AGENDA MINUTES
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
VENETIAN CENTER, 1 DOZIER COURT
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021 5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City of Leesburg Commission held a regular meeting Monday, January 11, 2021, at the Venetian Center. Mayor Christian called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

Commissioner Jimmy Burry
Commissioner Jay Connell
Commissioner Dan Robuck
Commissioner Mike Pederson
Mayor John Christian

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

INVOCATION

Lay Brother Steven Gerrard 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

None

3. PRESENTATIONS

A. Leesburg Teen Center Project Update and 3-D Walk Through

Brook Sherrard, with CPH, gave a brief presentation on the Teen Center. This facility will be an addition to the existing Recreation Center/Gymnasium on Griffin Road with a total budget of $2.75 million dollars. Goal dates are to start construction March, 2021 and have completion by September, 2021.

Commission inquired as to the building size, placement of A/C units, outside lighting, and signage. Mr. Sherrard stated that the building is just under 10,000 square feet (CM Minner interjected the actual size is 9,200 square footage). The A/C units will be located on the roof; exterior lighting of the building will provide visibility at night and also add security. The City of Leesburg's logo will be located next to the

Boys and Girls Club logo on the building to show it is a Leesburg facility. The Boys and Girls club will handle operation and delivery of services.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

This section is reserved for members of the public to bring up matters of concern or opportunities for praise. Issues brought up will not be discussed in detail at this meeting. Issues will either be referred to the proper staff or will be scheduled for consideration at a future City Commission Meeting. Comments are limited to three minutes.

Kristen Nelson briefly introduced Lay Brother Steven Gerrard who she stated has a Life Peace Zone concept he would like to share. Ms. Nelson read scripture from Psalms 139. She feels that if life is not valued in the womb, it is not going to be valued outside the womb.

Lay Bro. Steven Gerrard stated he and some volunteers walked in the City's Christmas parade to promote the future possibility of a downtown Main Street Leesburg business district Life Peach Zone and handed out literature. He would like to see the laws for Leesburg's zoning code changed to include the Life Peace Zone concept where if embraced, codified, and ratified would become a legal protective umbrella for the safe personhood of the little preborn child peacefully developing in the mother's womb. He prays Leesburg will move in the new direction of becoming a safe pro-life sanctuary city.

Wanda Cohn, Director of the Pregnancy and Family Care Center in Leesburg, stated she met Steven less than a month ago, but believes this is something that cities and counties are actually considering. Santa Rosa County is actually the first county that has made a resolution and because there is a lot of support for life in this community, she would like to see life protected here in Leesburg.

Brenda Ward, Volunteer at Life Center, stated this request is not a usual one, she does not see any fiscal or economic impact, but there is a spiritual impact. It would mean a lot to establish Leesburg as a prolife city officially and she thinks to honor the sanctity of life is a noble goal for the city.

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:
5.B.1 - Participation Agreement with Johnson-Laux Construction;
5.B.3 (A&B) - Tree removal, Trimming & Related Services with Tip Top Trees and Native Land & Trees;
5.C.4 - Vacant Land contract between City and Ro-Mac Lumber & Supply

Commissioner Pederson moved to adopt the Consent Agenda except for 5.B.1, 5.B.3 (A&B), and 5.C.4, and Commissioner Robuck seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was:
Commissioner Connell Yes
Commissioner Robuck Yes
Commissioner Burry Yes

Commissioner Pederson Yes
Mayor Christian Yes

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

A. CITY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES:

1. Organizational Meeting held January 4, 2021

2. Regular meeting held November 23, 2020

B. PURCHASING ITEMS:

1. Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Participation Agreement with Johnson-Laux Construction, Inc. for Job Order Contracting services on construction and renovation projects as needed; and providing an effective date.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 10,781

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

Commissioner Robuck made motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Pederson seconded the motion.

Mayor Christian requested comments from the Commission and the audience.

Commissioner Robuck pulled this item as he understands the benefits to procurement of having a company like this with the fancy software that enables them to quickly bid projects out, but his concern is this pretty much eliminates any of the local companies from being able to bid because there is one company with the software. His preference would be like with the tree trimming contracts where we put it out to bid that would enable local companies to bid and be on a list to use.

Mike Thornton, Purchasing Manager, said basically this is just another tool in our toolbox to be able to deliver smaller projects in a quicker time frame. Johnson Laux, who is the general contractor on this, self performs very little if any of the work so they would be using local subcontractors on the projects. Being able to use the local subcontractors gives them more of a chance then just putting it out to bid because then we have no control of which subcontractor those general contractors use. With this we have a little bit more input, we can audit who they are contracting, how many locals get awarded, so we do have a bit more control guiding that work to the local subcontractors.

Commissioner Robuck stated his experience in working with companies like this, it is very difficult as a subcontractor to be qualified with them. They get regional type companies based out of bigger cities that cover large areas who can meet all their requirements. Anyone could bid on the continuing services contract, but if we picked three and than a small project comes up, you just award it to one of those three companies without having to bit out the job.

CM Minner thinks the Commissioner's concerns are good and thinks that is a concern about the amount of local contractors that we would or would not use. He would advise the commission, in consideration of this item, because of the amount of work done especially in the Public Works department is so diverse that having a list of contractors that tackles everything becomes cumbersome and is really not possible. The JOC, Job Order Contracting, is the way to do that umbrella. He would also pose to the commission that with this we do have some ways to control who is ultimately selected; First is the procurement process and the different levels of approval, and Second, with the note of concern of the discussion that we need to continue to use local contractors, you can rest assured that he will be working with Mike and Cliff to ensure that the JOC does use local and if not, he thinks the direction of the commission to him would be to start steering away from this type procurement. He thinks this is a good process and right now there are a couple items that staff is hoping to try with this process,1) the Ski Beach restrooms, and 2) is when we did the Lake Lorraine project, part of that requirement was to build a memorial gazebo to the gentleman who donated the land to the city.

Commissioner Robuck requested the commission receive quarterly reports from this company.

Commissioner Pederson asked if this is a 1-year contract.
PM Thornton responded it ends when the source well cooperative contract ends. We are under no obligation to use this and we can stop at any time.

Commissioner Burry asked who is involved in determining the factors.
CM Minner replied that review will ultimately be the department head and the purchasing manager.
Purchasing Manager Thornton stated the source well contract is a cooperative purchasing organization who put this out to solicitation and Johnson-Laux was a respondent who submitted their bid with the factor. The other party is the Gordian group who provides the construction task catalog with all the costs.

Mayor Christian asked the company representative to come forward.
Kevin Johnson with Johnson-Laux approached the podium.

Mayor Christian stated the company is based out of Winter Garden and asked his experience in minority business practices.
Mr. Johnson replied they have either met or exceeded in every program they have participated in. A good example is the City of Orlando and they are probably in their ninth year with them under a job order contract. He listed a couple other cities as well. Johnson-Laux is not a large company, 20-years, consider themselves local from Orange, Osceola to Lake County. It is not their software, it is the Gordian group software; they are just a contractor who competitively bid or pursued this statewide contract and they are one of the awardees.

Mayor Christian inquired of Mr. Johnson if Johnson-Laux has a program where they come into a community like Leesburg, Lake County and work with local smaller businesses to get them prepared to be on their list as opposed to saying you do not have the qualifications, you are disqualified. That is his concern. Does Johnson-Laux have anything to prepare our local contractors to be qualified.
Mr. Johnson replied yes, most definitely. He thinks the size of these projects mentioned, they are not building full buildings, and most of the companies interested in subcontracting are the smaller companies. With that in mind, they are not requiring PMP bonding, they are favorable to payment terms and want the participation; they live in this world of mentor protégé. This is public purchasing and they

believe in it. There is a time and place for serious requirements of bonding and financial capabilities and we relax those requirements under these contracts. We do a lot of convincing to small companies and develop the relationships.

Commissioner Connell asked if they presently have any relationships with any local contractors now. Mr. Johnson answered yes, they have been working with Advent Health Waterman, Lake Mechanical, those are larger guys, but they do have several other local flooring contractors, smaller electrical firms and just used a small plumber from Leesburg for work in Marion County. They can provide a detailed list of the local subs that they have relationships with.

Commissioner Connell asked once you are awarded a job, would you actually reach out to local contractors to try to get a bid from them or just leave it up to whoever comes in and bids it themselves. Mr. Johnson stated with these programs they start almost at the beginning. For instance, they looked at the Ski Beach project and took a couple subs with them out there. They do start immediately because these things move so fast because a lot are emergency projects. They price it through the book and then get the subcontractors to start pricing it.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Robuck	No
Commissioner Burry	Yes
Commissioner Pederson	Yes
Commissioner Connell	No
Mayor Christian	Yes

Three yeas, two nays, the Commission adopted the resolution.

2. Purchase request by the Fleet Services Division for the purchase of a new aerial device (bucket truck) to replace an existing piece of equipment be assigned to the Electric Department for a cost of $244,230.00.

3. Resolutions authorizing execution of Agreements for Tree Removal, Trimming & Related Services to two (2) Contractors.

a. Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Fixed Unit Price Agreement with Tip Top Tree Experts, LLC for tree trimming, removal, and related services on an as needed basis; and providing an effective date.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 10,782

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

Commissioner Robuck made motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Pederson seconded the motion.

Mayor Christian requested comments from the Commission and the audience.

Commissioner Burry inquired about the requirement for the solicitation to be awarded to a contracted in Lake or Sumter County. Tip Top's address is listed as Weirsdale; Marion County.
PM Thornton stated he would need to double check that address as Tip Top has the previous contract and Native Tree Land is a new awarded contractor.
Commissioner Robuck stated if they are Marion County, we would probably have to rebid this with that being an option.
PM Thornton stated we would not have to award to them because they would not have met the geographic requirement. We do have the one contract and they are very qualified, so do not think a new solicitation would result in any other contractors bidding.
Mayor Christian asked if this should be tabled.
PM Thornton replied yes.
Commissioner Burry moved to table item 5.B.3.A. No second received.
Commissioner Robuck stated he checked the Lake County Property Appraiser's website and this Weirsdale address is listed in Lake County.
CM Minner stated if there are any issues staff will bring this back to the commission.

The roll call vote was:
Commissioner Burry Yes
Commissioner Pederson Yes
Commissioner Connell Yes
Commissioner Robuck Yes
Mayor Christian Yes

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

b. Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Fixed Unit Price Agreement with Native Land & Trees, Inc. for tree trimming, removal, and related services on an as needed basis; and providing an effective date.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 10,783

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

Commissioner Robuck made motion to adopt the resolution and Commissioner Pederson seconded the motion.

Mayor Christian requested comments from the Commission and the audience. There were none.

The roll call vote was:
Commissioner Pederson Yes
Commissioner Connell Yes
Commissioner Robuck Yes
Commissioner Burry Yes
Mayor Christian Yes

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

C. RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Natural Gas Service Agreement between the City of Leesburg and CHS Management Corporation, for the purpose of setting forth the terms and conditions under which natural gas service will be provided to the development known as HU's Landing; and providing an effective date.**

Resolution 10,778

2. Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Gas Service Agreement between the City of Leesburg and Bentley Ridge Holdings, LLC for the purpose of providing Natural Gas service to the development referred to as Bentley Ridge; and providing an effective date.

Resolution 10,779

3. **Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, accepting a Utility Easement to the City of Leesburg from Leesburg Regional Medical Center, Inc., for itself and as successor by Merger to LRMC North, Inc., for the purpose of granting the City an Easement over the property described therein; and providing an effective date.**

Resolution 10,780

4. **Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Leesburg, Florida, authorizing and directing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a vacant land contract between the City of Leesburg and Ro-Mac Lumber & Supply, Inc. for the purpose of providing terms for the sale of a portion of abandoned railroad right of way, and waiving certain setback requirements otherwise applicable to the property being sold; and providing an effective date.**

ADOPTED RESOLUTION 10,784

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

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

Mayor Christian requested comments from the Commission and the audience.

Commissioner Robuck stated he needs to abstain.

Commissioner Connell asked for clarification on this action.
CM Minner stated the RoMac Lumber yard goes from Lee Street on the east and probably a 1,000 or so feet to the west, and Main Street on the south. The old railroad right-of-way, which used to be 100 feet basically cuts through the middle of downtown there. RoMac has a number of facilities in that area and about a year ago they asked the city to purchase about the same size of right-of-way as shown on the sketch in the packet; the hatched area. They have plans to expand their lumber yard, so we are proposing to sell them 75 feet of the 100 feet. More building facilities, more tax base, more business for RoMac, good for everyone. The city will keep the other 25 foot strip for our infrastructure down that corridor.

Commissioner Connell asked what was used to determine a fair price on the sale.
CM Minner replied when we did this last year, we had just finished the appraisal for the Pine Street property where we bought the pool, used Todd Barfield and Associates out of Ocala. He rendered that property at about a buck 13 a square foot so we just revisited that and used the same price for this chunk. The last property the city sold to RoMac was for about 20 - 25,000-ish. This chunk is double that size so we sued the same unit price and it was $50,000 and some change for not quite an acre.

Commissioner Pederson stated reserving the 25 feet, he would assume that is for future rails to trails or those type things.
CM Minner replied correct; rails to trails, water, sewer, electric.

The roll call vote was:

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

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

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND NON-ROUTINE ITEMS:
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INFORMATION SIGN-UP SHEET (YELLOW) AVAILABLE

A. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Christian stated he needs to abstain from items 6.A.1, 6.A.2, and 6.A.3 and passed the gavel to Mayor Pro Tem Pederson.

1. **An Ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, annexing certain real property consisting of approximately 0.46 acres; and being generally located West of Sleepy Hollow Road and North of Old Tavares Road, lying in Section 20, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, Lake County, Florida; providing that said property so annexed shall be liable for its proportionate share of the existing and future indebtedness of said city; providing that such annexed property shall be subject to all laws and ordinances of said city as if all such territory had been a part of the**

City of Leesburg at the time of passage and approval of said laws and ordinances; providing that such annexed territory shall be placed in City Commission District 1; and providing an effective date. (CWC Homes Ax)

ADOPTED ORDINANCE 21-01

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

Commissioner Robuck made motion to adopt the ordinance and Commissioner Burry seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Pederson requested comments from the Commission and the audience.

Commissioner Robuck stated from his understanding this is already zoned exactly the same way in the county, we just moving it into the city.
CM Minner replied correct.
Mayor Christian stated they just want city services.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Robuck	Yes
Commissioner Burry	Yes
Commissioner Connell	Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Pederson	Yes
Mayor Christian	Abstain

Four yeas, no nays, one abstain, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

2. **An Ordinance amending the Future Land Use map of the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Leesburg, changing the Future Land Use map designation of certain property containing approximately 0.46 acres, being generally located on the West side of Sleepy Hollow Road and North of Old Tavares Road, lying in Section 20, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, Lake County, Florida from Lake County Urban Low Density to City of Leesburg Estate; and providing an effective date. (CWC SSCP Old Tavares Road -** SSCP)

ADOPTED ORDINANCE 21-02

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

Commissioner Robuck made motion to adopt the ordinance and Commissioner Burry seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Pederson requested comments from the Commission and the audience.

CM Minner mentioned for the new commissioners that every time we do an annexation, it always comes in threes. We annex the property, land use it, and then do the zoning classification.

The roll call vote was:
Commissioner Burry Yes
Commissioner Connell Yes
Commissioner Robuck Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Pederson Yes
Mayor Christian Abstain

Five yeas, no nays, one abstain, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

3. **An Ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, Rezoning approximately 0.46 +/- acres from Lake County R-1 (Rural Residential) to City R-1 (Low Density Residential) for a property generally located West of Sleepy Hollow Road and North of Old Tavares Road, as legally described in Section 20, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, Lake County, Florida; and providing an effective date. (CWC Old Tavares Road -** RZ)

ADOPTED ORDINANCE 21-03

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

Commissioner Robuck make motion to adopt the ordinance and Commissioner Burry seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Pederson requested comments from the Commission and the audience. There were none.

The roll call vote was:
Commissioner Connell Yes
Commissioner Robuck Yes
Commissioner Burry Yes
Mayor Pro Tem Pederson Yes
Mayor Christian Abstain

Five yeas, no nays, one abstain, the Commission adopted the ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Pederson passed the gavel back to Mayor Christian.

4. **An Ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, modifying the conditions of approval on approximately 19.5 +/- acres for property generally located North of U.S. Highway 441, West of North Lake Avenue and South of Bentley Road, as legally described in Section 30, Township 19 South, Range 25 East, Lake County, Florida; and providing an effective date. (Lake Griffin Reserve PDO Amendment)**

ADOPTED ORDINANCE 21-04

Commissioner Robuck introduced the ordinance. CC Purvis read the ordinance by title only.

Commissioner Robuck made motion to adopt the ordinance and Commissioner Pederson seconded the motion.

Mayor Christian requested comments from the Commission and the audience.

Commissioner Robuck stated this is letting them remove the pool, but not adding anything new. Do we typically require a pool in these type subdivisions.
Planning Manager (PM) Dan Miller replied we typically go for that but given that there are many options when it comes to recreation, we can remove the pool and put in other amenities. What they are asking for is to remove the pool and replace it with a dog park, pavilions, BBQ, shade structures and a children's playground.
Commissioner Robuck stated he does not care what it is, but just wants to make sure there are some amenities. His only concern is if we start stripping away amenities then that allows you to put in even lower price homes.
PM Miller replied correct and there is a requirement for 200 square feet per home of recreation space.
Mayor Christian agrees with Commissioner Robuck and if you do not have amenities for the young people they are going to go somewhere else to find extracurricular activities, other people's yards and do mischievous things. If going to bring this many people then you should be able to accommodate them on the property.
PM Miller stated the pool goes away but it remains recreational space; if you approve this, it does not allow any additional units.
Mayor Christian said looking at getting rid of a $100,000 pool plus maintenance as opposed to a shade structure that you do not have to do anything to for the next 20 years. Understand we want the developer to make money, but we also want to make sure that we have a nice development in Leesburg where people can have amenities that say this is where I want to live.
Commissioner Pederson said he learned something today; he did not know we were requiring pools in these type subdivisions.
PM Miller stated there is generally some negotiation back and forth; pretty standard. He stated that Mr. Richard Wohlfarth is present if the commission has questions.
Commissioner Robuck stated he would be interested to see what he wants to replace the pool with. He does not want to see us remove a 1/3 acre of a pool and just make the dog park a 1/3 of an acre.
Richard Wohlfarth stated the package before the commission is quite comprehensive for an amenity package for a 100 unit project. As far as hard dollars, the playground is a 30 to 40 thousand dollar playground, not something you buy at Home Depot; very expensive. They have extended and expanded the dog park, added additional picnic and BBQ areas. The pavilion is large enough for birthday parties and space for 3 to 4 picnic tables. He thinks this is more of a relationship for the people who will be moving there and they are finding as time goes on that most smaller communities do not want the hassle and expense of maintaining a pool and all the rest.
Commissioner Robuck asked the square footage of the pavilion.
Mr. Wohlfarth replied it is about 500 to 600 square feet.
Commissioner Burry inquired as to the cabanas.
Mr. Wohlfarth replied the pool and cabanas are being removed and the large pavilion, wood structure with a plastic lament, is going in that space. They hope to break ground in February and have housing out there by end of year.

The roll call vote was:

Commissioner Pederson	Yes
Commissioner Connell	Yes
Commissioner Robuck	Yes
Commissioner Burry	Yes

Mayor Christian Yes

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

5. **An Ordinance of the City of Leesburg, Florida, Vacating the existing 15 Foot Ingress/Egress and Utility Easements and the existing 7.5 Foot Ingress/Egress and Utility Easements consisting of approximately 27,367 Square Feet, generally located between Montclair Road and Carver Drive within Lot 3 of the Leesburg Industrial Center Plat, as Recorded in Plat Book 49, Page 27 of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida; and providing an effective date. (Leesburg Industrial Center -FedEx Vacate)**

ADOPTED ORDINANCE 21-05

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

Commissioner Pederson made motion to adopt the ordinance and Commissioner Robuck seconded the motion.

Mayor Christian requested comments from the Commission and the audience.

Commissioner Connell requested clarification on this matter.
PM Miller replied FedEx, the national company, has chosen Leesburg and found a site, Lot 3, off Montclair Road. Glad to have them at that particular location in Carver Heights; zoning is good. What they want to do is remove the current easements, they are going through the development process now to reapply new easements in the right locations. They will have construction plans shortly and then through the development review process they have to get new easements as dictated by our utilities which will be brought back before the commission in the future. Do not remember the number of jobs this is going to bring, but it is going to bring some good jobs to Leesburg.
Mayor Christian asked if staff sees any problems with the new easements.
PM Miller replied no sir; it is done on every project that comes through under development review. Each utility looks at it and they let us know where they need utilities if they do not already exist and then part of the approval process is they have to bring those utilities and have them recorded.
Commissioner Pederson asked if the city ever does just a blanket easement across the property because of the way all these different utilities run or is it always just described by survey.
PM Miller stated we do have a few blankets, but generally we try to avoid them because we are really going over someone's entire property and if we know exactly where those lines are going there is no need for that.
CA Morrison stated the real reason you do not have blanket easements is because lenders abhor those; they will not hardly lend money on a property that is encumbered by a blanket easement.
Mayor Christian thinks these are the type projects that as Commissioner Connell talked about that the commission loves to hear about because they are job producers in a repurposed redevelopment area. For him that is exactly what he hopes and prays for and knows city manager is probably pushing city staff to do whatever we can to make sure FedEx completes this project. Do not want to hear that they changed their mind because the city was too difficult to work with.
PM Miller stated FedEx is into this for quite a bit, so staff will push it along and feel confident that they will see this through.

The roll call vote was:

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

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

B. FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES

1. NONE

C. NON-ROUTINE ITEMS

1. NONE

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:

Nothing this evening.

9. CITY MANAGER ITEMS:

Nothing this evening.

10. ROLL CALL:

Commissioner Pederson had nothing.

Commissioner Burry had nothing.

Commissioner Robuck thinks it is probably a little too soon to do anything, but thinks it is something we just need to monitor; the whole COVID situation. Seemed like it was going away, but now seems to be at least from his experience at work, it is coming back at a much higher level than before. We are struggling with some locations to keep them open due to staff. In speaking with his brother-in-law this weekend, he informed him that at UF and Shands they told all the specialists, internal medicine certified,

that they cannot take vacation. As a city, he thinks with the Governor's executive orders the only purview we have is with our own facilities and what type events the city is actually doing ourselves. What he would like the commission to do is give Al the authority to communicate with the hospitals and if we need to adjust our operating style with different groups or city specific that he would have the authority to do that. He is sure Al will speak with all the commission and if we think he is overreaching we can always dial it back. He just thinks this would be a good thing to do in case this moves faster than we might expect. **Commissioner Pederson** stated he is perfectly fine with that. He knows Al called him and sure the rest of the commission last week on the issues with customer service, so he agrees with Commissioner Robuck.
Commissioner Burry also agrees; stating he has great concern about the current state of COVID. He follows the department of Health's data weekly and three months ago we had 32 individuals with a COVID diagnosis in Lake County hospitals and today we have over 160, so this is significant; it is not slowing.

Commissioner Connell had nothing.

Mayor Christian stated he is excited about the Leesburg Teen Center even in our current environment with Leesburg still working and still producing. He thinks our staff, Al called about customer service and the issues that we are having within our city, and he just wants to commend the city manager and staff for working through these conditions. It is an impact not just on the city, but also on our families in our city, so Commissioner Robuck is well on point. We need to make sure that we stay diligent and we stay safe because there is an uptick and some people do not see this as serious, it is not a political thing, it is a health issue and we should all make sure we stay safe. So Al, just do whatever you need to do to keep our city safe and moving.

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.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.