



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 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, May 18, 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, Finance Director Carlin Stuart, Parks & Recreation Director Patrick O'Mara, Staff Engineer Luis Camarillo Hernandez, Human Resource Generalist Sue Lipscomb, Accounting Manager Victoria Stubblefield, City Recorder Debra Murrell and City Attorney Will Patterson.

For the record:

A proclamation declaring the month of May as Nurses Month was read into record by Mayor Roman.

The plaque was presented by the Board of Commissioners and accepted by Dr. Lisa Beasley who offered comments.

A reception was held prior to the meeting in appreciation for all nurses and photos taken with the board.

- V. **PUBLIC HEARING:**
- VI. **TREASURER'S REPORT:**
For the record: No report was given but Finance Director Carlin Stuart took this opportunity to introduce the newest staff member Accounting Manager Victoria Stubblefield.
- VII. **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS & OTHER OFFICERS:**
 - Sheriff's Report
 - a. April 2023 Crime Report – Sgt. Dodson
 - City Manager's Report - City Manager Michael Walker yield his time to the following:
 - Dr. Ted Horrell, Lakeland School Superintendent – offered a report.
 - Mr. Adam Henry – MPC Member – introduced Mr. Terry Adams.
 - Mr. Terry Adams – Marine Corps League presentation.
 - May 2023 City Manager's Report – offered by Michael Walker



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- Commissioners' Reports:
 - a. Lakeland Board of Education – Vice-Mayor Wright offered a report.
 - b. Parks and Recreation & Natural Resources Board Meeting – Commissioner Dial offered a report.
 - c. Municipal Planning & Design Review Commission Meeting – Commissioner Atkinson offered a report.
 - d. Lakeland P.U.L.S.E. Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee – Commission McCarter offered a report.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

For the record: Comments were deferred to the time of the agenda item.

IX. SEWERAGE COMMISSION BUSINESS:

X. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from Previous Meetings:

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes – May 04, 2023

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

For the record: Two corrections were made to the minutes correcting the spelling of the word "pursue".

When the question was called the consent agenda was approved with the correction made to the minutes, voice vote, 4 in favor 0 against (4-0). (Only 4 members were present at the time of vote – Mayor Roman was excused, and Vice-Mayor Wright chaired the meeting at this time).

For the record:

- The meeting was recessed for an executive session at 7:20 p.m. and reconvened back to regular session at 7:31 p.m.
- Upon returning to regular session Mayor Roman resumed the chair and the order of business was changed without objection.

XI. REGULAR AGENDA:

1. Resolution – approving an agreement with CMJ Cleaning Service LLC for janitorial services. (Previously item # 3)

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

Discussion ensued.



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Comments were heard from the following:

Richard Gonzales – 5000 block of Conifer View Ln

Mayor Roman moved to table this item, seconded by Commissioner McCarter. Motion carried, voice vote, 5 in favor 0 against (5-0).

2. **Resolution** – authorizing the City Manager and City Attorney to engage in property acquisition negotiations for parcels within the Lakeland Gateway TIF District. (Previously item # 5)

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

Discussion ensued.

After the discussion, Commissioner McCarter moved to amend the resolution to also investigate Windward Slopes Park as an option.

Motion died for lack of a second.

When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, roll call vote, 4 in favor 1 against (4-1).

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

3. **Ordinance – First Reading** – adopting the annual budget and tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024.

(Previously item # 1)

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

Discussion ensued.

After the discussion, Mayor Roman moved to amend the ordinance to change the tax rate to \$1.19, seconded by Commissioner Dial.

Motion to amend the ordinance carried, roll call vote, 4 in favor 1 against (4-1).

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



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When the question was called the first reading of the ordinance passed as amended, roll call vote, 4 in favor 1 against (4-1).

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

4. **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, O-5-2023, and O-9-2023. (Previously item # 2)
Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Wright.

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the first reading of the ordinance passed as presented, roll call vote, 4 in favor 1 against (4-1).

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

5. **Resolution** – approving the purchase of a Chevrolet 1500 truck from Serra Chevrolet. (Previously item # 4)
Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Commissioner Dial.

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, voice vote, 4 in favor 1 against (4-1).

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

6. **Resolution** – authorizing Certificates of Appreciation to be presented to coordinators of certified Neighborhood Watch neighborhoods.
Mayor Roman moved to bring this item to the floor, seconded by Vice-Mayor Wright.



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

For the record: Mayor Roman stated if no objections, he would like to add an agenda item.

Commissioner McCarter objected to the additional agenda item stating the public has not been notified and not having time to prepare to make an informed decision.

Mayor Roman stated that Commissioner McCarter objection was noted.

Roll call vote to add the additional agenda item "Discussion and Possible Action – Resolution – Amending Resolutions R-134-2022 and R-25, 2023 and the calendar year 2023 City of Lakeland Meeting Calendar, passed 4 in favor 1 against (4-1)

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

7. Discussion and Possible Action - Resolution – Amending Resolutions R-134-2022 and R-25, 2023 and the calendar year 2023 City of Lakeland Meeting Calendar.

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

Discussion ensued.

When the question was called the resolution passed as presented, voice vote, 4 in favor 0 against 1 abstention (4-0-1).

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

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:



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- XIII. **ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business on which to act, the meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:39 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

These minutes were approved on June 15, 2023.

Josh Roman, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

Debra Murrell
City Recorder