

On Monday, October 2, 2023 at 5:00 p.m., the City of Wauchula Commission met for its regular scheduled workshop.

Nadaskay called the workshop to order.

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

Also present were City Manager Olivia Minshew, Deputy City Manager John Eason, Chief of Police Brandon Ball, Finance Director Martha Felix, Director of Project Management and Procurement Ward Grimes, Community Redevelopment Director Jessica Newman, Community Development Director Kyle Long and City Clerk Stephanie Camacho and Code Enforcement Officer Raina Bergens.

Code Enforcement Updates

Bergens provided an update on code enforcement cases opened and closed from January 1, 2023 to October 1, 2023.

2023 Electric Rate Study

Bill Herrington – WHH Enterprises

Herrington presented the 2023 Electric System Base Rate Review.

Giovanni's Lease Agreement Amendment

Eason presented the amendment to Commission and explained this was for the rental of the patio area outside of the building.

Ordinance 2023-10 ULDC Text Amendment for Affordable Housing

Long addressed Commission regarding this ordinance and explained the changes for affordable housing regulations from SB 102.

Marisa Barmby – Central Florida Regional Planning Counsel

Barmby attended virtually and provided a staff report for this ordinance.

Resolution 2023-23 City Government Week

Minshew presented the resolution to Commission. Minshew also shared that Communications Coordinator Katie Wheeler had been reading to classes at Wauchula Elementary School and that there would be a poster contest they could participate in for City Government Week.

ITB 2023-02 Electric Distribution Reconductor and Rebuild Award Recommendation

Minshew addressed Commission and presented the award recommendation letter for Aztec Powerline Services.

ITB 2023-03 Service Area 3 Watermain Phase 2 Award Recommendation

Eason addressed Commission and presented the award recommendation letter for Cathcart Construction.

Vulnerability Assessment Agreement

Long addressed Commission and presented this grant agreement. Long explained this assessment would indicate how vulnerable the city is to flooding.

Additional Legislative Priorities Consideration

Minshew addressed Commission to seek input on adding an additional project to the existing resolution 2023-14 for legislative priorities. Minshew explained that, because the existing resolution did not have any projects that would come from the Human Health Services funds, we could include a request for legislative funding for a new senior center.

Strategic Plan Dashboard

Minshew presented the strategic plan dashboard and provided updates to Commission.

Crime Statistics Update

Ball addressed Commission and provided updates on crime statistics.

Comments from Commissioners and City Manager

Minshew provided a few updates to Commission.

Cobb provided updates on upcoming meetings.

Albritton congratulated Cobb for being on the Board of Directors for the Ridge League of Cities.

Public Comments

Rick Bateman – 1070 Louisiana St

Bateman expressed concern about properties with code violations and stated they're not only an issue aesthetically but they also have an economic impact on the city. Bateman stated code enforcement needed to be more intentional to get violators into compliance.

Nadaskay adjourned the Commission Workshop and called to order the Workshop of the Board of Directors of the Wauchula Community Redevelopment Agency

Review/Update the CRA Revitalization Grant

Newman addressed the Board and explained she did not receive the data she needed in time to present this item and asked to continue the topic to the October 9, 2023 meeting.

CRA Project Updates

Newman addressed the Board and provided updates on current CRA projects.

With no further business to discuss, Nadaskay adjourned the workshop at 6:56 p.m.

Mayor Richard K. Nadaskay, Jr.

City Clerk Stephanie Camacho