August 9th meeting.

R. Smith motioned to table Resolution 2021-07 until the August 9th meeting, seconded by Cobb. With no further discussion, Nadaskay asked for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM CITY ATTORNEY, COMMISSIONERS, OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS

Cobb asked for clarification on what ideas were going to be addressed on the food truck ordinance. Long explained the changes were property line to property line, not leaving nightly and four picnic tables.

NADASKAY RECESSED THE COMMISSION MEETING AND CALLED TO ORDER THE CRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Approval of CRA Minutes from the June 14, 2021 Meeting

Cobb motioned to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by G. Smith.

With no discussion, Nadaskay called for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

Discuss the City of Wauchula and CRA Interlocal Agreement

Newman addressed the Commission and explained the City of Wauchula and CRA Interlocal Agreement.

Albritton motioned to approved the City of Wauchula and the CRA Interlocal Agreement, seconded by Cobb. With no further discussion, Nadaskay asked for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

Discuss Bid Recommendation for CRA Bid 21-01

Chris Ciafaglione – Kimley Horn (attended virtually)

Newman addressed the Board and explained the recommendation for CRA bid 21-01 to Cobb Site Development. Newman stated the project was overbudgeted by almost \$500,000. Newman gave the Board two options: #1 Complete the project as is and push Farr Field to fiscal year 2022-2023. #2 Cut some of the major elements such as tower and/or restrooms. Nadaskay stated he would rather end with two projects instead of taking away from the started project to start another one. Albritton and Cobb both agreed.

R. Smith motioned to award the bid from Cobb Site Development, seconded by Albritton.

With no further discussion, Nadaskay called all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

Discuss Bid Recommendation for CRA Bid 21-02

Chris Ciafaglione – Kimley Horn (attended virtually)

Newman addressed the Board and explained the recommendation for CRA bid 21-02. Newman stated this was for the playground and three bids were received. Newman noted Semco was the low bidder and the project was over budget by \$24,000. Newman explained money for construction documents had been budgeted for the auditorium in hopes we would receive grant funding but she had been holding off on that project and will reallocate those dollars to this project. Albritton asked how much had been budgeted for the playground project. Newman replied \$142,000. Nadaskay questioned the mobilization cost was not listed on the bid document. Newman stated Semco had been contacted and they stated it had been included in lump sum numbers. Ciafaglione with Kimley-Horn stated Semco had been contacted and they stated it was included but it was not listed as a separate line item. Nadaskay voiced his concern with Semco lumping a number of line items under one, General Requirements. Nadaskay stated the other companies had broken out the line items. Ciafaglione agreed with Nadaskay and noted he had contacted them and questioned the General Requirement line item. Cobb asked if we had used them before. Newman stated no but they had bid on a previous CRA project. Newman stated their references had been checked and were good.

G. Smith motioned to award the bid from Semco, seconded by Albritton.

With no further discussion, Nadaskay called all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Nadaskay adjourned the meeting of the CRA Board of Directors and reconvened the Commission Meeting

Approval of the CRA Board's Actions

Albritton motioned to approve the actions of the CRA Board, seconded Cobb.

With no other discussion, Nadaskay called for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Nadaskay adjourned the Commission Workshop at 8:23 p.m.

Mayor Richard K. Nadaskay, Jr.

City Clerk Holly Smith