

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

April 6, 2026

The regular 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 Freeman presiding. The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioner (Ward)	Present
Regan (Four)	YES
Roberts (One)	YES
Sage (Five)	Excused
Freeman (Three)	YES

STAFF PRESENT

Bill Lawrence, Town Manager; Kathy Rosado, Town Clerk; Thad Carroll, Growth Management Director; Becky Higgins, Senior Planner; Lady Lake Police Chief Steve Hunt; Lady Lake Deputy Police Chief Jason Brough; C.T. Eagle, Public Works Director; Mike Burske, Parks and Recreation Director; Joella LeDonne, Finance Director; Brandi Carson, Assistant Finance Director; John Pearl, IT Director; Tamika DeLee, Human Resource Director; and Carol Osborne, Deputy Town Clerk.

Town Attorney Derek Schroth was also in attendance.

3. INVOCATION

A moment of silence.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Town Clerk's Office – Swearing-in Ceremony — Ward 2, Commissioner Amanda McLea.**

Town Clerk Kathy Rosado administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner-Elect Amanda McLea.

- b. **Proclamation – National Arbor Day, April 24, 2026**
- c. **Proclamation – Water Conservation Month**

Mayor Freeman read the proclamations aloud.

- d. **Public Works Department** – Presentation of Awards for the Water Conservation Poster contest to the Students of the Villages Elementary School.

Maryann Krisovitch facilitated the presentation of awards for the annual Water Conservation Poster Contest to Villages Elementary School students. The theme this year is, “How Can I Save Water For My Future?”

Ms. Krisovitch stated that the poster contest included the Villages Elementary fourth and fifth grades, and ESE kindergarten through fifth grades.

Ms. Krisovitch expressed her appreciation to the Villages Elementary School Art Teacher, Mrs. Bridget Wendt.

Winners are chosen each year by the town commissioners, the mayor, and the water conservation staff.

6. **CONSENT — (Public Comment Taken)**

- a. **Town Clerk** — Approval of the Town Commission Meeting Minutes — March 16, 2026 (Kathy Rosado)
- b. **Town Clerk** — Approval of the Amended Minutes of the Town Commission Meeting of March 02, 2026 (Kathy Rosado)
- c. **Town Clerk** — Reappointment of Two Police Pension Board Members. (Kathy Rosado)
Bern Case and David Russell were both reappointed to the Police Pension Board for a term expiring April 2028.
- d. **Growth Management** — Consideration of the Acceptance and Conveyance of Sewer, Water, and Reuse Infrastructure construction within the Reserves at Hammock Oaks Phase 1A, as recorded in Plat Book 85, Pages 69-73, and the Reserves at Hammock Oaks Phase 1B, as recorded in Plat Book 85, Pages 74-76, of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, and offsite infrastructure in the roundabout, from SK Hammock Oaks, LLC, to the Town of Lady Lake, Florida. (Thad Carroll)
- e. **Growth Management** — Consideration of the Acceptance and Conveyance of Sewer, Water, and Reuse Infrastructure constructed within the Reserves at Hammock Oaks Phase 2A, as recorded in Plat Book 88, Pages 4-6 of the Public Records of Lake County, Florida, and the Reserves at Hammock Oaks Phase 2B, to be recorded at a later date, from SK Hammock Oaks, LLC, to the Town of Lady Lake. (Thad Carroll)
- f. **Public Works** — Consideration of Approval to Advertise RFQ No. 2026-001 for Professional Engineering Services — Utility Infrastructure Improvements (C.T. Eagle)

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Regan, the Commission approved the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 4-0.

7. NEW BUSINESS — (Public Comment Taken)

a. Growth Management — Ordinance 2026-01 – First Reading – Rezoning – Hammock Oaks Commercial Park PUD Amendment — An ordinance amending the permitted uses for certain property being approximately 3.072 acres owned by VSI Lady lake, LLC; Referenced by a portion of Alternate Key 3957598; located south of County Road 466, east of Cherry Lake Road, and north of Copacabana Road; Amending the commercial permitted uses of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) Memorandum of Agreement. (Thad Carroll)

Growth Management Director Thad Carroll stated that on Monday, January 12, 2026, Craig Brashier with NV5, Inc, on behalf of property owner VSI Lady Lake, LLC, applied to amend the zoning entitlements for approximately 3.072 acres located within the Hammock Oaks Commercial Park at the southeast corner of the intersection of Cherry Lake Road and Highway 466. The request is to modify the uses under the Lady Lake Planned Unit Development (PUD) –zoning classification to allow Motor Vehicle Service Centers. This use would be limited to the 3.072-acre site. Motor Vehicle Service Center is the only additional use being added by the amendment.

The applicant wishes to amend the existing memorandum of agreement to add a motor vehicle service center as an allowed use on a 3.072-acre portion of the Hammock Oaks Commercial Park site. All other uses will remain the same.

Motor vehicle service center: An establishment engaged in the service of motor vehicles, including minor adjustments, oil change, tune-ups, wheel alignment and balancing, tire changing and repair, installation of exhaust systems, parts, brake linings, electrical repairs, and the like, and allowing over-the-counter sale and installation of new replacement parts, equipment, and accessories. Engine rebuilding, body service work or repainting, sale of vehicles, or the outside storage of same, or the outside storage of parts and equipment other than for temporary display purposes shall be prohibited.

Zoning Designations of Adjacent Properties: North - Mixed Residential Medium Density (MX-8); East - Planned Unit Development (PUD); South - Planned Unit Development (PUD); West - Sumter County Master Planned District (MPD).

Past Actions - The Technical Review Committee found that Ordinance 2026-01 was ready for transmittal to the Planning and Zoning Board.

At the February 9, 2026, meeting, the Planning and Zoning Board voted 5-0 to forward Ordinance 2026-01 to the Town Commission with the recommendation of approval.

At the March 2, 2026, Town Commission meeting, the applicant requested we table Ordinance 2026-01 to the April 6, 2026, meeting.

Staff mailed notices to inform the surrounding 10 property owners within 150 feet of the subject property on Monday, January 26, 2026. The notification signs were posted on the property on Monday, January 26, 2026. To date, staff received one email in opposition to the application.

Public Hearings - The second and final reading is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Margot Maurer – NV5 on behalf of VSI Lady Lake, LLC.

Ms. Maurer stated that the proposed amendment to include a motor vehicle service center would be a small portion of the 3.072-acre commercial area of the PUD. She stated that the proposed service center would be positioned so that the bay doors would be located on two sides of the building. She stated that at the time of site plan application, the uses on all property within 300 feet of the property to be developed shall be identified. A noise study will be required for any proposed commercial development on the subject property. The noise study must demonstrate that future commercial development will not generate noise exceeding acceptable levels at residential uses within 300 feet of the subject property.

Ms. Maurer stated that, based on an FDOT study for a comparable four-lane county road, the noise generated is predicted to be approximately 56.6 decibels at 300 feet from the roadway.

She stated that the predicted noise levels for a motor vehicle service center are not anticipated to exceed existing traffic noise levels at residential uses within 300 feet. She stated that it is anticipated that the site-specific study will show that the noise cannot be heard over the existing roadway. She reiterated that this will be determined when the site and development plans are conducted.

Commissioner Roberts stated that this proposed project is in her ward. She spoke with several residents personally who live directly across from this development, and they are very concerned about the noise from the power tools. Commissioner Roberts clarified with Ms. Maurer that the bay doors are facing toward CR 466 and another set facing east.

Ms. Maurer stated that the bay doors are split between two facades, and with the sound study that they were provided all eight bay doors facing one direction. In that scenario, the noise levels are below the 240-foot limit for residential use.

Mayor Freeman inquired if the building could be turned 90 degrees.

Ms. Maurer stated that the access points were approved in the traffic impact study for Hammock Oaks PUD. The building's orientation respects the intended flow of traffic.

Mr. Carroll stated that the site plan has not been approved. The applicant's request is to modify the uses and if that is approved, they will continue to the site plan stage.

Mayor Freeman stated that the decibel level in Spring Arbor would be dramatically reduced if the bay doors faced south and east.

Mr. Carroll stated that townhomes are proposed to be built in the southern area of the PUD. If the building is turned, there is not a four-lane highway between them and this proposed business.

Commissioner Roberts confirmed with Mr. Carroll that those townhomes are at least double the distance away from the houses that are directly across the street.

Mr. Carroll replied affirmatively, adding that the only difference is the two-lane road in the PUD as opposed to a four-lane road.

Commissioner Roberts stated that she was urged by several residents not to approve the proposed business due to the potential for noise and suggested that the developer meet with the neighboring residents. She stated that she could not support the proposal at this time.

Ms. Maurer stated that the applicant would be open to meeting with the residents and will contact the applicant to arrange a community meeting.

Ms. Maurer requested tabling Ordinance 2026-01 until the May 4, 2026, Town Commission meeting.

Mr. Carroll reiterated that approving this amendment would allow the use of an automotive service center as a permitted use within the PUD. The site plan must adhere to town codes.

Mayor Freeman asked if there were any further questions or comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Regan, the Commission approved to table Ord. 2026-01 to the May 4, 2026, Town Commission meeting by the following roll call vote:

Commissioner (Ward)	Vote
Regan (Four)	YES
McLea (Two)	YES
Roberts (One)	YES

Commissioner (Ward)	Vote
Freeman (Three)	YES

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0

b. Growth Management — Ordinance 2026-02 – First Reading – Annexation – Joann M Hall Trust — An ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Lady Lake, Florida, voluntarily annexing property being approximately 0.19 acres owned by Joann M Hall Trust; located within Orange Blossom Gardens Unit 2, within Lake County, Florida; providing for filing of the ordinance; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith; providing for severability; providing for an effective date; and providing for publication in accordance with law. (Thad Carroll)

Growth Management Director Thad Carroll stated that on Monday, January 26, 2026, an application was filed with the Town of Lady Lake by Joann M Hall Trust to annex one lot approximately 0.19 acres, located within Orange Blossom Gardens, addressed as 900 Kim Lane, from unincorporated Lake County into the Town of Lady Lake.

Mr. Carroll explained that Lake County requires a 50-foot setback from the Ordinary High Water Line (OHWL), and it would not be possible to construct a home on this property. The Town requires a 25-foot setback from the ordinary high water line. This would allow for more buildable area for a future home. He stated that the applicant is seeking to annex into the Town Limits to construct a single-family residence. Because this property is in a flood zone, the Town requires the final floor elevation to be 18 inches above the base flood elevation.

Staff mailed notices to inform the surrounding 10 property owners within 150 feet of the subject property on Monday, February 26, 2026. The notification signs were posted on the property on Monday, February 26, 2026. To date, staff has not received any correspondence in support or opposition of this application.

The Technical Review Committee found that Ordinance 2026-02 was ready for consideration by the Planning and Zoning Board. At the March 9, 2026, meeting, the Planning and Zoning Board voted 4-0 to forward Ordinance 2026-02 to the Town Commission with the recommendation of approval.

Public Hearings - The second and final reading is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Freeman asked if there are any questions or comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Regan, the Commission approved the first reading of Ordinance 2026-02, Annexation – Joann M Hall Trust, by the following roll call vote:

Commissioner (Ward)	Vote
Regan (Four)	YES
McLea (Two)	YES
Roberts (One)	YES
Freeman (Three)	YES

Motion carried 4-0

c. Growth Management — Ordinance 2026-03 – First Reading – Small Scale Future Land Use Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Joann M Hall Trust — Requesting a Change to the Future Land Use Designation from Lake County Urban Medium Density to lady lake Manufactured Home High Density (MH-HD) for one lot being approximately 0.19 acres owned by Joann M Hall Trust, located within Orange Blossom Gardens Unit 2, 900 Kim Lane, within Lake County, Florida. (Thad Carroll)

Growth Management Director Thad Carroll stated that On Monday, January 26, 2026, an application was filed with the Town of Lady Lake by Joann Hall to amend the Future Land Use designation of 0.19 acre from Lake County Urban Medium Density to Lady Lake Manufactured Home - High Density (MH-HD).

Staff recommends approval of Ordinance 2026-03.

Future Land Use Designations of Adjacent Properties: North — Lady Lake Manufactured Home High-Density; East — Lake County Urban Medium; South — Lake County Urban Medium; West — Lake County Urban Medium.

Utilities: The subject property will be served by The Villages utilities.

Schools: As an active adult community, there will be no impact on the school system.

Parks and Recreation: There will be no additional impact on parks and recreation. This is a replacement home. The Villages also provides recreation amenities for its residents.

Transportation: There will be no additional impact on transportation. This is a replacement home.

Flood: The subject property is in Flood Zones A.

Staff mailed notices to inform the surrounding 10 property owners within 150 feet of the subject property on Monday, February 26, 2026. The notification signs were posted on the

property on Monday, February 26, 2026. To date, staff have not received any correspondence in support or opposition of this application.

Mayor Freeman asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Regan and seconded by Commissioner Roberts, the Commission approved the first reading of Ordinance 2026-03, Small Scale Future Land Use Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Joann M Hall Trust, by the following roll call vote:

Commissioner (Ward)	Vote
Regan (Four)	YES
McLea (Two)	YES
Roberts (One)	YES
Freeman (Three)	YES

Motion carried 4-0

d. Growth Management — Ordinance 2026-04 – First Reading – Rezoning – Joann M Hall Trust — An ordinance changing the zoning designation from certain property being approximately 0.19 acres, owned by Joann M Hall Trust, located within Orange Blossom Gardens, Unit 2, addressed as 900 Kim Lane, from Lake County Mixed Home Residential (RM) to Lady Lake Mixed Residential Medium Density (MX-8), within Lake County, Florida. (Thad Carroll)

Growth Management Director Thad Carroll stated that on Monday, January 26, 2026, an application was filed with the Town of Lady Lake by Joann Hall to amend the zoning classification for a 0.19-acre lot located within Orange Blossom Gardens, Unit 2, addressed as 900 Kim Lane. The application was filed requesting to rezone the subject property from Lake County Mixed Home Residential (RM) to Lady Lake Mixed Residential Medium Density (MX-8).

EXISTING ZONING: Lake County Mixed Home Residential (RM) - The purpose of this district is to provide for a single-family residential home district in an urban area, along the boundaries of any municipality that might logically be expected to expand and annex, or be able to provide urban convenience and facilities.

PROPOSED ZONING: Lady Lake Mixed Residential Medium Density (MX-8) – Established to implement comprehensive plan policies to provide moderate density single-family and manufactured home dwelling units in urban environments at a density not to exceed eight (8) dwelling units per acre, and it is intended to serve as a transitional zone between multi-family and single-family residential uses.

Zoning Designations of Adjacent Properties: North — Lady Lake Mixed Residential Medium Density (MX-8); **East** — Lake County Mixed Home Residential (RM); **South** — Lake County Mixed Home Residential (RM); **West** — Lake County Mixed Home Residential (RM).

Staff mailed notices to inform the surrounding 10 property owners within 150 feet of the subject property on Monday, February 26, 2026. The notification signs were posted on the property on Monday, February 26, 2026. To date, the staff has not received any correspondence in support or opposition of this application.

The Technical Review Committee found that Ordinance 2026-04 was ready for consideration of recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Board. At the March 9, 2026 meeting, the Planning and Zoning Board voted 4-0 to forward Ordinance 2026-04 to the Town Commission with the recommendation of approval.

The second and final reading is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Freeman asked if there are any questions or comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Regan, the Commission approved the first reading of Ordinance 2026-04, Rezoning – Joann M Hall Trust, by the following roll call vote:

Commissioner (Ward)	Vote
Regan (Four)	YES
McLea (Two)	YES
Roberts (One)	YES
Freeman (Three)	YES

Motion carried 4-0

e. Growth Management — Ordinance 2026-05 – First Reading – De-annexation – Chase Collins — An ordinance voluntarily de-annexing one property totaling approximately 53 acres, owned by Chase Collins, addressed 3105 Hartsock Sawmill Road, located at the east end of Hartsock Sawmill Road, within Lake County, Florida. (Thad Carroll)

Growth Management Director Thad Carroll stated that on Monday, February 23, 2026, an application was filed with the Town of Lady Lake by Chase Collins requesting to de-annex one property from the incorporated limits of the Town of Lady Lake. This property is located at the east end of Hartsock Sawmill Road. The application requests the contraction of approximately 53 acres from the incorporated limits of the Town of Lady Lake into unincorporated Lake County.

Mr. Carroll stated that this property was annexed in 2007 by Ordinance 2006-42 as part of the 152-acre Lady Lake Landings project, a proposed subdivision along Edwards Road. This project never came to fruition. In 2015, the subject property was rezoned to Commercial Tourist (CT) to allow for an RV Park. In 2018, the owner recorded a conservation easement in perpetuity. This document greatly restricts what can be done with the property. In 2025, the property was rezoned from Commercial Tourist to Agriculture Residential (AG-1).

The subject properties lie within Section 27, Township 18 South, Range 24 East, in Lake County, Florida. The appropriate legal descriptions and location maps were included with the submitted application. The property is not served by the Town of Lady Lake utilities and is located on a county-maintained road. Because this property is regulated by a restrictive conservation easement, the property is not assessed property taxes.

At the March 9, 2026, meeting, the Planning and Zoning Board voted 4-0 to forward Ordinance 2026-05 to the Town Commission with the recommendation of approval.

Staff mailed notices to inform the surrounding 16 property owners within 150 feet of the subject property on Monday, February 26, 2026. The notification signs were posted on the property on Monday, February 26, 2026. To date, the staff has not received any correspondence in support or opposition of this application.

Past Actions: The Technical Review Committee found that Ordinance 2026-05 was ready for consideration of recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Board.

Public Hearings: The second and final reading is scheduled for Monday, April 20, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Freeman asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Regan and seconded by Commissioner Roberts, the Commission approved the first reading of Ordinance 2026-05, De-annexation – Chase Collins, by the following roll call vote:

Commissioner (Ward)	Vote
Regan (Four)	YES
McLea (Two)	YES
Roberts (One)	YES
Freeman (Three)	YES

Motion passed by a vote of 4-0

f. Public Works — Consideration of Proposal to Update and Implement Impact Fees for Multiple Departments. (C.T. Eagle)

Public Works Director C.T. Eagle stated that the proposal from Stantec is to develop Police, Parks & Recreation, Library, and Public Facilities Impact Fees, which reflect the current cost and system capacities. This project will update the existing library and parks and recreation impact fees. It will also develop new impact fees for the police department and a Public Facilities Impact Fee, which may be used for other public infrastructure projects. He stated that this implementation was one proposal for an alternative revenue source in the event that ad valorem taxes were eliminated.

Commissioner Roberts inquired when the impact fees were last evaluated.

Mr. Eagle stated that they have been evaluated at various times. The library impact fees and the parks and recreation impact fees were assessed approximately 15 years ago.

Mayor Freeman asked if there were any further questions or comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner Regan, the Commission approved the proposal to update and implement impact fees for multiple departments by the following roll call vote:

Commissioner (Ward)	Vote
Regan (Four)	YES
McLea (Two)	YES
Roberts (One)	YES
Freeman (Three)	YES

Motion carried 4-0.

g. Public Works — Consideration of Proposal to Conduct a FY 2026 Water and Sewer Revenue Sufficiency Analysis and Water and Sewer Impact Fee Study for the Town for \$50,330. (C.T. Eagle)

Public Works Director C.T. Eagle stated that the proposal from Stantec to conduct a Water and Sewer Revenue Sufficiency Analysis and Water and Sewer Impact Fee Study for the Town will incorporate the recently approved utilities infrastructure projects to ensure the water, sewer, and reuse rates and water, sewer, and reuse impact fee rates are sufficient to support the proposed improvements. This agreement will utilize or "piggyback" the City of Palm Bay's current and legally procured agreement and contract rates.

Commissioner Regan inquired if this is an annual analysis.

Mr. Eagle stated that the analysis is reviewed every five years, and the rates are reviewed annually. He stated that the study will determine the appropriate rates being applied to finance the current and upcoming infrastructure projects.

Mayor Freeman asked if there were any further questions or comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Regan and seconded by Commissioner McLea, the Commission approved the proposal to update and implement impact fees for multiple departments by the following roll call vote:

Commissioner (Ward)	Vote
Regan (Four)	YES
McLea (Two)	YES
Roberts (One)	YES
Freeman (Three)	YES

Motion carried 4-0.

**h. Public Works — Consideration of Proposal from Synagro for Periodic Sludge Dewatering, Hauling, and Disposal of Biosolids for the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
(C.T. Eagle)**

Public Works Director C.T. Eagle stated that this proposal from Synagro is for periodic sludge de-watering, hauling, and disposal of biosolids for the Town's Wastewater Treatment Plant. The intent is to utilize these services as a secondary method of de-watering and disposal of biosolids if demand on our current system exceeds current capacity. Disposal of biosolids is becoming more challenging for all utilities in the State due to a lack of disposal sites and ever-increasing demand. Having a secondary disposal system is crucial to ensure operations and regulatory requirements are met. This proposal will be utilizing or "piggybacking" the current and legally procured agreement with Palm Beach County for "Sewage Cake Sludge, Dewatering, Hauling and Disposal" Contract #25-045/JS.

Commissioner Roberts inquired if this is a contingency plan for excessive use.

Mr. Eagle replied affirmatively. He stated that currently, the digester pumps into the dewatering boxes and dries the sludge. The town has a contract with Waste Management to haul the boxes to the town's disposal site. For approximately the same cost, Synagro will dewater and dry onsite, and transport to their disposal site, eliminating the need for the dewatering boxes. He stated that the hauling and disposal costs are factored into the budget.

Utilizing this company would reduce a few steps in our process as the town's flows will increase in the future. He stated that it is difficult for the dewatering boxes to process large flows efficiently, adding that it is good policy to have a contingency plan.

Commissioner Roberts inquired as to when the contingency would be necessary.

Mr. Eagle stated that it will be approximately 800,000 gallons per day. Currently, the daily flow is approximately 600,000 gallons per day.

Mayor Freeman inquired if more infrastructure is required with this company.

Mr. Eagle stated that more infrastructure is not required as the town will be utilizing their equipment.

Mayor Freeman asked if there were any further questions or comments. Hearing none, he asked for a motion.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Roberts and seconded by Commissioner McLea, the Commission approved the proposal from Synagro for periodic sludge dewatering, hauling, and disposal of biosolids for the wastewater treatment plant. Motion carried 4-0.

8. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner Regan stated that he attended an event at Freedom Pointe at The Villages showcasing the new assisted living buildings. He stated it was a great presentation and was impressed as the facility shows a lot of promise to meet a need for housing for individuals needing additional care.

Commissioner Roberts stated that she attended the event, adding that there is no place in the local Villages community for caretaking. She stated that the presentation addressed the concerns of aging parents who are taking care of a developmentally disabled individual and how their child will be taken care of when they pass away. She stated that this type of facility provides a community for those people. This is a nonprofit corporation and is affordable as currently proposed. She stated the residents' rent is paid with their Supplemental Security Income or disability income. The residents would be able to have a home close to their families, and reiterated that it meets a need in our community.

Commissioner McLea thanked the residents for voting for her to the commission. She expressed her appreciation to the fellow commissioners as well. She stated that she attended the Lake Sumter Salvation Army groundbreaking for their Joy Up Center in Leesburg.

Mayor Freeman welcomed Commissioner McLea to the commission.

9. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Bill Lawrence welcomed Commissioner McLee.

Mr. Lawrence acknowledged Public Works Director C.T. Eagle and Growth Management Director Thad Carroll for providing great presentations.

Mr. Lawrence announced the upcoming events:

Coffee with a Cop – Wednesday, April 8, 10 AM – 11:30 AM at Target

Spring Concert – Saturday, April 18, at Snooky Park. This is the final concert of the season.

Shredding Event – Saturday, April 25, 9 AM – 11 AM at the American Legion Post 347

10. TOWN ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Town Attorney Derek Schroth advised that he sent the draft wastewater treatment contract with the commission's amendments to the attorney for the City of Fruitland Park.

Attorney Schroth stated that Parks and Recreation Director Mike Burske negotiated the purchase of approximately 25 acres from a few property owners. The potential sellers have requested that the town draft a contract for the sale at \$67,500 per acre. He advised that it is not required; the town has the option to have the properties appraised. He inquired about the commission's desire for a Phase 1 environmental study as part of the process to ensure the soil is not contaminated.

It is the consensus of the commission to direct the Town Attorney to have the properties appraised and to initiate an environmental study.

11. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pastor Dr. Paul Harsh, First Baptist Church of Lady Lake

Dr. Harsh congratulated Commissioner McLea. He expressed his disappointment that the commission did not have an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance at tonight's meeting. He prayed for the commission and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jason Accurso, 428 Cierra Oaks Circle

Mr. Accurso congratulated Ms. McLea and wished her the best. He expressed his disappointment that there was no invocation or Pledge of Allegiance at tonight's meeting.

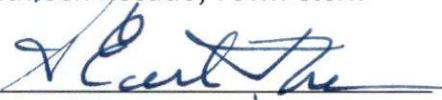
Commissioner Roberts stated for the record that the Pledge of Allegiance was acknowledged at the 5:30 p.m. She stated that the mayor called for the pastor to deliver the invocation, and there was no acknowledgement from the audience that he was in attendance. Therefore, the commission moved forward with tonight's meeting.

12. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathleen Rosado", written over a horizontal line.

Kathleen Rosado, Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ed Freeman", written over a horizontal line.

Ed Freeman, Mayor