

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25th, 2023
CITY COMMISSION MEETING – 5:30 P.M.**

Present: Jesse Nelson, Mayor
Brandon Aldridge, Commissioner
Pat Perno, Mayor Pro Tem
Jamie Warrick, Commissioner
Judy Vandergrift, Commissioner
Vickie Gainer, City Manager
Chief Ramie, Sergeant at Arms
Kevin Obos, City Legal Counsel

Item # 1. Call to order.

Mayor Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:38 P.M.

Item # 2. Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation was given by LHPD Chaplain Stephens.

Item # 3. Public Commentary.

Person declined to state his name and address. Thanked the city and Jennifer Hodges for arranging the Aira system and the two officers who made that accommodation on the spot, which is a first in US history. He went on to address the public records fees situation saying he thinks the records are being given a standard \$23 fee which is not fair according to the Florida Statutes. He also wanted to address the matter of Chief Ramie taking his sign of protest and thanked Jesse for getting it back for him. Also following up with PD training for the officer that did not put his camera on for recording at an incident. Again, he applauds the city for their actions.

Item # 4. Mayor's Report.

Mayor read and presented the Proclamation for Arbor Day 2023. Mayor congratulated the City Manager and the staff for ensuring the city remains a Tree City.

Mayor read and presented the Proclamation for Motorcycle Safety Awareness month 2023. The Mayor thanked them for bringing these things to our attention.

Mayor said he really enjoys the free community Spring Concert series. Thanked city staff and City Manager for all their hard work keeping it a safe and clean city.

Item # 5. Commissioners' Reports.

Commissioner Aldridge – Said it felt like “Dejavu all over again today”. He thinks it is cool that he gets to serve for a short while before the new guy takes his seat. He thanked the first responders and police for their service.

Commissioner Perno – Sincere thanks to everyone.

Commissioner Warrick – Last Friday he had the pleasure of taking a bunch of donuts around to the fire station to join the fire station staff where he was received well, and he heard a lot of stories about the rebuild. His time with a commissioner at Tacos way had a few people join with a total of four people. Past Saturday he joined in the pocket park in 17th clean up.

Commissioner Vandergrift – said she is glad the election is over. Encourages all to attend the run-off election May 16th. Thanked LHPD and the first responders. Parking is definitely an issue but thinks the new building being built will solve that. She is ready to get to work.

Item # 6. City Manager's Report.

Congratulated the new commission.

- A. Warrant list update – Almega sports queried by Commissioner Perno – City manager said it was for sports gear

City Manager said run-off elections are early voting from May 8th through May 12th with run-off election on May 16th.

Arbor day tree planting is being held on Friday at 10am at Sheffield park.

Pickle ball Courts 98% finished and are looking really good.

Table talk is Thursday at 5.30pm.

Fire station completed with bay doors.

Thanked all volunteers who came out on Saturday for the pocket park clean up.

Also had leadership strategy plan session last week. Will meet with the commission soon to ensure our visions match.

Applications are out for Fourth of July for participants and vendors.

We are getting ready to launch the Hometown Heroes banners and the website will be finished soon. We will recognize active veterans who have served and there are several places we will place banners around the city before July 4th.

Item # 7. City Attorney’s Report.

City Attorney Kevin Obos said charter referendum questions all passed and together with CJ he will get that finalized up onto Municode and then sent to the state of Florida.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item # 8. Minutes dd 04/11/23 - Regular meeting minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Warrick: to approve the consent agenda.

Second to the Motion Commissioner Perno

On Vote:

Warrick	aye
Perno	aye
Aldridge	aye
Vandergrift	aye
Nelson	aye

Motion passed: 5-0

OLD BUSINESS

Item # 9. Discussion only and review of Chapter Four of the International Property Maintenance Code.

Mayor said they will discuss in more detail at the next pre-commission meeting.

The Mayor read the relevant chapter aloud and asked if there was anything that needed to be discussed.

Commissioner Perno feels the whole chapter should be worded to be a Florida code rather than an international code.

Commissioner Vandergrift – since the complaints about air B&B homes do we need to specifically address that. Mayor said that we can’t according to the law. LISTEN – it is a state statute, and will be on the house floor coming up so please follow up with ALL of the state reps. Today was in senate committee and he emailed with Senator Trumbull this morning about the subject including the copy and pasted comments from emails from the citizens.

City Attorney agreed, but we can still have occupancy limits and safety codes. Commissioner Perno said that is not easy without a registry. Mayor explained that it used to be that a person used

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to have to register for each home they owned now they can register once for all their homes. Commissioner Vandergrift said she wishes the legislatures would realize how unfair it is to the citizens who have lived here for so many years. Commissioner Warrick said that is why his is pushing for home rule.

Item # 10. Adjourn.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6.06 P.M.

APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF MAY 2023.



Jesse Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Vickie Gainer, City Manager

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