

**City Commission Minutes**  
**April 7, 2021**  
**(Approved)**

**This meeting was conducted partially via teleconference.**  
**The City of Lake Wales held this virtual hybrid public meeting using the GoToMeeting Web/Teleconference service.**

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1. INVOCATION

Dr. 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 the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Fultz read a statement:

The Governor's Executive Order 20-246 allowing for meetings of a Municipality's governing boards without having a quorum of its members present physically or at any specific location has expired as of Nov. 1.

However due to the ongoing State of Emergency, while a majority of Commission Members must be present in the Chambers, members of the staff and public may still participate in our meetings virtually.

Members of the public are welcome to come into the Commission Chambers to participate in our Commission Meetings. We will check your temperature before entering the building, we ask that everyone be mindful of social distancing, wearing a mask is required, and please sit in designated seating.

Any member of the public may register to participate in our meetings virtually where they can speak at [www.lakewalesfl.gov/register](http://www.lakewalesfl.gov/register)

As an alternative, members of the public may submit comments and questions at [www.lakewalesfl.gov/comments](http://www.lakewalesfl.gov/comments) for either a specific Agenda Item or for Communications and Petitions.

Additional Information and Procedures for public participation will be explained by the City Attorney shortly.

Albert Galloway, Jr., City Attorney, read a statement on Procedures for Virtual Public Meetings.

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

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

## 5. PROCLAMATIONS AND AWARDS

### 5.I. PROCLAMATION - Joe Jenkins And Roy Wilkinson

Mayor Fultz presented a proclamation recognizing Fire Chief Joe Jenkins and Deputy Fire Chief Roy Wilkinson. Mayor Fultz commended their efforts during this Covid-19 pandemic.

### 5.II. Proclamation - Tobacco Free Florida Week

Mayor Fultz proclaimed April 25th - May 1st as Tobacco Free Florida Week. Students from Polk County Students Working Against Tobacco at Winter Haven High School accepted the proclamation.

### 5.III. Proclamation - Water Conservation Month

Mayor Fultz proclaimed April as water Conservation month. Sarah Kirkland, Utilities Director, accepted the proclamation.

## 6. PRESENTATION/REPORT

### 6.I. McLaughlin Middle School - Debra Wright Hudson, Principal

Debra Wright Hudson, Acting Principal of McLaughlin Middle School, gave a presentation about McLaughlin. They are working their way to being an A school. She provided statistics on the staff. They also have a Principal Sharon Chapman. She introduced assistant principals and reviewed other office staff. She reviewed fine arts offerings at the school and other opportunities. She reviewed the demographics of the student body including over 30% for whom English is a second language. She described different clubs at the school that are student led including a Debate club and Aviation Club.

Ms. Hudson introduced Emily Stokes. Ms. Stokes shared about her activities and experiences at McLaughlin Middle School. Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson asked if she planned to participate in FFA at Lake Wales High School. Ms. Stokes said she plans to go to Frostproof. Ms. Wright introduced John Gibson who shared his activities and experiences at McLaughlin Middle School and said he enjoyed attending there. Mayor Fultz commended Mr. Gibson on improvements he has made. Commissioner Curtis Gibson said that John Gibson is his son and said his grades improved and he was proud of him. Commissioner Curtis Gibson thanked staff for their hard work.

Ms. Hudson reported on the recent literacy night where there was food distributed to families. School Resource Officer John Mongeon reported on food distribution efforts during shut down and through the pandemic. He commended all those that helped. Mayor Fultz commended his efforts.

Ms. Hudson reported on the free laundry service for students who need assistance. They are also planning a Mothers Day Car wash and a mentoring program for their young men.

Mayor Fultz thanked Ms. Hudson and staff for their good work. Commissioner Goldstein said that this was a pleasant start to the meeting and thanked the representatives for coming.

### 6.II. COVID-19 Update

Joe Jenkins, Fire Chief, commended Roy Wilkinson for his efforts to manage the health of 200 people for the past year. He commended the efforts of the City employees during the pandemic. Chief Jenkins said that we are not out of the woods yet. The numbers are a bit higher possibly due to spring break and Easter. The percent positive today is 8.94% where before Spring break it was in the 5 percents. The 14 day average is back up to 7.68%. This isn't over. He encouraged getting the vaccines, wearing masks and maintaining social distancing. There were 205 cases in Polk County today, higher than the past month.

## 7. COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

Terry Christian, resident, asked about the Citizens and Police Advisory Committee. He asked about percentages. How many percentages of the officers are minority. He is concerned that is is not important to the Police Department. He said our population is 27% African-American. We also have a problem keeping good officers. Mayor Fultz said that information is available and it is important.

## 8. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Curtis Gibson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

by voice vote:

Commissioner Curtis Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Commissioner Goldstein "YES"

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion passed 5-0

8.I. Minutes - January, 19, 2021, February 2, 2021 And February 10, 2021

8.II. F Street Water Main Extension

[Begin Agenda Memo]

**SYNOPSIS:** Purchase of parts for the F Street water main extension for \$24,991.92.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Commission take the following action:

1. Approve the purchase from Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$24,991.92 for the water main extension on F Street
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents, on the City's behalf.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City owns and maintains One hundred seventy-six miles of water main, ranging in size from two inches to twenty-four inches. It becomes necessary from time to time to replace water main in areas where the original pipe installations are now too small to service the area with sufficient flows and pressures or have outlived its useful life. The pipe staff is seeking to replace, extend and upsize the water main on F Street between Florida and Harding Avenues. The installation of this water main gives the residents in the area added volume for fire protection and increased pressure.

Staff recommends the Commission take the following action, approve the purchase from Ferguson Waterworks for \$24,991.92, and to authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents, on the City's behalf.

### **OTHER OPTIONS**

The Commission could chooses not to approve the contract listed above, in turn putting these

repairs off to a later time.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The 2020-2021 M & R Water mains line item has a budgeted amount of \$175,000.00.

[End Agenda Memo]

### 8.III. Special Event Permit: Northwest Community Market May 1, 2021

[Begin Agenda memo]

### **SYNOPSIS:**

A special event permit application to sponsor a Northwest Community Market on May 1, 2021. This event will require the closing of Lincoln Avenue and B Street from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of the Special Event permit for the Northwest Community Market on May 1, 2021 and the closure of Lincoln Avenue and B Street.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Lincoln Community Development Corporation has submitted a special event permit application to sponsor a Northwest Community Market on May 1, 2021. Event hours are 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Set up will begin at 7:30 a.m.

This event will require the closing of Lincoln Avenue from C Street to A Street and a portion of B Street from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The event will include a DJ, live music, vendors, food, and a kids area.

### **OTHER OPTIONS**

Do not approve the permit.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

As this is a new unbudgeted event, the Lincoln Community Development Corporation will reimburse the City 100% of Public Services and Police costs.

[End Agenda Memo]

### 8.IV. Force Main Extension With Septic To Sewer Conversion

[Begin Agenda Memo]

### **SYNOPSIS:**

Kimley Horne and Associates Engineering services will design the force main extension with a septic to sewer conversion for a neighborhood that has been annexed into the city limit. The contract has two components, engineering for the design phase and engineering for the construction phase services for a combined amount \$234,148.00.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Commission take the following action:

1. Approve Engineering services with Kimley Horn and Associates Engineering in the amount of \$234,148.00
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents, on the City's behalf.

## **BACKGROUND**

The City of Lake Wales requested Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to prepare construction plans and specifications to extend a force main, design a new pump station and bring sanitary sewer to an unsewered area within the City limits of Lake Wales. The new force main will continue northerly along Buck Moore Road past the Sunset Drive and Buck Moore Road intersection and connect to a new

pump station per the attached conceptual site plan. The exact size of the line has not yet been determined, but it is anticipated to extend approximately 5440 LF of 6" force main and approximately 870 LF of new 8" force main with the point of connection being the existing 12" force main at Sunset Point Drive and Buck Moore Road. There are approximately 37 residential homes along

Oakland Park Drive and Bel Ombre Circle. It is the intention of the City to extend gravity sewer up these two roads and connect to the new pump station. The gravity system is anticipated to be approximately 2000 LF of new 8" gravity sewer line with manholes as required. The sewer would be extended down the middle of the roadway or to one side of the roadway within the grassed area if right of way exists.

Staff recommends the Commission take the following action, approve entering into a contract with Kimley Horn and Associates for a combined total of \$234,148.00, for the designing, bidding and construction phases execute the appropriate documents, on the City's behalf.

## **OTHER OPTIONS**

The Commission could chooses not to approve the contract listed above, in turn putting the septic to sewer conversion off to a later time and delay further expansion of the City's sewer system.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The 2020-2021 Capital Improvements Plan has budgeted \$1,400,000 for engineering and construction costs.

[End Agenda Memo]

### **8.V. PWC Water Plant Chlorination Conversion**

[Begin Agenda Memo]

**SYNOPSIS:** The current chlorination system at the PWC treatment plant is currently gas. The conversion will change it to a much safer application.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Commission take the following action:

1. Authorize entering into a piggyback agreement with Odyssey Manufacturing.

2. Authorize the chlorination conversion with Odyssey Manufacturing with PWC in the amount of \$48,525.00
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents, on the City's behalf.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City has recently completed the purchase of Park Water Company located in South Lake Wales. A

due diligence report was performed to determine what, if any repairs would be needed upon purchase. These repairs were taken into consideration and the offer to purchase was adjusted accordingly. One of the repairs is to convert the plant from a gas chlorination treatment system to liquid sodium hypochlorite. This will make the City's newest water treatment plant process consistent with the entire City's other treatment plants. One additional thing to take into consideration is the safety factor associated with chlorine gas treatment. None of that safety equipment currently exists at the plant. This conversion is necessary due to it is the safest application of chlorination treatment in the industry. The treatment application currently used requires numerous safety precautions, which do not currently exist at the water plant. To stock the plant up properly with all the required equipment would be in excess of \$100,000.00. The conversion is the safest and most cost effective way to accomplish this.

Staff recommends the Commission take the following action, approve entering into a piggyback agreement with and approve expenditures of \$48,525.00 with Odyssey Manufacturing and to authorize the City Manager to execute the appropriate documents, on the City's behalf.

### **OTHER OPTIONS**

The Commission could choose not to approve the contract listed above, in turn putting these repairs off to a later time.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The 2020-2021 Treatment plants M & R has appropriated \$90,000.00 for any required repairs.

[End Agenda Memo]

## **9. OLD BUSINESS**

- 9.1. Ordinance 2021-06 Annexation – 2nd Reading And Public Hearing 8.06 Acres East Of Tangelo Street

[Begin Agenda Memo]

**SYNOPSIS:** Ordinance 2021-06 proposes the voluntary annexation of approximately 8.06 acres of land located east of Tangelo Street, and contiguous to the incorporated City limits.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends adoption after second reading of Ordinance 2021-06 following a public hearing. Public Hearing notice requirements have been met.

A recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board is not required for an annexation ordinance.

### **BACKGROUND**

James F. Kahler, Trustee on behalf of the Nancy D Trust, owner, petitioned annexation into the corporate city limits of Lake Wales on February 8, 2021.

"Attachment A" to the ordinance shows the property's location. It is contiguous to the City Limits on its western boundary.

## **OTHER OPTIONS**

Decline to annex the property.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The annexation will add to the City's tax roll. The property is valued at \$62,852, which would bring in approximately \$878.30 in additional property taxes.

[End Agenda Memo]

Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk, read **ORDINANCE 2021-06** by title only

### **ORDINANCE 2021-06 (Annexation – 8.06 acres east of Tangelo Street)**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 8.06 ACRES OF TERRITORY, CONTIGUOUS TO THE INCORPORATED TERRITORY OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, SHOWN ON ATTACHMENT "A" AND SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; GIVING THE CITY OF LAKE WALES JURISDICTION OVER THE LAND ANNEXED; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson made a motion to adopt **ORDINANCE 2021 - 06** after second reading and public hearing. Commissioner Curtis Gibson seconded the motion.

by voice vote:

Commissioner Curtis Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Commissioner Goldstein "YES"

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion passed 5-0

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### **10.I. Resolution 2021-07 State Of Emergency Declaration**

[Begin Agenda memo]

## **SYNOPSIS:**

Resolution 2021-07 declares a State of Emergency for Lake Wales in response to concerns related to COVID-19. This will be in effect from April 7, 2021 until May 7, 2021.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 2021-07 State of Emergency Declaration from April 7th 2021 until May 7th 2021.

## **BACKGROUND**

In response to the 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 throughout 2020. The current State of Emergency, which was approved by the Commission on March 2, 2021 expired April 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 2021-07.

## **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 2021-07** by title only.

## **RESOLUTION 2021-07 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 Curtis Gibson made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION 2021 - 07**. Commissioner Goldstein seconded the motion.

by voice vote:

Commissioner Curtis Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Goldstein "YES"

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion passed 5-0



[Begin Agenda Memo]

**SYNOPSIS:** Resolution 2021-08 confirms Commission support for the Northwest Sidewalk and Street Improvement Project in order to seek possible grant funding.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 2021-08 Support of the Northwest Sidewalk and Street Improvement Project.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Northwest Sidewalk and Street Improvement Project is a phase of the Lake Wales Connected Plan.

These improvements will help revitalize the Northwest Area.

Approval of this resolution will allow staff to apply for funding for these projects.

#### **OTHER OPTIONS**

Do not approve Resolution 2021-08 or approve a modified version.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no Fiscal Impact to approving the Resolution.

[End Agenda memo]

Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk read **RESOLUTION 2021-08** by title only.

#### **RESOLUTION 2021-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE NORTHWEST SIDEWALK AND STREET TREE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT.**

James Slaton, City Manager, reviewed this item and next few resolutions.

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION 2021 - 08**. Commissioner Curtis Gibson seconded the motion.

by voice vote:

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Curtis Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Goldstein "YES"

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion passed 5-0

10.III. Resolution 2021-09 Support Of The Crystal Lake Park Trail

[Begin Agenda Memo]

**SYNOPSIS:** Resolution 2021-09 confirms Commission support for the Crystal Lake Park Trail.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 2021-09 Support of the Crystal Lake Park Trail.

**BACKGROUND**

The Crystal Lake Park Trail will connect the Lake Wailes Trail to the Downtown Trail along Park Avenue and Crystal Lake Park.

Approval of this resolution will allow staff to apply for funding for these projects.

**OTHER OPTIONS**

Do not approve Resolution 2021-09 or approve a modified version.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no Fiscal Impact to approving the Resolution.

[End Agenda Memo]

Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk, read **RESOLUTION 2021-09** by title only.

**RESOLUTION 2021-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA  
SUPPORTING THE CRYSTAL LAKE PARK TRAIL.**

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION 2021 - 09**. Commissioner Curtis Gibson seconded the motion.

by voice vote:

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Curtis Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Goldstein "YES"

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion passed 5-0

10.IV. Resolution 2021-10 Support Of The Street Resurfacing, ADA, And Street Trees Improvements

[Begin Agenda Memo]

**SYNOPSIS:** Resolution 2021-10 confirms Commission support for the Street Resurfacing, ADA, Street Trees Improvements.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 2021-10 Support of the Street Resurfacing, ADA, and Street Trees Improvements.

**BACKGROUND**

Resurfacing Streets, ADA Improvements, and Street Tree Improvements have been long term goals for the City and are part of the Lake Wales Connected Plan to revitalize our downtown.

Approval of this resolution will allow staff to apply for funding for these projects.

**OTHER OPTIONS**

Do not approve Resolution 2021-10 or approve a modified version.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no Fiscal Impact to approving the Resolution.

[End Agenda Memo]

Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk, read **RESOLUTION 2021-10** by title only.

**RESOLUTION 2021-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING STREET RESURFACING, ADA, AND STREET TREES IMPROVEMENTS.**

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION 2021 - 10**. Commissioner Curtis Gibson seconded the motion.

by voice vote:

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Curtis Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Goldstein "YES"

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion passed 5-0

10.V. Resolution 2021-11 Body Camera Implementation

[Begin Agenda Memo]

**SYNOPSIS:** Resolution 2021-11 confirms Commission support for Body Camera Implementation.

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 2021-11 Body Camera implementation.

## BACKGROUND

At a previous City commission meeting staff was directed to implement a pilot body camera program with a long term goal of body cameras for all of the officers in the police Department.

Approval of this resolution will allow staff to apply for funding towards this goal.

## OTHER OPTIONS

Do not approve Resolution 2021-11 or approve a modified version.

## FISCAL IMPACT

There is no Fiscal Impact to approving the Resolution.

[End Agenda Memo]

Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk, read **RESOLUTION 2021-11** by title only.

## RESOLUTION 2021-11

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING BODY CAMERAS FOR POLICE OFFICERS.**

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt **RESOLUTION 2021 - 11**. Commissioner Curtis Gibson seconded the motion.

by voice vote:

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Commissioner Curtis Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Goldstein "YES"

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion passed 5-0

## 11. CITY CLERK

### 11.I. Report Of Election Results

Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk, reviewed the Election results.

[Begin Election Results]

PRECINCTS COUNTED (OF 2)	2	100.00
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REGISTERED VOTERS - TOTAL.	9.790
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BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL.	1,964	1.216	748	
BALLOTS CAST - BLANK.	2	.10	2	0
VOTER TURNOUT - TOTAL	20.06			
VOTER TURNOUT - BLANK	.02			

City Commissioner Seat 2, District 19 Lake Wales (VOTE FOR) 1

Ricardo Navarro	927	49.60	572	355
Daniel Williams	942	50.40	586	356

City Commissioner Seat 4, District 27 Lake Wales (VOTE FOR) 1

Kris Fitzgerald	962	50.85	621	341
Al Goldstein	930	49.15	539	391

Amendment 1 Lake Wales Mission statement

(VOTE FOR) 1

Mission Statement

For/A Favor.	1,662	88.40	1,053	609
Against/En Contra.	218	11.60	116	102

Amendment 2 Lake Wales (VOTE FOR) 1

District Residency

For/A Favor.	1,762	92.35	1,103	659
Against/En Contra.	146	7.65	84	62

Amendment 3 Lake Wales (VOTE FOR) 1

Filling Vacancies

For/A Favor.	1,629	85.92	1,036	593
Against/En Contra.	267	14.08	148	119

Amendment 4 Lake Wales (VOTE FOR) 1

City Manager Residency

For/A Favor.	1,722	92.88	1,074	648
Against/En Contra.	132	7.12	77	55

Amendment 5 Lake Wales (VOTE FOR) 1

Purchasing Charges For/A Favor.			1,485	82.36	950	535
Against/En Contra.	318	17.64	178	140		

Amendment 6 Lake Wales (VOTE FOR) 1

For/A Favor.	1,598	90.18	1,010	588
Against/En Contra.	174	9.82	95	79

Amendment 7 Lake Wales (VOTE FOR) 1

For/A Favor.	1,624	88.36	1,020	125	604
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Against/En Contra.	214	11.64	125	89
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[End Election Results]

Albert Galloway, Jr., City Attorney, reminded the Commissioners-elect that they are now under the

12. CITY ATTORNEY

Albert Galloway, Jr., City Attorney, reported on the Estes Building. He has filed a motion to dismiss the injunction to prevent the demolition of the building. There is a virtual hearing tomorrow on this. He will keep the Commission up to date on the results.

13. CITY MANAGER

James Slaton, City Manager, reported on the upcoming groundbreaking ceremonies for 2 affordable housing projects.

The notices of default have been sent to Dixie Walesbilt LLC.

Plans are being finalized for the Crystal Lake Park Trail, Market Square and Park Avenue. They will soon to go out to bid.

He reported that the salary increases for the Commission will begin in May.

Mr. Slaton commended Chief Jenkins and Deputy Chief Roy Wilkinson for their hard work during the pandemic.

13.I. Tracking Report

13.II. Social Media Tracking Report

13.III. Commission Meeting Calendar

James Slaton, City Manager, reported that there is a CRA Meeting on Tuesday April 13 and a Commission Agenda Work Session on April 14. Both meetings are at 3pm.

14. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Goldstein congratulated the winners of the election. He encouraged them to stand on their own and move the City forward. He said he was glad to work with his fellow Commissioners and offered to help in the future.

Commissioner Curtis Gibson commended the candidates that won last night. He encouraged them to serve the citizens of the Community. He will have more to say later.

Commissioner Howell asked when the YMCA pool will open. Mr. Slaton said its open now. Commissioner Howell said she had question on when people can swim.

Commissioner Howell asked if we are still working on brightening up the streets. Mr. Slaton said Duke Energy is doing a lighting assessment of the City.

Commissioner Howell congratulated the winners of the election. She is always proud to work with the different Commissioners.

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson congratulated the winners of the election and thanked Commissioner Goldstein for his service.

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson recommended a charter change to have runoff elections. He cited the election in Haines City with 5 candidates that is going to a run-off. He shared other examples of the benefits of a run-off including Governor Bob Graham.

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson commended the Charter Review Committee for 100% of all amendments passing.

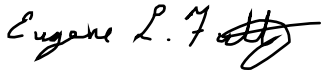
Commissioner Curtis Gibson asked about Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson's race where he defeated 2 other candidates in 2016. Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson said that he won that election with more than 50% of the vote.

15. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Fultz congratulated the election winners and thanked the outgoing Commissioners for their service and representing the City well. He encouraged the new Commissioners to think for themselves. Mayor Fultz announced that he will not run for re-election next year.

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.



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Mayor

ATTEST

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City Clerk