

**MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022
7:30 PM
CITY HALL**

Call to Order: Mayor Nancy Z. Daley called the City Commission meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers located at 120 E. Pomelo Street, Lake Alfred, FL. 33850.

William “Bill” Gaff Associate Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lake Alfred provided the invocation and **Mayor Daley** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: City Clerk Linda Bourgeois

City Commissioners in attendance: Mayor Nancy Daley, Vice Mayor Jack Dearmin, Commissioner Mac Fuller, and Commissioner Albertus Maultsby.

Vice Mayor Dearmin made a motion to excuse the absence of Commissioner Brent Eden. **Commissioner Maultsby** seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Staff in attendance: City Manager Ryan Leavengood, Assistant City Attorney Seth Claytor, City Clerk Linda Bourgeois, Fire Chief Wallace Nix, Finance Director Amber Deaton, Public Works Director John Deaton, and Community Development Director Ameer Bailey.

Mayor Daley recognized Hunter McNeer and Bobby Green in the audience.

Assistant City Attorney Claytor said he remained grateful to represent the great City of Lake Alfred.

City Manager Leavengood announced the following:

1. Thanked everyone for their attendance and effort at the Bluegrass Bash as it was a successful event.
2. Polk County Day in Tallahassee will be Wednesday, January 26, 2022. The City of Lake Alfred will have the representation of two City Commissioners and the City Manager.
3. City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.
4. He recognized Ron and Judy Schelfo for the Community Redevelopment Agency Grant program and showed a photo of them receiving the first check from the program.

Recognition of Citizens:

Hunter McNeer of 550 S. Glencruiten and the President of the Lake Alfred Historical Society shared about the membership drive being held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 3:00 PM inside the Adams Estate. He said the grounds would be open to the public and encouraged the City Commission, City Staff, and audience members to attend the event.

Mayor Daley read the Agricultural and Labor Program, Inc. proclamation into the record.

Mayor Daley thanked Planning and Zoning Board Member Joseph Hults for his eleven years of service to the City of Lake Alfred.

2/2010 – Appointed to Board Of Adjustment

10/2012 – Appointed as Alternate to Planning Board

6/2015 – Appointed as a full member to Planning Board

5/2021 – 12/30/2021 – Planning and Zoning Board Member

Joseph Hults shared a personal story, his work history, and how he selected his new home in Lake Alfred. He said his two-year-old Godson had picked out the house. He said he was invited to go with his Godsons family and recognized how they have changed his life. He said it dawned on him how important in life it is to do the best that you can do and then said when you look at these kids in the face, it is a very gratifying situation to be in. He said their dad is doing really well and just accepted a job with Nike International in Portland, Oregon and he will be flying out to live in Vancouver, Washington. He said he would be back to Lake Alfred to visit because he has a lot of friends here. It was a great journey. He concluded by addressing his Godsons and said “you boys did it, thank you”.

Mayor Daley introduced the new Ridge League of Cities Executive Director Bobby Green.

Bobby Green said good evening and welcome. He said it was a pleasure to be in Lake Alfred this evening. He continued and said he was proud of Ryan Leavengood for coming up on his tenth anniversary in March. He commended Lake Alfred for their support of the Ridge League of Cities, the Florida League of Cities, spoke about the pandemic challenges, and said he was visiting all twenty-four cities. He spoke about an upcoming challenge with city inter-fund transfers impacting the qualifications for state funding. He thanked Lake Alfred for having him here this evening.

Mayor Daley presented the consent agenda for consideration of approval.

Consent Agenda:

- 1.) City Commission Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2021
- 2.) City Commission Announcements
- 3.) Polk County Property Appraiser Special Assessment Agreement

Vice Mayor Dearmin made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Maultsby**. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Daley introduced the business item for consideration.

- 1.) Vehicle Purchase

City Manager Leavengood read the analysis into the record. The City has budgeted funds for vehicle replacement in various City departments. The general replacement guideline is for vehicles that are in continuous use to be eligible for replacement after 10 years or more than 100,000 miles. Intermittent use vehicles may have significantly longer use periods (e.g. Fire Engines, Bucket Trucks, etc.).

Police Department

Budgeted: \$50,000

The vehicle being Replaced: 2010 Crown Victoria police cruiser (130,000+ miles)
Proposed Purchase: 2021 Ford Interceptor Utility Vehicle with Hybrid Engine & all emergency equipment.

Bids: Staff solicited the following bids:

- Bartow Ford: \$44,785
- Duval Ford: \$48,631
- Bozard Ford: \$48,702

Staff Recommendation: Purchase a 2021 Ford Interceptor from Bartow Ford for \$44,785.

City Commission discussion surrounded there being only a couple of Crown Victorias left in the fleet, the 2021 model was considered for faster delivery, and the name Interceptor being fitting for a police car.

Mayor Daley opened the floor to public comments and seeing no one, she closed the floor to public comments.

Commissioner Maultsby made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2021 Ford Interceptor from Bartow Ford for \$44,785. The motion was seconded by **Vice Mayor Dearmin**. The motion was unanimously approved.

Recognition of Citizens:

Charles Lake of 1120 Maplebrook Drive congratulated Bobby Green on his new position. He thanked the City Commission for the approval of the Polk Training Center Annexation and reminded the City Commission of the Historical Society Membership Drive going on tomorrow. He asked the City Manager for an update on the ZIP code review for the Government Center.

City Manager Leavengood said the city has officially started the process and was within the review period with the United States Postal Service.

Commissioner Maultsby said we had quite a year and did a lot of great things. He said he was hoping we would have a good 2022. He concluded by saying he enjoyed working with the City Commission, City Manager, and all the city staff.

Vice Mayor Dearmin thanked Judy Schelfo for the dedication at the Bluegrass Bash. He said it was a great event with beautiful weather. He thanked the city staff and said he was thankful to attend. He said he was looking forward to the Historical Society Membership event and concluded by saying thank you.

Mayor Daley shared her sentiments on the Bluegrass Bash and all of the holiday events. She thanked the City Manager and city staff for their hard work. She said she appreciated them. She announced that the K-9 Wil and Officer Lopez were being recognized with a quilt of honor on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at the Snack Shack in Auburndale at 10:30 a.m. She shared about the upcoming Heritage Day Festival in February and said the organizers were considering offering three 1-hour bus tours. She said the Citrus Connection agreed to provide a bus and driver with a letter from the Mayor as long as a City Commissioner is on the tour.

A brief discussion ensued and it was agreed by consensus that a letter would be drafted for submission. In addition, Mayor Nancy Daley, Vice Mayor Dearmin, and Commissioner Maulsby agreed to be in attendance.

Mayor Daley continued and spoke about a Zoom Meeting with the City Manager, Congressman Darren Soto, and his assistant Darren Veriday to get the most use from the grant funding opportunities with the infrastructure money. She shared about the discussions of the meeting and said they were to come up with three or four top priorities within the various categories. She said the City Manager will provide us with a presentation for discussion at the next City Commission meeting and asked for the City Commissioners to send in their recommendations to the City Manager.

City Manager Leavengood provided a recap of the Zoom meeting and shared Congressman Soto said this was the most money put into the system for infrastructure projects since Eisenhower built the interstate system. There will be dedicated funding for the next decade and the funding will start rolling through the state and localities as well.

Mayor Daley said the underlying message was to strike while the iron is hot, don't procrastinate, and be ready.

Vice Mayor Dearmin asked if we were good on the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding and City Manager Leavengood said we were good and were keeping it simple by going after the utility projects that need to get done.

Mayor Daley thanked the audience members for coming out this evening and being involved with the City Commission Meetings.

Commissioner Fuller welcomed the audience members and said he was looking forward to a positive, happy, and prosperous 2022. He thanked the police, fire, finance, and public works departments. He asked about a power outage sign located on Glencruiten Avenue and Public Works Director Deaton said the properties impacted would have received a letter and this was due to a repair needed by the Tampa Electric Company.

He continued and congratulated Ron and Judy Schelfo for their work on the CRA Façade Improvement project. He shared about his attendance at the Christmas parades, holiday events participation, having a photo opportunity with a local school for the learning disabled, and getting 90 fire helmets for the students. He thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

At 8:17 p.m., the City Commission Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Linda Bourgeois, BAS, MMC,
City Clerk