

**AGENDA MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
VENETIAN CENTER, 1 DOZIER COURT
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 5:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City of Leesburg Commission held a regular meeting Monday, January 4, 2021, at the Venetian Center. Mayor Dennison called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Commissioner John Christian
Commissioner Jay Hurley
Commissioner Mike Pederson
Commissioner Dan Robuck
Mayor Elise Dennison

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

INVOCATION

Commissioner Christian 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 to serve as Commissioner for Seat 1, District 1, for a four-year term.

B. JAY CONNELL

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

3. ELECT MAYOR

Commissioner Robuck nominated Commissioner John Christian for Mayor and Commissioner Pederson seconded the motion.

Nomination was approved unanimously.

CM Minner passed the gavel to Mayor Christian.

Mayor Christian thanked the Commission for their trust and confidence and to the city staff, look forward to a great year.

4. ELECT MAYOR PRO TEM

Commissioner Robuck nominated Commissioner Mike Pederson for Mayor Pro Tem and Commissioner Burry seconded the motion.

Nomination was approved unanimously.

5. PRESENT PLAQUE TO OUTGOING COMMISSIONER JAY HURLEY

Mayor Christian presented Commissioner Jay Hurley with a plaque for his eight years of dedicated service on the Leesburg City Commission.

Commissioner Hurley said it has been a great eight years; absolutely enjoyed it. He hopes the city feels that he left it a little better than when he got here. For him Venetian Gardens was one of the things he campaigned on and he is proud of this building and all we have accomplished. He is supportive of this next commission and looks forward to what it will accomplish. To the City of Leesburg, Thank you for allowing me to serve.

6. PRESENT PLAQUE TO OUTGOING MAYOR ELISE A. DENNISON

Mayor Christian presented Commissioner Elise Dennison with a plaque for her eight years of dedicated service on the Leesburg City Commission and a second plaque for her service as Mayor for 2020.

Commissioner Dennison thanked everyone present and in the city for their support over the last eight years; we have accomplished an awful lot for the city. She hopes this new commission will be able to continue on making Leesburg a great city in Florida. She thanked Commissioner Hurley, and stated she thinks they worked well together, and worked well as a commission. She wishes Leesburg good luck, she will still be around and Thank you she appreciates it very much.

7. APPOINTMENTS

A. Commission Appointments for 2021

Personnel Committee (called as required)

Commissioner Pederson
Mayor Christian

Lake Community Action Agency, Inc., Board of Directors

Mayor Christian

Commissioner Burry, alternate

Lake County League of Cities Board of Directors

Commissioner Pederson

Commissioner Connell, alternate

Florida League of Cities

Commissioner Pederson

Mayor Christian, alternate

Metropolitan Planning Organization

Commissioner Robuck

Commissioner Burry, alternate

St John's River Water Management District Liaison

Commissioner Burry

Florida Municipal Power Agency

Electric Director Brad Chase

City Manager Al Minner, alternate

Finance Director James "Jim" Williams, alternate

Florida Municipal Electric Association

Electric Director Brad Chase

City Manager Al Minner, alternate

Florida Municipal Power Agency Policy Makers Liaison Committee

Commissioner Robuck

Commissioner Burry, alternate

Leesburg Center for the Arts

Commissioner Pederson

Leesburg Partnership

Commissioner Burry

Commissioner Connell, alternate

8. CITY MANAGER ITEMS:

CM Minner inquired of the Commission if they had their representative appointments for the Airport Advisory Board and the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board or if they would like an item on the January 11 agenda. Commission had names ready.

Airport Advisory Board:

Mayor Christian appointed Fred Griffin, Jr.

Commissioner Robuck kept Byron Oldham

Commissioner Pederson kept Bo Wroten

Commissioner Burry appointed Tweet Coleman
Commissioner Connell appointed Alan Reisman

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board:

Mayor Christian kept Wendell Perry
Commissioner Robuck kept Jeff Sustarsic
Commissioner Pederson kept Joanie Smalley
Commissioner Burry appointed Roger Croft
Commissioner Connell appointed Clay Bell

Roll call on advisory board appointments:

Commissioner Pederson	Yes
Commissioner Burry	Yes
Commissioner Connell	Yes
Commissioner Robuck	Yes
Mayor Christian	Yes

9. ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Pederson welcomed our new commissioners, stating he is excited to with both of them and getting to know them better; it is going to be a great couple of years. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Robuck said he looks forward to a great year with a new commission. He appreciates everything that the outgoing Mayor Dennison and Commissioner Hurley did for the city as well. Good things are in store.

Commissioner Burry appreciates the opportunity to be here. He is glad to have a part in serving the City of Leesburg and looks forward to the next four years.

Commissioner Connell stated he looks forward to working on the commission. He has worked for a lot of years on the other side of the table, so it is going to be a little different for him, but he is looking forward to it.

Mayor Christian again Thanked the commission for its support and confidence and welcomed the two new commissioners. He has known Jimmy when the two worked on the Recreation authority many years ago, and working with Jay in the building department, so he knows the city. Mayor thanked them both, they love the City of Leesburg which is just going to be a continuation of the great work we have been doing. He thinks the city manager and his staff have done a great job. Speaking of Commissioners Hurley and Dennison, he stated they did not always agree as a commission, but thinks when they walked out of the room, all love the city, as well as Commissioners Robuck and Pederson. Mayor looks forward to a great year for the City of Leesburg and our residents. He welcomes a great dialogue and asks that we be civil with one another, we are all gentlemen, so he would expect us to continue to act like gentlemen no matter what kind of meeting we are in, whether contentious or not. God bless everyone and Happy New Year.

10. 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.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.