

**MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION  
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023  
7:00 PM  
CITY HALL**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Jack Dearmin called the City Commission meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the City Commission Chambers located at 120 E. Pomelo Street, Lake Alfred, FL 33850.

Prior to the invocation, Mayor Dearmin called for a moment of silence in remembrance of Winter Haven City Commissioner J.P. Powell.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance:** Reverend Dorian Harris of St. Paul AME Church provided the invocation and **Mayor Dearmin** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** City Clerk Linda Bourgeois

**City Commissioners in attendance:** Mayor Jack Dearmin, Vice Mayor Brent Eden, Commissioner Nancy Z. Daley, Commissioner Albertus Maultsby, Commissioner Mac Fuller, and Commissioner-Elect Charles Lake.

**Staff in attendance:** City Manager Ryan Leavengood, City Attorney Seth Claytor, Finance Director Amber Deaton, Public Works Director John Deaton, Police Chief Art Bodenheimer, Community Development Director Ameer Bailey, Fire Chief Robert Turner, and Parks and Recreation Director Emily Deal.

**City Manager** announced the following:

1. This Saturday, May 6, 2023, the Polk County Government Center is hosting its ribbon cutting and Grand Opening at 9:00 AM. Please let us know if you will be in attendance.
2. Special Guest, Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd is in attendance this evening.

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

**Recognition of Citizens**

There were none.

**Mayor Dearmin** read the Public Service Week Proclamation into the record and it was accepted by the City Manager.

All public servants were asked to come to the front of the City Commission chambers and photos were taken.

**Mayor Dearmin** read the National Police Week Proclamation into the record and it was accepted by Police Chief Art Bodenheimer.

**Police Chief Bodenheimer** said it is not about blue, or it's not about green, black, or brown, it's not about our brothers and sisters working the streets, jails, or corrections, it is about all of us together. Thank you.

**Mayor Dearmin** presented the Consent Agenda for consideration.

**Consent Agenda:**

- 1.) City Commission Meeting Minutes for April 17, 2023
- 2.) City Commission Announcements
- 3.) FEMA Community Rating System (CRS)
- 4.) FDOT Highway Lighting Maintenance and Compensation Agreement

The floor was opened to public comments and seeing no one the public comments were closed. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

**Mayor Dearmin** presented the first business items for consideration.

**Old Business:**

- 1.) Resolution 17-23 Renaming of the Highlands Community Center

**City Attorney Claytor** read the title of Resolution 17-23 into the record.

The City Manager presented the analysis. He said Commissioner Maultsby has served the City of Lake Alfred City Commission for twenty-four years and is a lifelong resident of Lake Alfred. Albertus has been a pillar of the Lake Alfred community and a strong advocate for the City of Lake Alfred, serving on various boards since the early 1990s. On April 17, 2023, the City Commission recognized the retirement of Albertus Maultsby by Resolution 16-23.

On April 22, 2023, the City of Lake Alfred hosted a retirement party at the Highlands Community Center unveiling the new name “Albertus Maultsby Community Center.”

The proposed resolution formally changes the name of the facility to the “Albertus Maultsby Community Center.” The Staff’s recommendation is for approval.

**Mayor Dearmin** opened the floor to public comments.

**Angela Maultsby** said she loved him. **Phyllis Miller** said it was well deserved, he loves Lake Alfred and did not know how to retire. **Deborah Maultsby** said she loved him and was looking forward to going fishing with him.

**Mayor Dearmin** closed the floor to public comments.

**Commissioner Daley** made a motion to approve Resolution 17-23 for the renaming of the Highlands Community Center to Albertus Maultsby Community Center. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Fuller**. The motion was unanimously approved.

At 7:16 p.m. Mayor Dearmin adjourned the 2022-2023 City Commission Sine Die

**Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd** conducted the swearing-in ceremony for Brent Eden and Charles Lake.

**Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd** said he was honored to be here tonight with someone who has “spent time”. He said if it was all right with the City Commission, he would like to deputize former City Commissioner Albertus Maultsby and would provide them with the plaque and the certificate at a later date. He said this would recognize him as an Honorary Deputy Sheriff.

Former City Commissioner Albertus Maultsby was sworn in as an Honorary Deputy Sheriff by Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd.

At 7:25 p.m., the meeting was called to order and the roll call was taken by the City Clerk.

**City Commissioners in attendance:** Commissioner Jack Dearmin, Commissioner Brent Eden, Commissioner Nancy Z. Daley, Commissioner Mac Fuller, and Commissioner Charles Lake.

**City Attorney Claytor** opened the floor to nominations for the position of Mayor.

**Commissioner Eden** nominated **Commissioner Daley** for the position of Mayor.

There were no other nominations, and the floor was closed.

**Commissioner Daley** accepted the nomination.

**Commissioner Dearmin** made the motion for Commissioner Daley to be approved as the Mayor for the 2023-2024 year. **Commissioner Fuller** seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

**Mayor Daley** opened the floor to nominations for the position of Vice Mayor.

**Commissioner Dearmin** nominated **Commissioner Fuller** for the position of Vice Mayor and **Commissioner Fuller** accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations, and the floor was closed.

**Commissioner Dearmin** made the motion for Commissioner Fuller to be approved as the Vice Mayor for the 2023-2024 year. **Commissioner Fuller** seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

**Mayor Daley** introduced the first item on the agenda.

**Mike Brynjulfson**, CPA, presented the City’s FY 2020 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

### **Overview**

#### Report on the Financial Statements

- Unmodified (“Clean”) Audit Opinion.
- No material errors and in conformity with GAAP.
- Fair representation of what actually took place during the year.

#### Report on the Internal Control & Compliance

- No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies.
- No instances of noncompliance were reported.

#### Compliance Report with Section 218.415 Florida Statutes

- No instances of noncompliance – Local Government Investment Policies

#### Compliance Report with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Program (SLFRF)

- No instances of noncompliance related to allowable activities or allowable cost/cost principles – ARPA SLFRF Program

#### Management Letter

- Prior year findings have been corrected.
- No current year findings.
- No deteriorating financial conditions to report.

#### Governance Letter

- No disagreements with management
- No difficulties were encountered while performing our audit.
- Material audit adjustments and uncorrected misstatements

#### He continued and reviewed the funds saying the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report covers: Introductory Section

- Financial Section
- Management's Discussion and Analysis
- Basic Financial Statements
- Required Supplementary Information
- Other Supplementary Information

#### Statistical Section

#### General Fund

- General Fund has 5.1 M in unrestricted reserves or 9 months.
- Unassigned and Assigned Fund Balance as a % of total expenditures was 77% and if ARPA funds were removed it would be 31%.
- Comparison Cities are: Fort Meade, Avon Park, and Mulberry
- Unassigned Fund Balance is 23% well above the 17%

#### Enterprise Fund

- Net Position is 1.6M
- Unrestricted Net Position as % of Revenue is 53%
- Peer cities around the same level

#### Unrestricted Cash

- 3.5M to pay bills
- Municipal Cost index to determine inflation.

#### Long-term Debt Obligations per Resident – Polk County, Florida

- Lake Alfred is the second lowest in the County

He mentioned there was one significant account change which was due to lease reporting requirements. GASB required one unified report and the City added 1.5M for the long-term cell tower leases.

**Commissioner Dearmin** thanked him and city staff saying he was proud of the City of Lake Alfred.

**Mayor Daley** said she reads the management letter first and said she appreciated the hard work on a clean audit.

**Commissioner Eden** thanked Finance Director Deaton and said it was good to see the City in comparison with the other cities.

**Vice Mayor Fuller** concurred. He said this takes a lot of work and he was appreciative of the staff.

The Mayor opened the floor to public comments. There were none.

The City Manager thanked the Finance Director for her dedication and hard work.

The Mayor introduced Retail Strategies for their presentation.

### **Retail Strategies**

Alex Edwards and Drew Kaufmann were the presenters.

#### **Overview**

##### Partnership Lifecycle

- Representation
- Discovery
- Data Analysis
- Market Visit
- Recruitment Plan
- Active Recruitment

##### The Magic Ingredients

- Relationships with national retail
- Comprehensive data
- Relationships with local brokers
- National reputation for success

##### Retail Recruiter

- Updating prospect lists
- Calling brokers
- Scouting sites for real estate directors
- Strategizing for the next trade show

##### Tradeshows

- Retail Live
- ICSC Las Vegas
- ICSC Florida
- ICSC Southeast (Atlanta)

Drew Kaufmann spoke about the retail timeline saying it takes about three years to complete.

- Retailer drives the decision

- Small percentage of proposed sites equal new openings
- Lengthy process, with many stakeholders
- Wall Street
- Local Tenant Representatives
- Identity Sites
- Proforma
- RE Committee
- Developers

#### Partnership Recap

- Currently in Year 3 of our partnership
- To date, Retail Strategies has reached out to over 70 retailers on behalf of Lake Alfred
- Focus areas for retail include restaurants, pharmacy & health, grocery, and miscellaneous retail
- Real estate focus has been centered on the city-owned site and its development, bolstering the existing retail corridor, and the growing development along CR 557.

#### Recruitment Update

- Federal Reserve Interest Rates
- Rise of Artificial Intelligence
- Pending Congressional Budget Process
- National Consumer Sentiment
- Interested developer for the city-owned site; there is also significant retail interest in that site once it is developed. Currently, we have heard expressed interest from *three National QSRs, one National Coffee Chain, and one National Pizza Chain*.
- This site is the preferred area for retailers when they look at the market.
- We have interest from a *National Grocery Chain* that is dependent on the new residential growth in the area. This is a brand we have been actively engaging in over the last year.
- There is interest from several *National Convenience Store Chains*. We have been engaged with one brand over the last year, but two others have shown interest in the same site.

#### Action Plan

##### Retail Strategies to represent Lake Alfred at ICSC Las Vegas

- There are ~2,400 retailers that are currently registered to attend the show. Our job is to market Lake Alfred to these retailers and connect them with available land and existing real estate.

##### Finalize plans to have the interested developer present his plans to the Commission regarding the city-owned site.

- They have so many interested retailers in this potential development and want to get this going on the city's behalf.

**Commissioner Lake** said the City did not have a large business district and could use some smaller retailers. Retail Strategies said they were actively recruiting retail and restaurants and not car washes or gas stations. These recruitments are geared towards the quality of life.

**Mayor Daley** mentioned Whole Foods and said we would like to have a grocery store in the core area of town and not on the outskirts near I-4.

**Commissioner Eden** said it would be nice to have a grocery store like an ALDI's.

**Vice Mayor Fuller** said he would like to see Lake Alfred be a destination for a great restaurant on the waterfront of having a unique place to be. He spoke about a Walmart General Store where the local residents could buy groceries.

The Lake Alfred Marketing Guide was distributed to the City Commission. A brief discussion ensued regarding the homes coming first and then the retail, Lake Alfred is a ground-floor opportunity for growth with retailers, hurdles with some properties in Lake Alfred, and the opening of the Polk County Government Center being beneficial to the City.

Mayor Daley opened the floor to public comments.

**Chris White** asked Retail Strategies if they marketed for other cities and the response was yes.

**Mayor Daley** closed the floor to public comments and introduced the first business item for consideration.

1.) Ordinance 1515-23 Lowery Hills CDD

**City Attorney Claytor** read the title of Ordinance 1515-23 into the record.

The City Manager presented the analysis. Kolter Group Acquisitions LLC. submitted a petition pursuant to Florida Statutes (F.S.) Chapter 190, and requests for the City to adopt an ordinance establishing a Community Development District (CDD) to be known as Lowery Hills CDD designating the land area for which the district would manage and finance the delivery of basic services. The proposed CDD site is located generally north of Old Haines City / Lake Alfred Road, southeast of White Road, west of Dilbert Collins Road, and is bisected by Lake Lowery Road. The land to be served by the CDD is approximately 217.5 acres and is proposed for 678 single-family lots.

A CDD is an independent special district authorized pursuant to Chapters 189 and 190, Florida Statutes, as a mechanism to manage and finance basic community development services. A CDD may issue bond anticipation notes, bonds, and levies and assess ad valorem taxes. The future residents and/or owners of land within the CDD then make the payments with revenue gained by the levy of special assessments and ad valorem taxes (CDDs are held to a three-mill cap) to retire the bonds and to pay the operating expenses of the CDD. A disclosure statement must be furnished to all buyers, and contracts for the sale of property within the CDD must contain information about the CDD.

CDDs of less than 2,500 acres in size are created by counties or municipalities through ordinances, which provide for general and special powers for public improvements and community facilities. Additional special powers may be conferred to a CDD for parks, recreation, fire prevention, schools, security, mosquito control, and waste collection and disposal. Once established, a CDD is a public agency and, therefore, is subject to financial disclosure, accountability, ethical practices, and the Sunshine Law requirements, which apply to governmental entities.

Prior to acting on an ordinance for a petition regarding the establishment of a CDD. The City Commission must make a fair and informed policy decision in making its determination to grant or deny a petition. The City Commission must consider:

- Whether the contents of the petition satisfy the requirements in Section 190.005(2)a F.S.
- Whether the petitioner satisfies the notice and public hearing requirements of Section 190.005(2)b F.S.

- The six statutory factors listed in Section 190.005(1)(e) F.S.
- The record of the public hearing

The applicant has also agreed to file a Petitioner's Agreement to establish the rights and obligations of the City, Petitioner, and any successors-in-interest. The agreement addresses:

- Enhanced Entry Feature
- Landscape enhancements
- Open Space, Passive Parks, and Dog Park
- Utility Extensions
- Right-of-Way Improvements (Lake Lowery Road, Old Haines City/Lake Alfred Road, Lake Alfred Cemetery Road)
- Right-of-Way Maintenance
- Amenity Center – enclosed clubhouse, restrooms, pool, playground, and mail center

If approved on the first reading, the proposed Ordinance will be presented for second and final reading on May 15, 2023. A public hearing on the petition is also scheduled for May 15, 2023. He said the recommendation was at the pleasure of the City Commission.

**Jere Earlywine** presented on the Community Development District.

#### **Overview**

- There are over 900 CDDs in Florida and 2/3 are developments with 300 – 500 units per community.
- It is an independent body and the City is not responsible for the community.
- Bonds
- Collects assessments to pay for operation and maintenance.
- Enhanced Community and can access to bond money.
- Collects the assessments through the tax roll.
- Is eligible for FEMA funding.
- Sovereign Immunity Protection
- Helps maintain property values over time.
- Planned for a midsize community with 680 lots.
- Split down the middle by Lake Lowery Road
- Landscaping down both sides of the road.
- Berm and wall on Old Haines City Road
- Fixing a 90-degree turn with a roundabout and new turn lanes into the community.
- New entrance into the cemetery with buffers to make it more privatized.
- New utilities to the site.
- 4,000 Square foot Clubhouse
- 1,100 Square feet of interior space with a kitchenette, restrooms, storage closet, and tables
- 1,100 Square feet as a separate patio area for games, parties, and a pool deck.
- The pool deck is 9,000 square feet and the pool is 2,500 square feet.
- 29.5M in Infrastructure
- Neighborhood park, dog park, and signage.
- There is no downside for the City.
- The CDD is transparent and the legal requirements have been met.

He stood for questions.



**Commissioner Eden** said the only downside he says was affordable housing but this was catering to a different clientele. He asked about the cost per year per house.

**Jere Earlywine** said it would be about \$25-\$30 per front foot which would be around \$1,100-\$1,200 per home. The amounts are disclosed and the price of the home is market driven.

**Commissioner Eden** asked Community Development Director Bailey where this development ranked with the other CDDs in the City.

**Community Development Director Bailey** said this was the highest one of the CDDs we have seen thus far.

**Mayor Daley** asked if they were going to have both a CDD and an HOA fee and the answer was yes.

**Phil Hunt**, of Phil Hunt and Associates CDD Managers, said they manage about 170 CDDs in the State. He said they finance generally 30-60% of the allowable infrastructure costs because the market can't bear an assessment higher than that. There are 30-40 CDDs in Polk County and the average is \$24 - \$33 per front foot. On a 1,250 lot, it would be up to roughly \$1,600 per year.

Commissioner Dearmin asked if the community would be gated and the answer was no.

**City Attorney Claytor** said the CDD developments within the corporate limits of the City of Lake Alfred have been public road developments. As such, there is no gated entry.

**Mayor Daley** said she understood that if you use tax-free bonds, you can't make it private.

**City Attorney Claytor** said if it were a private road subdivision, the CDD could provide for gated access; however, because these are public road subdivisions, the CDD will not be gated because the roads/streets are publicly dedicated rights of way. As related to the amenities, because the CDD uses tax-exempt financing, the CDD must provide a general right of access for the public.

**Commissioner Lake** asked about the pool being open to the public and it was shared by Jere Earlywine that there would be a user rate for the use of the pool as set by the CDDs board.

**Mayor Daley** asked why people would buy a home like that and pay for the internal roadways and the water and sewer extensions. Because it comes with their tax bill people think they are paying double taxes, it's a frame of mind. Jere Earlywine said when you buy into a CDD community you get an affordably priced home and an enhanced community. It is a better-quality project and a market-driven decision.

**Mayor Daley** asked about the 4M dollars we would charge these people for the internal roadways when the City will just take over the roadways and keep the maintenance of them ourselves. It is like they are paying twice by paying Lake Alfred property taxes to take care of it and then the roadway maintenance in the CDD.

The City Manager explained how the infrastructure gets turned over to the City and said if it was not a CDD all of the roads, water and sewer lines, and lift stations, are all turned over as we go through the plat process with performance and maintenance bonds. They are not paying for it twice per se. We have tried to be consistent that if it is not a private road and if it is not gated, we

take it because we get paid the gas tax revenue and we will include those lanes to be responsible for them. In traditional development, the cost of the road is baked into the cost of the lot and what they buy. The difference here is they are buying their home and their home is mortgaged with the lot price, but there is a debt-service component which is the price per front foot.

**Mayor Daley** asked if the CDD passes the cost of development onto the future residents and Jere Earlywine said it does so it spreads the cost over time.

**City Attorney Claytor** said that City Staff had been asked to build into the Petitioners Agreement the ability for the CDD to, as specific to the internal road network, make roadway improvements and perform maintenance in order to be more responsive to those types of issues.

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

**Commissioner Eden** As long as it is disclosed, escrowed, and the sales associates are telling people about it, this is a part of the bigger goal with rooftops.

**Mayor Daley** said she can't wrap her head around it being the best alternative for the delivery of community development services.

**Commissioner Eden** made a motion to approve Ordinance 1515-23 for the establishment of Lowery Hills CDD on the first reading. The motion was seconded by **Commissioner Dearmin**.

The City Clerk conducted a roll call vote.

Commissioner Lake	AYE
Vice Mayor Fuller	AYE
Commissioner Eden	AYE
Mayor Daley	NAY
Commissioner Dearmin	AYE

The motion was approved by a majority vote.

The Mayor introduced the next business item for discussion.

## 2.) Legislative Policy Committee Discussion & Other Boards

The Lake Alfred City Commission is active and engaged in several boards and committees.

### **Florida League of Cities (FLC) Policy Committees**

The legislative policy committees develop the Florida League of Cities legislative priorities and help their staff understand the real-world implications of proposed legislation.

This item is an opportunity to discuss the topic in advance of submittals to the League of Cities in June. If a Commissioner so desires, they may request to change the Committee they serve on and this request can be forwarded to the Florida League of Cities for consideration.

- Finance, Taxation & Personnel Committee – Brent Eden
- Land Use and Economic Development – Jack Dearmin

- Municipal Administration – Mac Fuller
- Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations Committee – Nancy Z. Daley
- Utilities, Natural Resources, & Public Works - Vacant

### **2023-2024 Legislative Policy Committee Meeting Dates**

- Friday, September 8 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Rosen Centre Orlando, 9840 International Dr, Orlando, FL 32819
- Friday, October 6 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Embassy Suites Lake Buena Vista South, 4955 Kyngs Heath Rd, Kissimmee, FL 34746
- Thursday, November 30 during FLC Legislative Conference at Hilton Orlando, 6001 Destination Pkwy, Orlando, FL 32819.

### **Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO)**

Currently, Nancy Daley serves on the Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Board. The TPO Board adopts and maintains a long-range multi-modal transportation plan that includes highway, public transportation, passenger rail, pedestrian, bicycle, and multi-use trail improvements.

### **Polk Regional Water Cooperative**

Currently, Jack Dearmin serves as the primary representative on Polk Regional Water Cooperative (PRWC) Board with Mac Fuller serving as the alternate. There are no term limits and the duration is at the discretion of the City Commission.

### **Ridge League of Cities**

The Ridge League of Cities is governed by a 24-member board of directors. Each Member City appoints one of its elected officials to serve on the Board of Directors. There are also two non-voting members representing the City Managers and City Clerks. The board consists of four officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) who serve one-year terms. Currently, this position is held by Nancy Daley.

### **Joint Airport Zoning Board (JAZB)**

The Joint Airport Zoning Board (JAZB) regulates the land around eight local airports: Bartow Municipal, Lakeland Linder Regional, Lake Wales Municipal, Winter Haven Municipal, Brown Seaplane Base, Chalet Suzanne, River Ranch, and Lakeland Airpark.

This committee is affiliated with the Polk Transportation Planning Organization acting in an advisory capacity. With this committee, there is a greater level of assurance that the transportation decisions being made are technically viable and in line with public opinion. The two members representing the City of Lake Alfred are Ryan Leavengood and Ameer Bailey.

**Mayor Daley** asked about the Florida League of Cities Advocacy Board and Vice Mayor Fuller volunteered to serve on that board.

**Commissioner Lake** said he was interested in serving on the Ridge League of Cities board and it was agreed to discuss this in September due to some unfinished scholarship application business by the Mayor.

The following representatives agreed to serve on the boards by consensus.

- Finance, Taxation & Personnel Committee – Brent Eden
- Land Use and Economic Development – Jack Dearmin
- Municipal Administration – Mac Fuller
- Transportation & Intergovernmental Relations Committee – Nancy Z. Daley
- Utilities, Natural Resources, & Public Works – Charles Lake
- Polk Transportation Planning Organization – Nancy Z. Daley
- Polk Regional Water Cooperative – Jack Dearmin, Primary, and Alternate Mac Fuller
- Ridge League of Cities – Nancy Z. Daley (revisit in September to discuss Charles Lake serving on this board)
- Joint Airport Zoning Board (JAZB) – Ameer Bailey and Ryan Leavengood
- Florida League of Cities Advocacy Board – Mac Fuller

### **Recognition of Citizens:**

There were none.

### **Commissioner Questions and Comments:**

**Vice Mayor Fuller** congratulated the Mayor. He thanked everyone for showing up this evening. He said the auditor did a great job. He said he is a believer in the destination city and mentioned Floridino's in Lake Hamilton. He thanked everyone in the back and said they all do a great job and he appreciates their efforts. Thank you.

**Mayor Daley** shared about the Spring Fling saying it was really nice and she wished there were more participants. The food and music were really good. She attended the State of the County Event and asked if the stationary said Lake Alfred Florida.

**Police Chief Bodenheimer** said two weeks ago after thousands of documents were printed with the Lake Alfred address, he made a phone call to the Post Office to confirm that it is not a Lake Alfred address. Phone calls started coming in as to why the County did not know about this. It will be 200 Government Center Blvd, Haines City, FL. 33844. The Lake Alfred Postmaster will put all mail that arrives in the bulk crates and deliver until it is taken care of.

**Mayor Daley** shared about some potholes near Dollar General that need to be repaired. She continued and said there was a fire Friday night near her home and the first responders and firefighters did a great job. She congratulated the city staff and the City Manager on the audit. Thank you.

**Commissioner Lake** thanked the Polk County Sheriff for coming tonight and this is his first time swearing in City Commissioners. He shared about the meetings he attended the Transportation SunTrax Meeting and the State of the County. He said on Thursday there will be a National Day of Prayer event at the Bronson Center in Polk City beginning at noon. He shared a news story about the restriction of putting yard debris in trash bags. It may be something we might start thinking about here. Thank you.

**Commissioner Eden** thanked Commissioner Lake for serving for the next four years, the first responders, and the Chiefs in the back. He asked about Creek Road and the sidewalk program. Community Development Director Bailey shared it was a County Road and it has been identified in the Transportation Master Plan as a road that the City would be interested in taking from the

County. He continued and said a local resident and Auburndale High School Graduate, Jose Ramirez was a 6th-round draft pick for the NFL with the Buccaneers. Thank you.

**Mayor Daley** thanked Commissioner Dearmin for his great job serving as the Mayor.

**Commissioner Dearmin** thanked his fellow City Commissioners for allowing him to serve as the Mayor. He said he appreciated the work that was involved from City staff. He congratulated the new City Commissioners and said having the Sheriff here today was very special. He congratulated Mayor Daley and Vice Mayor Fuller. Thank you.

Without further comments, at 9:55 PM, the City Commission meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda Bourgeois, BAS, MMC,  
City Clerk