

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

A Regular Council Meeting was held on April 18, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

President Alan Knight called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken. Present were members Kenneth Burgess, Jodi Wilkeson, Alan Knight, Charlie Proctor, Lance Smith, and Mayor Gene Whitfield. City Manager William Poe was present. City Attorney Matthew Maggard was absent.

Staff present: IT Director Mike Panak and City Clerk Lori Hillman.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

2. City Clerk Lori Hillman Administered the Oath of Office for:

City Council Seat 1 – Lance Alan Smith

City Council Seat 4 – Kenneth M. Burgess, Jr.

3. Reorganization of Council Officers

Council President

Lance Smith moved to nominate Jodi Wilkeson as Council President. Seconded by Kenneth Burgess. Motion passed unanimously.

Council President Knight passed the gavel to incoming Council President Wilkeson.

Council Vice President

Kenneth Burgess moved to nominate Lance Smith as Council Vice President. Seconded by Charles Proctor. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Councilmember Liaison Appointments to the Ridge League of Cities, Chamber of Commerce, Main Street Zephyrhills, Pasco Economic Development Council, MPO, MPO Alternate and Tourist Development Council.

Councilmembers volunteered for the following liaison appointments: Ridge League of Cities: Charles Proctor; Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce: Kenneth Burgess; Main Street Zephyrhills: Jodi Wilkeson; Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO): Lance Smith, Metropolitan Planning Organization MPO Alternate: Alan Knight; and Tourist Development Council: Kenneth Burgess.

Alan Knight moved to appoint Councilmembers. Seconded by Lance Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Charter Review Committee Best Practices

Director Lynn Tipton with the Florida League of Cities presented a PowerPoint presentation of Charter Review Best Practices.

City Manager William Poe said in 2005 Council appointed the Mayor and eight (8) citizens for a total of nine (9) Charter Review Committee members. He said there has been conversation about Council serving as members of the Charter Review Committee. He believes both options are viable since there is nothing controversial proposed; although, there could be a perception that Council is being self-serving. He said he reached out to the Institute of Government at the University of Central Florida (UCF) and University of South Florida (USF) for a facilitator. He said the Charter Review Process will be led by a facilitator.

Council President Wilkeson said Council will begin with a Charter Review Workshop following the May 9, 2022 Council Meeting to see if there is enough interest to form a separate committee.

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Lori Hillman