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Municipal Boards Committee

October 18, 2024

LAKELAND CITY COMMISSION

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The Municipal Boards Committee met in the City Commission Conference Room. Commissioner Mayor Bill Mutz (member) and Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley (acting chair) were present. Commissioner Stephanie Madden (chair) was absent. Commissioners Chad McLeod, Mike Musick, and Guy LaLonde were also present along with staff and the media.

Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to receive and act upon the following recommendation(s):

1. **Beautification Board** – Recommendation from Horticultural Specialist Bill Koen to:
 - a. Appoint Monica Juarez to fulfill the unexpired term of Ann Eudy beginning October 21, 2024 and ending January 17, 2025. Ms. Juarez will be eligible to serve an additional two 3-year terms.
 - b. Appoint Sara Restrepo to a 3-year term beginning December 21, 2024 and ending December 20, 2027. Ms. Restrepo will be eligible to serve an additional 3-year term.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **Code Enforcement Board** – Recommendation from Code Enforcement Manager Suny Marshall to appoint Sharon Bridgeman to a 3-year term beginning November 1, 2024 and ending October 31, 2027. Ms. Bridgeman will be eligible to serve an additional 3-year term.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

3. **CRA Advisory Board** – Recommendation from CRA Manager Valerie Vaught to:
 - a. Reappoint Chrissanne Long to a second 3-year term, as a Downtown Representative, beginning October 21, 2024 and ending October 20, 2027.
 - b. Appoint Scott Gardner to a 3-year term, as an At-Large Representative, beginning October 21, 2024 and ending October 20, 2027. Mr. Gardner will be eligible to serve an additional 3-year term.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

4. **General Employees' Pension Board** – Recommendation from Retirement Services Director, Cherie Watson, to reappoint Rick Lilyquist to serve his 3rd term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2027.

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Action: Mayor Bill Mutz moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- 5. Firefighters' Pension Board** – Recommendation from City Manager Shawn Sherrouse to reappoint:
- Kyle Davis to his third 4-year term, beginning December 17, 2024 and ending December 16, 2028.
 - Christopher Hammond to his third 4-year term, beginning December 17, 2024 and ending December 16, 2028.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- 6. Lakeland Housing Authority** – Recommendation from Mayor Mutz to:
- Appoint Stacy Campbell-Domineck to fulfill her first 4-year term beginning December 3, 2024 and ending December 2, 2028.
 - Appoint Michael Konen to fulfill the unexpired term of Joe Joseph, who was ineligible to serve, beginning October 21, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. Mr. Konen will be eligible to serve an additional two full 4-year terms.¹

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

- 7. PIEF** - Recommendation from City Manager Shawn Sherrouse to reappoint Carole Philipson to serve a second 3-year term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2027.

Action: Mayor Bill Mutz moved to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Sara Roberts McCarley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

For Information Only:

- Donna V. DeStefano was re-elected without opposition to serve a three-year term on the LDDA, commencing January 1, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2027.
- The following employee-elected seats on the Civil Service Board and the General Employees' Pension Board will be up for re-election:
 - Jim Studiale – General Employees' Pension Board; term ends on December 31, 2024.
 - Tom Wheatley – Civil Service Board; term ends on December 31, 2024.

An employee wishing to submit a name for the ballot may obtain a petition form and oath of candidate from the City Clerk's Office on November 1, 2024.

¹ Joe Joseph's appointment was originally made at the December 15, 2023 Municipal Boards Committee Meeting.

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The City is always accepting applications. Interested residents may apply at:
<http://www.lakelandgov.net/departments/city-clerk/municipal-boards-committees>

The Committee adjourned at 8:21 a.m.