



*City of Lake Helen
City Commission
Special Meeting & Budget Workshop Minutes*

Mayor Daisy Raisler
Vice Mayor Vernon J. Burton
Commissioner Tom Wilson
Commissioner Rick Basso
Commissioner Jim Connell

June 25, 2019 at 7:00pm

City Hall, 327 S. Lakeview Drive, Lake Helen, Florida 32744

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Daisy Raisler called to order the June 25, 2019 Special Meeting and Budget Workshop at 7:00pm.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS: Legislative Prayer and Pledge to the Flag led by Commissioner Tom Wilson.

PRESENT: Mayor Daisy Raisler, Commissioner Jim Connell, Vice Mayor Vernon Burton, Commissioner Tom Wilson, and City Administrator Becky Witte City Attorney Scott Simpson (late arrival at 8:52pm)

NOT PRESENT: Commissioner Rick Basso

BUSINESS OF THE COMMISSION:

ITEM 1: ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE AGENDA:

MOVE ITEM 9: PUBLIC COMMENTS AFTER ITEM 7

ITEM 2: COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Tom Wilson showed appreciation for the get well cards and stated how good it is to be back.

Vice Mayor Vernon Burton discussed the Massey James Veteran recognition event and Juneteenth.

Mayor Daisy Raisler discussed Bill 2189 has been signed by Representative Santiago and thanked the Committee to Save Lake Helen Lakes.

ITEM 3: CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM DECKER'S LH GRILL:

Discussion with input from City Administrator Becky Witte, Niki Decker (S Euclid Ave).

Commissioner Jim Connell requested to table until City Attorney Scott Simpson arrives.

ITEM POSTPONED UNTIL CITY ATTORNEY ARRIVED AT 8:52PM.

ITEM 4: CONSIDERATION OF STRESSBUSTER 5K RACE MANAGEMENT:

Discussion with input from City Administrator Becky Witte, Events Coordinator Kelly Frasca, Ann Robbins (Hobart Ave), Chris Baptista (N Amelia, DeLand / Run for a Cause and Enmotive Representative), Stephanie Coley (Garden St).

MOTION by **Vice Mayor Vernon Burton** to select EnMotive / Run for a Cause as the stressbuster 5K Race Management Company for 2019. **Second** by **Commissioner Tom Wilson**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM 5: CONSIDERATION OF PAYMENT FOR CREDIT CARD MACHINE LEASE:

Discussion with input from City Administrator Becky Witte, Kelly Frasca Events Coordinator, Betty O'Laughlin (McKenzie), Alan Cooke (Oak Tree Ln), City Attorney Scott Simpson

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ITEM 6: DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF EVENT COORDINATION:

Discussion with input from City Administrator Becky Witte, Events Coordinator Kelly Frasca, Betty O'Laughlin (McKenzie), Stephanie Coley (Garden St), Ann Robbins (Hobart Ave), City Attorney Scott Simpson

City Attorney Scott Simpson arrived at 8:52.

MOTION by **Commissioner Jim Connell** to authorize the mayor to execute the attached letter and allow staff the opportunity to coordinate the FY 19/20 Events with additional \$4,000 overtime allocation. **Second** by **Vice Mayor Vernon Burton**. **MOTION CARRIED 3 TO 1 with Mayor Daisy Raisler Voting No.**

ITEM 7: CONSENT AGENDA:

MOTION by **Commissioner Tom Wilson** to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Second** by **Commissioner Jim Connell**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM 9: PUBLIC COMMENTS: Johnnie Chavis (Massey James Youth Center), Janice Driggers (Westlake), Betty O’Laughlin (McKenzie), Alan Cooke (Oak Tree Ln)

Break from 9:27pm to 9:40pm.

Readdress Item 3 and Item 5 with City Attorney Scott Simpson present.

ITEM 3: CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FROM DECKER’S LH GRILL:

Discussion with input from City Administrator Becky Witte, Niki Decker (S Euclid Ave).

MOTION by **Vice Mayor Vernon Burton** to bring the cost of rent down to \$1250 a month starting July 1st to revisit this subject again at the first meeting in November. **Second** by **Commissioner Tom Wilson**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ITEM 5: COSIDERATION OF PAYMENT FOR CREDIT CARD MACHINE LEASE:

Discussion with input from City Administrator Becky Witte, Kelly Frasca Events Coordinator, City Attorney Scott Simpson

MOTION by **Commissioner Jim Connell** to temporarily authorize staff to pay for the Credit Card Machine Lease as a city expense and direct City Staff to begin possible negotiations to paying off the contract. **Second** by **Vice Mayor Vernon Burton**. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

City Attorney Scott Simpson left at 10:19pm.

ITEM 8: BUDGET WORKSHOP: Discussion with input from City Administrator Becky Witte and Todd Preston (Connecticut Ave).

ITEM 10: DISCUSSION

City Administrator Becky Witte: Blake Academy permit had been approved. FWC has made an appointment regarding Lake Appropriations. The Commission will have a Jeep for the 4th of July Parade.

Mayor Daisy Raisler: Requested drafting a letter for the governor for helping with the Lake Helen Lake appropriations bill (no consensus from the Commission). She requested a playground update by City Administrator Becky Witte (Mid July start date, Labor Day tentative completion date). She also announced the new Save Our Lakes page on the city website.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Daisy Raisler adjourned the June 25, 2019 Special Meeting of the Lake Helen City Commission at 11:02pm.