

**CITY OF
MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES**



**May 2, 2023
City Hall
510 N. Baker St.
Mount Dora, FL 3275**

CALL TO ORDER

Having been duly advertised as required by law, at 6:00 p.m., Mayor Crissy called to order the May 2, 2023, Regular Session of the Mount Dora City Council.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Councilmember Rolfson.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

John Cataldo, District 1
Cal Rolfson, District 2
Dennis Dawson, District 3
Nate Walker, District 5
Doug Bryant, At Large
Marc Crail, Vice-mayor
Crissy Stile, Mayor

Also Present

Patrick C. Comiskey, City Manager
Sherry G. Sutphen, City Attorney
Jeanann Hand, City Clerk

PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Mount Dora Fun Fact**
Mayor Stile announced recycling program statistics.
- 2. 2023 Building Safety Month Proclamation**
City of Mount Dora Building Official John Abner spoke about Building Safety Month. Mayor Stile read into the record the 2023 Building Safety Month Proclamation.
- 3. 2023 Mayor's State of the City Presentation**
Mayor Stile reviewed the status of several projects and a presented a video. The video is attached to the minutes as Exhibit A.
- 4. Dark-Sky Advocate Presentation**
Martin Proctor from International Dark-Sky Association presented information related to the topic. He suggested the City enact a Dark Sky ordinance. Mr. Proctor's presentation is attached to the minutes as Exhibit B.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Stile opened public comment.

Josh Hemingway, 1177 East Fifth Avenue, spoke about the purpose of item two on the Consent Agenda as it relates to the pace of development.

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE AGENDA; COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPOINT BARBARA HENSINGER TO THE CRA ADVISORY COMMITTEE; COUNCILMEMBER DAWSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Request Approval of Task Authorization with CPH, LLC for Lift Station Siting and Efficiency Optimization, and Sanitary Sewer Inflow/Infiltration (I&I) Investigations
2. Request Approval of Task Authorization with Kimley-Horn Planning and Design Engineering Consultants for Modifications to Wastewater Treatment Plant No. 2 (WWTP#2) to Increase the Plant Permitted Capacity
3. Request Approval of Agreement Between the City of Mount Dora and Electric Power Systems Related to Substation and Generating Station Maintenance Services
4. Request Approval of Agreement Between the City of Mount Dora and Premier Power Maintenance Related to Substation and Generating Station Maintenance Services
5. Request Approval of Amendment 1 to Agreement with M.T. Causley, LLC for On- call Building Services
6. Request Approval of Amendment 3 to State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Agreement WW351470
7. Request Approval of Amendment 1 to the African American Cultural and Historical Grant Agreement
8. Request Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 18, 2023 Regular Session Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER WALKER TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA; COUNCILMEMBER CATALDO SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Request Approval of First Reading of Ordinance No. 2023-06, Amendment to Section 42.4 of the Mount Dora Code of Ordinances to allow Golf Carts on Certain City Streets

City Attorney Sutphen read Ordinance No. 2023-06 by title only.

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA, FLORIDA PERTAINING TO THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 42 TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES AND THE USE OF GOLF CARTS IN THE CITY OF MOUNT DORA; PROVIDING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS; PROVIDING FOR REPEAL OF CITY OF MOUNT DORA CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 42, TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES, ARTICLE I, IN GENERAL, SECTION 42-4, GOLF CART USAGE ON CERTAIN STREETS; ESTABLISHING CITY OF MOUNT DORA CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 42, ARTICLE V, GOLF CARTS AND LOW SPEED VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Planning Director Vince Sandersfeld presented information about the content of the ordinance and its possible impact upon the City. Councilmembers discussed parking, the current regional regulations for golf carts and low-speed vehicles, and questions of liability. The definition of a golf cart was clarified. Registration procedures, operator licenses, vehicle equipment and offense citations were discussed, as were allowable areas for golf cart and low-speed vehicle operation. Vice-mayor Crail recommended a sunset review of the proposed ordinance if it were enacted.

The requirements for golf cart passage across US Highway 441 were explained. Councilmembers explored plans to disseminate information about the ordinance if it were to be adopted. A meeting at the County Club of Mount Dora was mentioned.

Mayor Stile opened public comment.

Harmon Massey, 215 Lake Margaret Circle, Unit101, spoke about his experience as a golf cart driver and about the character of the golf cart community at Waterman Village. He agreed with the idea of a sunset review.

Christine King Harris, 402 East Jackson Avenue, spoke about the age of drivers, safe highway crossings and fees.

Scott Alderman, 408 Lake Dora Road, spoke about the possibility of commercial operation of golf carts for passenger transport.

Mayor Stile closed public comment.

Speed limits, golf cart maps, and parking at the pedestrian mall were mentioned.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER ROLFSON TO APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-06, AMENDMENT TO SECTION 42.4 OF THE MOUNT DORA CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ALLOW GOLF CARTS ON CERTAIN CITY STREETS, WITH CHANGES SUGGESTED AT THIS MEETING ADDED TO THE ORDINANCE FOR THE SECOND READING; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

YES Rolfson
 Walker
 Cataldo
 Dawson
 Bryant
 Crail
 Stile

NO None

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. Amendment to the City of Mount Dora Land Development Code 3.5.14.4 Related to Draft New Model Homes

Vice-mayor Crail and City of Mount Dora Planning Director Vince Sandersfeld provided background on the item. Councilmembers and staff discussed model home permitting in relation to possible remedies for developer transgressions, especially throughout development phases.

Councilmembers agreed this topic would be part of an upcoming proposed amendment to the City's Land Development Code.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Councilmember Rolfson provided a legislative update and spoke about the upcoming Lake County League of Cities Luncheon.

****Vice-mayor Crail left the meeting at 7:47 pm***

City Manager Comiskey reported on legislative appropriations.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS

1. Councilmember John Cataldo

No report.

2. Councilmember Dennis Dawson

Councilmember Dawson reported the receipt of a petition regarding speeding and traffic on 11th Avenue, and the delivery of the petition to Public Works Director George Marek.

3. Councilmember Cal Rolfson

Councilmember Rolfson commented on the Blueberry Festival, the pool opening and swim scholarships.

4. Councilmember Nate Walker

Councilmember Walker asked for the cost of tree trimming over the past 20 years and the plan for underground infrastructure.

5. Councilmember Doug Bryant

Councilmember Bryant spoke about an occupant recently acquired by the Osceola County Economic Development Park. Councilmember Bryant also spoke about Form 6.

6. Vice-mayor Crail

Not present.

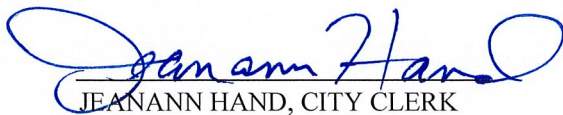
7. Mayor Stile

No report.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER DAWSON TO ADJOURN; COUNCILMEMBER WALKER SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION APPROVED BY A UNANIMOUS VOICE VOTE.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:59 p.m.



JEANANN HAND, CITY CLERK



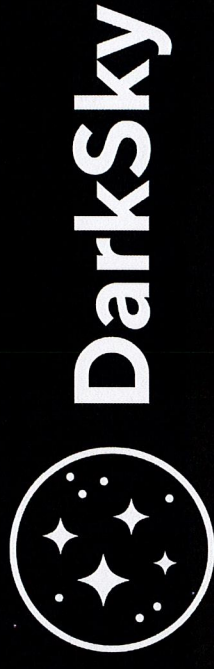
CRISSY STILE, MAYOR
City of Mount Dora

EXHIBIT A

The State of the City video may be viewed at https://files.ci.mount-dora.fl.us/?u=6rDp&p=tpbT&path=/Mount%20Dora%20State%20of%20the%20City%202023_FINAL.mp4

EXHIBIT B

DarkSky Advocate Presentation



Saving Dark Skies in Lake County FL

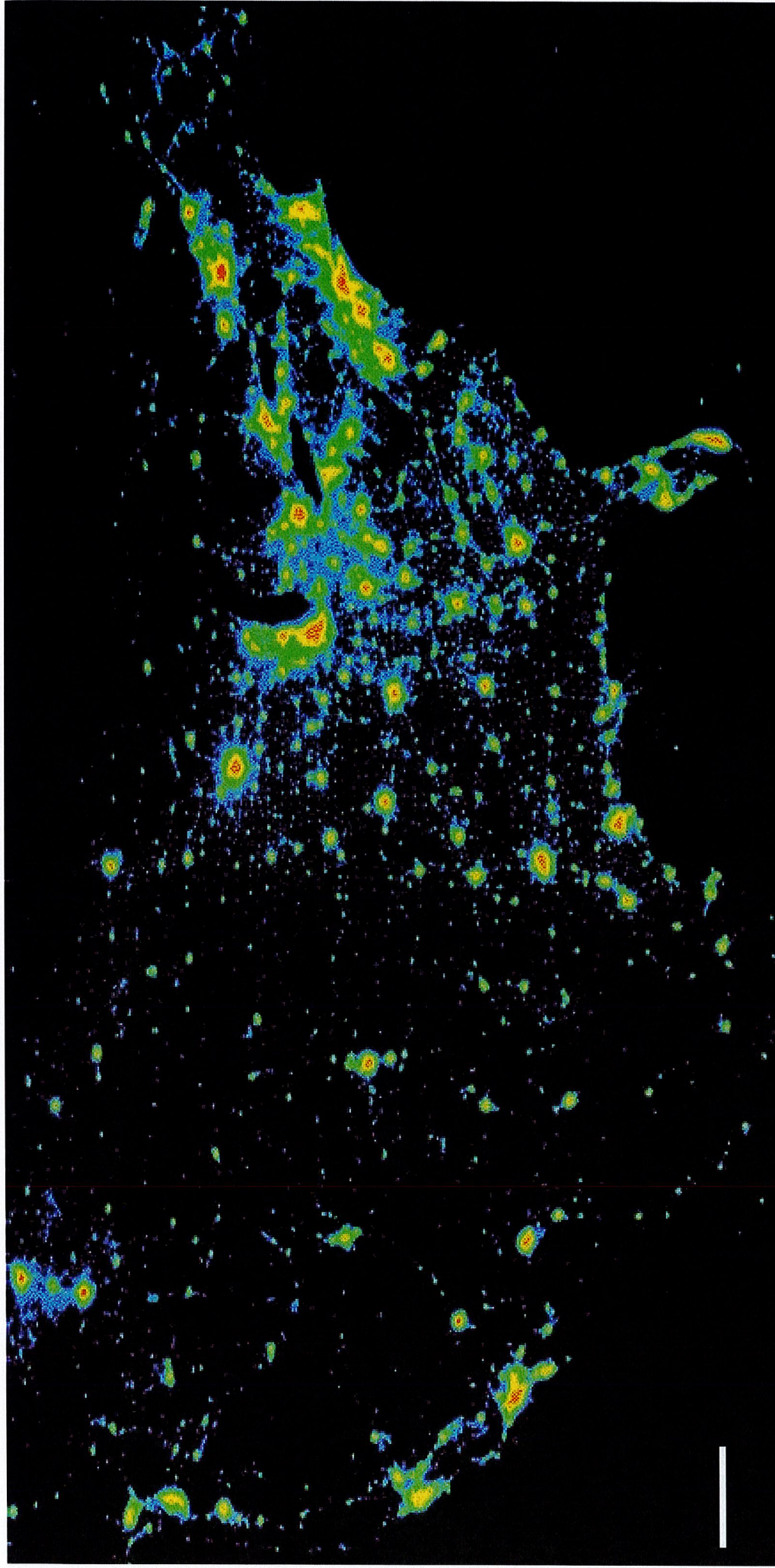
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Marty Proctor

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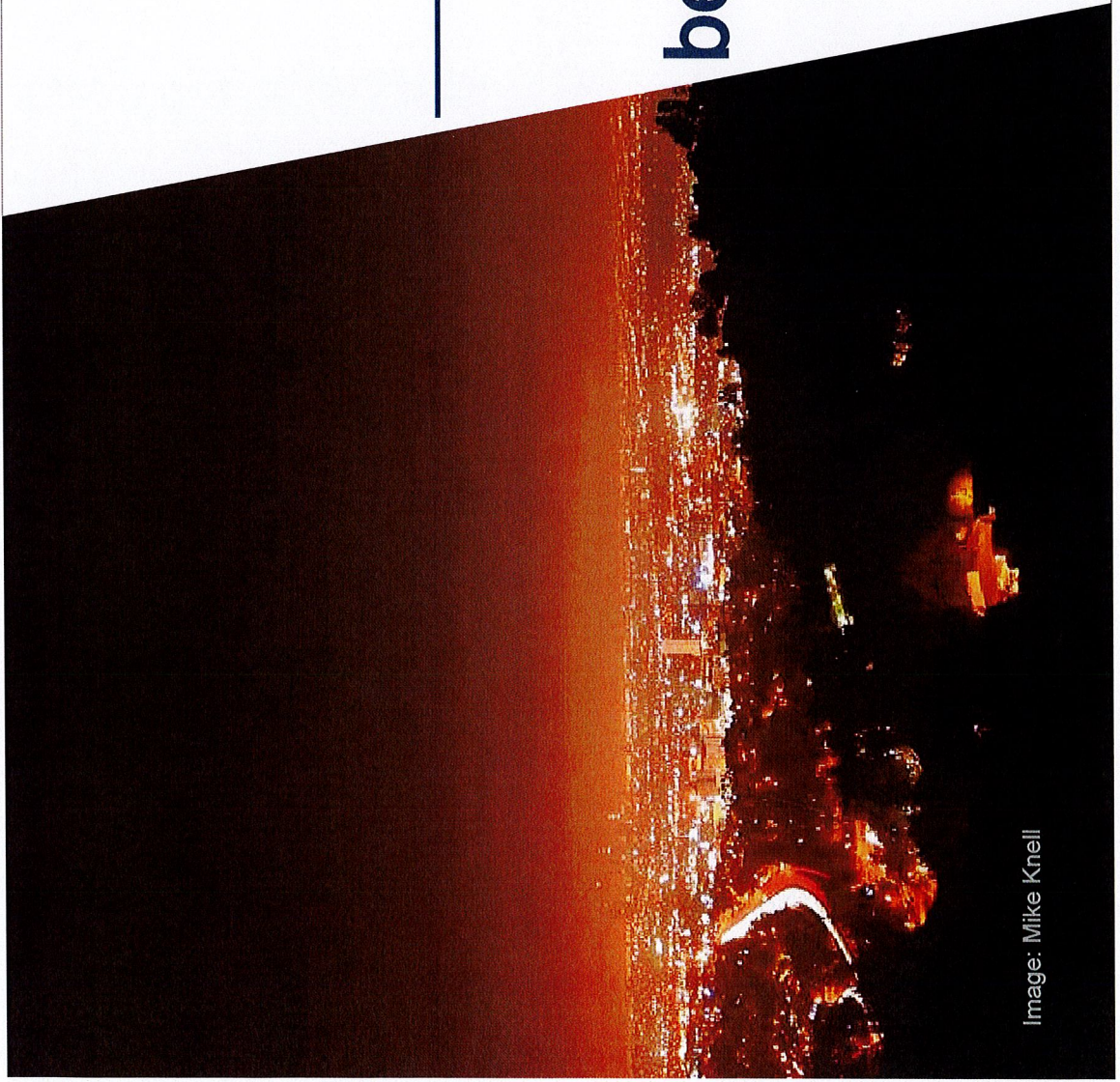
NASA



The Story I didn't know: Light pollution is increasing at 2 % per year

Late 1950's

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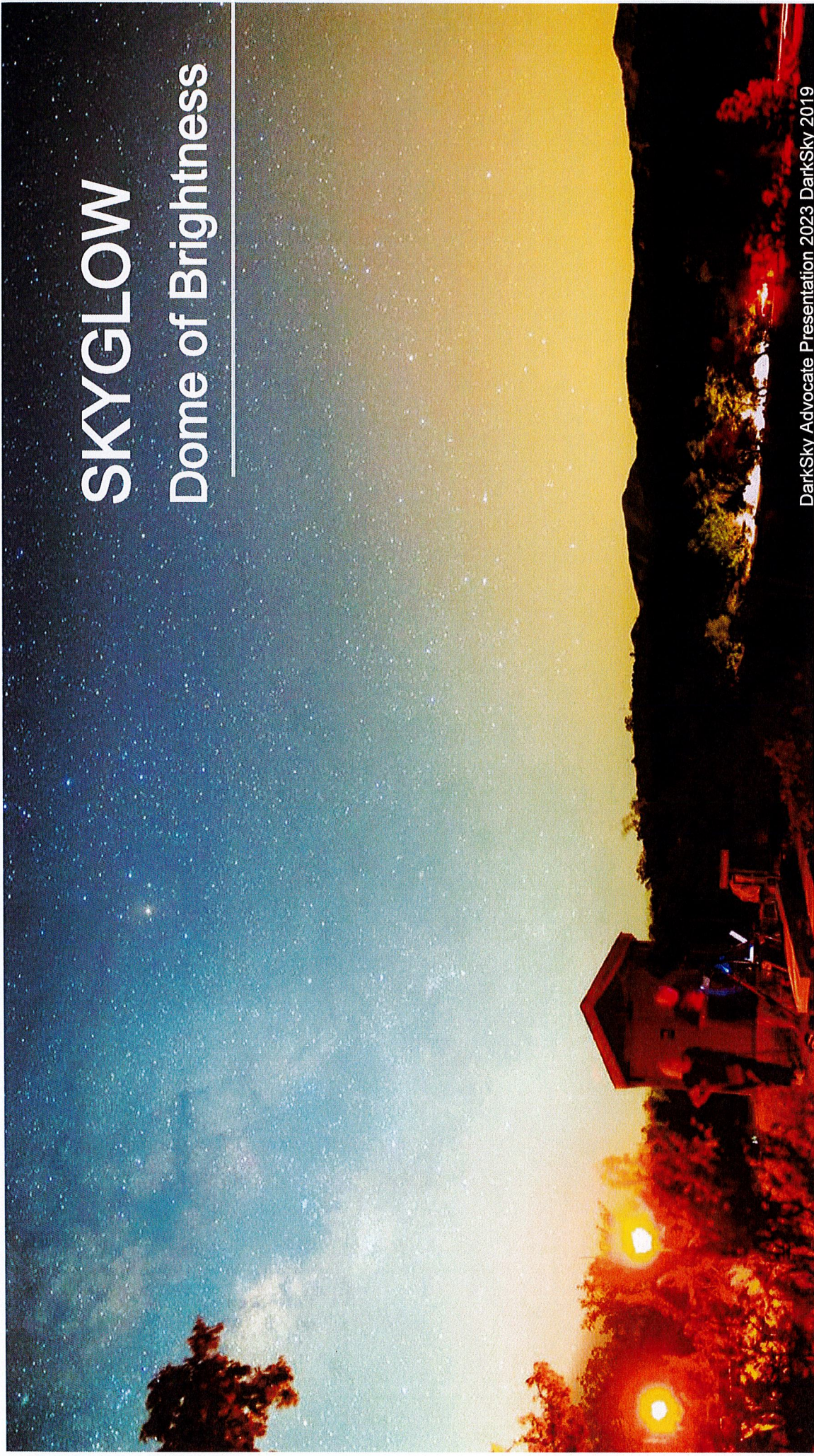
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of the problems.**

**There are solutions,
better lighting design
and intelligent use.**

Image: Mike Knell

SKYGLOW

Dome of Brightness

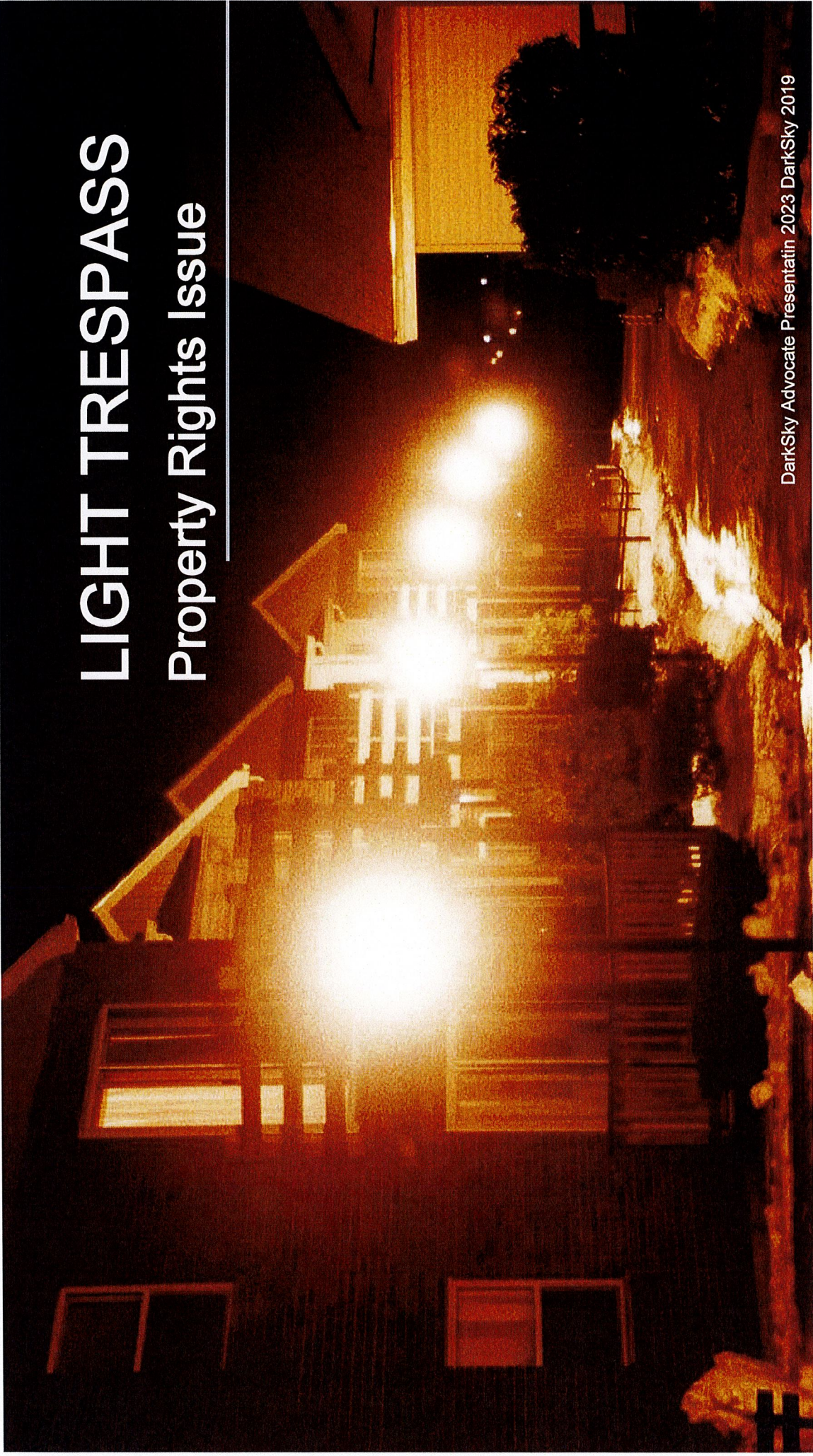


GLARE

Blinding Light

LIGHT TRESPASS

Property Rights Issue





TREES bud earlier and
lose their leaves later...
BIRDS migrate at night
by starlight and are
interrupted...

INSECTS are attracted
so are their predators
concentrating both...

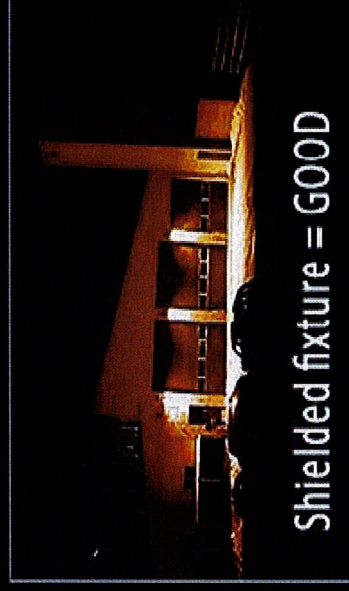
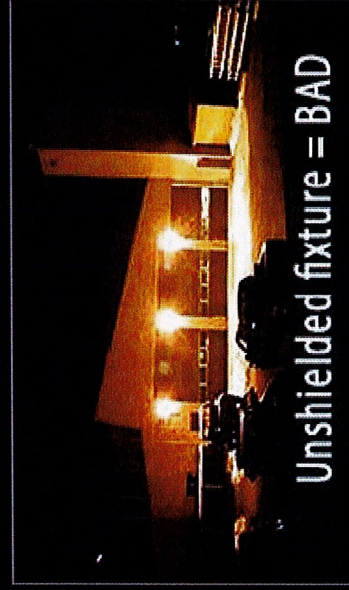
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LIGHT AT NIGHT**



**MYTH: MORE
LIGHTING IS SAFER**

**REALITY:
WELL DESIGNED
LIGHTING IS SAFER**

Light Pollution Solutions



WHERE TO FIND THIS LIGHTING?

Home Improvement
stores, Ace Hardware,
and Amazon.

Choose lighting with the

IDA FIXTURE SEAL in the

darksky.org APPROVAL PROGRAM

Both new and old seal shown.



DarkSky Advocate Presentation 2023



LIGHTING ORDINANCE and Dark Sky Place Designation

Groveland Florida has written and approved
a legal and enforceable Dark Sky Lighting Ordinance.
A copy is available to provide your team with a template.
Groveland is on track to become a Dark Sky Community.