

**City Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**July 7, 2020**  
**(Approved)**

**This meeting was conducted partially via teleconference**

**Pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-69, issued by the Office of Governor Ron Desantis on March 20, 2020, extended via Executive order no. 20-112, and further extended by Executive Order No 20-114, municipalities may conduct meetings of their governing boards without having a quorum of its members present physically or at any specific location, and utilizing communications media technology such as telephonic or video conferencing, as provided by Section 120.54**

**(5)(b)2, Florida Statutes.**

**The City of Lake Wales held this hybrid virtual public meeting using the GoToMeeting Web/Teleconference service.**

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1. INVOCATION

Dr. Jim Moyer gave the invocation.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fultz called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. after the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Fultz read a statement:

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Albert Galloway, Jr., City Attorney, read a statement on Procedures for this partial virtual Public Meeting.

Mr. Galloway asked the Commissioners, "are you comfortable with all the notice provisions set forth and these uniform rules of procedures we have established for this Virtual meeting?  
The Commissioners answered affirmatively.

4. ROLL CALL

**Commission Members Present:** Eugene Fultz - Mayor, Curtis Gibson, Terrye Howell, Al Goldstein, Robin Gibson

**Staff Present:** James Slaton, Interim City Manager; Albert C. Galloway, Jr., City Attorney; Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk

5. PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

5.I. PROCLAMATION - Lakes Appreciation Month

Mayor Fultz proclaimed July as Lakes Appreciation Month.

## 6. PRESENTATION/REPORT

### 6.I. COVID-19 Update

Joe Jenkins, Fire Chief and Emergency Operations Director, reported that the total number of cases in Polk County are 5,655 with a positive rate +10.3%. The leading age group of 25-34 had 1,131 cases followed by 35-44 1032 cases.

## 7. COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS

Jane Saks, non-resident, spoke in favor of requiring masks in Lake Wales.

Virgil Ullom, non-resident, spoke against transgender children.

Greg Massey, resident, expressed concerns about Code Enforcement actions against his property. He asked if issues related to his property are on the agenda. James Slaton, Interim City Manager, said only the resolution about collections nothing about his specific location. Mr. Massey asked Chief Jenkins about COVID19 testing sites. Chief Jenkins reviewed testing locations and explained that more sites will be opening up. Testing can be done at Central Florida Health Care next door to the Fire Department. One must have symptoms to be tested. Mr. Massey asked about infection rates in various cities. Chief Jenkins reviewed the list and said Lake Wales was 6th in the County for infections.

Mayor Fultz said that he has heard that Central Florida Health Care plans to open up the Dental Clinic on Lincoln Avenue as a test site soon.

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson asked for item 8.3, the agreement with Chastain Skillman, to be pulled from the agenda.

Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda except for item 8.3. Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson seconded the motion.

by voice vote:

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Goldstein "YES"

Commissioner Curtis Gibson "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion passed 5-0.

### 8.I. Minutes - June 2, 2020

### 8.II. Purchase Authorization - Library Lockers

[Begin Agenda memo]

## **SYNOPSIS:**

Staff is seeking approval to utilize Library Impact Fees to purchase a library locker system for 24 hour a day, 7 days a week patron access to holds and document retrieval safely.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Commission take the following action(s):

1. Authorize staff to expend funds in the amount of \$25,950 for the purchase and installation of a 20-locker Intelligent Library Locker System from International Library Services, Inc.
2. Authorize a budget amendment in the amount of \$25,950.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Lake Wales Public Library's usage has grown significantly reflecting new families and housing in our city. Library staff has researched ways to safely provide services during hours of operation, and to patrons after hours. Providing access to library materials for pick up 24/7 will allow patrons who have difficulty using the library's collection due to work schedules, transportation difficulties and health concerns. The Intelligent Library Locker System connects to the Polk County Library Cooperative's Integrated Library System and allows library users to retrieve books, movies and audio books they've placed on hold via the library lockers.

The Intelligent Library Locker system will be located out of doors at the library's main entrance.

Staff solicited three proposals in accordance with the City's purchasing ordinance and recommends approval of the proposal submitted by International Library Services, Inc.

Quotes from the three vendors are attached to this memorandum. Library staff recommends the quote submitted by International Library Services' Intelligent Locker System in the amount of \$25,950. This company provides seamless integration with our computer system and can be installed out of doors.

Southwest Solutions Group's quote of \$12,750 is for fewer lockers, (a 12-locker system). Connectivity of our library software system is not available with this product.

Biblioteca submitted the highest quote at \$35,069.00. Biblioteca's system can be connected to the library's software system, however this system has to be installed indoors only. The library has no indoor space that is open after hours.

This purchase as not included in the approved FY20 budget and staff is requesting a budget amendment in the amount of \$25,950.

## **OTHER OPTIONS**

The City Commission may elect to not approve this purchase

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The fiscal impact is \$25,950, however this acquisition qualifies for funding through Library Impact Fees.

The current balance available in the library impact fee account is \$318,905.

[End Agenda Memo]

Lake Wales Trail Connector.

[Begin Agenda Memo]

## **SYNOPSIS:**

The City Commission will consider entering into an agreement with Chastain- Skillman, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services related to the production of site work construction drawings and permit application packages for the proposed Lake Wales Trail Connector.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended the City Commission consider the following action(s):

## **BACKGROUND**

The City is considering the construction of a trail along the north side of Crystal Lake Park, beginning within the vicinity of the Library and running along the north shore of Crystal Lake. The ultimate goal of this trail is to integrate and connect Downtown, Crystal Lake and Lake Wailes as recommended in the Dover Kohl "Lake Wales Connected" Plan (page 101, Near-Term Action Step 3).

Approval of this contract is a pivotal first step in making the Lake Wales Trail Connector a reality. The final work product produced will result in the required documentation needed to satisfy grant requirements due on September 5, 2020 for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Agreement No. T1820.

1. Approve the agreement with Chastain-Skillman, Inc. for Professional Engineering Services related to the Lake Wales Trail Connector.
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents, on the City's behalf.
3. Approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$97,413.

## **BACKGROUND**

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Per RFQ #15392, Chastain-Skillman, Inc. was awarded a continuing services agreement relating to professional engineering services for the City. Services for the Lake Wales Trail Connector will be completed by Chastain-Skillman, Inc. and teaming partner S&ME, both of whom are currently designing the Park Ave Streetscape and will ensure a cohesive and consistent design throughout the City.

## **OTHER OPTIONS**

The City Commission may direct staff to not move forward with the Lake Wales Connector Trail, and decline the DEP Agreement No. T1820 Grant (\$200,000 matching grant for construction).

## FISCAL IMPACT

Chastain-Skillman, Inc. will be compensated a fixed fee of \$97,413, plus reimbursable expenses. The original appropriation for this project was \$65,000 from the CRA, however, there are sufficient Recreation Impact Fee Funds for the design of the Lake Wales Trail Connector.

Project work will be broken down into 3 distinct phases:

Design & Construction Documents	\$ 83,433
Permitting & Bid Support	\$ 9,320
Limited Construction & Certification	\$ 4,660
Services	
Fixed Fee (Excluding Reimbursable Expenses)	\$ 97,413

Overview of Recreation Impact Fees for Current & Future Projects:

Total Recreation Impact Fees	\$ 588,741
Allocations:	\$ 489,913
Feasibility Analysis	\$ 42,500
Connector Trail Design	\$ 97,413
Connector Trail Grant Match	\$ 200,000
Recreation Master Plan	\$ 150,000
Total Remaining	\$ 98,828

[End Agenda Memo]

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson said he has had some concerned citizens that this trail would look like the earlier trail. Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson asked for confirmation this would be done in conjunction with the Dover-Kohl plan. James Slaton, Interim City Manager, confirmed this and said this is an opportunity to get \$200,000 from the state to implement the trail. This will be done in conjunction with the rest of the plan. Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson said the landscape architect did the trail in Winter Park which looks nice.

Commissioner Goldstein asked about the review of the Park Avenue Plan. He asked to confirm that the meeting on the 9th has been moved to the 30th. Mr. Slaton confirmed this and said there would be more information at the end of the meeting.

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Goldstein seconded the motion.

by voice vote:

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Goldstein "YES"

Commissioner Curtis Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion passed 5-0.

#### 8.IV. Wastewater Manhole Rehabilitation

[Begin Agenda Memo]

##### **SYNOPSIS:**

Staff recommends City Commission approve entering into a piggyback agreement with Engineered Sprayed Solutions, LLC for manhole and structure rehabilitation using the polyurethane coating method.

##### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Commission consider taking the following action:

1. Approve entering into the piggyback agreement with Engineered Sprayed Solutions, LLC.

##### **BACKGROUND**

The City, as part of its collection system, owns, operates, and maintains 121 Miles of 8 to 16 inch Gravity Sewer Line and 75 Miles of 2 to 16 inch Force Mains. The collection system is connected by a series of manholes which aid in the transportation of the collected waste to the wastewater treatment plant for processing. Due to the corrosive nature of raw sewage gases, it becomes necessary to perform periodic maintenance on these manholes to ensure they continue to function as intended.

Staff contacted Sarasota County and Engineered Sprayed Solutions, LLC seeking permission to piggyback on a contract that had already been competitively bid in June of 2020. This allows for the City to take advantage of the lower pricing without expending funds to bid out this same service itself.

Staff recommends the commission take the following action, enter into a piggyback agreement with Engineered Sprayed Solutions, LLC for manhole and structures rehabilitation.

##### **OTHER OPTIONS**

None. Maintenance of these wastewater system components becomes necessary from time to time to maintain the integrity of the system

##### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Wastewater Department has placed \$50,000.00 for manhole rehabilitation in the FY 19'-20'.

[End Agenda Memo]

#### 9. OLD BUSINESS

##### 9.I. ORDINANCE 2020-07 - Amending The City's General Employees Pension Plan

[Begin Agenda]

### **SYNOPSIS:**

The City Commission will consider adopting Ordinance 2020-07 to allow for the purchase of prior municipal service by the City Manager.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Commission adopt Ordinance 2020-07 on Second Reading & Public Hearing.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City sponsors multiple retirement systems, including a Defined Benefit Plan and a Defined Contribution plan. Ordinance 2020-07 is being presented to allow for purchase of prior City service by the City Manager.

The proposed change will allow a city manager who has full-time City of Lake Wales service or other full-time governmental service in Florida prior to membership in this Plan, to purchase up to five years of prior service. The full actuarial cost of this buyback must be paid by the member. The cost of the service buyback will be made by lump sum payment, including rollover from another qualified plan.

The City's defined benefit plans currently allow members to purchase up to five (5) years of military service entirely at the employee's cost and the Florida Retirement System which covers school district and County employees, including the Sheriff's Office, allows members to purchase some type of prior government service as is provided for in this ordinance.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Foster & Foster, Inc. the General Employees' Pension Board's Actuarial Consultants, have determined that the purchase of prior City service by the City Manager will have no impact on the assumptions used in determining the funding requirements of the plan, because the cost will be paid by the City Manager.

[End Agenda memo]

Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk, read **ORDINANCE 2020-07** by title only.

### **ORDINANCE 2020-07**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES AMENDING THE CITY OF LAKE WALES GENERAL EMPLOYEES' PENSION PLAN AND TRUST; CREATING SECTION 16-66(a) TO PERMIT THE PURCHASE OF PRIOR SERVICE BY A CITY MANAGER; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

James Slaton, Interim City Manager, reviewed this item.

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Terry Howell made a motion to adopt **ORDINANCE 2020-07** after second reading and public hearing. Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson seconded the motion.

by roll call vote:

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Curtis Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Goldstein "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion passed 5-0.

## 10. NEW BUSINESS

### 10.I. Ordinance D2020-02 - 1st Reading And Public Hearing - CPA/Zoning Mckibben Powersports Property

[Begin Agenda Memo]

#### **SYNOPSIS**

This ordinance will amend land use designations on the Future Land Use Map (Comprehensive Plan) and the Zoning Map for the recently annexed .51 acres owned by MCK Properties of Lake Wales, LLC, East of US Highway 27 and abutting the existing Mckibben Powersports site. The annexation of this property has taken place by Ordinance 2020-10, at the request of the property owner. At a regular meeting on June 23, 2020, the Planning & Zoning Board recommended I-2 Industrial Infill future land use and zoning designations. These designations are consistent with those already assigned to the existing developed site.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning & Zoning Board held a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Future Land Use

and Zoning Maps for the Mckibben Powersports Property on June 23, 2020 and recommended the following amendments as set forth in Ordinance D2020-02:

Parcel ID 27-29-34-875000-006100 .51 acres

Lots 10 and 11 Block 6 Everett's Subdivision per plat book 30 page 45 of Polk County public records.

City of Lake Wales Future Land Use: I-2 Industrial Infill City of Lake Wales Zoning: I-2 Industrial Infill

Public Notice requirements have been met.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Assigning land use and zoning designations enables future improvements of the property and a potential increase in the property value.

[End Agenda Memo]

Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk, read **ORDINANCE D2020-02** by title only.

**ORDINANCE D2020-02**

**(CPA/Zoning Mckibben Powersport Property – .51 acres – US Highway 27)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE**

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE LAND USE DESIGNATIONS ON .51 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED EAST OF HIGHWAY 27 FROM POLK COUNTY DESIGNATION RL-4 RESIDENTIAL LOW TO CITY OF LAKE WALES FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION I-2 INDUSTRIAL INFILL AND ZONING DESIGNATION TO I-2 INDUSTRIAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Commissioner Goldstein asked if this is affected by the delays with the Comprehensive Plan. James Slaton, Interim City Manager, said it is but it won't hold anything up for the business.

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve **ORDINANCE D2020 -02** after 1st reading and Public Hearing. Commissioner Goldstein seconded the motion.

by roll call vote

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Commissioner Goldstein "YES"

Commissioner Curtis Gibson "YES"

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion passed 5-0.

10.II. Resolution 2020-21 Non-Ad Valorem

[Begin Agenda Memo]

**SYNOPSIS:**

Resolution 2020-21 declares the City's intent to utilize the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments and adopts the assessment roll for 2020.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 2020-21 after a public hearing, as required by Florida Statutes.

Public notice requirements have been met.

**BACKGROUND:**

In February 2013, City commission adopted Ordinance 2013-04 – Abatement and

Violation Assessment (Chapter 17.5), providing for the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessment for service liens. The City's intent is to collect service liens that are the result from services provided by the City to clean properties, repair or demolish buildings and the like, such services being a special benefit to the property owner. This does not include fines or administrative liens.

Ordinance 2013-04 established the City of Lake Wales in its entirety, as its city boundaries exist on the date of enactment and as they may be expanded or contracted from time to time as the special assessment district for the purposes of abatement and violation correction.

The resolution has been noticed per Florida Statute at least twenty (20) days in advance of the public hearing.

Staff published a potential list of properties in the notice and provided by first class mail a letter to every property owner that may be affected by this action.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** This will provide for reimbursement of funds expended in the course of abating and correcting violations of the municipal code.

[End Agenda Memo]

Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk, read **RESOLUTION 2020-21** by title only.

**RESOLUTION 2020 - 21**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING TO UTILIZE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS; ADOPTING THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR ABATEMENT OF CODE VIOLATIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2019; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

James Slaton, Interim City Manager, reviewed this item.

Commissioner Howell asked the City to improve communications with violators. She said the cost for mowing is too high and we need to do something about this.

Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION 2020-21**. Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson seconded the motion.

By Roll Call vote:

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Goldstein "YES"

Commissioner Curtis Gibson "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion passed 5-0.

10.III. RESOLUTION 2020-22 - Extended State Of Emergency

[Begin Agenda Memo]

**SYNOPSIS:** Resolution 2020-22 declares a State of Emergency for Lake Wales in response to

concerns related to COVID-19. This will be in effect from July 7, 2020 until August 7, 2020.

**RECOMMENDATION** Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 2020-22 State of Emergency Declaration from July 7th, 2020 until August 7th 2020.

## **BACKGROUND**

In response to the recent threat of COVID-19 Mayor Fultz issued a State of Emergency on March 13th for seven days and issued three more 7 day States of Emergency after that. The current state of emergency was extended thrice more at the beginning of April, May and again in June. The current State of Emergency which was approved by the City Commission in June expired on July 2nd. According to Chapter 9 in our Code of Ordinances, the City Commission must approve a State of Emergency to last 30 days.

**OTHER OPTIONS** Do not approve Resolution 2020-22.

**FISCAL IMPACT** There is no fiscal impact from the resolution itself. There will be some costs to the City as we respond to this threat. These costs are being tracked. A declared State of Emergency will allow the City to seek possible reimbursement for those costs.

[End Agenda Memo]

Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk, read **RESOLUTION 2020-22** by title only.

## **RESOLUTION 2020-22**

### **EMERGENCY RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES EXTENDING THE DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE COVID-19**

Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION 2020-22**. Commissioner Goldstein seconded the motion.

By Roll Call vote:

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Commissioner Goldstein "YES"

Commissioner Curtis Gibson "YES"

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion passed 5-0.

## **10.IV. RESOLUTION 2020-23 Support Of The Wearing Of Masks**

[Begin Agenda Memo]

### **SYNOPSIS:**

The City Commission will consider adopting Resolution 2020-23, expressing support for the wearing

of facemasks or similar coverings in public.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the City Commission take the following action(s):

1. Adopt Resolution 2020-23

## **BACKGROUND**

The City Commission expressed a desire to endorse the wearing of face masks in public inside the city limits of Lake Wales during the July 1, 2020 City Commission work session.

## **OTHER OPTIONS**

The City Commission may direct staff to revise the proposed Resolution prior to adoption.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

[End Agenda Memo]

Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk, read **RESOLUTION 2020-23** by title only.

## **RESOLUTION 2020-23**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, FLORIDA, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE WEARING OF MASKS OR SIMILAR FACE COVERINGS IN THE CITY OF LAKE WALES WHILE IN PUBLIC AS A PREVENTATIVE MEASURE FOR LIMITING THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS KNOWN AS COVID-19; SUGGESTING THAT ALL CITIZENS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY COOPERATE IN WEARING MASKS AND ADHERING TO SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES SUGGESTED BY THE UNITED STATES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC; PROVIDING THAT THE CITY COMMISSION MAY REVISIT THIS MATTER SHOULD VOLUNTARY ADHERENCE TO THE WEARING OF MASKS BE INSUFFICIENT TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Mayor Fultz said this is a good guide for the citizens of Lake Wales. Commissioner Curtis Gibson said the County has done something similar.

Commissioner Howell said that the resolution mentions that we may come back to this later and she likes that. Mayor Fultz agreed.

Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION 2020-23**. Commissioner Goldstein seconded the motion.

By Roll Call vote:

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Goldstein "YES"

Commissioner Curtis Gibson "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion passed 5-0.

11. CITY ATTORNEY

Albert Galloway, Jr, City Attorney, announced that he is moving his office next week.

12. CITY MANAGER

James Slaton, Interim City Manager, said the Orange Blossom BBQ is canceled this year and the Farmer's Market is canceled for the summer due to concerns about COVID19.

There will be a Comp Plan update public workshop on Zoom on Wednesday.

12.I. Tracking Report

Added to this is the project management dashboard for the Park Avenue project. The commission can watch progress in real time.

They advertised for qualifications for the parks and trail master plan last week.

12.II. Social Meeting Tracking Report

12.III. Commission Meeting Calendar

There will be a Charter Review Committee meeting on the 16th. A special email account was created for that committee [lwcharter@lakewalesfl.gov](mailto:lwcharter@lakewalesfl.gov).

Upcoming meetings include a CRA meeting on July 14th at 6pm, an agenda work session on July 15th at 3pm and a budget workshop on July 22nd 3pm. At the July 15th Work session we will have representatives from our financial consultants concerning our debt and refinancing. Questions are welcome and encouraged Commissioners to email questions to the Clerk. The other topic will be the Park Water Company. Our consultants for that will be participating as well.

Karen Thompson, CRA Assistant Director, announced about the Virtual Public Workshop to see the designs for Park Avenue on July 30. Questions can be sent in and on the 31st there will be a chance for the community to see the plans in person and ask questions.

13. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson asked about the status of finding a new Planning Director. Mr. Slaton said we got some good applicants and hopes to make an announcement about that soon.

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson reported on a Zoom meeting with the Lake Wales Heritage group about restoring the Olmsted plan for landscaping to Lake Wales. He talked about the possibility of an arborist on staff or on contract to help.

Commissioner Curtis Gibson said he is glad about the way things are going in Lake Wales. He asked if playgrounds are open. Mr. Slaton confirmed they are. Commissioner Curtis Gibson asked about the

cleaning schedule. Chief Jenkins said he playground equipment is cleaned and disinfected 3 times a week.

Commissioner Curtis Gibson said he is hosting an online meeting or Town Hall with leaders of various communities called Toward Solutions: Justice in our Communities.

Commissioner Goldstein said he does not like these hybrid virtual meetings that discourage discussion. He hopes to have full in-person meetings again soon.

Commissioner Howell asked about the possibility of an advisory board or a review board. What about the differences and responsibilities. Mr. Gallloway explained that there are some limitations but other wise the board can be called what the Commission decides and the duties they have.

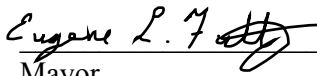
Commissioner Howell asked about the Lakes Advisory Board. Mr. James Slaton, Deputy City Manager, said that board has not existed for some time. She suggested maybe contacting Nancy Furland to restart this board.

14. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Fultz reminded everyone to respond to the Census.

15. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk