

**City Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
(APPROVED)**

2/15/2022 - Minutes

1. INVOCATION

Commissioner Hilligoss gave the invocation.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Fultz called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. after the invocation and pledge.

4. ROLL CALL

**Commission Members Present:** Mayor Eugene Fultz, Terrye Howell, Jack Hilligoss, Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson, Daniel Williams

**Staff Present:** James Slaton, City Manager; Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk; Albert C. Galloway, Jr., City Attorney

5. COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

6. Minutes - February 1, 2022

Commissioner Howell made a motion to approve the minutes of February 1, 2022. Commissioner Hilligoss seconded the motion.

by voice vote:

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Commissioner Hilligoss "YES"

Commissioner Williams "YES"

Deputy Mayor Gibson "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion Passed 5-0.

7. CITY CLERK

7.1. Board Appointments - Library Board

[Begin Agenda Memo]

**SYNOPSIS:** Appointments to fill a vacancy on the Library board

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Commission make the following appointment as deemed appropriate.

- 1. Appoint Jodie Schmidt to fill a term on the Library Board to expire July 1, 2026.

**BACKGROUND**

The Mayor makes appointments to various citizen advisory and regulatory boards, commissions, committees, and authorities with the advice and consent of the City Commission (City Charter, Sec. 3.06).

Library Board (City Code Sec. 2-26,(b)) – The board consists of five (5) members.

Four members must reside in the City, own property in the City or hold a valid business tax receipt issued from by the City. One member shall be a resident of the unincorporated Greater Lake Wales area having a Lake Wales address or a resident of the City of Lake Wales if the Lake Wales Public Library is a member of the Polk County Cooperative and receives operating funds from Polk County Board of County Commissioners (Ordinance 2008-07; 02/19/08). (5-year term)

- There is no interview process requirement for applicants applying for appointment to this board.
- Members are not required to file an annual Form 1, Statement of Financial Interests
- Current Vacancies: 2 vacancies, resident & non-resident, due to resignation & expiration of terms

Current Meeting Schedule: 1st Wednesday @ 4:00 p.m.; Lake Wales Library

Primary Duties: Operate the public library; control expenditures of all monies collected or donated to the Library Fund; appoint the library staff and establish rules and regulations for operation and use of the Library subject to the supervision and control of the City Commission.

Current Members:	Chayla Outing, outside	7/1/21 -07/1/26, P+1	resigned
	Imelda Tice, resident	10/20/20 – 07/01/22,	P
	Michalkiewicz, Brystal, resident	08/04/15 - 07/01/21,	P+1
	Brandon Alvarado, resident	01/19/21 - 07/01/23,	1
	Allison Kapphan, resident	07/01/19 - 07/01/24,	P+1

Applying for Appointment: Jodie Schmidt for a term expiring on 7/1/2026

The Library Board recommends her appointment.

**OPTIONS**

Do not appoint those that have applied.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None. These are volunteer boards.

[End Agenda Memo]

Tina Peak, Library Director, introduced Jodie Schmidt to the Commission. Jodie Schmidt, shared why she wishes to serve.

Mayor Fultz appointed Jodie Schmidt to the Library Board for a term expiring on 7/1/2026.

Commissioner Hilligoss made a motion to approve the appointment. Deputy Mayor Gibson seconded the motion.

By voice vote:

Commissioner Hilligoss "YES"

Deputy Mayor Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Commissioner Williams "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion approved 5-0.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS

- 8.I. Ordinance 2022-05 Annexation – 2nd Reading And Public Hearing 0.16 Acres Of Land North Of Hickory Hammock Road And West Of Nursery Road

[Begin Agenda Memo]

**SUBJECT:** Ordinance 2022-05 Annexation – 2nd Reading and Public Hearing 0.16 acres of land north of Hickory Hammock Road and west of Nursery Road

PID: 272915-864200-007120

**SYNOPSIS:** Ordinance 2022-05 proposes the voluntary annexation of approximately 0.16 acres of land located north of Hickory Hammock Road, west of Nursery Road, and contiguous to the incorporated City limits.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends adoption after second reading of Ordinance 2022-05 following a public hearing.

Public Hearing notice requirements have been met.

Commission approved Ordinance 2022-05 at first reading on February 1, 2022. A recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board is not required for an annexation ordinance.

### **BACKGROUND**

Star Lake Inc., owner, petitioned annexation into the corporate city limits of Lake Wales on December 2, 2021.

"Attachment A" to the ordinance shows the property's location. It is contiguous to the City Limits along its western boundary.

#### **OTHER OPTIONS**

Decline to annex the property.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The annexation will add to the City's tax roll. The property is valued at \$4,495, which would bring in additional property taxes. Additionally, the approval of the annexation would allow the applicant to assemble a tract of land for potential residential development.

[End Agenda Memo]

Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk, read **ORDINANCE 2022-05** by title only.

#### **ORDINANCE 2022-05**

**(Annexation – 0.16 acres of land north of Hickory Hammock Road and west of Nursery Road)**

**Parcel ID: 272915-864200-007120**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 0.16 ACRES OF LAND, CONTIGUOUS TO THE INCORPORATED TERRITORY OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, SHOWN ON ATTACHMENT "A" AND SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED HEREIN; GIVING THE CITY OF LAKE WALES JURISDICTION OVER THE LAND ANNEXED; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING

Deputy Mayor Gibson asked about the purpose of this annexation. Autumn Cochella, Assistant Director of Development Services, reviewed this item and explained that the purpose is to emergency egress to a potential residential development project. The plan will come to the Commission for approval at a later date.

Commissioner Howell made a motion to adopt **ORDINANCE 2022-05** after 2nd reading and public hearing. Deputy Mayor Gibson seconded the motion.

By Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Deputy Mayor Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Hilligoss "YES"

Commissioner Williams "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion approved 5-0.

8.II. ORDINANCE D2022-01 2nd Reading And Public Hearing Future Land Use For 8.84 Acres Of Land North Of Mountain Lake Cutoff Road And West Of US Highway 27

[Begin Agenda Memo]

**SYNOPSIS:** Laurent Meyer, authorized agent for owners, request approval of City Commission to amend the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan to the above-mentioned parcel totaling approximately 8.84 acres of land.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adoption at second reading, following a public hearing, to re-assign the following land use designation, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board at a regular meeting on January 25, 2022:

Current Land Use: LCI Proposed Land Use: HDR

This was approved by City Commission at first reading on February 1, 2022.

**BACKGROUND**

The subject property is located north of Mountain Lake Cutoff Road and west of US Highway 27, just west of the Sizzling Grill. The existing site is known as the Green Gables Inn.

Land Use and Zoning amendments have been presented to the Planning & Zoning

Board at a regular meeting on January 25, 2022.

This parcel will become part of residential redevelopment; however, development plans have not yet been submitted to the City. The redevelopment plans would need to go through the Planned Development Project procedure to be approved. A Future Land Use Designation of HDR – High Density Residential – at 25 units per gross acre is compatible with the surrounding area and will complement the built environment.

**CODE REFERENCES AND REVIEW CRITERIA**

The City Commission assigns future Land Use and Zoning designations by ordinances upon a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board. The adopted ordinance is transmitted to the state's Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) for review. The DEO reviews the designations as appropriate with reference to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Re-assignment would enable the redevelopment of this property and the potential increase in property value.

[End Agenda Memo]

Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk, read **ORDINANCE D2022-01** by title only.

**ORDINANCE D2022-01**

**(CPA/Future Land Use Map Amendment for approximately 8.84 acres of land north of Mountain Lake Cutoff Road and west of US Highway 27)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO CHANGE LAND USE DESIGNATION ON APPROXIMATELY 8.84 ACRES OF LAND NORTH OF MOUNTAIN LAKE CUTOFF ROAD AND WEST OF US HIGHWAY 27, FROM CITY OF LAKE WALES DESIGNATION LIMITED COMMERCIAL-INDUSTRIAL (LCI), TO DESIGNATION HDR HIGH-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson made a motion to adopt **ORDINANCE D2022-01** after 2nd reading and public hearing. Commissioner Hilligoss seconded the motion.

By Roll Call Vote:

Deputy Mayor Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Hilligoss "YES"

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Commissioner Williams "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion approved 5-0.

- 8.III. ORDINANCE D2022 – 02 2nd Reading And Public Hearing - Zoning For 8.84 Acres Of Land North Of Mountain Lake Cutoff Road And West Of US Highway 27

[Begin Agenda Memo]

**SYNOPSIS:** Laurent Meyer, authorized agent for owners, request approval of City Commission to amend the Zoning Map, to the above-mentioned parcel totaling approximately 8.84 acres of land.

**RECOMMENDATION** Adoption at second reading, following a public hearing, to re-assign the following zoning designation, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board at a regular meeting on January 25, 2022: Current Zoning: LCI Proposed Zoning: R-3 This was approved by City Commission at first reading on February 1, 2022.

**BACKGROUND** The subject property is located north of Mountain Lake Cutoff Road and west of US Highway 27, just west of the Sizzling Grill. The existing site is known as the Green Gables Inn. Land Use and Zoning amendments have been presented to the Planning & Zoning Board at a regular meeting on January 25, 2022. This parcel will become part of residential redevelopment; however, development plans have not yet been submitted to the City. The redevelopment plans would need to go through the Planned Development Project procedure to be approved. A Zoning designation of R-3 is compatible with the surrounding area and will complement the built environment.

**CODE REFERENCES AND REVIEW CRITERIA** The City Commission assigns Zoning designations by ordinances upon a recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Board.

**FISCAL IMPACT** Re-assignment would enable the redevelopment of this property and the potential increase in property value.

[End Agenda Memo]

Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk, read **ORDINANCE D2022-02** by title only.

**ORDINANCE D2022-02**

**(Zoning Map Amendment for approximately 8.84 acres of land north of Mountain Lake Cutoff Road and west of US Highway 27)**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO CHANGE ZONING DESIGNATION ON APPROXIMATELY 8.84 ACRES OF LAND NORTH OF MOUNTAIN LAKE CUTOFF ROAD AND WEST OF US HIGHWAY 27, FROM CITY OF LAKE WALES DESIGNATION LIMITED COMMERCIAL-INDUSTRIAL (LCI), TO DESIGNATION R-3 RESIDENTIAL; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson made a motion to adopt **ORDINANCE D2022-02** after 2nd reading and public hearing. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

By Roll Call Vote:

Deputy Mayor Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Commissioner Hilligoss "YES"

Commissioner Williams "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion approved 5-0.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.I. ORDINANCE 2022-06 LDR Updates Chapter 23 Land Development Regulations – 1st Reading And Public Hearing

[Begin Agenda Memo]

**SYNOPSIS:**

Staff proposes amendments to the following sections of the Land Development Regulations (LDRs) (Chapter 23, Lake Wales Code of Ordinances):

- Sec. 23-303 Streets
- Sec. 23-307 Landscaping
- Table 23-421 Permitted Uses
- Table 23-422B Dimensional and Area Standards

- Sec. 23-443 Residential PDPs

- Sec. 23-767 Exemptions

**RECOMMENDATION** At a regular meeting on January 25, 2022, the Planning and Zoning Board made a recommendation of approval to City Commission for the proposed changes to the Land Development Regulations. Staff recommends approval at first reading, following a public hearing.

**BACKGROUND** Areas of the Land Development Regulations (LDRs) (Chapter 23, Lake Wales Code of Ordinances) have been identified as needing amendments. Sec. 23-303 Streets Background and justification: Traffic Impact Studies are required for all new development. The intent of this appendix to the code, according to the language prepared by the City's consulting transportation planning firm, is: to define the requirements, procedures and methodology for the preparation and submission of a traffic impact study (TIS) in the City of Lake Wales and to provide equitable, consistent and systematic means of determining the future impact of proposed developments while maintaining the adopted service levels on all roadways. (See attached ordinance).

**Sec. 23-307 Landscaping** *Background and justification:*

During the review of recent Site Development Plans for residential projects, there has been a question of interpretation regarding street trees. Specifically, some developers are stating that they will have one of the required trees

(per Sec. 307.2.a.3.) to serve as the required street tree. However, the staff's intent is that the required street tree be in addition to the tree density standards. To clarify this requirement, the proposed standards are suggested. Sec. 307.

2 Landscaping standards.

a . Tree density.

2. Non-residential density requirement. A minimum of two (2) three (3) trees shall be required for each one-quarter (&1/4;) acre or ten thousand eight hundred ninety (10,890) square feet of land or fraction thereof in the non-residential development.

3. Residential density requirements. Lots less than 10,000 s/f: two, three two-inch caliper shade trees, minimum of eight feet at planting. At least one of the shade trees shall be a street tree. Corner lots shall have a minimum of one additional tree to ensure that each frontage has at least one street tree. Lots 10,000 s/f or greater: three, four two-inch caliper shade trees, minimum of eight feet at planting. At least one of the shade trees shall be a street tree. Corner lots shall have a minimum of one additional tree to ensure that each frontage has at least one street tree.

NOTE: Street Trees are required to have root barriers. Root barriers shall be approved by the Administrative Official prior to planting.

Definitions: Root Barrier – Typically used for Street Trees, Root Barriers are structures and/or materials that redirect tree roots down and away from hardscapes, preventing costly root damage while preserving the health and functionality of trees. Street Tree – A tree that is currently located or proposed for planting along streets or highways. Such tree can be located on private property or on publicly held land. Street trees are typically planted in a linear fashion and provide spatial enclosure as well as other technical and aesthetic benefits (Wildwood Mo.)

**Table 23-421 Permitted Uses** Background and justification:

1.) In order to reduce automobile dependency for short trips, a change to the Permitted Use Chart to



allow all new residential developments to provide support non-residential uses within a portion of the development (mixed-use) through the PDP process is proposed. A note is added to ensure that such non-residential uses may be those only consistent with the C-4 Neighborhood Commercial zoning district.

2.) In order to open up the city's industrial zones to heavy manufacturing, it is proposed to change Manufacturing – Heavy, from S (special exception use permit), to P (permitted), in the I-1 zoning district.

3.) Within the LCI Limited-Commercial zoning district, a district designed to promote a mix of commercial and industrial uses, Staff proposes to allow small grocery or convenience stores, with or without gasoline sales, by right.

4.) Allow manufactured home communities through the PDP process only, in residential districts. This provision does not allow individual infill or subdivided lots to place a manufactured home. Note added: Non-residential uses are permitted as a subordinate part of a residential Planned Development Project and are limited to those uses permitted in the C-4 Neighborhood Commercial zoning district.

**TABLE 23-422B DIMENSIONAL AND AREA STANDARDS—NONRESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS\***  
Background and justification:

Table 23-422 guides land development by requiring standard dimensional and area standards, including building height and setbacks, maximum lot coverage, and maximum building coverage. Currently, front building setbacks are determined by one of three factors: what is standard to the zoning district, what is in keeping with the surrounding area (infill development), or the right-of-way width of the roadway on which it fronts.

Current note below the setback table: The minimum front setback shall be as designated or one-half (&1/2;) the width of the required right-of-way for the street on which the lot fronts, whichever is larger. For infill lots, the administrative official may grant a waiver allowing a reduction of the front yard setback requirement, provided the reduction is compatible with building setbacks in the immediate vicinity.

Proposed: The minimum front setback shall be as designated or one-half (&1/2;) the width of the required right-of-way for the street on which the lot fronts, whichever is larger. For development fronting on an arterial highway, the minimum front setback shall be 50 feet. For infill lots, the administrative official may grant a waiver allowing a reduction of the front yard setback requirement, provided the reduction is compatible with building setbacks in the immediate vicinity.

This change primarily affects development on County and State roads where the right-of-way widths are wider, and change periodically. Currently, US Highway 27 has a (newly increased, without the City's knowledge) right-of-way width of 200 feet; therefore, new development along this corridor would now be subject to a 100-foot front setback. This new setback requirement may potentially create unbuildable vacant commercial lots along our commercial corridors. It also encourages site design where buildings are setback so far, that a sea of asphalt parking is the prominent site feature, rather than street-oriented architecture and landscaping.

**Sec. 23-443 Residential PDPs** *Background and justification:* Staff recommends removal of a code provision which gives developers open space credit for private residential yards, in order to achieve the required 20% minimum site-wide open space. Credit for open space should only be considered in common and public areas of the development.

Sec. 23-443.1 Minimum design standards—Residential PDPs. The preliminary plan for a residential PDP shall demonstrate that the site design complies with the minimum design standards of this section.

a. Density. The number of units per acre shall not exceed the maximum as allowed for the classification of the property under the Future Land Use Element of the Comprehensive Plan. Acreage

for density calculations shall not include areas of open water or lands within the "Conservation" classification of the Future Land Use Map.

b. Open space. Excluding roadways and parking areas open space shall make up a minimum of twenty (20) percent of the site area. If open space is provided as private yards for individual units, such yards shall make up only fifty (50) percent of the open space required. The remaining fifty (50) percent shall be common open space in the form of recreation area, pedestrian or bicycle paths, or landscaped common areas. The recreation area required under section 23-310 may be included to meet the open space requirement except that recreation buildings and parking areas shall not be included.

**Sec. 23-767 Exemptions** *Background and justification:*

Current code provides for the exemption from the payment of impact fees for the redevelopment of sites which have been vacant less than three years. Staff proposes to increase the window of opportunity to five years, which mirror's the County's code provision.

The following shall be exempted from payment of impact fees:

a. Alterations, expansions or replacement of an existing dwelling unit which do not increase the number of families for which such dwelling unit is arranged, designed or intended to accommodate for the purpose of providing living quarters.

b. The alteration or expansion of an accessory building or structure which will not create additional dwelling units or will not increase the usable square footage space associated with the principal building on the land.

c. The replacement of a dwelling unit or building with a new dwelling unit or building of the same size and use and which will not increase the square footage associated therewith; provided that the replacement of a dwelling unit or building which has been destroyed or otherwise rendered uninhabitable must be replaced within three (3) five (5) years of the date it was destroyed or rendered uninhabitable in order to be exempted from the payment of impact fees.

**CODE REFERENCES AND REVIEW CRITERIA**

- Sec. 23-303 Streets
- Sec. 23-307 Landscaping
- Table 23-421 Permitted Uses
- Table 23-422B Dimensional and Area Standards
- Sec. 23-443 Residential PDPs
- Sec. 23-767 Exemptions

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

[End Agenda memo]

Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk, read **ORDINANCE 2022-06** by title only.

**ORDINANCE 2022-06**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE WALES, POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 23, ZONING, LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AMENDING SECTION 23-303 STREETS, SECTION 23-307 LANDSCAPING, TABLE 23-421 PERMITTED USES, TABLE 23-422B DIMENSIONAL AND AREA STANDARDS, SECTION 23-443 RESIDENTIAL PDPS, AND SECTION 23-767 EXEMPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson made a motion to approve **ORDINANCE D2022-06** after 1st reading and public hearing. Commissioner Howell seconded the motion.

By Roll Call Vote:

Deputy Mayor Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Commissioner Hilligoss "YES"

Commissioner Williams "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion approved 5-0.

9.II. RESOLUTION 2022-02, Public Transportation Grant Agreement G2505

[Begin Agenda Memo]

**SYNOPSIS:** The City Commission will consider approving Resolution 2022-02, authorizing an agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to provide funding for the design, bid and construction of an aviation fuel farm at the Lake Wales Municipal Airport.

**RECOMMENDATION**

1. Approve Resolution 2022-02, authorizing the execution of Public Transportation Grant Agreement G2505 by the Mayor with the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) in the amount of \$803,250.00.

**BACKGROUND** The existing fuel tanks have far exceeded their useful life (over 20 years old) and the 2021 inspection of the fuel tanks concluded that the tanks would not pass a future inspection without significant upgrades. Resolution 2022-02 will provide funding of \$803,250.00 for the design, bid and construction of a new aviation fuel farm at the Lake Wales Municipal Airport.

**OTHER OPTIONS** This project is fully funded by the Florida Department of Transportation.

**FISCAL IMPACT** The current FY 2021/22 Airport capital improvement budget has funding of \$800,000.00 for this project.

[End Agenda memo]

James Slaton, City Manager, reviewed this item.

OPENED PUBLIC HEARING

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING

Deputy Mayor Robin Gibson made a motion to approve **RESOLUTION 2022-02**. Commissioner Hilligoss seconded the motion.

By Roll Call Vote:

Deputy Mayor Gibson "YES"

Commissioner Hilligoss "YES"

Commissioner Howell "YES"

Commissioner Williams "YES"

Mayor Fultz "YES"

Motion approved 5-0.

#### 10. CITY ATTORNEY

Albert Galloway, Jr. City Attorney, said he got the deed back transferring the Seminole hotel to the CRA. He also got title insurance.

Mr. Galloway said 4 foreclosures approved by the Code Enforcement Board are in process. Another was approved yesterday. The Estes project is on hold as Mr. Estes has not hired a new attorney after the previous one passed away.

Mr. Ray Brown was served a complaint on the Grand Hotel. A response is due March 1. After this there may be a shade meeting to discuss how to proceed. He reviewed shade meetings procedure.

#### 11. CITY MANAGER

James Slaton, City Manager, reported that Mardi Gras is February 25-26. The Mainstreet third Thursday Market is this Thursday.

Mr. Slaton reported on the planned Polk Regional Water Cooperative meeting tomorrow and reviewed our status as a project associate. We will see what is approved tomorrow. Mayor Fultz said he won't vote for anything without the support of the Commission. This was discussed.

Mr. Slaton said, regarding the Grove Manor project, we will provide a letter of support and later a resolution for this.

##### 11.I. Tracking Report

##### 11.II. Commission Meeting Calendar

James Slaton, City Manager reminded the Commission of the Special meeting on February 18th at 4pm to approve the ballot.

#### 12. CITY COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Hilligoss said he enjoyed the recent Ridge League of Cities Dinner and said staff did a good job.

He said he was glad to see the recent coverage of our affordable housing efforts and he said he was glad we are still on board with the Housing Authority.

Commissioner Williams said he is glad for the collaboration with the Housing Authority. He has heard good things from the community on this.

Commissioner Howell asked about the work at HWY 27 & SR 60 and when completion is expected. Mr. Slaton said it was a 5 year project but they have shaved some time off of the project.

Commissioner Howell asked which properties are being foreclosed on. Albert Galloway, Jr., said he can provide a list of the properties. Commissioner Howell asked if the owners are notified. Mr. Galloway reviewed the notification process. This was discussed. Deputy Mayor Gibson agreed that owners are supposed to be notified.

13. MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Fultz said the Ridge League of Cities dinner was a great event.

Mayor Fultz commended those that are running for office.

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST

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City Clerk