

RESOLUTION 2023-02

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAKE WALES, FLORIDA, DECLARING “PLANNING IN PROGRESS” FOR PREPARATION OF THE LAKE WALES ENVISIONED PLAN; PROVIDING THAT WHILE PLANNING IN PROGRESS IS IN PLACE THE CITY ENCOURAGES APPLICANTS TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH AND FOLLOW THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PLAN IN ALL DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE AND EXPIRATION DATE.

WHEREAS the purpose of this resolution is to direct the city of Lake Wales staff to coordinate new land development proposals with ongoing planning initiatives;

WHEREAS on December 20, 2022, the City Commission authorized a Task Order for a consultant team to begin work on Lake Wales Envisioned; the purpose of this Plan is to shape and direct the form of future infill development, new neighborhoods and conservation areas within city limits as well as in the surrounding utility service area, including future potential annexations; implementation strategies will include recommended changes to City Zoning and the Comprehensive Plan to implement the vision;

WHEREAS the City Commission understands the initial aspirations of Lake Wales Envisioned to include the following:

1. We will seek to assemble an enduring green network of open spaces and conservation lands;
2. We will partner with landowners, investors, and the community to encourage input, collaboration, and respect property rights;
3. We will make infill development and revitalization a priority;
4. We will emphasize economic prosperity by increasing property values through quality development;
5. We will facilitate employment opportunities by supporting a mix of land uses and industries;
6. We will seek to make traditional neighborhoods with walkable, connected streets that create a high-quality public realm the norm;
7. We will discourage conventional urban sprawl as defined in Florida Statutes Chapter 163; and
8. We will grow a livable transportation network by implementing the Lake Wales Mobility Plan and including context-sensitive Complete Streets.

WHEREAS during the Lake Wales Envisioned planning process, community participants will have an opportunity to provide input, refine and add detail to the above initial aspirations;

WHEREAS the City Commission deems it necessary and in the best interest of its citizens and residents to declare “Planning in Progress” and directs City staff to share information about the aspirations of the Lake Wales Envisioned plan with land development applicants, and work with applicants proactively to encourage and revise plans, as needed to be consistent with these aspirations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF LAKE WALES, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. In accordance with this “Planning in Progress” resolution, City staff is directed to encourage land development applicants to become familiar with and follow the Lake Wales Envisioned initial aspirations, and work together with applicants to update and revise any development proposals

found to be clearly in contravention of these aspirations, while ensuring that applicants receive due process and equal protection for timely review of their applications.

SECTION 2. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and shall remain in effect for 8 months or until the adoption of the Lake Wales Envisioned plan by the City Commission, whichever is sooner.

17th **APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of Lake Wales, Polk County, Florida, on this**
_____ **day of January, 2023.**



City of Lake Wales Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk