

LAKELAND CITY COMMISSION
Regular Session
May 5, 2008

The Lakeland City Commission met in Regular Session in the Commission chambers. Commissioners Glenn Higgins, Justin Troller, Jim Verplanck, Howard Wiggs, Gow Fields, Edie Yates, and Mayor Fletcher were present. City Manager Doug Thomas, City Attorney Tim McCausland, Finance Director Greg Finch, and City Clerk Kelly Koos were present.

CALL TO ORDER – 9 a.m.

INVOCATION

Pastor Thomas Block of Christ Lutheran Church offered the invocation followed by the salute to the flag.

Mayor Fletcher thanked the community for the support in the loss of his son.

PRESENTATIONS

Check Presentation from the Lakeland Pigfest Committee for Common Ground

Quarterly Strategic Plan Update II (Doug Thomas)

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LPD K-9 Unit Award

Members of the four man team that placed #1

Ofc Dallas - also placed 3rd overall for Search work and 3rd for Agility

Ofc Sealey - also placed 1st in overall Search work and 3rd in Obedience

Ofc Barrett - also placed 2nd overall in Search work and 4th for Obedience

Ofc Manrow - also placed 5th for Agility

Ofc Back (Back was alternate member to four-man team)

Lineman Rodeo Winners

Journeyman Competition

- Dwayne Goostree, Chris Leggett & Eric Pickles (as a team)
- 2nd place in Journeyman top Five overall
- 2nd place in 12 KV Dead End Insulator Change Out event
- 3rd place in Cross Arm Change Out event
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Apprentice Competition

- Richard Burris

- Placed in top five Apprentice overall
- 2nd place in Insulator Change out event
- 2nd place in Mutual Aid Challenge, Install & Disassemble a Sidewalk Guy

Employee Service Awards

10 Years

Buchanan, Mark	04-13-1998
Csomos, Janet F	04-13-1998
Guisseppi, Shelley G	04-12-1998
Moore, Donnell L	04-14-1998
Williams, Michael E	04-28-1998

20 Years

LaLonde, Stephen F	04-04-1988
Page Jr., Myron P	04-11-1988

25 Years

Ayscue, Allen D	04-05-1983
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EQUALIZATION HEARINGS

Recess/convene: Commissioner Wiggs moved to recess as the City Commission and convene as the Equalization Board. Commissioner Verplanck seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Lots Cleaning and Clearing

Tim McCausland presented the Lots Cleaning and Clearing Assessment Roll. A copy of this roll is attached to the back of these minutes.

Action: Commissioner Wiggs moved to approve the assessments. Commissioner Verplanck seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn/reconvene: Commissioner Wiggs moved to adjourn as the Equalization Board and reconvene as the City Commission. Commissioner Verplanck seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Beautification Awards:

Commercial: 325 Lake Parker Ave ~ Central Florida Euro Cars

Residential: 1712 South Shady Lane ~ Tom and Connie Scharar

Frankie Martin presented these awards. She requested nominations from the community for future awards. She announced garden seminars at the library the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

PROCLAMATIONS

Be Kind to Animals Week

Letter Carriers Food Drive Week

Nurses Week 2008

Municipal Clerks Week

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (with any amendments)

* City Commission 04/18/08 – 04/21/08

Action: The Commission approved this item on the Consent Agenda.

* Utility Committee 04/21/08

Action: The Commission approved this item on the Consent Agenda.

Municipal Boards & Committees 5/2/08

The Municipal Boards Committee met Friday, May 2, 2008 directly following the Impact Fee Indexing Update in the City Commission Conference Room. Commissioners Glenn Higgins and Jim Verplanck (members) and Commissioner Edie Yates (chair) were present. Commissioners Gow Fields, Justin Troller, Howard Wiggs, and Mayor Fletcher were present along with staff and members of the media.

Commissioner Yates called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m.

1. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

Recommendation from Annie Gibson to reappoint Claire Twomey for a second term. Ms. Twomey's first term expired April 30, 2008. Her second term would expire April 30, 2011. Ms. Twomey will fill the "not-for-profit provider" seat on the Committee.

Recommendation: Commissioner Verplanck moved to recommend the appointment. Commissioner Higgins seconded and Commissioner Yates concurred.

2. Zoning Board of Adjustment & Appeals:

Recommendation from Steve Bissonnette to appoint Art Chappell to fill a vacancy on the board. His first term will be for three years and expire April 30, 2011.

Recommendation: Commissioner Verplanck moved to recommend the appointment. Commissioner Higgins seconded and Commissioner Yates concurred.

3. Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO):

Citizens Advisory Committee Application – The TPO Bylaws state CAC applicants must be endorsed by a vote of the City Commission for the jurisdiction they represent. Franklin Shoemaker and Dean Roper submitted applications indicating their desires to serve on the Transportation Planning Organization's CAC. Both appointments require an endorsement from the Lakeland City Commission prior to the TPO Board taking action.

- * *Recommendation from Celeste Deardorff* to endorse Mr. Shoemaker and Mr. Roper's application for the Transportation Planning Organization's CAC.

Recommendation: Commissioner Verplanck moved to recommend the appointment. Commissioner Higgins seconded and Commissioner Yates concurred.

The Committee adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

Action: Commissioner Yates presented these minutes to the Commission. The Commission approved the minutes unanimously.

Land Acquisition & Disposition Committee 5/2/08

The Land Acquisition & Disposition Committee met in the Commission conference room. Commissioner Troller and Mayor Fletcher (members) were present. Commissioner Higgins (chair) was present. Commissioners Gow Fields, Jim Verplanck, Howard Wiggs, and Edie Yates were present along with staff and members of the media.

Commissioner Higgins called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m.

There were two contracts for the sale of two City-owned lots to Lakeland Habitat for Humanity, Inc. in conjunction with the City's Urban Homestead Program. Lakeland Habitat had financing and construction plans in place for both properties. Upon completion of construction, Habitat would convey the lots to two separate families who have participated in Habitat's "sweat equity" program. The house at 1501 Arlington Road would be one story, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, with 1,520 square feet, and the house at 842 N. Scott Avenue would be one story, 3 bedrooms, 1½ baths, with 1,241 square feet. Under the contracts, the lots would sell for \$15,000 each. The City would finance the full purchase price of each lot through a City housing lien, which the City would forgive over 5 years at the rate of 20% per year provided the lot continued to be used as

the homestead for both families. The City would waive the typical \$1,000 fee on each of these lots due to a previous situation where the City sold Lakeland Habitat three lots on W. Thomas Street that were unbuildable due to the existence of underground pipes. This transaction would allow Lakeland Habitat to proceed with their building program while resolving the Thomas Street issues. Staff recommended that the Commission authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the Contracts.

Steve Bissonnette, Assistant Community Development Director, reviewed the recommendation for the committee.

Recommendation: Mayor Fletcher moved to recommend approval. Commissioner Troller seconded and Commissioner Higgins concurred.

The Committee adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Action: Commissioner Higgins presented these minutes to the Commission. The Commission approved the minutes unanimously.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

- * City Commission Minutes 04/18/08 – 04/21/08
- * Utility Committee Minutes 04/21/08
- * Recommendation re: Renewal of Lakeland Police Department Helicopter Aircraft Insurance
- * Memo re: Prequalification Agreement for English Oaks Phase III Construction Services
- * Appropriation–Motor Pool Depreciation Reserve Fund

Action: Commissioner Wiggs moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Verplanck seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

REQUESTS TO APPEAR FROM THE PUBLIC

Alaric Walker and Jeannie Ackerman re Edgewood Drive Extension

Alaric Walker, resident of Windsor Street, came forward. He read a statement concerning the extension of Edgewood Drive. Doug Thomas asked Greg James to come forward and make a presentation on the status of this project.

Greg James gave an update on the Edgewood Drive Extension and East-West Connector Project. Staff anticipated sending offers to the owners in June 2008.

Mr. Walker should have an answer in June. Public Works would send an update to the affected property owners later this week.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Ordinances (Second Reading)

Proposed 06-047; Large Scale Amendment #LS-06-005 to Future Land Use Map Assigning Land Use on 324 Acres Within the Lakeland Central Park Development of Regional Impact Located South of Old Tampa Highway, North of the Polk Parkway and West of Airport Road (1st Rdg 8/21/06, Contd 11/19/07, 1/22/08 & 3/3/08)

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING; PROVIDING FOR A LARGE SCALE AMENDMENT #LS-06-005 TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FOR 323 ACRES WITHIN THE LAKELAND CENTRAL PARK DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL IMPACT LOCATED SOUTH OF OLD TAMPA HIGHWAY, NORTH OF THE POLK PARKWAY AND WEST OF AIRPORT ROAD, ATTACHED TO ORDINANCE 4140, WHICH ADOPTED THE LAKELAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN 2000-2010; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Action: Commissioner Verplanck moved to continue the public hearing to June 16, 2008. Commissioner Yates seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 4966; Proposed 08-025; Annexation of Approximately 21 Acres Located North of West Pipkin Road, South of Ralston Road, East of County Line Road and West of the Current City Limits (1st Rdg 4/21/08)

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ANNEXATION; INCLUDING WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LAKELAND, FLORIDA, THAT CERTAIN 21 ACRES LOCATED NORTH OF WEST PIPKIN ROAD, SOUTH OF RALSTON ROAD, EAST OF COUNTY LINE ROAD AND WEST OF THE CURRENT CITY LIMITS; FINDING COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 171, FLORIDA STATUTES; MAKING FINDINGS; FINDING CONFORMITY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Tim McCausland read the short title.

Motion: Commissioner Verplanck moved to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Yates seconded.

Mayor Fletcher asked for comments and there were none.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Yates, Fields, Wiggs, Verplanck, Troller, Higgins, and Mayor Fletcher voted aye. Ayes: seven. Nays: Zero. The motion carried unanimously

Ordinance 4967; Proposed 08-026; Annexation of Approximately 20 Acres Located North of Faye Street, South of Ariana Street, East of Faye Avenue and West of Westgate Avenue South (1st Rdg 4/21/08)

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ANNEXATION; INCLUDING WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF THE CITY OF LAKE LAND, FLORIDA, THAT CERTAIN 20 ACRES LOCATED NORTH OF FAYE STREET, SOUTH OF ARIANA STREET, EAST OF FAYE AVENUE AND WEST OF WESTGATE AVENUE SOUTH; FINDING COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 171, FLORIDA STATUTES; MAKING FINDINGS; FINDING CONFORMITY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Tim McCausland read the short title.

Motion: Commissioner Verplanck moved to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Yates seconded.

Mayor Fletcher asked for comments and there were none.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Higgins, Troller, Verplanck, Wiggs, Fields, Yates, and Mayor Fletcher voted aye. Ayes: seven. Nays: Zero. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 4968; Proposed 08-032; Repealing Ordinance 4956, Small Scale Amendment #SS-07-022 (1st Rdg 4/21/08)

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING; REPEALING ORDINANCE 4956 WHICH ADOPTED SMALL SCALE AMENDMENT #SS-07-022 TO THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Tim McCausland read the short title.

Motion: Commissioner Verplanck moved to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Yates seconded.

Mayor Fletcher asked for comments and there were none.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Yates, Fields, Wiggs, Verplanck, Troller, Higgins, and Mayor Fletcher voted aye. Ayes: seven. Nays: Zero. The motion carried unanimously

Ordinance 4969; Proposed 08-033; Amending Section 40.05.01.01 of the Land Development Regulations to Provide for the Appointment of Two Alternate Members to the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Appeals (1st Rdg 4/21/08)

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 40.05.01.01 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS; MAKING FINDINGS; FINDING CONFORMITY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Tim McCausland read the short title.

Motion: Commissioner Verplanck moved to approve the ordinance. Commissioner Yates seconded.

Mayor Fletcher asked for comments and there were none.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Yates, Fields, Wiggs, Verplanck, Troller, Higgins, and Mayor Fletcher voted aye. Ayes: seven. Nays: Zero. The motion carried unanimously

Resolutions

Resolution 4690; Proposed 08-028; Declaring Intent to Adopt an Interlocal Agreement with Polk County Relating to Annexation of Ten Enclaves

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO ANNEXATION; APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA FOR THE PURPOSE OF ANNEXING ENCLAVES INTO THE CITY OF LAKE LAND; PROVIDING FOR LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS OF SAID ENCLAVES AND THE IDENTITY OF SAID PROPERTIES; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Tim McCausland read the short title.

Motion: Commissioner Verplanck moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Yates seconded.

Mayor Fletcher asked for comments.

David Pendry, city retiree, came forward to represent his mother Joanne Pendry who lived on Sharon Dr. He mother lived there since 1956. He asked if this was a step towards forcing the remaining residents out of the area.

Commissioner Verplanck explained that the purpose was to eliminate the enclave that created a service problem for the county.

COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY - None

CITY MANAGER

*** Recommendation re: Renewal of Lakeland Police Department Helicopter Aircraft Insurance**

The current annual aircraft insurance policy covering the Lakeland Police Department (LPD) helicopter required renewal by May 8, 2008. In accordance with this deadline, the City of Lakeland Risk Management Department, through the City's local insurance agency, Falcon Insurance Agency of Florida, Inc., solicited ten specific aircraft and aviation-related coverage providers for quotes. These companies included the incumbent, Old Republic/Phoenix Aviation Managers, Inc.; ACE, CV Starr; Allianz; AIG Aviation, Inc.; Britt/Paulk; Global, Travelers; W. Brow and Associates; and Inter-Aero. All, except for the City's current provider, Old Republic/Phoenix Aviation, either declined to quote or submitted premiums with higher pricing.

The renewal premium for the period extending from May 8, 2008 through May 8, 2009, excluding terrorism coverage, was \$17,599, which was a 14% decrease from last year's premium.

The proposed renewal would provide the following coverage limits with the only change reflected in the decrease in deductibles:

- Aircraft Physical Damage (Excluding War Risk) - \$300,000
- Aircraft Hull Deductible - \$1,000 rotors not in motion / \$15,000 rotors in motion (reduction from current \$5,000 / \$30,000)
- \$1,000,000 Single Limit including Bodily Injury and Property Damage with a limit of \$100,000 each passenger.

Acceptance of terrorism coverage would require an additional premium of \$422.00. Due to the fact that this coverage was applicable only to an act of terrorism as declared by Homeland Security, staff recommended that the City exclude such coverage. Given the City's claims history, offering the lower deductible of \$1,000 rotors not in motion and \$15,000 rotors in motion (in lieu of the current \$5,000 not in motion, \$30,000 rotors in motion) deductibles coupled with a lower premium represented a true value.

Staff recommended that the City Commission authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the agreement with Falcon Insurance Agency of Florida, Inc. to provide specific aircraft insurance coverage for the LPD helicopter with Old Republic/Phoenix Aviation Managers Inc., for the period covering May 8, 2008 through May 8, 2009 for an annual premium of \$17,599.

Action: The Commission approved this item on the Consent Agenda.

CITY ATTORNEY

Ordinances (First Reading)

Proposed 08-034; Amending Ordinance 4899; Providing for the Elimination of the Initial Application Fee for some Pole Attachments

AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO POLE ATTACHMENTS; AMENDING ORDINANCE 4899; PROVIDING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF THE INITIAL APPLICATION FEE FOR APPLICANTS WITHOUT A VALID WRITTEN POLE ATTACHMENT OR LEASE AGREEMENT; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The foregoing is the title of an ordinance read for the first time by short title only. The Commission will hold the second reading and public hearing on May 19, 2008.

Proposed 08-035; Amending Ordinance 3404; Relating to the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

An ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAKE LAND, FLORIDA APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 3404 REGARDING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM ACT, SUBSECTIONS 420.907-420.9079, FLORIDA STATUTES; AND CHAPTER 67-37, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The foregoing is the title of an ordinance read for the first time by short title only. The Commission will hold the second reading and public hearing on May 19, 2008.

Proposed 08-036; Establishing Zoning on Approximately 33.4 Acres Located at 2125 Edgewood Drive South

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ZONING; CHANGING THE CLASSIFICATION OR ZONING ON 33.4 ACRES LOCATED AT 2125 EDGEWOOD DRIVE SOUTH WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKE LAND, PURSUANT TO THE "ZONING CODE OF

THE CITY OF LAKELAND, 1993"; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING CONDITIONS; FINDING CONFORMITY WITH THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Resolutions

Resolution 4691; Proposed 08-029; Lots Cleaning and Clearing

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO ASSESSMENTS; DETERMINING THE NECESSITY FOR HAVING CLEANED AND CLEARED CERTAIN PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKELAND; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF LIENS AGAINST SUCH PROPERTY FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE CLEANING AND CLEARING THEREOF; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Tim McCausland read the short title.

Motion: Commissioner Verplanck moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Yates seconded.

Mayor Fletcher asked for comments and there were none.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Yates, Fields, Wiggs, Verplanck, Troller, and Mayor Fletcher voted aye. Commissioner Higgins was absent at that time. Ayes: six. Nays: Zero. The motion carried unanimously

Resolution 4962; Proposed 08-030; Establishing a Delinquent Charge for Unpaid Miscellaneous Receivables

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS; ESTABLISHING A CHARGE FOR DELINQUENT MISCELLANEOUS RECEIVABLE BILLINGS GENERATED BY THE CITY OF LAKELAND; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Tim McCausland read the short title.

Motion: Commissioner Verplanck moved to approve the resolution. Commissioner Yates seconded.

Mayor Fletcher asked for comments and there were none.

Action: Upon roll call vote Commissioners Troller, Verplanck, Wiggs, Fields, Yates, and Mayor Fletcher voted aye. Commissioner Higgins was absent at that time. Ayes: six. Nays: Zero. The motion carried unanimously.

Miscellaneous Reports and Communications

Memo re: Legal Fee Report

Following are legal fees and expenses paid to outside law firms January – March of 2008 along with a comparison from the same time frame for 2007 and a comparison of this fiscal year to last.

Boswell & Dunlap LLP	Civil Service Litigation	\$225.00
Bush Ross	Personal Injury Subrogation	\$142.14
Cardwell Law Firm	Miscellaneous Real Estate Matters	\$180.00
Clark, Campbell & Mawhinney	Miscellaneous Real Estate Matters	\$3,000.00
Gail M. Cheatwood	Miscellaneous Municipal Ordinance Defense	\$316.66
Gray Robinson	Miscellaneous Personal Injury Defense, Eminent Domain & Other Litigation	\$113,838.49
Hopping, Green & Sams	Regulatory Compliance	\$11,385.59
John & Hengerer	Miscellaneous Regulatory Matters with FERC	\$318.75
Mitchell D. Franks P.A.	Counsel Relating to Mini-Perc	\$2,860.00
Oertel, Fernandez, Cole & Bryant, P.A.	SWFWMD Permitting	\$137,453.31
Putnam & Creighton, P.A.	Miscellaneous Real Estate Matters	\$182.66
Ross, Vecchio, & Trussel P.A.	Miscellaneous Workers Comp Defense	\$87,219.04
Ruden, McClosky, Smith, Schuster & Russell, P.A.	Counsel Relating to Union Negotiations	\$61,071.20
Sugarman & Susskind	Counsel Relating to Pension Matters	\$3,769.75
JANUARY - MARCH 2008 TOTAL		\$421,962.59
JANUARY - MARCH 2007 TOTAL		\$357,355.62
FY 2006-2007		\$566,964.88
FY 2007-2008		\$756,999.50

Action: The Commission did not act on this item.

Memo re: Acquisition of Two Lots by Lakeland Habitat for Humanity, Inc. through the City's Urban Homesteading Program – 1501 Arlington Road and 842 North Scott Avenue

The Land Acquisition/Disposition Committee recommended the Commission approve this item.

Action: Commissioner Verplanck moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Yates seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Memo re: Park & Ride Agreement with Lakeland Area Mass Transit District

This lease agreement with the Lakeland Area Mass Transit District was for the use of the park and ride lot located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Rose Street and Lake Avenue. LAMTD intended to operate a regularly scheduled bus route from the lot to Bartow. LAMTD would be responsible for maintaining the lot in a clean and safe condition and would indemnify the City from all liability. The lease was for an initial term of five (5) years and would automatically renew every five (5) years thereafter unless either party exercised their right to terminate the lease.

Staff recommended that the appropriate City Commission authorize officials to execute the Agreement.

Tim McCausland presented this item to the Commission.

Action: Commissioner Verplanck moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Yates seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Memo re: Participation Contract with Verizon/MiCTA to Provide IP Trunking Circuits for Voice Over Internet Protocol Implementation

This proposed Participation Contract with Verizon Business Network Services, Inc. was for IP trunking service for the new Voice Over Internet Protocol system. As part of the project to install this system, the City must acquire trunking services that attach the City system to the global network. Verizon, through a business unit that included other governments and institutional customers, offered this service at a discounted price. The Contract was for all of the various services that the internal phone system required for a fee of \$16,596.50 per month. The Contract term was for three (3) years.

Staff recommended that the Commission authorize the appropriate city officials to execute the Participation Contract with Verizon Business Network Services.

Tim McCausland presented this item to the Commission.

Terry Brigman, IT Director, came forward to answer Commissioner Troller's question from Friday. The City's current recurring cost was \$343,240.00 annually. Under the new environment, it would be \$263,270.00 per year. The City would save \$80,000 per

year in recurring costs. The contract was for the trunking charges that would allow the city to route all incoming and outgoing calls

Action: Commissioner Verplanck moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Yates seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Troller was just questioning the monthly savings.

It would be approximately \$6,664 per month under the new environment.

Memo re: Approval of Assistant City Attorney Compensation

Tim McCausland announced the hiring of Ramona Sirianni to fill the vacant assistant city attorney position and join the City Attorney team. The responsibilities of the office evolve continually and Ms. Sirianni brings comprehensive experience that will serve the City well. The salary range for this position was \$61,071 – 113,423. Tim recommended that Ms. Sirianni start at \$86,000 with an increase to \$89,500 after six months following a satisfactory performance review. She would also receive the car allowance and whatever cost of living adjustment, if any, that the Commission may approve for general employees in the FY 09 budget. Tim would address her compensation again in October of 2009. Please give this recommendation your favorable consideration. The contribution of the assistants to the overall product from the City Attorney's Office is significant and appreciated.

Action: Commissioner Verplanck moved to approve the salary. Commissioner Yates seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

*** Memo re: Prequalification Agreement for English Oaks Phase III Construction Services**

This prequalification would enable the approved contractors to submit construction bids for the English Oaks Wastewater Accommodation Project. For expediency, staff divided the Project into three phases. They would further subdivide the pipelines element into a maximum of five construction contracts. The City would request pipeline construction bid proposals from each of the five prequalified bidders listed below for the individual pipelines contracts. Staff would present each contract award to the City Commission for approval.

1. John Reynolds & Sons, Inc. of Mission Woods, Kansas with an office in Plantation, Florida
2. Garney Companies, Inc. of Kansas City, Missouri with an office in Orlando, Florida
3. Killebrew, Inc. of Lakeland, Florida
4. Westra Construction Corp. of Palmetto, Florida

5. Kamminga & Roodvoets, Inc. of Grand Rapids, Michigan with an office in Tampa, Florida

The purpose of the prequalification agreement was to establish parameters and provisions to standardize the submittal of bids. Staff anticipated that an expedited review of bids would be the result.

Staff recommended that the City Commission approve the prequalification agreements and authorize the appropriate City officials to execute the necessary documents.

Action: The Commission approved this item on the Consent Agenda.

FINANCE DIRECTOR

*** Appropriation–Motor Pool Depreciation Reserve Fund**

An Alternate Fuel Pickup Truck (Vehicle #911532) was recently stolen from the Larsen Power Plant and destroyed on February 20, 2008. This unit was a 2001 Ford Ranger that was scheduled for replacement in 2010. The estimated cost of a replacement unit would be \$18,000.

A Roll-Off Truck (Vehicle #710943) used by the Solid Waste Division was in need of major repairs. This unit was a 2001 Mack truck with 13,000 hours on the engine and was scheduled for replacement in 2010. As a result of normal wear and tear, the roll off body sustained damage and was cracked. The approximate cost of these repairs was \$25,000. The City could acquire a replacement unit for \$133,000, less approximately \$16,000 in salvage value from the existing unit. There were sufficient funds accumulated within the Replacement Reserve to finance these purchases without additional contributions from the operational departments.

Staff requested that the City Commission authorize an appropriation for \$151,000 within the Motor Pool Depreciation Reserve Fund to accommodate replacement of the two subject vehicles.

Action: The Commission approved this item on the Consent Agenda.

AUDIENCE - None

MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COMMISSION

Commissioner Troller wished everyone a Happy Mothers Day this coming weekend.

Commissioner Verplanck brought up the Red Light Running Bill. The bill did not pass the legislature but he felt the City still needed to move forward.

Tim McCausland explained that staff had a plan in motion and would bring a recommendation to the Commission soon.

Commissioner Verplanck complimented Rick Rousos on his article in The Ledger about Edgewood Drive.

Commissioner Wiggs reminded everyone about Mayfaire this coming weekend.

Commissioner Fields echoed Commissioner Troller's comments for everyone to have a Happy Mothers Day.

Commissioner Yates reminded everyone about Mayfaire by the Lake this coming weekend.

Commissioner Wiggs recognized National Public Works Week and complimented staff on their presentation.

UTILITY - CONSIDERED AFTER 1PM UTILITY COMMITTEE MEETING - None

CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT – 10:37 a.m.

Ralph L. Fletcher, Mayor

Kelly S. Koos, CMC, City Clerk

LAKELAND CITY COMMISSION
Agenda Study Session
May 2, 2008

The Lakeland City Commission met for the Agenda Study Session in the Commission conference room. Commissioners Edie Yates, Howard Wiggs, Gow Fields, Justin Troller, Jim Verplanck, and Glenn Higgins were present. Mayor Fletcher arrived at 9 a.m. Deputy City Manager Tony Delgado, City Manager Doug Thomas, Community Development Director Jim Studiale, Finance Director Greg Finch, City Attorney Tim McCausland, Assistant City Manager Stanley Hawthorne, and City Clerk Kelly Koos were present along with staff and members of the media.

Mayor Pro Tem Glenn Higgins called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

Doug Thomas covered the Presentations.

Doug Thomas covered the requests to appear from the public. Staff met with the citizens and did not expect anyone to appear on this issue. Greg James gave a quick update on the Edgewood Drive Extension and the East-West Connector. The Commission agreed to have Greg give the presentation on Monday for the benefit of the public.

Tim McCausland covered the Public Hearings.

Doug Thomas covered the City Manager agenda and offered the following verbals:

1. Public Works would celebrate Public Works Week tonight in conjunction with First Friday Downtown.
2. The Legislative Session ends today at Midnight. He gave a brief overview of the legislative activity thus far, including CSX.

Tim McCausland covered the City Attorney agenda.

Greg Finch covered the Finance agenda.

The Agenda Study Session adjourned at 9:41 a.m.

Impact Fee Indexing Update
May 5, 2008

The Lakeland City Commission met for the Impact Fee Indexing Update in the Commission conference room. Commissioners Edie Yates, Howard Wiggs, Gow Fields, Justin Troller, Jim Verplanck, and Glenn Higgins were present. Mayor Fletcher arrived at 9 a.m. Deputy City Manager Tony Delgado, City Manager Doug Thomas, Community Development Director Jim Studiale, Finance Director Greg Finch, City Attorney Tim McCausland, Assistant City Manager Stanley Hawthorne, and City Clerk Kelly Koos were present along with staff and members of the media.

Mayor Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:54 a.m.

Jim Studiale introduced the presentation.

A. Nilgun Kamp, AICP, of Tindale-Oliver and Associates, Inc. gave the presentation.

The group discussed how land value was established. The community had been concerned about the recent land value spike's affect on the figures.

Doug Thomas reviewed the Just Land Value Increase.

Stephanie Hutton spoke on behalf of Polk County Builders Association (PCBA) against indexing this year.

The group discussed what the County would do this year. Should Lakeland forego indexing this year or index at a lower amount? The Commission wanted more information before they decided. They wanted to look at 10 years and comparisons to other cities and counties.

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m.