

On Monday, May 11, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., the City of Wauchula Commission met for its regular meeting, virtually.

Nadaskay called the meeting to order.

Commissioners 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 Olivia Minshew, Finance Director Sandee Braxton, Police Chief John Eason, Community Development Coordinator Kyle Long and City Clerk Holly Smith. City Attorney Thomas Cloud and Community Redevelopment Agency Director Jessica Newman attended the meeting virtually.

Nadaskay declared a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

Cobb motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Albritton.

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

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes for the April 6, 2020 Workshop and April 13, 2020 Meeting

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

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

Motion carried.

This May 11, 2020 meeting of the City Commission of the City of Wauchula is being held virtually pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-69, issued by the Office of Governor Ron Desantis on March 20, 2020 and extended by Executive Order 20-112 on April 29, 2020.

We have a few reminders that will help our meeting run as smooth as possible:

- Please silence all cell phones or other noise-making devices and make sure you are in a quiet room.
- The material for each item on the agenda is available during business hours at the city clerk's office.
- If you wish to address the City Commission, the member of the public must first state his or her name and address.

All 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.

- To raise your hand from a computer, select "Participants" then select "Raise Hand"
- To raise your hand from a smart device, select "Participants", then select yourself, then select "Raise Hand"

To raise your hand by phone press * 9

Ordinances/Public Hearings

Ordinance 2020-05 – Public Hearing - 2nd Reading – Setting the Qualifying Dates for the 2020 Election

Nadaskay announced the Public Hearing and asked for anyone who wished to speak to address the Commission.

With no comments from the public, Nadaskay closed the Public Hearing.

Cloud read Ordinance 2020-05 by title only.

G. Smith motioned to approve Ordinance 2020-05, seconded by Albritton.

With no discussion, Nadaskay asked for a roll call vote, all responded aye.
Motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-06 – Public Hearing - 2nd Reading – Providing for Civil Emergencies Chapter 24

Nadaskay announced the Public Hearing and asked for anyone who wished to speak to address the Commission.

With no comments from the public, Nadaskay closed the Public Hearing.

Cloud read Ordinance 2020-06 by title only.

Albritton motioned to approve Ordinance 2020-06, seconded by Cobb.

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

Motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-02 – 1st Reading – Craft and Artisan Production

Attorney Cloud read Ordinance 2020-02 by title only.

Albritton motioned to approve Ordinance 2020-02, seconded by Cobb.

Albritton had a question regarding a request (craft brewery) outside the allowed zoning. Long replied no if the use was not permitted in that zoning district then it would be denied. Albritton stated she felt some of the areas a person may want to put an artisan type business was not allowed and what if we were neglecting to see a zone that may be appropriate. Albritton asked was there an appeal process. Barmby stated they could ask for a rezone or request a text amendment to the land development regulations and to have the Planning & Zoning Board and the Commission to consider amending the table. Barmby noted it would have to be self-initiated text amendment request. Albritton stated she was just concerned some areas could have been missed that we had not anticipated. Cloud replied we could fix it.

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

Motion carried.

City Manager/Non-Consent

Announce Power Cost Adjustment

Atchley announced the PCA for May should be \$0.010, the same as the prior month.

The tax-exempt portion should be \$0.0160, the same as the prior month.

Approval to Piggyback off of the Polk County and Killebrew Contract for Waterline Relocation

Minshew addressed the Commission and explained the items were discussed at last week's workshop.

Minshew stated the only thing she would like to add was if Commission was approval the contract to included in the motion for the use of utility fund contingency for this project.

G. Smith motioned to approve the contract along with using utility fund contingency to pay for the waterline relocation, seconded by Cobb. Minshew noted the amount for the project was \$58,239.

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

Motion carried.

Approval to Waive Rent for Giovanni's Main Street Kitchen

Minshew advised the Commission the request had been rescinded.

Approval of the Bid Award Recommendation for the Substation Transformer

Nadaskay asked if there were any changes since the workshop. Atchley and Minshew replied no.

Cobb motioned to approve the bid award recommendation for the substation transformer, seconded by Albritton.

With no discussion, Nadaskay asked for a roll call vote, all responded aye.
Motion carried.

Approval for the Electrical Substation Structural Evaluation

G. Smith motioned to approve the electrical substation structural evaluation, seconded by Cobb.
With no discussion, Nadaskay asked for a roll call vote, all responded aye.
Motion carried.

Approval of Resolution 2020-08 – Special Categories Grant

Albritton motioned to approve Resolution 2020-08, seconded by G. Smith.
With no discussion, Nadaskay asked for a roll call vote, all responded aye.
Motion carried.

Approval of Resolution 2020-09 – Cultural Facilities Grant

Albritton motioned to approve Resolution 2020-09, seconded by Cobb. Newman noted the grant amount changed to \$153,000.
With no further discussion, Nadaskay asked for a roll call vote, all responded aye.
Motion carried.

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

Cloud stated the order permitting virtual meetings was extended by Executive Order 20-114 until July 7, 2020.

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

No public comment.

Nadaskay then recessed the Commission Meeting and called to order the meeting of the CRA Board of Directors

Approval of CRA Minutes from the April 13, 2020 Meeting

Cobb motioned to approve all minutes as presented, seconded by Albritton.
With no discussion, Nadaskay asked for a roll call vote, all responded aye.
Motion carried.

Approval of CRA Resolution 2020-02 - Grant Match Funding

Albritton motioned to approve CRA Resolution 20-02, seconded by Cobb.
With no discussion, Nadaskay asked for a roll call vote, all responded aye.
Motion carried.

Approval of RFP CRA 20-03 – Crews Park Pavilion

Cobb motioned to approve RFP CRA 20-03, seconded by G. Smith.
Newman stated a correction had been made with the contract portion of the document. The contract was originally between the CRA and the contractor and Cloud advised the contract needed to be between the property owner which was the City of Wauchula and the contractor. G. Smith asked if the ramp had non-skid strips on the boards so people would not slip. Newman stated that was not included but she had thought about it but would reevaluate it. G. Smith stated he was thinking of safety purposes. G. Smith

asked if the pavilion had restrooms. Newman replied yes restrooms were included. Albritton asked if the restrooms were on the second floor. Newman replied yes, there was nothing underneath the building except a place for canoe and kayak storage. Newman stated the pavilion would be a foot above the 100-year flood plain. Albritton asked would grant funding be paying for the building. Newman stated no all of the other phases had grant dollars. Newman noted the CRA had budgeted for the construction of the pavilion. Newman stated the majority of the park phases (5) was grant funded. Albritton asked if the funds could be used for something else within the City if we are impacted by COVID-19. Newman replied this was CRA dollars and are in the CRA Master Plan. Newman added there had been discussion through the Florida Redevelopment as what can be done with CRA dollars in relation to COVID-19. Newman stated there was nothing specific in the plan other than the construction grants, therefore we would have to amend the plan to allow for other types of services. Albritton asked City staff would be staffed at the facility if there was an eatery or a canoe rental. Newman stated that was a long-term goal for the facility but it would not be staffed with City employees we would contract with an outside vendor. Albritton asked the status of last years flooding compared to where the pavilion will be. Newman stated the river was pretty high and reached close to the 100-year mark and was higher than it had ever been out there. Newman noted the building would be 1 foot above the rivers highest point last year. Albritton asked how the material on the bottom of the building would hold up during a flood. Newman stated it would have the normal outdoor wear and would not be sitting in water for long periods of time. Albritton voiced concerns of the loss of landscaping. Albritton asked how much the park was utilized. Newman replied quite a bit. Nadaskay stated the park seemed to be very popular. Atchley noted Peace River park was the most utilized park the City has.

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

Motion carried.

Approval of the Bid Award Recommendation for Engineering and Planning Continuing Services

Cobb motioned to approve the bid award recommendation for the engineering and continuing services, seconded by Albritton.

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

Motion carried.

Project Updates

Newman presented the CRA project updates to the Board. Nadaskay asked Newman if she would like to share anything about the projects. Newman stated Cobb's project was moving right along. Newman stated she had contacted Dr. Curci regarding the way the property looked at the Palmetto 8 project and nothing had been addressed. Newman stated Dr. Curci told her he had sold other property to help with funding. Newman expressed deep concerns about the Palmetto 8 project. Newman reminded the Board the deadline for all three projects was July 31, 2020. G. Smith asked how money had been paid out on the Palmetto 8 project. Newman replied nothing, the funding would be paid once the project was complete and a Certificate of Occupancy was given. G. Smith asked if the funding could be pulled. Newman replied the Board had the option to do whatever with the money. Newman suggested decreasing the grant amount on the back end of the project. Albritton asked where the projects were located. Newman explained their locations. Newman explained all three projects had received numerous extensions.

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

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

With no discussion, Nadaskay asked for a roll call vote, all responded aye.
Motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Nadaskay adjourned the Commission Workshop at 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Richard K. Nadaskay Jr.

City Clerk Holly Smith