

**AGENDA MINUTES  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
CITY HALL, 501 W MEADOW STREET  
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026 5:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The City of Leesburg Commission held a regular meeting on Monday, April 27, 2026, at Leesburg City Hall. Mayor Berry called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

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

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 Berry 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. PROCLAMATIONS:**

**A. Municipal Clerk's Week**

Mayor Berry read a proclamation proclaiming the week of May 3–9, 2026, as Municipal Clerks Week, and further extended appreciation to our Municipal Clerk, J. Andi Purvis, and to all Municipal Clerks, for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to our community. City Clerk, Andi Purvis, accepted the proclamation.

**3. PRESENTATIONS:**

**A. None**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**This section is reserved for members of the public to bring up matters of concern or**

**opportunities for praise. Please note that issues raised during this time will not be discussed in detail during the current meeting. They will either be referred to the appropriate staff or scheduled for consideration at a future City Commission Meeting. Each speaker is allocated three minutes to provide their comments. Kindly adhere to this time limit to ensure equal opportunity for all participants and to support the efficient conduct of the meeting. Thank you!**

Simone Richardson, owner of Artists with a Purpose, South Fourth Street, stated that May 3rd, at 3:30 p.m. will be The Culture Around Us. This is their third year doing something downtown under United Arts. She also, wanted to give a big thank you for the support to everything they have been doing downtown at Artists with a Purpose. They did go to Harlem Fines Arts in New York in February, which was an awesome success. They were selected to go again next year to Harlem Fines Arts, as well as Miami. She also brought up concerns about lighting on some of the downtown side streets, which are just very dark. She was wondering if more lighting could be installed on the side streets for safety issues. Thank you.

Pastor John Christian, said tonight he would be representing the Community Development Corporation of Leesburg. He gave a brief update on the two city donated lots to the CDC back in December 2024. They received their COs last week on the two homes that are completely built and ready for purchase. He provided some color photos to show what the partnership with the CDC and the city can produce in the Carver Heights community. These two homes are across from Barry Park; four bedroom, two bath homes with a bonus flex room. They have a vinyl fence in the backyard, epoxied the garage floors, upgraded light fixtures, granite countertops, and wood cabinets. One house has black cabinets, one has white cabinets, brand-new appliances, notice the back splash, and we simply tell our community to take a pick of which house you want; the black cabinets or white cabinets? Brown house or green. He thanked the city for the partnership with the CDC, and said this is what can be done with community partnership with the city and nonprofit organizations. So, the CDC thanks you and welcomes more partnerships with the city of Leesburg. And, while here, the Men of Distinction also thank you for your support of the Black Heritage Festival. Al and the team have done a wonderful job assisting us with the parade and the other things they do at the Black Heritage Festival. Also, kudos to Cliff Kelsey and his team because when building in Carver Heights, there are always issues with sewers and this is no exception. These lines had roots growing on the city side. Cliff and his guys came out, corrected the problem and got the roots out of the system. You have a great team in public works. Thank you very much.

Anthony Washington, 1011 East North Boulevard with my wife Bridget Washington, who is in attendance. First, he wanted to say that in regard to the matters he is addressing today, that he has been patient. Sometimes persistent, but at all times he has been professional. Second, his professionalism has not been a result of happen stance or chance. He is a certified retired law enforcement officer and investigator with the Miami-Dade Police Department with 18 years of service. Over the next few commissioner meetings, he will be addressing his concerns as it relates to code enforcement, law enforcement, and quality of life issues referencing loud music and criminal acts and activity in his area on his property, as well as traffic enforcement on 441 and trespasses onto his property. Furthermore, his concerns and these occurrences were not under the administration of the current mayor. The findings and statistics he is sharing today are for the fiscal year of October 10, 2024, through September 20, 2025. They were obtained through open records requests. Homicides, two, sex offenses, 28, robbery, 11, aggravated assault, 86, burglaries, 95, larceny 509, vehicle theft 59, and calls for service 64,674. He thinks the city of Leesburg pays our department heads very well and expectations should follow the salary. He read off a few which were also obtained through open records. City manager \$251,638, Deputy City Manager \$186,222, and City Clerk, \$103,771. Thank you.

Candace Chapman, executive director and founder of Virginia Samuels Cares Incorporated, Leesburg. She wanted to bring attention to their annual event on the Saturday closest to her grandmother's birthday. She was a city employee for 31 years, hardworking and dedicated. It will be at the Leesburg Resource Center on May 16, from 3 to 6. She passed out flyers to the commission. It is a free event for the community. They pride themselves on helping those who have been affected by incarceration, stroke, and homelessness. Also, newly added lung cancer. Advent Health will be there giving free lung cancer screenings. They are sponsored this year by the Lake County Sheriff, Wawa, Publix, Inflatables, Yolanda Presley, Realtor, and some other Ghost sponsors. She submitted a request to the city, and also emailed the commissioners, but has yet to hear back. On another note, she is happy to hear that the Leesburg CDC is doing great things in our community with the surplus lots that were donated to them. Their agency requested those lots as well back in 2023, and just received a denial letter on Thursday the 27th, 2026, three years later. She is happy that someone was allotted a lot or more, but would like their chance as well. She submitted a new request with the new guidelines that came along with the denial, but had a couple questions to make sure that their agency would be ready when you do start your application process that you have not yet cultivated. The first one was exhibit C. It says on the scoring sheet that it appears you want an entire design prior to the lot donation. She wants to make sure that there is a correct assessment of the scoring sheet numbers three and four in exhibit B5. She wants to know you have established a system for intake because you require it. And also in the recapture provision, wants to know what the time frame is for a not-for-profit to have to re-give the land back if they have not "quote unquote" produced a qualified home buyer because you have not explicitly stated a time frame. Thank you.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

**Routine items are placed on the Consent Agenda to expedite the meeting. If the Commission/Staff wish to discuss any item, the procedure is as follows: (1) pull the item(s) from the Consent Agenda; (2) vote on remaining items with one roll call vote, (3) discuss each pulled item and vote by roll call.**

**Items pulled for discussion:**

Commissioner Burry said in the minutes on page 16, it says Mayor Burry and it should be Mayor Berry. Laughingly, he said he had been waiting for that to happen. **5.B.3 - Construction Services Agreement with Cathcart Construction Company—Florida, LLC**

Commissioner Pederson moved to adopt the Consent Agenda except for 5.B.3, and Commissioner Burry seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was:

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

Five yeas, no nays, the Commission adopted the Consent Agenda, as follows:  
(Each item has its coordinated resolution number listed below the header)

**A. CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES:**

1. **Regular meeting held April 13, 2026**

**B. PURCHASING ITEMS:**

1. **Purchase request by the Leesburg International Airport for the installation of a new roof over the existing structure and the replacement of existing skylights at an airport hangar by Advanced Roofing, Inc. in the amount of \$128,200.00.**
2. **Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Amendment No. 1 to the existing agreement with The Fishel Company for Underground Utility Construction Services; providing for an increase in contract rates; extending the term of the agreement; and providing for an effective date.**

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION 12,224**

3. **Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Construction Services Agreement with Cathcart Construction Company – Florida, LLC for the Carver Heights Stormwater Improvements project; and providing an effective date.**

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION 12,225**

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

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

Mayor Berry requested comments from the Commission and the audience.

Mayor Berry asked what area would be addressed for the stormwater; is it one specific area? **CM Minner** said this is the Talladega, Alabama, and Tuskegee area. **Mayor Berry** asked if that was the flooding from the Milton storm. **PWD Kelsey** responded, Yes. **CM Minner** asked PWD Kelsey to provide a quick debrief on what the design concept includes and how we are trying to address it. **PWD Kelsey** said we hired a consultant to come in, and they did a drainage basin study of the area. They saw where all the storm water was going to be collected, developed a storm water retention pond and some swales to redirect all the storm water so we would not have flooding in those houses in that area. **Mayor Berry** questioned if there was any concern as far as the time frame for this project. **PWD Kelsey** replied, No, ma'am. The period of performance in the contract will allow the contractor to execute the project in a timely manner, and we will hold them to that and not assess liquidated damages. **CM Minner** said it calls

for six months. **PWD Kelsey** agreed. It is a six-month contract and, hopefully, we complete it quicker than that, but contractually they have to get it completed in six months.

The roll call vote was:

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

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

**C. RESOLUTIONS:**

**1. None**

**6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND NON-ROUTINE ITEMS:**

**During Public Hearings and Non-Routine Items, the Commission requests that those in attendance respect the process and maintain order. As such, in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, please refrain from speaking out, cheering, or applauding during these proceedings. Your cooperation helps ensure a fair and respectful hearing.**

**A. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES:**

**1. An Ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, dissolving the Tara Oaks Community Development District pursuant to section 190.046(10), Florida Statutes; finding that the district has no outstanding financial obligations and no operating or maintenance responsibilities; providing for repeal of ordinances in conflict; providing for severability; and providing for an effective date. (Tara Oaks CDD dissolution)**

**ADOPTED ORDINANCE 26-15**

Commissioner Reisman introduced the ordinance to be read by title only. CC Purvis read the ordinance by title only.

Commissioner Reisman made a motion to adopt the ordinance and Commissioner Pederson seconded the motion.

Mayor Berry requested comments from the Commission and the audience.

Planning and Zoning Director (PZD) Dan Miller said this is for the Tara Oaks community development district dissolution. The community development districts are established under chapter 190 of Florida statutes. They are there for funding, financing, acquisition, and establishment of various infrastructure such as security, recreation, parks, and other purposes. In 2021, the city of Leesburg approved a CDD for

the Tara Oaks area under Ordinance 21-17. Tara Oaks is located west of County Road 468 and south and east of Lewis Road in the north-west portion of the city. At the April 13 commission meeting, the question arose as to why there is a request to dissolve the CDD. The representative for this action, Mr. Jere Earlywine, is present, and the information we received from him is that this property is family owned and was split into two ownership interests. There was a death in the family and, as a result of the passing, the development within the CDD has stalled to where they are not moving forward at the moment. PZD Miller pointed out that the planned unit development zoning does require the developer to pay for all streets and utilities and, as the CDD is just a funding mechanism, it does not impact the city or incur any debt or liabilities to the city. It is also anticipated that the applicant will have to seek to establish a new CDD when the project resumes. Again, no impact on the city's land development regulations or comprehensive plan. In Ordinance 19-17, the PUD zoning, there is a section, I believe it is section 11-F, for maintenance, and that was part of the concern from the last meeting. The city of Leesburg will not be responsible for the maintenance or repair of the roads or transportation improvements. That is a hard statement there. The permit shall establish an appropriate legal entity that will be responsible for paying the cost and performing the services to maintain the roads and transportation improvements. In staff's interpretation, that means that you have to do something such as a CDD in order to pay for those. There is still the possibility that the development could eventually plat what could eventually dedicate those streets to the city, but they have to do that through a plat which gives the city the choice to accept or not accept that dedication. Mr. Jere Earlywine of the Kutak Rock legal firm in Tallahassee is here to answer any other questions.

**Commissioner Pederson** asked staff if this was still unimproved. Did they start the construction of roads and so forth? **PZD Miller** replied they have done a lot of work in there; tree cutting and clearing of the property. **CM Minner** added that he would label it as rough-cut in. **Mayor Berry** said, you cannot drive through there, the road is still buckling.

**Commissioner Burry** asked Dan if you stated the PUD requires them to basically have a community development district, an HOA, or a mechanism that would fund the roads. **PZD Miller** replied that generally a CDD is the better way to handle it. **Commissioner Burry** asked then why am I throwing out a CDD in order for them to do anything, if they have to have one? **PZD Miller** asked Mr. Earlywine to answer the question. **Jere Earlywine**, Kutak Rock, said his firm represents a little over 400 of the thousand plus CDDs in Florida, and has been doing this for over 20 years, since early 2000. He does not think the city of Leesburg has experienced this before. We have a CDD coming back to dissolve and, frankly, it does not happen very often. It happened a couple of times during the great recession and there is a statutory provision that speaks to it, which basically says if you do not have any assets, and you have not gone anywhere with your project, you can come back and ask the city to dissolve the CDD, or it can administratively dissolve. The reason you would do that is because if the project is really sitting around for a long time and nothing is really going on, the CDD is not doing anything, it administratively costs money to run the CDD. So, you are spending money for no reason. And then, secondarily, there is also a time clock on the CDD of about six years before it is supposed to be turned over to residents, and it shortens up how much time the developer really has to do the development with the CDD. This CDD was established back in 2021, and has been sitting for five years, with not having anything happen. Here we do not have a recessionary environment, but we have a family that went through a tragedy, death in the family. There were two brothers that owned the project, it split, and then a niece stepped in. They did a boundary member for that, so, the piece on the east is under development with her interest. Then Syed has his piece that has not really moved forward other than the clearing you guys were talking about. But his understanding is that there are no real hard assets there; no road, no pipes. **CM Minner** said there is pipe, he is positive there is gas pipe in the ground. **Mr. Earlywine** asked if that is on the east side, owned by the niece, or the west side part? **CM Minner** replied he was not sure. It is not charged, but the pipe is there. **Mr. Earlywine** said he thinks the east part is under development but the part that he retained, which is a western piece, he understands they have done some clearing, but there is no other construction.

Bottom line, the developer has an incentive to establish and have a CDD. If they are going to run the project, they are incentivized to come back and do that. The PUD does allow an alternative. Because this has been sitting around for so long, they would need to do a new one anyway because they need to restart the time clock. The best way to do that is to dissolve it and then come back to reestablish it. Because there are administrative expenses and the CDD has not done anything, does not have any assets, he will probably opt to administratively dissolve it, which is not quite as clean. **Commissioner Connell** said he is a little confused about what side we are talking about. This is the same subdivision, correct? **Mr. Earlywine** replied it was originally, but they split it in two because one of the brothers passed away, and his niece inherited his interest, and she has a different vision. A boundary amendment was done a couple of years ago, the project split, and it is his understanding that the niece has actually been able to move forward. **Commissioner Connell** asked if they both had the same subdivision name, Tara Oaks? **Mr. Earlywine** responded that they may have the same subdivision name, but they are not being developed at the same time or in the same way. **Commissioner Connell** asked if Tara Oaks East has a CDD in place? **Mr. Earlywine** answered it does not. There are advantages to the city and advantages to the developer in having a CDD, but we have already used up our time clock. It costs them money and there is no reason to continue keeping it in place. **Commissioner Burry** asked if both the east and the west are in the CDD. **Mr. Earlywine** answered no, the eastern piece. They did a boundary amendment to exclude her parcel from the CDD about two years ago. **Commissioner Pederson** asked Dan if the PUD requires a CDD or an HOA? **PZD Miller** responded that the CDD wording requires some form of legal mechanism to fund these things. From staff's perspective, you wipe the slate clean, let the family air out their own issues, and then come back to start it over and everybody will get what they are looking for. **Commissioner Reisman** asked why not just bring both a new CDD back to us at the same time as we dissolve this one? **Mr. Earlywine** replied that does happen from time to time, but here they do not know yet what they are doing with that other piece. It does not make sense to start the clock over again and spend the money when CDD does not own or has not done anything. **Commissioner Reisman** asked Dan if this PUD had an expiration date on it? **PZD Miller** said it has been substantially commenced, so it is past that. **CA Watson** said you mentioned an alternative dissolution method and asked if you could dissolve it on your own. Why would you choose coming to the city over that process? **Mr. Earlywine** answered that the other way to dissolve it is basically to let the CDD sit there for a period of time when no meetings are held, that gets listed at the state, and then you file something with DEO and it gets dissolved. Again, that is only if the city does not have any assets and no obligations, which is their case. This is a much cleaner process. **Mayor Berry** asked if this is holding up any further building in the area for residents? **PZD Miller** replied no. **Commissioner Connell** asked Mr. Earlywine, Is it your understanding that there are no utilities or anything on the west side? **Mr. Earlywine** agreed. **Commissioner Connell** asked staff if there is gas piping already in the ground in the west portion of Tara Oaks. **CM Minner** said there is gas piping; he does not know which side. We know gas piping was installed, it is not connected to the city system, we do not have ownership of it. We have some refuse to connect issues because it has not been maintained since being installed. So, even if there is pipe in the ground, we would not take it and kind of the last step, for lack of better words, before they went dark, the gas department had some issues with that, and they were letting the developer know we have some significant issues with the infrastructure they installed. **Commissioner Pederson** added they said six years, and we are five years into it. He does not see any downside to the city. **Mayor Berry** said we have been waiting a long time on this. The last time she was out there, the roads were buckled, and you could not go any further except from the main road. **CM Minner** thinks this request is indicative of a subdivision that is not ready to be developed. They started development, they cleared the land, did rough cuts, put in some gas infrastructure and everything has sat for years. They are basically still in a position where they need to start anew. He would say that there is no infrastructure in the PUD that the city would accept. This is a troubled subdivision. **Mr. Earlywine** said in his conversation with his client, he wants to put it on the record, that his part within the CDD has not started infrastructure development.

The roll call vote was:

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

Five years, no nays, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

**B. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES**

- 1. An Ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, amending the boundaries of the Grace Groves Community Development District, established pursuant to Ordinances 24-33 and 25-67; providing a severability clause; addressing conflicts; and providing an effective date. (Grace Groves CDD Amendment Contraction)**

Commissioner Reisman introduced the ordinance to be read by title only. CC Purvis read the ordinance by title only.

Mayor Berry requested comments from the Commission and the audience.

PZD Miller said this request is for an ordinance amending the boundaries of the existing Grace Groves Community Development District, which was established pursuant to Ordinance 24-33. This property is also known as the Bar Key property, generally located south of Dewey Robbins Road, east of Bridges and U.S. Highway 27. It has approximately 1,700 units and 739 acres. The request is to reduce from 739 plus or minus to about 690; a reduction of 39 acres. The reason for this request is that, believe it was in 2025, the Florida Department of Transportation purchased some land for the purpose of creating a retention area that is involved with some roadway upgrades. Do not remember if that is on US 27 or the turnpike. All they are doing in this case is asking to realign the CDD boundaries. It has no effect on anything else but is due to an outside factor which they could not control.

Mayor Berry said this would lay over to the May 11th meeting.

**C. NON-ROUTINE ITEMS:**

- 1. None**

**D. U.S. HIGHWAY 441/27 COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY:**

- 1. Resolution of the U.S. Highway 441/27 Community Redevelopment Agency (U.S. 441 27 CRA) of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing the Chairperson and Secretary to execute a resolution approving Fiscal Year 2026 Façade Sign, and Landscape Grant Awards; and providing an effective date.**

**ADOPTED RESOLUTION 55**

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

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

Mayor Berry requested comments from the Commission and the audience.

Commissioner Reisman thanked Dan, Kandi, Dianne and their team for all the hard work on the façade, sign and landscape grants.

The roll call vote was:

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

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

**7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

**The following reports are provided to the Commission in accordance with the Charter/Ordinances. No action required.**

**A. None**

**8. CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS:**

CA Watson had no reports or comments this evening.

**9. CITY MANAGER ITEMS:**

CM Minner had nothing.

**10. ROLL CALL:**

**Commissioner Connell** had nothing.

**Commissioner Burry** had no further comment.

**Commissioner Peterson** said at the last meeting, Mr. Mario Nappa stood at the podium and, quoted me

about the discussion of Lake Bright-Brighurst, and I challenged him and told him that was an inaccurate statement. He does not remember his exact words. Think it was, I assure you; I did not say what he said. And it was Mr. Nappa's comment that made me look like I really do not care about growth in the city. My point here is I am going to quote, to read again what was said and then I am going to read what I said. Then I am going to play a short video that he said he would send me, but he did not. And if I have the wrong video, Mr. Nappa, please send me the correct video. But he referenced a video when I was mayor in 2022, and I am pretty sure this is the sit-down interview. So, here is what was said in the meeting that stirred me up. Mr. Nappa said quote Mayor Pederson said quote we build the houses then we worry about the roads and I quickly objected. Here is what I said in this 30-minute interview. The interview was longer, but this portion was a minute and a half. What I said was, and it will flow in the video, is that our state builds the roads after development. I wish it was the other way around and that still needs to be heard in context with the whole video. So, I am going to ask that they play the video for me right now, but needless to say, I feel like it was an attack on my character. I feel like it made me look like I do not care.

Video:

Lake County that is growing, it is a huge hot topic here. Question asked by the interviewer: How do you feel that Leesburg is poised for growth now and in the future?

Commissioner Pederson's response: Boy, first of all, you know, people are coming to our state. You know, right or wrong, they are coming to our state. They are coming to Lake County. They are coming to Leesburg. I am proud of the fact that developers want to develop here, people want to relocate here, and we have approved a lot of subdivisions. I am not sure every one of them will come to fruition, but it has been a lot of growth, and I am noticing the traffic. I am starting to hear, you know, for the first time, you know, people bending my ear about the traffic. So, now we are going to have to look at more of a balancing act. I am not sure what the answer is. I do not think you are going to slow it down. People want to live in Florida, and it is just a great state, and they want to come here. So, I have been, it is fair to say, I have been a pro-growth commissioner. I have turned down some developments over inadequate roads. Our state builds the roads after development. I wish it was the other way around. I do understand that more and more as I sit in this role, but we are going to continue to grow. We are having to find ways to manage that. And we are going to have to improve our roads. I mean, I do not think we can stop it in this state, but it is good for Leesburg. I started with this, and I will close with this. I am just glad that this many people want to come live in Leesburg.

Video ended.

Commissioner Pederson continued to say that some people told him he should not draw attention to this, but he just thought that comment was a completely inaccurate statement, and he is going to read them again. To me, there is no comparison from quote, "We build the houses, then we worry about the roads." I do not see how you can take that in from our state builds the roads after the development. I wish it was the other way around. So, I'll stop right there. **Commissioner Pederson** ended by saying just like it was a personal attack, and it is with the no-growth controversy we deal with as commissioners today; it is tough enough. I do not need inaccurate quotes and statements that were made by me.

**Commissioner Reisman** thanked the city of Leesburg's special events and staff for all the hard work on Bikefest this weekend. It was a successful and, in his opinion, had some record numbers on Saturday for all the years that he has been helping out. So, kudos to Leesburg Police Department, the fire department, all the outside agencies, special events, and public works months before, during, and after. Thank you to all them. We hosted our Arbor Day tree giveaway with Public Works and Leesburg in Bloom last week. Thanks to Cherry Lake Tree Farm, they donated the 250 trees that we handed out. That was a good

turnout. Then on May 16th at USB in South Leesburg, I believe, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, the Leesburg Police Department is hosting a shred event. You can bring your documents and get them shredded.

**Mayor Berry** said it was a great weekend for the city. Kudos to all who worked at BikeFest. It was major compliments as you walked through town. Everyone saying how nice, how safe they felt, and glad to be here learning the history of Leesburg. Kudos to everyone, the police department, the fire department, all city staff for the great job and to the event planners and all the volunteers. There were several out there.

**11. 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 Reisman and a second by Commissioner Burry, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.