

**LONGWOOD CITY COMMISSION**  
Longwood City Commission Chambers  
175 West Warren Avenue  
Longwood, Florida

**MINUTES**  
**February 6, 2023**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Mayor Matt Morgan  
Deputy Mayor Matthew McMillan  
Commissioner Abby Shoemaker  
Commissioner Tony Boni  
Commissioner Brian D. Sackett  
Dan Langley, City Attorney  
Clint Gioielli, Acting City Manager  
Michelle Longo, City Clerk  
David Dowda, Police Chief  
Judith Rosado, Financial Services Director  
Shad Smith, Public Works Director

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. **OPENING INVOCATION.** Pastor Doug Hardt with Markham Woods Church of Seventh-Day Adventists gave the invocation.
3. **THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Deputy Mayor McMillan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Ms. Longo read the following announcements.
  - A. **The “Downtown Longwood Cruise-In” Car Show will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Historic District of Longwood.**
  - B. **The Senior Matinee will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2023, from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Longwood Community Building, 200 West Warren Avenue. This month’s feature is *Ticket to Paradise*.**
  - C. **Longwood Movie in the Park will be held on Friday, February 17, 2023, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Reiter Park, 311 West Warren**

Avenue. This is a free event and the movie will be *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*.

**5. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS**

**A. Presentation of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual JOY (Juvenile of the Year) Awards.**

<b>Kamari Martin</b>	<b>Altamonte Elementary School</b>
<b>Genevieve Ulysses</b>	<b>Greenwood Lakes Middle School</b>
<b>Carter Fowler</b>	<b>Highlands Elementary School</b>
<b>Alexander Hall</b>	<b>Lake Mary High School</b>
<b>Charlotte Gibeau</b>	<b>Longwood Elementary School</b>
<b>Tyler Hastings-Blankenship</b>	<b>Lyman High School</b>
<b>Ishaan Riggs</b>	<b>Milwee Middle School</b>
<b>Avalyn Thompson</b>	<b>Rock Lake Middle School</b>
<b>Alondra Ramos Rodriguez</b>	<b>Winter Springs Elementary School</b>
<b>Nicandro Lucas Garcia</b>	<b>Winter Springs High School</b>
<b>Ma'Ki Floyd</b>	<b>Woodlands Elementary School</b>

Mayor Morgan read the history of the JOY Awards. Each student was announced and presented with a framed certificate. Photographs were then taken.

The Commission recessed at 6:31 p.m. and reconvened at 6:43 p.m.

**6. BOARD APPOINTMENTS.** None.

**7. PUBLIC INPUT**

**A. Public Participation.** None.

**8. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

**District #5.** Commissioner Sackett attended a Council of Local Governments in Seminole County (CALNO) meeting hosted by the City of Oviedo and learned many other city's meetings are shorter due to three (3) minutes commissioner reports. He hoped to get through his list in three (3) minutes. He reported the CALNO presentation was mainly about the City of Oviedo's growth and plans around their parks and ponds. He attended a MetroPlan meeting and heard a similar presentation regarding the City of Oviedo. He visited the non-profit organization Crossroads Corral in Longwood and met the owners, and afterward attended the Longwood Smash Beer Festival at Reiter Park.

Commissioner Sackett went to a Lymlight Productions at Lyman High School, the state theater group presentation. The students in the theater group will be going to a festival in Tampa and he contributed to their

total cost for the student trip. He attended Light Up Lyman with 500 incoming freshmen in attendance, the Food Truck Battle & Concert in the Park, and the Ford Mustang Round-Up. He noted food was sold out at the CERT tent and his friend's blue Ford Bronco won in the top ten award category. He attended the banquet for Buddy Ball and participated in National Night Out at Candyland Park helping cook 600 hot dogs along with Commissioner Boni.

Commissioner Sackett attended a Fun Run that day with about 1,000 kids at Woodlands Elementary School. The kids ran thirty-five (35) laps getting donations for each lap and his grandson ran fifty (50) laps. He said the event raised almost \$30,000 for computers and technology for the school.

**District #1.** Commissioner Shoemaker attended many of the events that Commissioner Sackett mentioned. She went to a paper shredding event in Lake Mary bringing a total of eleven (11) bags. The money she paid for the bags went towards the Lake Mary Senior Center. She enjoyed attending the ribbon-cutting for Crossroads Corral and rode her bicycle to the event encountering a few hills and windy weather.

**District #2.** Commissioner Boni attended National Night Out and enjoyed cooking hotdogs along with Commissioner Sackett and Mayor Morgan. Deputy Mayor McMillan, Commissioner Shoemaker, and Mr. Gioielli also assisted in the filling, wrapping, and distribution of the hot dogs. He commented there was a good turnout for the annual event and congratulated the police department for their win at the kickball game with the fire department. He attended a meeting at the Altamonte Rotary Club where Mr. Gioielli was the keynote speaker. He commented Mr. Gioielli did a great job engaging and entertaining the audience. Commissioner Boni, unfortunately, had emergency surgery and thanked Orlando Health South Seminole Hospital and the professional staff for their help. He appreciated the visits from hospital President Shawn Molsberger, Mayor Morgan, and Mr. Gioielli.

Commissioner Boni attended a Wekiva River Scenic and Management Committee meeting and learned about not just one but multiple organizations that maintain the river. He stated the attendance on this river is growing every month and he recommended a Wekiva River Eco Tour. He went to the ribbon cutting for Crossroads Corral and participated as a judge at the Ford Mustang Round-Up, which had over 300 cars. He thanked Deputy Mayor McMillan, Commissioner Shoemaker, Acting City Manager Mr. Gioielli, and Police Chief Dowda for their attendance at his Rotary Charity Poker Tournament the past weekend. He said everyone had fun at the event and every dollar raised provides six (6) high school students with a two (2)-year A.A. degree from

Valencia College. He added these students likely would not attend college without these scholarships.

Commissioner Boni announced the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Longwood Historic Society Charity Poker Tournament is scheduled on Saturday, March 4 at the Longwood Community Building.

**District #3.** Deputy Mayor McMillan commented he received the sad news that one of his high school friends who grew up in Longwood had passed away taking his own life. They attended Rock Lake Middle School and Lake Mary High School together. He said his friend moved to California and became successful. He will direct \$650 of his discretionary fund to the Fire Department to attend the Ali's Hope Annual Golf Tournament, which deals with mental health and suicide prevention. He heard about Commissioner Boni's emergency surgery and was glad to hear he had recovered.

Deputy Mayor McMillan participated in the National Night Out along with fellow commissioners. He mentioned he was out of state from January 18 through 22 attending a law course in Columbia, South Carolina hearing different perspectives on local issues including stormwater and development. He commented when he travels he observes what other cities are doing to maintain their history and culture, and hopes to contribute to the development of the Longwood Historic District.

Deputy Mayor McMillan attended the Meet and Greet at Seminole State College for the Seminole County Manager candidates. Mr. Darren Gray was selected as the new county manager and he was glad he had the opportunity to meet him as well as the other two finalists. He thanked Brett Mason for the organization of the Longwood Smash Beer Festival and added the event is an annual one bringing people from out of the area to Longwood. He congratulated Dead Words Beer for winning first place in the People's Choice and Judge's Contest as well as, Bowigens Beer Company and Royal Palm Brewing for second and third place. He stated the proceeds from the festival benefited A Spoon Full of Hope a product of Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida. He attended the ribbon cutting for Crossroads Corral along with his fellow commissioners.

Deputy Mayor McMillan reported he met with State Representative Rachel Plakon and made an inquiry regarding funding for the lighting project that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) plans to do in the area of State Road 434 and Ronald Regan Boulevard. He also discussed the priorities of the Florida League of Cities which he has mentioned in previous commissioner reports. He attended the Ford Mustang Round Up in Longwood. He congratulated Commissioner Boni on his Rotary Charity Poker Tournament in Orlando which he attended.

Deputy Mayor McMillan reported on the true, good, and beautiful. For the “true”, he defined a resolution, stating a non-binding resolution refers to measures that are not laws, often used to express the body’s approval or disapproval of something which cannot be voted on due to the matter being handled by another jurisdiction. For the “good”, he mentioned athleticism and activity. At the National Night Out, he was impressed to see all the people at the pickleball courts. For the “beautiful”, he referred to the Ford Mustang Round-Up. He commented you could see all the cars lined up on Church Avenue as well as the freshly painted water tower during the clear, sunny afternoon of the event.

**District #4.** Mayor Morgan attended the Mayors and Managers Meeting on January 17 in Altamonte Springs. He participated in National Night Out and thanked the Park and Recreation Advisory Committee and city staff for their assistance. He noted the event was a makeup date and did not have as many people in attendance as usual. On January 20 he attended a Leadership Seminole Board meeting and mentioned the passing of one of its members, Dede Schaffner. She was a former school board member and longtime community volunteer. He and others felt blessed to have had meaningful conversations with her and said she was responsible for the successful Dividends Volunteer Program in Seminole County Public Schools.

Mayor Morgan on January 21 participated in the Red Sand Project, Seminole County to fight child and adult human trafficking. He thanked the Paving the Way Foundation for educating people including himself about human trafficking.

Mayor Morgan and his wife attended goat yoga at Alestone Brewing Co. in Longwood. The event was standing-room only and was fun to watch the baby goats. He commended the business for thinking of creative events to draw people to the city. He attended an update on special needs children from the Seminole County Public Schools. As an Individual Education Plan (IEP) advocate he attended a meeting saying he will continue to push for cameras in children’s special needs classrooms. He attended the ribbon cutting for Crossroads Corral and pointed out they serve the community for those with PTSD. He attended the Longwood Smash Beer Festival and thanked all those involved in the event. He attended a ribbon cutting on January 31 for All Things Collected located on State Road 434 next to O’Reilly Auto Parts in a strip mall. He thanked Commissioner Boni for organizing the upcoming Charity Poker Tournament as a fundraiser for the Longwood Historic Society.

Mayor Morgan and his wife had a meeting with the Horsepower Ranch in Oviedo. His wife Larissa is a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee working on the next Longwood Luau. He commented the ranch holds successful luaus on the weekend and the owners have agreed to help with the Longwood event. He attended the Ford Mustang Round-Up and thanked the group for holding the event in Longwood. He attended the Buddy Ball Banquet and thanked Commissioner Sackett for his support of the organization which allows his son and other children with special needs to play baseball.

Mayor Morgan mentioned a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee asked about banners along Ronald Reagan Boulevard to celebrate Longwood's 100 Years. He responded to them that the commission decided to move forward with a celebration for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. He said there is a difference between the original settlement date of 1876 versus the establishment of an incorporated city in 1923. He asked the commissioners about their thoughts regarding banners along Ronald Reagan Boulevard celebrating the city's 100 years.

Mr. Gioielli commented in 2001 the city celebrated its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a result of when the post office was opened in 1876. He said three (3) years from now will be the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the post office opening. He noted concern there will be confusion if the city posts signs that say 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and three (3) years from now people see signs that say 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Discussion ensued about Longwood's history including it has been a thriving community since 1876 and is over 100 years old. It was noted Lyman High School will turn 100 years old in 2024 and banners would be appropriate to recognize them, followed by 150 years for the city in three years.

Mr. Gioielli stated he and staff planned a meeting later that week to find ways to celebrate the city's 100 years of incorporation in a timeline fashion so there was no confusion between the city's incorporation in 1923 and the opening of the post office in 1876.

**9. ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Commissioner Sackett requested that Item 10C be pulled for a separate discussion.

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approve Minutes of January 16, 2023, Regular Meeting.**

**B. Approve the Monthly Expenditures for January 2023.**

- C. **Approve a change order in the amount of \$263,765 to the Aero GroundTek purchase order No. 23-00449 to provide for citywide mowing and landscaping services for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.**

Commissioner Sackett moved to approve Items 10A and 10B as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Discussion ensued on Item 10C and it was noted that the area from the sidewalk to the roadway is the responsibility of the city to mow, and the cost is included in the \$263,765.

Commissioner Sackett moved to approve Item 10C as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Boni and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

11. **PUBLIC HEARINGS.** None.

12. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

- A. **Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 23-1625, which amends the fiscal year 2022/2023 budget and authorizes funds to cover purchase orders rolled from the fiscal year 2021/2022 for Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Projects or grants and make other necessary adjustments to the budget.**

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 23-1625 by title only.

Mr. Gioielli presented the Item.

Commissioner Boni moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-1625 as presented Item 12A. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- B. **City Commission discussion on Mr. Clint Gioielli' s Employment Agreement for the City Manager position.**

Mr. Langley presented the employment agreement. He noted he has reviewed it for legal sufficiency, it is consistent with a previous city manager's agreement, modifications on the business terms have been reviewed with the commissioners, and went over the delayed effective date. The current Acting City Manager agreement runs through Mr. Gioielli's retirement date of March 4, 2023, and will be effective on March 5, 2023.

Mayor Morgan moved to appoint Clint Gioielli as the City Manager effective March 5, 2023, and approve the

employment agreement as presented. Seconded by Deputy Mayor McMillan, Commissioner Shoemaker, Commissioner Boni, and Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Gioielli thanked the City Commission for his appointment as City Manager and expressed his support for the commission, staff, city, and residents. He stated staff planned not to have banners for the city's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary unless the Commission decided otherwise. He added staff plans to find other ways to advertise the anniversary such as 100th-anniversary badges for the city's first responders.

Mr. Gioielli reported he had a meeting with the president and director of external affairs with Sunshine Utilities. He confirmed they have zero interest in selling their utilities to the city but the president has confirmed he will be at the next Commission meeting on February 20 to provide a presentation and answer any questions from the Commission.

Mr. Gioielli reported staff continues to work on the issue with the canine kennel and has taken a more proactive role in mediating between the two parties to see if they can work together to resolve the issue.

Mr. Gioielli reported he met with the Golden Groves neighborhood to discuss their assessment. They want to increase their assessment for next year. He let them know it will require formal communication and a process. He commented if the Commission is approached about the request for an increase, they will now know what the majority of the residents in that neighborhood want.

Mr. Gioielli reported work has started for the new deck of the Splash Pad and work on the new flooring at the Community Building started last week and will continue this week. Staff is considering different options for cameras at Arbor Park Dog Park and options will be brought forward to the next Commission meeting. He reported staff has ordered new dog agility equipment and part of that order has already arrived. Once the full order is received, staff will install the equipment.

**14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Langley congratulated Mr. Gioielli on his appointment.

**15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Ms. Longo congratulated Mr. Gioielli on his appointment.

Ms. Longo reported Friday, February 10 is the Seminole County Prayer Breakfast which will be held at the Altamonte Hilton Hotel beginning at



7:00 a.m. and has all the Commissioners registered to attend. She noted the keynote speaker will be Sheriff Dennis Lemma. She stated there will be a Tri-County League of Cities lunch meeting on Thursday, February 16 hosted by Lake Mary and let her know if they wished to attend and she would get them registered. She reported the Annual State of the County luncheon has been postponed and rescheduled to Monday, April 3 at the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary. It will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. She stated the existing registration will be honored for the new date. She asked if anyone was not able to attend on the new date, to notify her.

**16. ADJOURN.** Mayor Morgan adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Commission: 02-20-2023

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**Matt Morgan, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Michelle Longo, MMC, FCRM**  
**City Clerk**

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