

A regular meeting of the Lake Wales City Commission was held on August 18, 2015 in the Commission Chambers at the Municipal Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Fultz at 6:00p.m. following the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Terrye Howell.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Terrye Howell, Eugene Fultz, Mayor; Jonathan Thornhill, Christopher Lutton

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Pete Perez

**CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Kenneth Fields, City Manager; Clara VanBlargan, City Clerk; Jennifer Nanek, Deputy City Clerk; Albert C. Galloway, Jr., City Attorney

**Agenda Item 5.            MAYOR**

**Agenda Item 6.            ANNUAL REPORT**

**Agenda Item 7.            PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Fultz presented Holly Britt, Chief Water Operator, with the Water Treatment Plant safety Award and Randall Britt, Maintenance Operator, a Senior Systems Operators Award of Excellence. The awards were from the Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Association.

**Agenda Item 8.            COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Gary Gose, VFW Post 2420, introduced members of the Veterans Council including Gary Clark and Will Wilson from Clark's House for homeless veterans and Carlos Gonzalez with Polk County Veterans Services. They explained what the Veterans Council does and their goals including their intention to meet at the VFW on the third Thursdays of every other month. They include community groups such as Boy Scouts, in their projects. They shared other upcoming events including a walk on September 11. Mr. Fields encouraged them to provide the information to staff and we will post that information online.

Mimi Hardman, reported that she has been working with the new Depot Museum director. She said she misses the museum and is glad to help.

Terry Christian, Elks Lodge, inquired about possibly purchasing some vacant property near their building for additional parking. Mr. Fields suggested he communicate with James Slaton who in charge of disposal of surplus property.

**Agenda Item 9.            CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Lutton seconded the motion.

By Voice Vote:

Commissioner Howell    "YES"  
Commissioner Lutton    "YES"

Deputy Mayor Thornhill "YES"  
Mayor Fultz "YES"

The motion carried 4-0.

- Agenda Item 9.I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 4, 2015 Reg.**
- Agenda Item 9.II. Special Event Application: Orange Blossom Revue Rotary Club of Lake Wales Special Event Application for the Orange Blossom BBQ Competition to take place December 5 & 6, 2015.**
- Agenda Item 9.III. Disposal of Surplus Property**
- Agenda Item 9.IV. Agreement with the BoCC Fleet Management Division for City Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance Services**
- Agenda Item 10. OLD BUSINESS**
- Agenda Item 11. NEW BUSINESS**
- Agenda Item 11.I Amendment to the Longleaf Business Park Declaration of Covenants Amendment to the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Longleaf Business Park, as recorded in Official Records book 4692, at Page 1466, of the public Records of Polk County, Florida (the "Declaration"), are proposed in response to market conditions as well as relevant amendments to the Lake Wales Code of Ordinances which have been adopted since 2001.**

Kathy Bangley, Planning and Development Director, reviewed Agenda item 11.1.

OPENED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

CLOSED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Lutton made a motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

By Voice Vote:

Commissioner Lutton "YES"  
Commissioner Howell "YES"  
Deputy Mayor Thornhill "YES"  
Mayor Fultz "YES"

The motion carried 4-0.

- Agenda Item 11.II Board Appointments - Airport Authority Board; CRA Citizen Advisory Committee**

The Mayor appointed Eric Farewell to a term on the Airport Authority ending on July 1, 2018.

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the appointment. Deputy Mayor Thornhill seconded the motion.

By Voice Vote:

Commissioner Howell "YES"  
Deputy Mayor Thornhill "YES"  
Commissioner Lutton "YES"  
Mayor Fultz "YES"

The motion carried 4-0.

The Mayor appointed Narvell Petersen to a term on the CRA Citizens Advisory Board ending July 1, 2018.

Commissioner Howell moved to approve the appointment. Deputy Mayor Thornhill seconded the motion.

By Voice Vote:

Commissioner Howell "YES"  
Deputy Mayor Thornhill "YES"  
Commissioner Lutton "YES"  
Mayor Fultz "YES"

The motion carried 5-0.

**Agenda Item 12.        CITY MANAGER**

**Agenda Item 12.1        City Commission Tracking Report:**

Kenneth Fields, City Manager, reported that the rain was delaying a lot of projects. The work on W. Central Avenue is nearly complete and it looks much better.

Scenic Highway is nearing completion and looks much improved as well. The work at Hunt Brothers Road and Scenic is due to begin soon.

The work at Airport Road and the railroad crossing is done and is much improved. The new company there also arranged for the crossing there to be improved as well.

Mr. Fields asked the commission appointing a member of the commission to serve on the committee for the Polk County Water Cooperative. They need an elected official and an administrative official appointed. Mr. Fields suggested he be the administrative official. The commission consented to have the mayor serve as the elected official and Kenneth Fields as the administrative official. Mr. Fields explained that there is also a more technical advisory committee on which Tom Moran, Utilities Director, will serve on. Our City Attorney would be welcome to sit on the discussions at a later point. Commissioner Lutton commented that he would like the Attorney to be sure there are no mistakes in what we sign off on.

Mr. Fields reported on an editorial that will come out in tomorrow's Lake Wales news concerning a personnel matter and public records laws. He assured the commission that we are in compliance with all public records laws. Some confusion arises from citizens who ask for records that we don't keep. We do not create new documents for a request. We are responsive to all requests and many documents are available on line. For extensive research we are allowed to charge for staff time. Commissioner Lutton asked about how quickly the turnaround time should be. Mr. Fields explained that it should be in a timely manner, there doesn't have to be an immediate response but all requests generally should take about two weeks.

Commissioner Lutton asked about two items on the tracking report, the assessment of the buildings and the fleet replacement plan. Mr. Fields said that we are doing better on staying on top of repairs and maintenance and upgrading them with the help of volunteers. Replacement vehicles are in the next budget for replacement. While a policy document has not come forward on these, the actual work is getting done.

Ms. Hardman asked about the Recreation Complex and its status. The Mayor said that will have to be addressed at another time.

**Agenda Item 12.2. City Commission Calendar**

The hotel discussion will be postponed until October as Commissioner Perez is absent tonight and there are the budget hearings the next two meetings in September.

The first budget hearing and Commission meeting is Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup> instead of the regular Tuesday.

**Agenda Item 12.3. Annual Reporting – Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

**Agenda Item 13. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS**

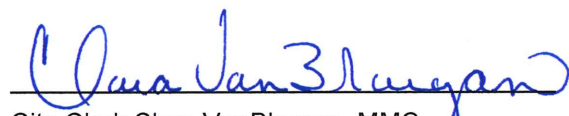
**Agenda Item 14. MAYOR COMMENTS**

The Mayor reported on his meeting at the Florida League of Cities legislative committee last week. The issues include water quality and quantity issues, use of taxes, growth management, economic affairs, impact fees, transportation and moving of utilities. He said the full details of these issues are on the Florida League of Cities website. The session will start earlier next year in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 P.M.

  
Mayor/Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk Clara VanBlargan, MMC