

The meeting of the Lake Wales City Commission was held on June 3, 2014 in the Commission Chambers at the Municipal Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Fultz at 6:00 p.m. following the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Dr. Jim Moyer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Terrye Howell; Christopher Lutton; Eugene Fultz, Mayor; Betty Wojcik

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Jonathan Thornhill;

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

[Full staff memos are incorporated into the minutes. Meetings are recorded, but not transcribed verbatim.]

MAYOR

PRESENTATION

Agenda Item 5. Quarterly Report by Lake Wales Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kevin Kieft on the progress of Economic Development Programs & Activities

Mayor Fultz welcomed Mr. Kevin Kieft, new director of the Chamber of Commerce and the EDC, to Lake Wales. Mr. Kieft said that it was good to be in Lake Wales and as it was his second day on the job, Chamber President Angela Pulido will give the report. Ms. Pulido said that we are glad to have Mr. Kieft in Lake Wales. She then reported on the process of hiring a new director and a new website. There will be a welcome event for everyone to meet Mr. Kieft on June 19th at the Hampton Inn. Ms. Pulido then reviewed the features of the new website which includes in the economic development section a listing of commercial opportunities. She then shared an updated list of council members. She then reviewed the recent SWOT analysis which means Strengths, Weaknesses, Threats and Opportunities. Ms. Pulido said that the Long Leaf Business Park is listed as a strength and priority. They have a new billboard contract to advertise Long Leaf on HWY 60 but they are undecided yet about what exactly will go on it. A new winery, Fiddlers Ridge, has opened, and is a chamber member. A high end truck stop will be developed near the Long Leaf Business Park. She emphasized that they are working on building relationships, making contacts and letting people know about Lake Wales. Ms. Pulido then introduced the Chamber leaders in attendance.

Commissioner Wojcik commended efforts of the EDC and said that the building of relationships is wonderful. Brian Marbutt said that he appreciated the cooperation of the City of Lake Wales

Mayor Fultz also commended the EDC's efforts and is optimistic about the future.

Mr. Fields reported on his trip to Atlanta and thanked EDC for inviting him to go. Lake Wales is a player now and is competitive regarding economic development.

Ms. Pulido added that there is a lot of interest in the airport and the forthcoming expansion of the runway. This is an important move forward and the EDC is getting the word out about it.

Commissioner Howell commended the partnership and said she is glad it's working and to keep it up.

COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Mimi Hardman, 300 S. Lake Shore Blvd., reviewed history of 1919 School Complex and other projects in Lake Wales.

CONSENT AGENDA

**Agenda Item 6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 13, 2014, Workshop Meeting
May 20, 2014, Regular Meeting**

Agenda Item 7. Special Event Permit Application for the House of Prayer "Family Day" and Street closing

[Begin agenda memo]

SYNOPSIS:

The approval of the special event permit application will allow the House of Prayer Church to hold a "Family and Friends Fun Day" on Saturday, June 28, 2014 and allow for the temporary closing of Seminole Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Commission take the following action:

1. Approve the special event permit application from the House of Prayer Pentecostal Holiness Church for a "Family and Friends Fun Day" on Saturday, June 28, 2014 at their location on 506 North First Street
2. Approve the temporary street closing of Seminole Avenue on June 28, 2014 from First Street to Scenic Highway between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

BACKGROUND

Pastor Edward Pittman of the House of Prayer Pentecostal Holiness Church submitted a special event permit application to hold a "Family and Friends Fun Day" on Saturday, June 28, 2014 at 506 North First Street. This application also includes a request for the temporary closing of Seminole Avenue from Scenic Highway (SR17) to First Street between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. The House of Prayer will be having board games for the kids and their families, kickball, relay races, face painting as well as hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, desserts and sodas at their Activity Center located across the street on Seminole Avenue.

In the past, the church has requested from the City Commission the temporary closing of Seminole Avenue for their October Fest held each year. This prevented vehicular traffic from entering this area and presenting a serious safety issue for the children and parents crossing Seminole to reach the Activity Center. The closure of Seminole Avenue for this event will eliminate this possibility.

Staff has reviewed the application and has no issues with the street closing. The Streets Department will deliver the barricades to the church on Friday, June 27, 2014 and church staff will be responsible for setting up the barricades and removing them when the event is concluded. They will also be handling all site set-ups; sanitary facilities, trash receptacles, and trash clean up. Insurance will be provided as required.

OTHER OPTIONS

Allow the Family Fun Day but do not approve the request for the street closing.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no cost to the City for this event.

[End agenda memo]

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

By Voice Vote:

Commissioner Lutton	"YES"
Commissioner Howell	"YES"
Commissioner Wojcik	"YES"
Mayor Fultz	"YES"

The motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

CITY MANAGER

Agenda Item 8. City Commission Tracking Report:

Agenda Item 9. City Commission Calendar

Agenda Item 10. Annual Reporting – Boards, Commissions, and Committees

CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Howell asked about the status of the cemetery committee. Mr. Fields said that the committee was sunsetted after recommended changes were adopted. Commissioner Howell asked if the changes need to be revisited. Mr. Fields said that he has not heard any complaints but as rules are developed for the new cemetery they could be looked at as well.

CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Kenneth Fields, City Manager, shared a video on trip to Atlanta to visit the CSX facility. Mr. Fields gave a report on the trip. He explained that the facility is an important employment magnet for that area. There will be approximately 500 trucks in and out daily. We are ready with Long Leaf Business Park immediately.

This Friday is the Lake Wales Leadership graduation upcoming for both himself and the Mayor. It was a great experience and introduction to Lake Wales.

There is a Budget Workshop scheduled for June 18th. The preliminary tax rolls indicate an increase of our tax base of 3%. This could change on July 1st when the final numbers come out, will more likely go up than down. Hopefully new growth will bring in new revenues. This will give us more flexibility next year and possibly lower the millage rates.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Fultz concurred with Mr. Fields comments regarding Leadership Lake Wales

Mayor Fultz said that he will be absent for the next meeting and workshop. Deputy Mayor Lutton will chair the meetings.

Mayor Fultz announced the upcoming Florida League of Cities Conference. He asked the Commission if he could be designated as the official delegate to be a voting member.

Commissioner Howell made a motion that Mayor Fultz be the official delegate to the conference. Commissioner Wojcik seconded the motion.

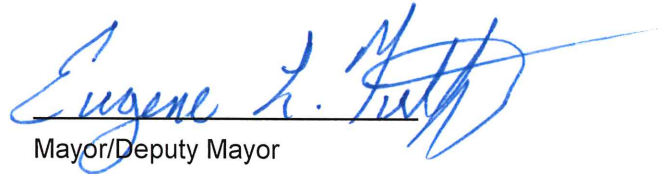
By Voice Vote:

Commissioner Lutton	"YES"
Commissioner Howell	"YES"
Commissioner Wojcik	"YES"
Mayor Fultz	"YES"

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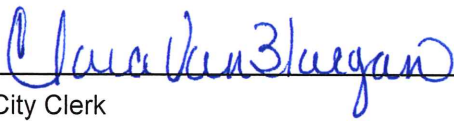
Mayor Fultz reminded the commission to complete and return the Financial Disclosure form.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.



Mayor/Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk