

**CITY OF LABELLE
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING**

Mayor Lyons called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. Mayor Lyons opened the meeting by recognizing Commissioner Hilda Zimmerly for her 16 years of service on the City Commission. Ms. Zimmerly was recognized by members of the community in attendance for her dedication and guidance over the years. A plaque was presented, and a reception followed in the Commission Chambers.

Mayor Lyons reconvened the meeting at approximately 6:00 p.m. Ron Zimmerly, Finance Director, led the opening prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. A roll call was taken, and all Commissioners were present with the exception of David Kelley.

Derek Rooney introduced Hank Fishkind with PFM Consulting to present his methodology report relating to non-ad valorem recreation assessments. Mr. Fishkind explained the findings in his report and noted he witnessed residents of mobile home and RV parks enjoying the City's parks and recreational facilities.

There was discussion and questions from the Commission on mobile homes being treated as residential, and RVs and hotel/motel rooms being treated as commercial, per the methodology. The fee is \$125 per residential lot (including mobile homes), and ½ of that fee, or \$62.50, per RV lot and hotel/motel room.

Derek Rooney noted there will be another public hearing later in the year when the Commission adopts the budget and millage rate. He also noted this was a public hearing. Ramiro Rodriguez of the Hendry-LaBelle Recreation Board spoke in support of the resolution.

Commissioner Wilkins made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-04 and adopt the findings from the PFM Methodology Report, subject to corrections to the resolution. Commissioner Akin seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Ron Zimmerly provided an update on an agreement relating to LaBelle Stormwater Pond Landscaping/Irrigation project.

Commissioner Akin made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-03. Commissioner Wilkins seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:25 p.m. At the request of Commissioner Wilkins, Mayor Lyons reopened the meeting at 6:27 p.m. Commissioner Wilkins noted questions she has received regarding a fence potentially installed by the City along DeSoto Avenue in Barron Park. There was discussion by the Commission regarding the fencing and the park in general. It was discussed this created a barrier for public use of the area. There was discussion the status of the Harper fence. The item was deferred to a later date when Superintendent of Public Works, Gary Hull, would be in attendance.

There was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.

APPROVED:

*****SEE CLERK FOR SIGNED VERSION*****

David A. Lyons, Mayor-Commissioner

Attest:

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Thomas A. Smith, Clerk-Commissioner