



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023, 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL. LAKELAND. TENNESSEE 38002**

- I. **CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor Josh Roman at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2023.
- II. **INVOCATION:** Offered by Mayor Roman.
- III. **PLEDGE:** Mayor Roman led the pledge to the flag.
- IV. **ROLL CALL BY RECORDER:** Mayor Josh Roman, Vice-Mayor Wesley Wright, Commissioner Jim Atkinson, Commissioner Michele Dial, and Commissioner Connie McCarter were present.

Staff personnel in attendance were City Manager Michael Walker, City Engineer Emily Harrell, Finance Director Carlin Stuart, Human Resource Generalist Sue Lipscomb, City Recorder Debra Murrell and City Attorney Will Patterson.

V. **PUBLIC HEARING:**

1. **Ordinance – Second and Final Reading** – amending Ordinance O-8-2022 establishing sewer user rates and sewer charge adjustments.
2. **Ordinance – Second and Final Reading** – amending certain portions of Title 18 (Water and Sewers) Chapter 2 (Sewer) of the City of Lakeland's Municipal Code pertaining to Section 18-211.

For the record:

- Public comments were heard from the following:
Richard Gonzales – 5000 block of Conifer View Ln expressed his concerns of increased sewer rates.

Romulo Sosa – 9000 block of Windward Slopes expressed his concerns with issues pertaining to Windward Slopes subdivision.

VI. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

1. Financial Director Carlin Stuart offered the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2023.

VII. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS & OTHER OFFICERS:**

- Sheriff's Report
 - a. March 2023 SCSO Crime Report – Lt. Jason Valentine
Comments were heard from Sgt. Pitts regarding a dedicated car for the City of Lakeland.



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- City Manager's Report – City Manager Michael Walker offered a report and named Jeremy Jones as the City Staff Superstar for April. Mayor Roman gave special thanks and recognition to the city staff who helped with the Covington donation collections as follows:

Jeremy Jones, David Tribo, Bobby Carpenter, and Alex Fink.

For the record:

- Commissioner Dial expressed her appreciation for the City's donation to Wynne, Arkansas.
- Without objection, Mayor Roman added as agenda item # 11. Discussion on the Windward Slopes Community.

- Commissioners' Reports:
 - a. Parks and Recreation & Natural Resources Board Meeting 4.11.2023 – Commissioner Dial offered a report.
 - b. Municipal Planning & Design Review Commission Meeting 4.13.2023 – Commission Atkinson offered a report.
 - c. Board of Appeals / Storm Water Board of Appeals Meeting 4.17.2023 – Vice Mayor Wright reported no meeting was held.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

For the record: No comments were heard at this time.

IX. SEWERAGE COMMISSION BUSINESS:

X. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Previous Meetings:

- a. Special Meeting Minutes – March 28, 2023
- b. Regular Meeting Minutes – April 06, 2023

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Wright.

When the question was called the consent agenda was approved as presented, voice vote, 5 in favor 0 against (5-0).

For the record: The order of business was changed without objection.

XI. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 1. **Discussion and Possible Action** – regarding a potential partnership between the City of Lakeland and the Memphis Area Transit Authority. (Previously item # 10)

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Wright.

Discussion ensued.



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Comments were heard from the following:

John Lancaster – Memphis Area Transit Authority (MATA)

2. Discussion and Possible Action – on the Windward Slopes

Community. *(Previously item # 11)*

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Wright.

Discussion ensued.

Comments were heard from the following:

Tom Skrmetti – 3000 block of Lighthouse Cv.

Romulo Sosa – 9000 block of Windward Slopes

3. Ordinance – Second and Final Reading – amending Ordinance O-8-2022 establishing sewer user rates and sewer charge adjustments.
(Previously item # 1)

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Wright.

Comments were heard from the following:

Richard Gonzales – 5000 block of Conifer View Ln

When the question was called the second and final reading of the ordinance passed as presented, roll call vote, 5 in favor 0 against (5-0).

Vice-Mayor Wright	Yea
Commissioner Atkinson	Yea
Commissioner Dial	Yea
Commissioner McCarter	Yea
Mayor Roman	Yea

4. Ordinance – Second and Final Reading – amending certain portions of Title 18 (Water and Sewers) Chapter 2 (Sewer) of the City of Lakeland's Municipal Code pertaining to Section 18-211. *(Previously item # 2)*

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Wright.

When the question was called the final and second reading of the ordinance passed as presented, voice vote, 5 in favor 0 against (5-0).

5. Ordinance – First Reading – amending the fiscal year 2023 annual budget, passed by ordinance O-10-2022, as amended by ordinances O-12-2022, O-13-2022, and O-5-2023. *(Previously item # 3)*



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Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Wright.

When the question was called the first reading of the ordinance passed as presented, voice vote, 5 in favor 0 against (5-0).

6. **Resolution** – authorizing the Mayor to sign a proclamation establishing May 4, 2023, as Lakeland's observance of the National Day of Prayer. *(Previously item # 4)*

Commissioner Dial moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Wright.

When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, voice vote, 5 in favor 0 against (5-0).

7. **Resolution** – authorizing the Mayor to sign a proclamation establishing May 2023 as National Nurses Month in the City of Lakeland, Tennessee. *(Previously item # 5)*

Commissioner Dial moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Atkinson.

For the record: Vice-Mayor Wright was excused at 8:00 p.m.

When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, voice vote, 4 in favor 0 against (4-0).

8. **Resolution** – amending resolution R-47-2023 and the Neighborhood Watch Funds Reimbursement Policy. *(Previously item # 6)*

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Dial.

Discussion ensued.

After the discussion, Commissioner McCarter moved to table this item, seconded by Mayor Roman.

When the question was called the motion carried, voice vote, 4 in favor 0 against (4-0).

For the record: The following two items were heard at the same time.

9. **Resolution** – approving the City of Lakeland Crime Prevention Neighborhood Watch Board of Commissioners liaison. *(Previously item # 7)*
10. **Resolution** – appointing a Crime Prevention Neighborhood Watch Board of Commissioner liaison. *(Previously item # 8)*



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Commissioner Atkinson moved to bring item # 9 to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Dial.

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When the question was called the resolution approving the liaison passed as presented, voice vote, 4 in favor 0 against (4-0).

Mayor Roman moved to bring this item #10 to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Dial.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Dial nominated Commissioner McCarter as the BOC liaison for the Crime Prevention Neighborhood Watch.

When the question was called the resolution passed appointing Commissioner McCarter as the liaison, voice vote, 4 in favor 0 against (4-0).

11. Resolution – authorizing the City Manager to engage in property acquisition negotiations for parcels within the Lakeland Gateway TIF District. (Previously item # 9)

Commissioner Atkinson moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Dial.

When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, voice vote, 4 in favor 0 against (4-0).

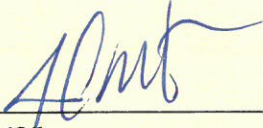
XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: There being no other business on which to act, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:20 p.m. on Thursday, April 20, 2023.



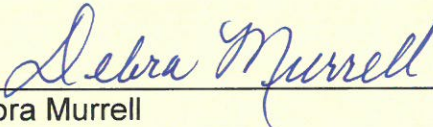
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These minutes were approved on May 04, 2023.



Josh Roman, Mayor

ATTEST:



Debra Murrell
City Recorder