

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 Y. Howell; Christopher C. Lutton; Betty Wojcik; Mayor Eugene Fultz

**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 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 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 19<sup>th</sup> at the Hampton Inn. Ms. Pulido said the EDC agreement with the city specifies an annual budget report but they decided to do just the quarterly evaluation reports. Ms. Pulido reviewed the features of the new website, which includes in the economic development section a listing of commercial opportunities. She shared an updated list of council members and reviewed the recent SWOT analysis, which means Strengths, Weaknesses, Threats and Opportunities. Ms. Pulido said the Long Leaf Business Park is listed as a strength and priority. They have a new billboard contract to advertise Long Leaf Business Park 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.



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]

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

By Voice Vote:

Deputy Mayor 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 the committee was sunsetted after recommended changes were adopted. Commissioner Howell asked if the changes needed to be revisited. Mr. Fields said 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 18<sup>th</sup>. The preliminary tax rolls indicate an increase of our tax base of 3%. This could change on July 1<sup>st</sup> 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 June 17 regular meeting and the June 18 budget workshop meeting. 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:

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

The motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Fultz reminded the Commission to complete and return the Financial Disclosure form by July 1.

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

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Mayor/Deputy Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk