

On Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m., the City of Wauchula Commission met for its regular meeting.

**Nadaskay called the meeting to order.**

Commissioners present were Mayor Pro-Tem Neda Cobb, Russell Smith, Mayor Keith Nadaskay and Sherri Albritton. Commission Gary Smith was absent.

Also, present were City Manager Terry Atchley, Deputy City Manager Olivia Minshew, Assistant City Manager/Finance Director Sandee Braxton, Assistant City Manager/Police Chief John Eason, CRA Director Jessica Newman, Communication Coordinator Cheyenne Pohl, Director of Project Management and Procurement Ward Grimes, Community Development Director Kyle Long, City Clerk Holly Smith and City Attorney Kristie Hatcher-Bolin.

**Nadaskay declared a quorum.**

**Approval of Agenda**

Albritton motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Cobb.

With no discussion, Nadaskay asked for all in favor, all responded aye.

Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes from the March 7, 2022 Workshop and the March 14, 2022 Meeting**

Cobb motioned to approve all minutes as presented, seconded by Albritton.

With no discussion, Nadaskay asked for all in favor, all responded aye.

Motion carried.

This meeting is also being held virtually.

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**PRESENTATION**

**Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Plan**

Jennifer Codo-Salisbury – Central Florida Regional Planning Council (attended virtually)

Codo-Salisbury addressed the Commission and presented the Wauchula Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Plan.

Codo-Salisbury stated more feedback from the community had been received and the plan before them was the final draft. After Codo-Salisbury presented the plan, Albritton asked what were the next steps.

Codo-Salisbury stated the City would need to look at it's Capital Improvement Plan and plan for connecting gaps in sidewalks, plan improvements. Codo-Salisbury advised the steps after that would be looking at city funding and coordinating with FDOT on improvements that had been identified and funding to address those proposed projects. Nadaskay asked if the plan could still be edited. Nadaskay felt a sidewalk needed to be added to the east side of Florida Avenue from the crosswalk at Main and Florida Avenue to Townsend Street. Codo-Salisbury stated the plan was a basically a guide to the proposed areas. Albritton asked how often would the plan need to be updated. Codo-Salisbury stated it

would depend on growth and the number of improvements that are made. The Commission commended CFRPC for the hard work they had done.

Albritton motioned to accept and adopt the presented Bicycle, Pedestrian & Trails Plan, seconded by Cobb. With no further discussion, Nadaskay asked for all in favor, all responded aye. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

### **ORDINANCES/PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **Resolution 2022-08 – Public Hearing – City of Wauchula Wastewater Facilities Plan**

Nadaskay announced the Public Hearing and asked anyone who wished to speak to identify themselves for the record and address the Commission.

Bolin read Resolution by title only.

Cobb motioned to approve Resolution 2022-08, seconded by Albritton.

Mark Brewer – Angie Brewer & Associates (attended virtually)

Brewer addressed the Commission and explained Resolution 2022-08.

“The purpose of the Public Hearing was to explain the project and the financial impacts to affected parties, provide an opportunity for the public to participate in evaluating project alternatives as well as discuss adoption of the City of Wauchula Wastewater System Improvements Planning Document.

The proposed Wastewater System Improvements includes the following projects:

#### **Project No. 1 – Replace Gravity Line Near Shady Nook Circle**

#### **Project No. 2 – Abandon Gravity Main West of Elementary School and Build New Lift Station with Force Main**

#### **Project No. 3 – Abandon Gravity Main South of Elementary School and Build New Lift Station with Force Main**

#### **Project No. 4 – Replace Ball Field Lift Station Force Main**

#### **Project No. 5 - Build a Second Aerobic Digester at WWTF**

#### **Project No. 6 – Replace Oxidation Ditch Mechanical Aerators at WWTF**

Once adopted, the City of Wauchula may avail itself of low-cost SRF funds for construction of the projects contained in the Planning Document.

Adoption of the Planning Document and the Capital Financing Plan by the City Commission is a step required to establish eligibility for the SRF program. Adoption of the Plans will in no way commit the City to construct the project, nor does it commit the City to using SRF funding or FDEP to offer SRF funding.

With no further discussion, Nadaskay asked for all in favor, all responded aye.  
Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2022-02 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Future Land Use Map Amendment for 827 & 855 Oak Street**

Bolin read Ordinance 2022-02 by title only.

Cobb motioned to deny Ordinance 2022-02, seconded by Albritton.

With no further discussion, Nadaskay asked for all in favor, all responded aye.

Motion carried.

**Ordinance 2022-03 – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Rezone for 827 & 855 Oak Street**

Bolin read Ordinance 2022-03 by title only.

Albritton motioned to deny Ordinance 2022-03, seconded by Cobb.

With no further discussion, Nadaskay asked for all in favor, all responded aye.

Motion carried.

**CITY MANAGER/NON-CONSENT**

**Announce Power Cost Adjustment**

Atchley informed the Commission due to matters happening in Ukraine and worldwide the price of natural gas continues to increase. Atchley announced the PCA for April should be \$0.029, an increase from the prior month. The tax-exempt portion should be \$0.020, an increase from the prior month.

**Discuss the Future of the Electric Substation Building**

Pohl addressed the Commission and briefly discussed the rendering concept for the property. Atchley and Minschew expressed to the Commission a decision was needed on how to proceed with the building, either demolition or partial demolition including waste clean-up. The consensus of the Commission was to tear the building down due to costs.

R. Smith motioned to proceed with the demolition of the electric substation building, seconded by Cobb.

Nadaskay asked that the old jail be saved if possible.

With no further discussion, Nadaskay asked for all in favor, all responded aye.

Motion carried.

**Resolution 2022-06 – Piggyback on CRA Engineering Contract with Kimley-Horn**

Grimes addressed the Commission and explained Resolution 2022-06.

Albritton motioned to approve Resolution 2022-06, seconded by Cobb.

With no further discussion, Nadaskay asked for all in favor, all responded aye.

Motion carried.

**CITY MANAGER, CONSENT AGENDA**

**Giovanni's Purchase Agreement**

**Recommendation for RFP 22-01 Water & Wastewater Utility Rate Study**

**Recreation Grant Agreement Extension for Parks at Peace River**

**Surplus of Police Department Vehicles & Equipment**

Cobb motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Albritton.

With no discussion, Nadaskay called for all in favor, all responded aye.

For those opposed like sign, no response. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM CITY ATTORNEY, COMMISSIONERS, OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS AND CITIZENS**

Cobb gave RLC and CFRPC updates.

**With no further business to discuss, Nadaskay adjourned the Commission Workshop at 6:49 p.m.**

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Mayor Richard K. Nadaskay, Jr.

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City Clerk Holly Smith