

**AGENDA MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
CITY HALL, 501 W MEADOW STREET
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City of Leesburg Commission held its Organizational meeting on Monday, January 6, 2025, at Leesburg City Hall. Mayor Burry called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Commissioner Allyson Berry
Commissioner Jay Connell
Commissioner Mike Pederson
Commissioner Alan Reisman
Mayor Jimmy Burry

Also present, were City Manager (CM) Al Minner, City Clerk (CC) J. Andi Purvis, City Attorney (CA) Grant Watson, the news media, and others.

INVOCATION

Mayor Burry gave the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2. INSTALL COMMISSIONERS

A. Jimmy Burry

CC Purvis swore in Jimmy Burry as Commissioner for Seat 5, District 5 for a four-year term.

B. Jay Connell

CC Purvis swore in Jay Connell as Commissioner for Seat 3, District 3 for a four-year term.

3. ELECT MAYOR

Mayor Burry passed the gavel to CM Minner for nominations. CM Minner asked for any nominations. Commissioner Pederson nominated Commissioner Reisman for Mayor.

Commissioner Berry nominated Commissioner Connell for Mayor.

The vote by hand for Commissioner Reisman was: Commissioner Pederson; Commissioner Burry; and Commissioner Reisman

The vote by hand for Commissioner Connell was: Commissioner Berry and Commissioner Connell

By a vote of 3 - 2, Commissioner Reisman is the Mayor for 2025.

CM Minner passed the gavel to Mayor Reisman.

4. ELECT MAYOR PRO-TEM

Mayor Reisman asked for nominations for Mayor Pro Tem.

Commissioner Burry nominated Commissioner Pederson.
Commissioner Berry nominated Commissioner Connell.

The vote by hand for Commissioner Pederson was: Commissioner Pederson and Commissioner Burry

The vote by hand for Commissioner Connell was: Commissioner Berry; Commissioner Connell; and Mayor Reisman

By a vote of 2 - 3, Commissioner Connell is Mayor Pro Tem for 2025.

5. PRESENT PLAQUE TO OUTGOING MAYOR JIMMY BURRY

Mayor Reisman presented outgoing Mayor Burry with a plaque in recognition of his leadership and dedication to public service as Mayor for 2024.

6. APPOINTMENTS

A. Commission Appointments for 2025

Personnel Committee (called as required):

Commissioner Connell
Commissioner Berry

Lake Community Action Agency, Inc., Board of Directors:

Commissioner Berry, Representative
Commissioner Burry, Alternate

Lake County League of Cities Board of Directors:

Mayor Reisman, Representative
Commissioner Connell, Alternate

Florida League of Cities:

Commissioner Berry, Representative
Commissioner Pederson, Alternate

Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO):

Commissioner Burry, Representative
Mayor Reisman, Alternate

St. John's River Water Management District Liaison:

Commissioner Burry

Florida Municipal Power Agency (FMPA):

Brad Chase, Electric Director, Representative
Al Minner, City Manager, Alternate
James "Jim" Williams, Finance Director, Second Alternate

Florida Municipal Electric Association (FMEA):

Brad Chase, Electric Director, Representative
Al Minner, City Manager, Alternate

Florida Municipal Power Agency Policy Makers Liaison Committee:

Commissioner Burry, Representative
Commissioner Pederson, Alternate

Leesburg Center for the Arts:

Commissioner Berry

REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Airport Advisory Board:

Commissioner Berry	Marvin King
Commissioner Burry	Joel Hargis
Commissioner Connell	Darel Craine
Commissioner Pederson	Bo Wroten
Mayor Reisman	Byron Oldham

Leesburg Public Art Advisory Board:

Commissioner Berry	Vonda Parker
Commissioner Burry	Semeion Richardson
Commissioner Connell	Gail Tyson
Commissioner Pederson	Vicky Murphy
Mayor Reisman	TBA

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board:

Commissioner Berry	D'Mani Nettles
Commissioner Burry	Roger Croft
Commissioner Connell	Clay Bell
Commissioner Pederson	Joanie Smalley
Mayor Reisman	Jeff Sustarsic

Mayor Reisman asked that staff get with the Leesburg Public Arts board to create some sort of board structure and what their Mission and Objectives are. **Commissioner Berry** asked when the board meets; is it monthly? **Mayor Reisman** said if they could create an outline and with this being first of the year maybe get a meeting under our belt and then go from there with their mission and objectives. He knows the Airport Advisory moved its meetings from monthly to quarterly, so that would be up to the board.

B. Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida appointing members to the Leesburg Electric Advisory Board; and providing an effective date.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 11,957

Commissioner Burry introduced the resolution to be read by title only. CC Purvis read the resolution by title only.

Commissioner Burry made a motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Pederson seconded the motion.

Mayor Burry requested comments from the Commission.

CM Minner said to help you out, because this one is a little tricky, these are four-year terms, so Andi if you would help me out. There are two members with four-year terms. CC Purvis thought they two-year terms. **CM Minner** said he is pretty sure they are four. There were specific types of positions; a city customer, a Fruitland Park customer, an unincorporated customer, a large electric commercial customer, and a small electric commercial customer. Two members were appointed for two-year terms; believes it was Robuck and Flinn. **Mayor Reisman** said they are two-year terms. He and CM Minner reviewed the code and **CM Minner** said well there you go; not sure why four was sticking in his head. **Electric Director (ED) Brad Chase**, from the audience, said they were staggering terms. **CC Purvis** said the commercials were one year and the others were two. Neither Dan nor Jessy re-applied. **CM Minner** said so the two remaining on the board would be Mark and Jack, who have one year left. **Commissioner Burry** added so it is a two-year term and we are looking at three vacant positions. **CM Minner** asked who are the applicants. **Mayor Reisman** said Mike Rankin. **CM Minner** said he would the unincorporated. **Mayor Reisman** asked if we need to roll call each appointment. **CM Minner** replied no, we will put them in the resolution. **Mayor Reisman** added we have Joshua Brewster. **CM Minner** was not sure if he would qualify for the small business. **Mayor Reisman** said that leaves Bethany Burge and Amanda McLea. **CM Minner** replied that Amanda would be the large business representing Lake Medical Imaging. Josh would qualify for the city resident, however, that is actually Jack's seat. **CA Watson** added that Bethany has Right Realty Connection listed as her business. **Mayor Reisman** added that her business address is Dixie and mailing address is Park Avenue. **Commissioner Pederson** said she could be the small business.

Appointments:

Lake County Residential Customer, term through December 31, 2025 - Michael Rankin
Large Commercial Account, term through December 31, 2026 - Amanda McLea (Lake Medical Imaging)
Small Commercial Account, term through December 31, 2026 - Bethany Burge-Bosbous (Right Realty Connection, Inc.)

Mayor Reisman asked for a roll call.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Connell	Yes
Commissioner Pederson	Yes
Commissioner Berry	Yes
Commissioner Burry	Yes
Mayor Reisman	Yes

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the resolution.

7. CITY MANAGER ITEMS:

CM Minner had no items to address.

8. ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Connell thanked Commissioner Berry for her support. He does appreciate the commission as a whole, though because he thinks tonight he just set a record as being the longest sitting commissioner never to have been appointed mayor. He asked if he gets a medal or trophy or anything for that. **CM Minner** said one could be made for him. **Commissioner Connell** said he would appreciate that as it is an honor to be the longest running commissioner to never be appointed mayor.

Commissioner Burry had no further comment.

Commissioner Pederson had nothing.

Commissioner Berry had no comment.

Mayor Reisman thanked the commission for the nomination for Mayor. He looks forward to serving with all Commissioners in 2025.

9. ADJOURN:

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEEDING ASSISTANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THESE PROCEEDINGS SHOULD CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, ADA COORDINATOR, AT 728-9740, 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.

F.S.S. 286.0105 "If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Commission with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based." The City of Leesburg does not provide this verbatim record.

With a motion by Commissioner Pederson and a second by Commissioner Burry, the meeting adjourned at 5:48 pm.