

On Monday, June 7, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., the City of Wauchula Commission met for a special commission meeting.

Cobb called the meeting to order.

Commissioners present were Mayor Pro-Tem Neda Cobb, Russell Smith and Sherri Albritton.
Commissioners absent were Mayor Keith Nadaskay and Gary Smith.

Also, present were City Manager Terry Atchley, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Sandee Braxton, Deputy City Olivia Minshew, Lieutenant Thomas Fort, Community Development Director Kyle Long, City Attorney Kristie Hatcher-Bolin and City Clerk Holly Smith.

Cobb declared a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

Albritton motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by R. Smith.
With no discussion, Cobb asked for all in favor, all responded aye.
Motion carried.

This meeting is also being held virtually.

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Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items

None

2019/2020 Audit Presentation

Braxton addressed the Commission and introduced CS&L and explained they would be presenting the annual audit virtually.

Randy Dillingham with Christopher, Smith, Leonard, Bristow & Stanell, CPA's, along with Jeff Gerhard and Carlos Lopez reviewed the most recent audit of the City of Wauchula. Dillingham stated they would be giving a high summary and an overview of the financial statement. Dillingham explained the new requirements that require a single separate audit for the CRA. Some of the high points of the presentation:

Financial:

General Fund balance was in good financial position.

Proprietary Fund balance - Utility, Airport and Sanitation Funds – The Proprietary Fund was in good financial position.

Fiduciary Fund balance – Police, General Employee Pension and the OPEB - Pension Plan was in good financial position.

Internal Controls:

Did not find any material weaknesses in your internal controls

Did not find any noncompliance with laws, rules and regulations

Management Letter:

Nothing identified except annual requirements.

Dillingham stated just to summarize you have a clean audit opinion and there were no internal control deficiencies, no compliance findings noted and the City is in good financial position.

Albritton motioned to approve the audit as presented, seconded by R. Smith.

With no further discussion, Cobb asked for a roll call vote, all responded aye.

Motion carried.

FDOT Lane Repurposing Update

No one from FDOT was present

ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinance 2021-01– 1st Reading – Hardee Crossings – Phase 1 Final Plat

Attorney Bolin read Ordinance 2021-01 by title only.

Long addressed the Commission and explained the ordinance had not changed since the last meeting.

Long noted the ordinance went before the Planning & Zoning Board at their June meeting and they approved the ordinance as presented with the 40-foot right-of-way, the 10-foot easement and one sidewalk. Long read aloud to the Commission what was in Land Development Code relating to sidewalks.

Long stated the code said sidewalks shall be installed on both side of the streets when land is zoned or intended for business development and sidewalks shall be installed on both side of the street for commercial and industrial zoned property. Long stated the code was clear on how it was written. Long stated the ordinance could be approved, approved with conditions that the sidewalks be built during development or deny. More discussion was had on sidewalks. Albritton asked to hear from the developer of the project.

Mason Cobb – Avon Park, Florida – Engineer on record

Mason Cobb addressed with the Commission and explained the proposed phase 1 final plat. M. Cobb explained he lots on Highway 17 would have highway frontage and they would use the existing sidewalks. M. Cobb explained the right-of-way and easement request. More discussion was had. R. Smith stated he felt the intend was being met on the sidewalks. R. Smith suggested changing the code to be a little clearer on the placement of sidewalks.

Cobb thanked M. Cobb for explaining the project and stated it helped them understand the project. R. Smith asked if staff had any comments. Minshew stated staff agreed with the one sidewalk as presented by M. Cobb.

R. Smith motioned to Ordinance 2021-01 with the condition of one sidewalk as presented, seconded by Albritton.

With no further discussion, Cobb asked for a roll call vote, all responded aye.

Motion carried.

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

Cobb gave updates on CFRPC and the Ridge League of Cities.

With no further business to discuss, Cobb adjourned the Commission Workshop at 6:44 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Neda Cobb

City Clerk Holly Smith