

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE LADY LAKE TOWN COMMISSION  
LADY LAKE, FLORIDA**

**September 20, 2017**

The special meeting of the Lady Lake Town Commission was held in the Commission Chambers at Lady Lake Town Hall, 409 Fennell Blvd., Lady Lake, Florida with Mayor Jim Richards presiding. The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

- A. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Jim Richards
  
- B. PROCEDURE:** *Citizens are encouraged to participate in the Town of Lady Lake meetings. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes. Additional time may be granted by the Mayor. Citizen groups are asked to name a spokesperson and the Mayor, at his/her discretion, may allow longer than three minutes. Upon being recognized by the Mayor, please approach the dais, state your name and address, and speak into the microphone. The order of agenda items may be changed if deemed appropriate by the Town Commission. Please be respectful of others and put your cell phone on silent mode.*
  
- C. INVOCATION:** Reverend Tom Ash, New Song Community Church
  
- D. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
  
- E. ROLL CALL:** Paul Hannan, Commissioner Ward 4  
Ruth Kussard, Commissioner Ward 1  
Tony Holden, Commissioner Ward 2  
Dan Vincent, Commissioner Ward 3  
Jim Richards, Mayor/Commissioner Ward 5

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tia O’Neal, Human Resource Director; Sasha Garcia, Attorney; Wendy Then, Senior Planner; C.T. Eagle, Public Works Director; Captain Jason Brough, Police Department; Pam Winegardner, Finance Director; and Nancy Slaton, Deputy Town Clerk

- F. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Mayor Richards asked if there were any comments from the audience.
  - George Prinzing introduced himself as the pastor at Tricounty Baptist Church on Rolling Acres Road. He stated he and his wife, Michelle, have been there for almost three years. Mr. Prinzing stated they came the meeting to listen and to see how they may be of help to the community.

Mayor Richards thanked Pastor Prinzing and asked him to sign up to give invocations at Commission meetings. The Deputy Town Clerk stated he has done so already.

**1. Resolution No. 2017-114 – First/Final Reading – Adoption of Final Millage Rate for FY 2018 (Pam Winegardner)**

Finance Director Pam Winegardner gave the background summary for this agenda item (on file in the Clerk’s Office). She stated that staff recommends adoption of this resolution, and per State Statute Chapter 200.065, the Town of Lady Lake must hold a public hearing on the tentative

millage rate and proposed budget. At this hearing, the Town Commission will disclose and discuss the proposed millage rate, and if changed, re-compute the proposed millage rate and publicly announce the percent, if any, by which the re-computed millage rate is less than the rolled-back rate, and approve the resolution prior to adoption of the proposed budget.

Ms. Winegardner stated the proposed rate of 3.3962 mills or any rate less than this rate only requires an affirmative vote of three members of the Town Commission. She also stated this hearing was advertised via newspaper advertisement.

Ms. Winegardner read the heading of Resolution No. 2017-114 regarding the adoption of the final millage rate for FY 2017-2018.

Mayor Richards asked if there were any questions or comments from the Commissioners or the public.

Commissioner Hannan commented that he wanted to save the Town’s residents money this year and was in favor of the current year’s rolled back rate of 3.2164, so he would be voting nay on this.

*Upon a motion by Commissioner Kussard and seconded by Commissioner Holden, the Commission approved the first/final reading of Resolution No. 2017-114, which sets the FY 2017-18 final property tax millage rate of 3.3962 mills per \$1,000 taxable valuation which is greater than the current year’s rolled back rate, by the following roll call vote:*

<i>HOLDEN</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>VINCENT</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>HANNAN</i>	<i>NO</i>
<i>RICHARDS</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>KUSSARD</i>	<i>YES</i>

**2. Ordinance No. 2017-35 – Second/Final Reading – of Tentative Operating Budget for FY 2018 (Pam Winegardner)**

Finance Director Pam Winegardner gave the background summary for this agenda item (on file in the Clerk’s Office). She stated that per State Statute Chapter 200.065, the Town of Lady Lake must hold a public hearing on the proposed FY2018 operating budgets. At this hearing, the Town Commission will approve the second/final reading of the budget ordinance after adoption of the final millage rate. She stated this hearing was advertised via the TRIM notice mailed out by the Property Appraiser.

Ms. Winegardner read the ordinance title which stated the budget is setting forth anticipated revenue of \$17,963,218 and expenditures in an equivalent amount. The following amounts are appropriated for various funds: General Fund - \$10,685,013; Special Revenue (infrastructure sales surtax) - \$1,643,000; and Utilities Fund - \$5,635,205; for a total of \$17,963,218. There have been no changes to this ordinance since first reading.

Mayor Richards asked if there were any questions or comments from the Commissioners or the public. There were no questions or comments.

*Upon a motion by Commissioner Kussard and seconded by Commissioner Hannan, the Commission approved the first reading of Ordinance No. 2017-35, by the following roll call vote:*

<i>HOLDEN</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>VINCENT</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>HANNAN</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>RICHARDS</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>KUSSARD</i>	<i>YES</i>

**H. PROCLAMATION:**

**3. Proclaiming September 30, 2017 as National Public Lands Day (Mayor Jim Richards)**

Mayor Richards read the proclamation proclaiming September 30, 2017 as National Public Lands Day, and presented it to Public Works Director C.T. Eagle.

**I. CONSENT:**

Mayor Richards asked if the Commissioners wanted to pull any of the Consent items for discussion.

Commissioner Vincent asked that Item I-5 be pulled.

**4. Minutes – September 6, 2017 – Special Commission Meeting**

*Upon a motion by Commissioner Kussard and a second by Commissioner Holden, the Commission approved Consent Item I-4 by a vote of 5 to 0.*

**5. Consideration of a Release of Lien Settlement for Code Enforcement Case No. 14-5154 in the Amount of \$5,000 for Property Located at 810 High Street – for Various Violations of the Town of Lady Lake Code of Ordinances Chapter 20 – Residential Property Maintenance (Wendy Then)**

Senior Planner Wendy Then read the background summary for this agenda item (on file in the Clerk’s Office). She stated that this case came before the Special Magistrate on January 27, 2015 for various violations of Town of Lady Lake Code of Ordinances Ch. 20 – Residential Property Maintenance for violations pertaining to electrical, plumbing, sanitary conditions, as well as exterior maintenance. The property owners, Marshall H. and Betty L. Gaard, were given a corrective action notice pursuant to the hearing, to correct the violations within five days, or a fine of \$250.00 per day would begin to accrue.

The lien was recorded with the Lake County Clerk of the Circuit Court on February 17, 2015 in Official Records Book 4586, Pages 1130-1135, due to the homeowner’s inability to correct the violations within the time frame provided.

On August 20, 2017, Mrs. Betty Gaard wrote a letter to Derek Schroth, Town Attorney, requesting consideration to release her from the lien, which has been attached to other properties that she owns within Lake County (letter included in packet). In June of 2017, the property was sold to a purchaser for \$10,000; a title search for 810 High Street was not performed prior to the sale. Also, in June of 2017, Mrs. Gaard found a buyer for another property in Lake County, for which a title search was requested. It was at this time the lien was discovered. Mrs. Gaard has offered the Town of Lady Lake \$5,000.00 to release the lien which has been recorded under her name. At the time her request was received on August 20, 2017, the accrued amount of the lien was \$232,837.00. The assessed value of this property is \$18,717.00 per the Tax Collector’s Office.

Ms. Then stated that staff supports the request to release the lien for Code Enforcement Case Number 14-5154 for the proposed settlement amount of \$5,000. She stated that this is the maximum amount allowed by the Town’s code and that this serves the case and sets a precedent.

Commissioner Vincent stated this is what he wanted to hear; that this would be setting a precedent.

Commissioner Hannan and Mayor Richards both commented that the Commission reviewed abatement amounts of 25% of property value or \$5,000, whichever is greater, were set by code at least a year ago because so many abatement requests were coming before the Commission.

Commissioner Holden asked what type of violations were noted for this property.

Ms. Then replied that there was a vast amount of violations for property maintenance including electrical wiring, windows, etc. She stated the new owner of the property has resolved about 80% of the violations and is working with staff to be in total compliance. Ms. Then stated the prior property owner is taking responsibility to make good on this lien.

*Upon a motion by Commissioner Hannan and a second by Commissioner Vincent, the Commission approved Consent Item I-5 by a vote of 5 to 0.*

**J. OLD BUSINESS:** No old business.

**K. NEW BUSINESS:** No new business.

**L. TOWN ATTORNEY’S REPORT:**

**6. Ordinance No. 2017-31 – Second/Final Reading – Annexation – The Villages of Lake-Sumter, Inc. and Richard and Junlin Fetterman – Annexing Five Lots (0.76 +/- Acres Referenced by Alternate Key #s 1672325, 1482534, 2523344, 2690194, and 2636653) – Located Within Orange Blossom Gardens Units 1 And 3.1b, within Lake County, FL (Wendy Then)**

Attorney Sasha Garcia read the ordinance by title only.

Senior Planner Wendy Then gave the background summary for this agenda item (on file in the Clerk’s office). She stated that the applicant, Martin L. Dzuro, on behalf of The Villages of Lake-Sumter, Inc. and Richard and Junlin Fetterman, has filed an application to annex five lots located within Orange Blossom Gardens Units 1 and 3.1B; 0.76 +/- acres referenced by Alternate Key #s 1672325, 1482534, 2523344, 2690194, and 2636653. The annexation application involves annexing 0.76 +/- acres of property from unincorporated Lake County into the Town of Lady Lake.

The lots are addressed as follows:

- 1033 Aloha Way
- 930 Aloha Way
- 822 Silver Oak Avenue
- 743 Royal Palm Avenue
- 716 Royal Palm Avenue

A map of the properties was shown, as were aerial views of the property, photos of the postings, and the survey map submitted by the property owner.

The subject properties are in Section 06, Township 18 South, Range 24 East, in Lake County, Florida. Appropriate legal descriptions, a location map, and a sketch of the properties were included with the submitted application. The lots will be served by the Village Center Community Development District Central Water and Sewer System, as well as the District’s Fire Department.

In accordance with the provisions of Florida Statute 171.205, and the Interlocal Service Boundary Agreement executed September 4, 2013 between Lake County, Florida, and the Town of Lady Lake, Florida, the Town may annex properties into the Town that are non-contiguous to the existing municipal boundary.

The annexation application was received on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, and has been reviewed and determined to be complete, satisfying the necessary criteria as required for annexation under statutory requirements. The application was found to meet the requirements of the Land Development Regulations (LDRs) as well as the adopted Comprehensive Plan, and is ready for consideration by the Town Commission.

Ms. Then stated that notices to inform the surrounding property owners (100) within 150 feet of the property proposed by the annexation request were mailed Monday, July 31, 2017. The properties were posted on Tuesday, August 1, 2017. No objections or letters of support have been received to date.

Ms. Then reported that the Technical Review Committee (TRC) members individually reviewed the application for Ordinance No. 2017-31, and determined the application to be complete and ready for transmittal to the Planning and Zoning Board. At the August 14, 2017 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Board voted 5-0 to forward Ordinance No. 2017-31 to the Town Commission with the recommendation of approval. The Town Commission voted 5-0 to approve this ordinance at first reading on Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

Ms. Then stated the applicant is present if there are any questions.

Mayor Richards asked if anyone had any questions or comments, and hearing none, asked for a motion.

*Upon a motion by Commissioner Hannan and seconded by Commissioner Holden, the Commission approved the second/final reading of Ordinance No. 2017-31 by the following roll call vote:*

<i>HANNAN</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>KUSSARD</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>HOLDEN</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>VINCENT</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>RICHARDS</i>	<i>YES</i>

**7. Ordinance No. 2017-32 – Second/Final Reading – Small Scale Future Land Use Comprehensive Plan Amendment – The Villages of Lake-Sumter, Inc. and Richard and Junlin Fetterman – from Lake County Medium Urban Density to Lady Lake Manufactured Home High Density for Five Lots (0.76 +/- Acres Referenced by Alternate Key #s 1672325, 1482534, 2523344, 2690194, and 2636653) – Located Within Orange Blossom Gardens Units 1 And 3.1b, within Lake County, FL (Wendy Then)**

Attorney Sasha Garcia read the ordinance by title only.

Senior Planner Wendy Then gave the background summary for this agenda item (on file in the Clerk's office). She stated that the applicant, Martin L. Dzuro, on behalf of The Villages of Lake-Sumter, Inc. and Richard and Junlin Fetterman, has filed an application to amend the future land use comprehensive plan designation for five lots located within Orange Blossom Gardens Units 1 and 3.1B, from Lake County Medium Urban Density to Lady Lake Manufactured Home High Density. The application involves 0.76 +/- acres of property and the lots are addressed as follows:

- 1033 Aloha Way
- 930 Aloha Way
- 822 Silver Oak Avenue
- 743 Royal Palm Avenue
- 716 Royal Palm Avenue

A map and an aerial view of the properties was presented showing the future land use of the subject parcel and adjacent properties.

Concurrency Determination Statement: A Concurrency Determination Statement has also been included as part of the Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment application, which the applicant submitted to explain expected impacts on Town services. The Villages proposes to remove the existing manufactured homes on the lots to construct conventional built homes. There will be no increase in utility services, traffic, population, or recreation use.

Ms. Then stated there will be no impact on Town services as shown below:

Potable Water – No impact, lots are served by the Village Center Community Development District Central Water System.

Sewer – No impact, lots are served by the Village Center Community Development District Central Sewer System.

Schools – Not factored for project – no foreseen impact of students as the project is located within an active adult retirement community.

Transportation – No impact, the existing homes will be replaced with new homes. There will be no change in average daily trip generation.

Parks & Recreation – The small-scale future land use amendment will not cause P&R Level of Service to be exceeded since the project is for the replacement of existing homes. Additionally, The Villages provides its residents with all park and recreation amenities.

Stormwater – Project will be required to adhere to SJRWMD guidelines and of Town of Lady Lake Floodplain Management Ordinance for parcels within Special Flood Hazard Areas.

The subject property involves approximately 0.76 ± acres and lies in Section 06, Township 18 South, Range 24 East in Lake County, Florida. The Future Land Use of the adjacent properties is as follows:

**Future Land Use**

Subject Properties	Lake County Medium Urban Density
<b>Future Land Use of Adjacent Properties</b>	
West	Lake County Medium Urban Density
East	Lake County Medium Urban Density
North	Lake County Medium Urban Density
South	Lake County Medium Urban Density/Lady Lake Manufactured Home High Density (822 Silver Oak Avenue)

Comments:

- 1) Annexation and Rezoning applications have been submitted concurrently with this Small Scale Future Land Use Amendment application.
- 2) In accordance to the Interlocal Agreement for Building Permits & Inspections Section 2).A)., executed on June 23, 2015, if The Villages has applied for annexation, then the Town can issue building permits located within the unincorporated area.
- 3) Project will be required to adhere to St. John’s River Water Management District guidelines and the Town of Lady Lake Floodplain Management Ordinance for parcels within Special Flood Hazard Areas.

The Small Scale Future Land Use Map Amendment application was received on Tuesday, July 25, 2017, and has been reviewed and determined to be complete, satisfying the necessary criteria as required to meet the requirements of the Land Development Regulations (LDRs) as well as the adopted Comprehensive Plan, and is ready for consideration by the Town Commission.

Ms. Then stated that notices to inform the surrounding property owners (100) within 150 feet of the property proposed by the SSFLUM Amendment request were mailed Monday, July 31, 2017. The properties were posted on Tuesday, August 1, 2017. No objections or letters of support have been received to date.

Ms. Then reported that the Technical Review Committee (TRC) members individually reviewed the application for Ordinance No. 2017-32, and determined the application to be complete and ready for transmittal to the Planning and Zoning Board. At the August 14, 2017 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Board voted 5-0 to forward Ordinance No. 2017-32 to the Town Commission with the recommendation of approval. The Local Planning Agency considered this ordinance earlier this evening and voted 5-0 for approval. The Town Commission voted 5-0 to approve this ordinance at first reading on Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

Ms. Then stated the applicant is present if there are any questions.

Mayor Richards asked if anyone had any questions or comments, and hearing none, asked for a motion.

***Upon a motion by Commissioner Vincent and seconded by Commissioner Holden, the Commission approved the second/final reading of Ordinance No. 2017-32 by the following roll call vote:***

<i>HANNAN</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>KUSSARD</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>HOLDEN</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>VINCENT</i>	<i>YES</i>
<i>RICHARDS</i>	<i>YES</i>

**8. Ordinance No. 2017-33 – Second/Final Reading – Rezoning – The Villages of Lake-Sumter, Inc. and Richard and Junlin Fetterman – Rezoning Five Lots (0.76 +/- Acres Referenced by Alternate Key #s 1672325, 1482534, 2523344, 2690194, and 2636653) – Located Within Orange Blossom Gardens Units 1 And 3.1b, within Lake County, FL (Wendy Then)**

Attorney Sasha Garcia read the ordinance by title only.

Senior Planner Wendy Then gave the background summary for this agenda item (on file in the Clerk’s office). She stated that the applicant, Martin L. Dzuro, on behalf of The Villages of Lake-Sumter, Inc., has filed an application to rezone property consisting of five lots located within Orange Blossom Gardens Units 1 and 3.1B. The application involves rezoning 0.76 +/- acres from Lake County Residential Medium (RM) to Lady Lake Mixed Residential Medium Density (MX-8). The MX-8 designation is consistent with the other lots in The Villages that are presently in the Town of Lady Lake’s jurisdiction. The proposed properties are addressed as follows:

- 1033 Aloha Way
- 930 Aloha Way
- 822 Silver Oak Avenue
- 743 Royal Palm Avenue
- 716 Royal Palm Avenue

A map of the properties and a map of the zoning designations of the parcels and adjoining parcels was shown.

The subject properties lie in Section 06, Township 18 South, Range 24 East, in Lake County, Florida. Appropriate legal descriptions and survey information have been included with the submitted application. The zoning designation of the subject properties and adjacent properties are as follows:

**Zoning**

Subject Property	Lake County Residential Medium (RM)
<b>Zoning of Adjacent Properties</b>	
West	Lake County Residential Medium (RM)
East	Lake County Residential Medium (RM)
North	Lake County Residential Medium (RM)
South	Lake County Residential Medium (RM) / Lady Lake MX-8 (822 Silver Oak Avenue)

The rezoning application was received on Tuesday July 25, 2017, and has been reviewed and determined to be complete, satisfying the necessary criteria as required to meet the requirements of the Land Development Regulations (LDRs) as well as the adopted Comprehensive Plan, and is ready for consideration by the Town Commission.

Ms. Then stated that notices to inform the surrounding property owners (100) within 150 feet of the property proposed by the rezoning request were mailed Monday, July 31, 2017. The properties

were posted on Tuesday, August 1, 2017. No objections or letters of support have been received to date.

Ms. Then reported that the Technical Review Committee (TRC) members individually reviewed the application for Ordinance No. 2017-33, and determined the application to be complete and ready for transmittal to the Planning and Zoning Board. At the August 14, 2017 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Board voted 5-0 to forward Ordinance No. 2017-33 to the Town Commission with the recommendation of approval. The Town Commission voted 5-0 to approve this ordinance at first reading on Wednesday, September 6, 2017.

Ms. Then stated the applicant is present if there are any questions.

Mayor Richards asked if anyone had any questions or comments, and hearing none, asked for a motion.

*Upon a motion by Commissioner Holden and seconded by Commissioner Kussard, the Commission approved the second/final reading of Ordinance No. 2017-33 by the following roll call vote:*

<b>HANNAN</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>KUSSARD</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>HOLDEN</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>VINCENT</b>	<b>YES</b>
<b>RICHARDS</b>	<b>YES</b>

**M. TOWN MANAGER’S REPORT:**

Human Resource Director Tia O’Neal stated the Town Manager has no report this evening. She stated she is filling in for Ms. Kollgaard as she had a meeting with Lake County this evening

**N. MAYOR/COMMISSIONER’S REPORT:**

Mayor Richards asked if there were any comments from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Kussard thanked the Rotary Clubs, particularly the Rotary Club of The Villages, for their donations of water, food and other supplies to Water Oak residents and other residents in town. She also thanked the Town’s Public Works Department staff and Police Department staff for all their help during Hurricane Irma, and the many residents who helped clear up the debris for their neighbors who could not or were snowbirds. She commented it was very rewarding to see people helping people.

Commissioner Vincent thanked the Rotary Club and the Town for the water brought to Water Oak residents. He stated many residents of Water Oaks made favorable comments regarding this.

Mayor Richards thanked Mr. Eagle for his assistance escorting his family home after the storm. He stated he also has a couple of items to run by the Commissioners to see what they think about them.

Mayor Richards stated that many of the traffic lights were not working during the power outage after the storm. He stated it was a dangerous situation and he suggested that staff look into purchasing portable barricades with a stop sign on them such as The Villages uses at gates when gate arms are down in case this situation occurred again. He said there are four traffic lights and four barricades would be needed for each traffic light, for a total of 28.

***After discussion, it was the consensus of the Commission to have staff look into purchasing barricades or something of this nature to use when traffic lights are not operational.***

Mayor Richards stated that access to the golf cart bridge over Hwy 27/441 was flooded out on both sides for a while after the storm, although it is open now. He stated an alternative would be to allow golf carts to cross Hwy 27/441 at the Wales Plaza gate, across to Avenida Central on the other side. Mayor Richards stated that the Town could apply under state law to the State of Florida, or FDOT District 5 traffic engineers, to request and ascertain whether this would be a safe installation to allow golf carts to cross the highway at that location.

Commissioner Hannan stated that the traffic lights are quick to change and golf carts may be caught in the intersection or trying to go across on a caution light, which would create another problem. He stated he believes The Villages had no interest in allowing this to happen.

Mayor Richards stated that the Town now has jurisdiction for Wales Plaza, as well as Avenida Central, so the Town owns both sides and it is not up to The Villages. He stated The Villages and Lake County vacated their rights so that the Town now maintains both these roads.

Commissioner Kussard asked if Mayor Richards was talking about this being a crossing only in the case of an emergency such as happened recently with the flooding, or if he was talking about all the time.

Mayor Richards replied that he is talking about all the time. He stated he has a neighbor who is scared to use the golf cart bridge because it is so narrow, and pedestrians are allowed to use it as well. Mayor Richards stated that if the Town has the state investigate the possibility, why not use it if it is deemed safe.

Commissioner Kussard expressed reservations, stating it may set a precedent, as did Commissioner Hannan.

Commissioner Hannan stated Water Oak may then request a golf cart crossing at their gate.

Mayor Richards stated that Water Oak does not own the rights to both sides of the highway, and that is the key. He stated a state engineer would look into it to make sure it is safe if allowed, and the Town would not be liable.

Commissioner Kussard clarified that only street legal golf carts are allowed to cross Hwy 27/441 at intersections at this time, and if Mayor Richards request was approved, any golf cart would be allowed to cross.

This was confirmed by Mayor Richards. He stated FDOT would have the final say, and if approved, would set the timing for the lights as their engineering directs. He stated that Spruce Creek has a crossing over Hwy 27/441 which was requested by Marion County a few years ago. He stated FDOT District 7 also approved a golf cart crossing over a six lane, high-speed highway in the Clearwater area over ten years ago. He stated there are many residents on the historic side of The Villages that only have golf carts.

Commissioner Hannan asked what this would cost the Town.

Mayor Richards stated it should not cost the Town any money, but it would be brought back to Commission for approval.

Commissioner Kussard stated there was an issue a few years ago because Stonecrest residents were accessing The Villages and then the wall controversy occurred. She stated it may open up a whole can of worms.

Mayor Richards stated he did not believe this would happen as Stonecrest residents do not have access into The Villages that way. He stated they would need to talk Sumter County into developing a crossing. He stated the controlling entity has to apply for this to the state.

Commissioner Hannan commented that this is the first time this has been an issue in the 13 years he has been here, and it caused a hardship for a very few people. He stated he is in favor of looking into it, but he is not sure it is needed.

Mayor Richards stated that although this has not been an issue until recently, it is good to have a plan when a problem such as this occurs. He stated the problem of the narrowness of the golf cart bridge has been around for quite a while.

Commissioner Kussard commented that she would be more in favor of it if it was during an emergency situation, and then allow the police to be there when golf carts are allowed to cross.

***It was the consensus of the Commissioners to have staff look into requesting that the state allow a permanent golf cart crossing of Hwy 27/441 at the intersection of Wales Plaza and Avenida Central.***

**O. PUBLIC COMMENTS<sup>ii</sup>**

Mayor Richards asked if there were any comments from the audience.

- Nora Choquette of 212 E. McClendon Street stated she wanted to share two positive things that occurred recently in the community. She stated she rented the Community Building for her son's second birthday, having just found about its availability from inquiring at the library. She stated it was very nice; everyone had a good time, and the children were able to play outside on the playground and then come into the air conditioning for refreshments. She stated she does not believe a lot of people know about the community building being available for rental.

Ms. Choquette also stated that she had a break-in at her home right after the hurricane, and they had a positive experience with the police officer who showed up to take the report, despite the other happenings the officer was dealing with after the storm.

**P. ADJOURN:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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Kristen Kollgaard, Town Clerk

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Jim Richards, Mayor

Minutes transcribed by Nancy Slaton, Deputy Town Clerk

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<sup>i</sup> *All items listed under consent are considered routine by the Town Commission and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Town Commissioner so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence.*

<sup>ii</sup> *This section is reserved for members of the public to bring up matters of concern or comments. It is not limited to items on the agenda and it is open to any concern or comments that the public may have.*