

**MINUTES
CITY OF LAKE ALFRED
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2017
7:30 P.M.
CITY HALL**

Call to Order: Mayor Charles Lake

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Police Chief Art Bodenheimer

Those in attendance were Mayor Charles Lake, Vice Mayor Nancy Daley, Commissioner John Duncan, Commissioner Jack Dearmin and Commissioner Albertus Maultsby.

Staff attendance: City Manager Ryan Leavengood, City Attorney Frederick "John" Murphy, City Clerk Amée Bailey-Speck, Public Works Director John Deaton, Finance Director Amber Deaton, Police Chief Art Bodenheimer, and Parks and Recreation Director Richard Weed.

CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Leavengood stated the Junk Trunk has been demolished and the property cleared. The duplex was scheduled also, but will be delayed due to the storm.

Due to Hurricane Irma Gov. Rick Scott has closed state offices on Friday. City offices and the Library will be closed Saturday and Monday. Polk County Public Schools will be closed on Friday and Monday. Polk State College and the collegiate high schools will also be closed Friday through Monday.

The City has handed out approximately 2,500 sand bags. The Public Works staff has been keeping up with the sand for the bags. The County has given out close to 96,000 bags. The City has purchased and provided sand for over 3,000 bags. Staff and volunteers prepared sand bags for Heartridge Academy.

The County shelters will activate on Saturday more information can be found on the website. In preparation for the storm the City has been boarding up the buildings, filling up generators and double checking the equipment, making the City as prepared as possible. As the weekend approaches the City will increase staffing for Fire Fighters and Law Enforcement personnel.

The City Commission will approve the final millage rate and 2017/2018 budget at the Thursday September 21st meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

No citizen comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Dearmin moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by **Commissioner Duncan**. The motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote

MAYOR LAKE	AYE
VICE MAYOR DALEY	AYE
COMMISSIONER DEARMIN	AYE
COMMISSIONER DUNCAN	AYE
COMMISSIONER MAULTSBY	AYE

AGENDA

1.) PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE 1390-17: POLICE OFFICERS' AND FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

City Attorney Murphy read the Ordinance title.

City Manager Leavengood stated the Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement Board discussed and determined the need to develop and adopt a written investment policy. The proposed ordinance gives the board members more flexibility, with certain limitations, on what type of investments to pursue based on the recommendations of the board's financial advisors.

The proposed ordinance was prepared by the pension board attorney and received a recommendation of approval by the board. The general employee retirement plan made a similar change in establishing an investment policy in 2011.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 1390-17 on second and final reading.

Mayor Lake opened the public hearing.

Mayor Lake closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Duncan moved to approve Ordinance 1390-17 on second and final reading, seconded by **Commissioner Dearmin**. The motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote

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COMMISSIONER MAULTSBY	AYE

2.) PUBLIC HEARING: ORDINANCE 1391-17: FY 2017/2018 ANNUAL BUDGET

City Attorney Murphy read the tentative millage rate disclosure statement. The City of Lake Alfred, Florida statutory roll-back millage rate for the ad valorem taxation of real property for fiscal year 2017/18 is calculated at 7.2633 mill. The millage rate under consideration is 7.2390 mills, which is a 0.34% decrease below the roll-back rate.

Mayor Lake opened the public hearing.

Mayor Lake closed the public hearing.

Commissioner Maultsby asked if the rate would bring in more taxes.

City Manager Leavengood stated the rate is the same as last year. If the City meet the roll-back rate, it would actually create a tax increase because the City lowered taxes last year. The City will receive more money with the current rate due to new growth and the increased value in properties in the City.

Commissioner Dearmin moved to approve the tentative millage rate of 7.2390, seconded by **Commissioner Duncan**. The motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote.

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City Attorney Murphy read the budget Ordinance.

City Manager Leavengood stated over the past several months the City Commission has been presented with and has given approval to the different draft sections of the FY 2017/2018 annual operating budget including: Capital, Expenditures, Revenue, and Payroll.

The proposed FY 2017/2018 budget assembles the previously approved sections into the final budget with updates from July's experience and obtaining final revenue and expenditure information. The proposed budgets are balanced with the proposed millage rate of 7.2390 which is equal to the current year millage rate. The substantive changes following previous presentations are:

- Bringing in \$35,000 from reserves/carry over to provide for the replacement of an additional dock in FY 17/18. (Lake Rochelle and Lake Haines)
- Bringing in \$60k in Public Safety Impact fees to partially offset the 1st year cost of adding the detective position (payroll and office renovation; \$116k available).

Staff recommended approval of the tentative budget Ordinance 1391-17 on first reading.

The final budget with any corrections will be combined with any associated attachments and supplemental information and be presented along with the final millage rate on Thursday September 21, 2017.

Mayor Lake opened the public hearing.

Mayor Lake closed the public hearing.

**FY 2017/2018 BUDGET
SUMMARY**

	2017/2018	2018/2019		2017/2018	2018/2019
General Fund			Community Redevelopment Agency		
Revenues	4,996,695	5,192,546	Revenues	89,780	234,780
Expenditures	4,996,695	5,192,546	Expenditures	89,780	234,780
Contingency	6,190	3,413	Contingency	1,180	1,180
Enterprise Fund			Stormwater		
Revenues	2,561,000	2,561,000	Revenues	60,000	60,000
Expenditures	2,561,000	2,561,000	Expenditures	60,000	60,000
Contingency	2,730	13,641	Contingency	1,640	1,640

	<u>FY 2017/2018</u>	<u>FY 2018/2019</u>
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$7,557,695	\$7,753,546

Commissioner Dearmin moved to approve Ordinance 1391-17 on first reading, seconded by **Commissioner Maultsby**. The motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote.

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3.) INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT: LAKELAND AREA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT

City Manager Leavengood stated in October of 2009 the City entered into an interlocal agreement with the Polk Transit Authority for local area transit services. The City has subsequently renewed the agreement each year. The proposed agreement is with the Lakeland Area Mass Transit District which is the taxing district recognized by the State of Florida (formerly our agreement was with the Winter Haven Area Transit and Polk Transit Authorities).

The term of the agreement is one year and a \$13,208 proportionate share cost for the operation of the transit services within the City. Funding has been set aside in the current FY 17/18 Budget to accommodate the expense and \$20,000 for the 18/19 fiscal year.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approval of the agreement with Lakeland Area Mass Transit District for \$13,208.

Vice Mayor Daley and Commissioner Dearmin commented on the importance of transit services.

City Manager Leavengood stated it is forward thinking to invest in the Lakeland Area Mass Transit so the City will be in on the ground floor.

Mayor Lake opened the public hearing.

Mayor Lake closed the public hearing.

Vice Mayor Daley moved to approve the interlocal agreement with Lakeland Area Mass Transit District for \$13,208, seconded by **Commissioner Maultsby**. The motion was approved by unanimous voice call vote.

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RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS:

No citizen comments.

COMMISSIONER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Mayor Lake stated he attended the Polk County Mayors Round Table, which was well attended. They discussed rapid growth, transit, water and the Polk Regional Water Coop and the Homestead Exemption. The twentieth is the Agricultural Farmers Meeting then the Legislative Delegation meeting.

Vice Mayor Daley stated the FLC encouraged everyone to attend the Legislative Committee meetings. She also thanked everyone in the City for the preparedness of the hurricane and keeping us safe.

Commissioner Duncan stated the Presbyterian Church will be opened Saturday and is pet friendly. They are working on getting a Red Cross certification. He also appreciated the work the City crews have been doing around the City getting ready for the hurricane.

Commissioner Dearmin stated be safe.

Commissioner Maultsby stated he wished everyone well during the hurricane.

Public Works Director Deaton stated that Ramona Ave will be temporarily open and all the machinery will be stored off site.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Lake adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ameé Bailey-Speck
City Clerk