

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

MINUTES
February 7, 2022
6:00 P.M.

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Sackett called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. **OPENING INVOCATION.** There was no volunteer invocation speaker present at the meeting, therefore a moment of silent meditation was observed.
3. **THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Deputy Mayor Boni led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Ms. Longo read the following announcements.
 - A. **The Senior Matinee will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Longwood Community Building, 200 West Warren Avenue. This month's feature is *The Love Punch*.**

- B. The “Downtown Longwood Cruise-In” Car Show will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Historic District of Longwood.

5. **PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS**

- A. Presentation of the 42nd Annual JOY (Juvenile of the Year) Awards.

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| Jillian Allen | Greenwood Lakes Middle School |
| Rowan Decosta | Highlands Elementary School |
| Katy Garcia | Lake Mary High School |
| Jack Frease | Longwood Elementary School |
| Brooke Hessler | Lyman High School |
| Serenity Bellamy | Milwee Middle School |
| Lian Colts | Rock Lake Middle School |
| Ava Corbett | Winter Springs Elementary School |
| Nick Pacy | Winter Springs High School |
| Roman Sciortino | Woodlands Elementary School |

Mayor Sackett 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 6:27 p.m. and reconvened at 6:37 p.m.

6. **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

- A. **District #1 Nomination to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.**

Commissioner Shoemaker nominated David Putz for reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Nomination carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- B. **District #5 (At Large) Nomination to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.**

Mayor Sackett nominated Rachael Carroll for reappointment to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Nomination carried by a unanimous voice vote.

7. **PUBLIC INPUT**

- A. **Public Participation.** None.

8. **MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS’ REPORT**

District #3. Commissioner McMillan said on January 20 he attended lunch with several fellow Commissioners in Sanford for the Tri-County League of Cities. While there he learned the organization had changed management as well as were revising their website. He also found out about the Florida League of Cities Legislative Action Days which was scheduled for February 8 through 9 in Tallahassee. He planned to be in Tallahassee on Wednesday, February 9 for business and was going to participate in lobbying on behalf of the Tri-County League of Cities as well as the city of Longwood. He planned to visit state representatives and track the city's legislation. He will report back to the Commission.

Commissioner McMillan reported on the true, good, and beautiful. For the “true”, he said would be regarding economics, prices, and inflation he saw publications on Facebook from the Office of the Seminole County Property Appraiser, David Johnson. Some of the relevant facts included the median price of a house in Seminole County in 2021 went up by 14.24%. Of interest to the city of Longwood is the Save Our Homes provision in the Florida Constitution dating back to 1995, which caps the appreciation that homes can appreciate at three (3%) percent. He said based on history it only has been capped four (4) or five (5) times at three (3%) percent which includes 2022. It was capped at three (3%) percent when the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was at seven (7%) percent. He said at no point has there been that great of a differential between the rate of CPI and the rate of property valuation increase for taxes which is the City’s revenue. The City’s revenue for taxes is rising at three (3%) percent while CPI is going at seven (7%) percent and the differential is at four (4%) percent. He said in most years you could add both of the numbers together and it would not equal four (4%) percent. For the “good”, he said he saw the craftsmanship on January 29 at the Smash Beer Festival held by Hourglass Brewing at Reiter Park in Longwood. He said the weather was perfect and a lot of local breweries attended. The festival promoted the art of beer making and the breweries were entered in a competition. The winning entry was a peanut butter chocolate ice cream smash beer by Bowigens Beer Company in Casselberry. He said the festival was well attended by people from all around Florida. For the “beautiful”, he said he attended a later part of the 35th Annual Mustang & Ford Round-Up. He thought it was great seeing so many cars choosing the city of Longwood to show off their beautiful machines.

District #4. Commissioner Morgan said on January 19 he was invited by the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections Chris Anderson to attend Lyman High School to talk to students about the importance of pre-registering to vote. One of the students asked him how to get an update on the Skate Park located in Candyland Park in Longwood. Commissioner Morgan said he was able to take the opportunity to localize an issue

important to the students and explain how government works in the City. He explained the process to the students and they were very interested in the issue as it related to the Skate Park. He thanked Mr. Anderson for inviting him to the event and added Seminole County School Board Vice-Chairman Amy Pennock also spoke earlier that day.

Commissioner Morgan said on January 22, he attended Cops'n Cars for Kids in Oviedo and afterward attended the Kids Business Fair in Longwood. He said the event was good despite the cold and rainy weather. That same night, he went to the Longwood Food Truck Battle and Concert in Reiter Park. He felt enough residents did support the event arriving at different times throughout the night. He said on January 23, he participated in the Longwood Babe Ruth Baseball and Softball Registration Day. He said a challenge was put out on Facebook for him to hit twenty-two (22) home runs in twenty-two (22) minutes and used as the hook to get people out to the event and it was very successful. As of this evening, Longwood Babe Ruth is up to 258 registered participants between the Girls Softball, headed by Commissioner Morgan's wife, and the Boys Baseball which has a new president David Rubin. He was very proud of Mr. Rubin and the League. At this rate, we will increase versus last season by hopefully 100 players. They need thirty (30) more players to make that mark. The goal was to hit the 200 mark and we shattered that. He said Mr. Rubin keeps finding new and inventive ways to get people to Candyland Park and sign up for the League. Sports is crucial for children especially now where they are seeing less and less structure because of the pandemic and they have had things taken from them. We are trying to get back to some sense of normalcy. Youth sports is a big step in that direction. On January 24, he attended a Heroes Strong meeting, a non-profit organization in Longwood, with Ladies 327. He said is proud to introduce Ladies 327 to the city of Longwood, and they will participate in more events in the future such as Kid Zones and Bounce Houses. He said the City would not be paying for these kid-friendly things which will be added to other events. Ladies 327 is a non-profit organization based out of Sanford with its name derived from the zip code 327. The organization represents not just Sanford but all of Seminole County. He stated he also attended a Homeowner's Association (HOA) meeting in the City Commission Chambers. He thanked City Clerk for making the arrangements. On January 29, he said he participated in a Longwood Babe Ruth Baseball and Softball Skills Assessment where each player was put appropriately on the right team. Afterward, he along with his fellow Commissioners attended the Smash Beer Festival held at Reiter Park in Longwood. He agreed with Commissioner McMillan people from all over Florida attended. He said utilizing Reiter Park as a magnet for Longwood is the name of the game and continues to expose our beautiful, charming City

to people who have never seen it before. The event was very successful and well organized. He thanked Hourglass Brewing in Longwood for the setup in the park. On January 30, he was asked to speak in regards to Spencer Bateman who unfortunately passed away to an opioid overdose. Spencer had gotten his life on track but he had one relapse which had fentanyl unbeknownst to him. Commissioner Morgan mentioned he was a fifteen (15) year recovered opioid addict himself and had overdosed seven (7) times when fentanyl was not present in the market. He added all it takes is just one particle to kill. He said this is the third time he has spoken at Reiter Park in regards to a Celebration of Life. Families have spread ashes at the bridge or used the Amphitheater to put up photos of loved ones. He said the park is being used for something important to families who are celebrating their child's life. That same day Commissioner Morgan attended a Rockin For Autism event in Sanford to raise money for autism. The event was successful.

Commissioner Morgan said on February 2, he attended lunch with two (2) contest winners along with their parents at Stenstrom Elementary School in Oviedo. He thanked the school for inviting him. That night he attended a Council of Local Governments in Seminole County (CALNO) meeting on behalf of Mayor Sackett at the Seminole County Fire Training Facility. He pointed out the facility is located in Longwood, 202 Valentine Way. He said the Seminole County Fire Department improved their ISO (Insurance Services Office) Score to one (1) which is the highest score you can obtain. Also, at the meeting, he along with other city officials were asked to count the number of fire hydrants in their area to help Seminole County. Commissioner Morgan later spoke with City Fire Chief Mike Peters who responded the count had already been done. He then thanked Chief Peters for getting Seminole County the information they needed. After the meeting, Commissioner Morgan went to Candyland Park to coach Girls Softball as part of the Longwood Babe Ruth League. On February 4, Commissioner Morgan met with Principal Jordan Rodriguez of Seminole High School in Sanford. Principal Michael Hunter of Lyman High School in Longwood and Seminole County Supervisor of Elections Chris Anderson were also present. There was a recent shooting at the campus of Seminole High School. To add something positive to the lives of students, they discussed a joint fundraiser for the athletic departments in both schools. He said Principal Rodriguez is from Rock Lake Middle School in Longwood and he is a very good leader. That same day Commissioner Morgan met with Ethel Harris, District Executive at Boy Scouts of America. As a board member, he planned to help fundraise for those less fortunate who do not have the opportunity to afford to go out on the Boy or Girl Scouts camping events where they leave for a week and learn life lessons.

Commissioner Morgan attended the 35th Annual Mustang & Ford Round-Up on February 5 in downtown Longwood and Reiter Park. He set up a booth in the morning at the event and stayed throughout the day. The event was successful and another huge draw for the City. Today, prior to the City Commission Meeting, Commissioner Morgan met with a Longwood resident who needed help with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) which is a written education plan to meet a child's learning needs. When parents reach out to him, he accompanies them to the meeting for free or meets them at their home or his home. They put together a plan and look at different services for a special need's child. He referred to his own experience with his son and how he wants to help other families with their plans.

Commissioner Morgan congratulated The Sharing Center, a non-profit organization in Longwood, and President and CEO Nina Yon on reaching the milestone of being completely debt-free. He pointed out more funds can now be allocated to helping more people in need as well as expanding the center itself. He urged others to tour the organization which provides services to families in Seminole County with food, clothes, rent, and utility payments and assists the homeless with free showers, laundry, and counseling. On February 8, he planned to participate in a city government service titled "*Keys To A Well Run City*" hosted by the Winter Springs Community Association. He planned to speak on behalf of the City of Longwood and Jim Turney, Commissioner for the city of Altamonte Springs. He invited others to attend.

Commissioner Morgan congratulated Nina Feliciano, a Longwood resident, for winning Miss Florida and donating the money she won in the contest. On February 9, he planned to help give the check from Miss Feliciano to Tim Cook CEO of AdventHealth in Altamonte Springs. The money will specifically go to the AdventHealth Hope & Healing Center which provides behavioral health care for adults to overcome substance use disorders.

District #5. Mayor Sackett said it was wonderful to read that the City of Longwood Police and Fire Departments ended their fiscal year with \$27 million in their retirement account which he said also demonstrates good management. He congratulated City Community Development Director Chris Kintner and his staff for their work for the upcoming meeting of the Land Planning Agency (LPA) on February 9. He also thanked Ms. Longo for updating the City Department Listings.

Mayor Sackett participated in Light up Lyman at Lyman High School. He met with the sixty (60) student organizations at Lyman and walked around speaking with the incoming eighth-graders. He said freshmen

come from many other schools to attend Lyman's Academy of Engineering as well as the Academy of Building & Design which provides general building trades such as electrical and construction. On January 29, he attended the Smash Beer Festival at Reiter Park in Longwood. The festival featured 135 beers and he ate a couple of pretzel necklaces. The following weekend Buddy Ball, a free program for baseball players with special needs, held an event to raise funds to support the Buddy Ballfield in Altamonte Springs as well as their use of the fields in Longwood. Mayor Sackett contributed a clock which he made and it was auctioned at the fundraiser for \$300.

Mayor Sackett attended a "Fun Run" at Woodlands Elementary School in Longwood and 1,000 children participated in the event. They raised funds for the laps they ran totaling \$25,000. Later, he participated in the parade for the 35th Annual Mustang & Ford Round-Up in Longwood. He noted the event has become a regular feature pulling over 350 cars that used to go to Avalon Park. The next big event in the City is the Pirate Seafood Festival. He thanked Leisure Services for a job well done with the events.

Mayor Sackett thanked City Public Works Director Shad Smith and his staff for working with residents switching from septic to sewer. Problems arise sometimes with rodents during the switch. Staff looked into reports of rodents entering a couple of homes, and he appreciated employee efforts. He expressed concern regarding water bills. He believed the bills may be more of an estimation. He stressed accurate readings of water meters. He recently had heard about bills going from \$70 to \$110 and hoped it was not a result of low estimates. He asked staff to look into this situation.

Mayor Sackett said his grandson had an Eagle Scout Service Project which he wanted to do at Reiter Park in Longwood. He will have his grandson contact Leisure Services Director Chris Capizzi. Several years ago, Mayor Sackett said City Commissioner Reports were scheduled at the end of the meetings. He thought it was a good idea to return to this arrangement to allow for presentations and public participation to get on the agenda first. Also, the scheduling could provide easier access to the reports on Facebook.

Mayor Sackett moved to create a resolution for next month to put the City Commissioner Reports at the end of the agenda.

Discussion ensued on the location of the Commissioner reports on the agenda.

Motion failed with only Mayor Sackett in support of the resolution.

District #1. Commissioner Shoemaker said she attended the Food Truck Battle and Concert in the Park in Longwood. The weather was cold but she heard the vendors did okay in sales. She commented Downtown Longwood and Reiter Park as well as the Community Building is becoming the hotspot for the community. She attended the luncheon at the Tri-County League of Cities along with her fellow commissioners. She noted the organization's new website and the installation of new officers. On February 5, she attended the 35th Annual Mustang & Ford Round-Up in Longwood. She said the event was phenomenal and thanked the City Departments of Public Works, Leisure Services, Police and Fire as well as COPs volunteers for their work. She added how well the City looks after each event with no trash evident.

Commissioner Shoemaker said she received a phone call which she believed other Commissioners received regarding the signage on businesses in the Historic District. Temporary Permits have expired and Code Enforcement is now proactive. In conversation with the resident and Mr. Gioielli, she believed the temporary permits should be extended. She said this issue should be addressed later in the meeting under the City Manager's Report. She also spoke with someone about a code complaint and thought they would be attending the meeting to address the Commission. She addressed someone in the audience and noted she would ask the Commission to permit him to speak since he missed public participation. This was not the same individual she spoke about during her report who had a code complaint.

Commissioner Shoemaker while in attendance at the Mustang & Ford Round-Up said she spoke with the business owner of the Cottage Gift Shop on Church Avenue in Longwood. The owner and customers expressed concern over the lack of signage directing them to the shop with the road being closed due to the event. Commissioner Shoemaker suggested giving business owners and residents dashboard passes during events so they have access to their establishments.

Mayor Sackett responded the Police Department used to provide tags for vehicles that needed access during events. He suggested returning to the same procedure.

District #2. Deputy Mayor Boni congratulated his nomination for the Martin Luther King, Jr Good Citizenship Award 2022, Elsie Richardson. He was absent during the award presentation at the last City Commission

Meeting on January 17. He thanked Elsie for her dedication of time to the community.

Deputy Mayor Boni attended the Longwood Babe Ruth Baseball and Softball Registration Day. He commended Longwood Babe Ruth President David Rubin for his work. He mentioned the number 120 was popular at the event beginning with the 120 hot dogs he helped cook along with the 120 potato chips and drinks. Commissioner Morgan did hit twenty-three (23) home runs in under nineteen (19) minutes. He pointed out Commissioner Morgan swung the bat 120 times and hit the ball 120 times which he thought was impressive.

Deputy Mayor Boni attended the Food Truck Battle and Concert in the Park in Longwood. He agreed the weather was very cold and saw Commissioner Morgan eating ice cream despite the weather. He also attended the Smash Beer Festival in Reiter Park. It was a fun day and good weather.

Deputy Mayor Boni attended the 35th Annual Mustang & Ford Round-Up. He participated as a judge and said this year was the largest show with over 350 cars. He also received a plaque from the group thanking the city of Longwood for hosting the show. He gave the plaque to the City Clerk to display. He thanked Mr. Capizzi and his staff for his work on the event.

Deputy Mayor Boni said he received a phone call from a local restaurant owner from Chianti's Italian Restaurant. The owner asked if he could help organize a lunch to honor the Longwood Fire Department. He spoke with Chief Peters who agreed and lunch was scheduled for February 9 for the City's firefighters. Each month the restaurant is planning to honor an area in the city of Longwood with lunch.

9. ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Longo requested that the minutes for January 17, 2022, be pulled from the agenda.

It was the consensus of the Commission to allow Mr. Brown to speak.

Scott Brown, 133 W Bay Avenue, Longwood. He said he owned Barbed Wire Browns, LLC a local art studio in Longwood which used to be next to the former Zanzibar Coffee House. He started the business six (6) or seven (7) years ago, and had the opportunity to buy the historic Le Rue House in Longwood, and has been there a little over three (3) years. Every morning he puts up his sign that points people down the street on one end of West Bay and one on the other end. He received a notice

saying he cannot do that anymore. He has not had a customer walk in since then. He said it has been hard enough to be on that street when there were vacant lots that were supposed to be multi-use. He had even worked with the City and stated he is an architect and designed live/work units. When it moved to all residential, there was no reason for anyone to walk down that street. He has the coffee people pointing this way, and you see the little white signs, but they are not directional. You cannot see art, jewelry, or gifts. Valentine's Day is coming up and he asked to be able to put his signs back up. He said he had sent the City Commission pictures of his signs.

Discussion ensued on the expiration of temporary signage once allowed during the pandemic. Suggestions from the City Commission included extending the date of temporary use permits (TUP) as well as further discussing signage during the monthly meeting of the City Land Planning Agency.

Mayor Sackett made a motion to extend the Temporary Use Permit (TUP) waiver until December 31. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Boni.

Mr. Gioielli said staff hoped the Commission would extend the TUP not only supporting the City's local business, especially here in the District, but also allowing staff an opportunity to review the TUP and permanent signs. He said that would allow staff to make suggestions to the Commission as to whether or not the City wants all signs to be in two (2) categories maybe create a third category, or allow there to be an opportunity to have certain signs for example for a year through an application process. He said staff thought it may be helpful to look at the different signs the City provides throughout the District. For example, there is the street sign that hangs over Church, Warren, and Bay Avenues, and on State Road 434. Those signs were the best we could do but we want to go back and revisit and see if the City is doing all we can do. He said we recognize there are some more opportunities along Warren Avenue from either in front of Fire Station 15 or down Warren Avenue to St. Laurent Street. We are looking at a couple of processes. If the Commission would allow staff to have that opportunity, we will come back with some language maybe change the code, if you consider looking at some signage opportunities, and in the meantime look as a stopgap maybe extend the TUP giving staff the time to work and support business at the same time.

Mayor Sackett asked about the white signs in the District and thought they looked disappointing because of their small size and not being noticeable.

Mr. Gioielli responded those signs are the ones he had referred to earlier, and staff would like to take a look at them.

Commissioner Shoemaker asked if Mr. Brown's signs were in compliance.

Mr. Gioielli responded yes.

Mayor Sackett moved to extend the Temporary Use Permit expiration to December 31, 2022, and authorize the City Manager to approve signage. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Boni and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Commissioner Morgan asked if staff could go through the proactive Code Enforcement and provide the top five (5) issues to focus on.

Mr. Gioielli clarified residential Code Enforcement is now proactive. He said he thought Commissioner Morgan was asking staff to identify the most cited violations in residential.

Commissioner Morgan agreed.

Mr. Gioielli said staff will work on this and bring it back to the Commission.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Minutes of January 10, 2022, Work Session and January 17, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Minutes for January 17, 2022, Regular Meeting were removed from the Agenda.

B. Approve the Monthly Expenditures for January 2022.

C. Approve a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Longwood Babe Ruth Baseball from the State Law Confiscation Fund.

D. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Seminole County, School Board of Seminole County, and the Cities of Altamonte Springs, Casselberry, Lake Mary, Longwood, Oviedo, Sanford, and Winter Springs For Use of Facilities in an Emergency.

E. Approve a purchase order for the Cisco Meraki Refresh project and authorize the Acting City Manager to sign the quote.

- F. **Approve an Interlocal Agreement between Seminole County and the City of Longwood relating to the Seminole County Parcel ID 21-20-30-5AP-0000-0620 which lies along Raven Avenue.**
- G. **Approve a Local Water and Wastewater Mutual Aid Agreement for personnel and equipment between Seminole County and the Municipalities of Altamonte Springs, Casselberry, Lake Mary, Longwood, Oviedo, and Sanford.**
- H. **Approve a revised Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Transportation Planning Firms for the creation of a Mobility Fee/Multi-modal Impact Fee Study.**

Deputy Mayor Boni moved to approve Items 10A through 10H as presented excluding the minutes for January 17, 2022, Regular Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Morgan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. **Read by title only and adopt Ordinance No. 21-2215, amending Appendix B – Fee Schedule relating to certain water and wastewater fees and charges referenced in Chapter 90 of the Longwood City Code.**

Commissioner Shoemaker moved to continue the Item to the March 7, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Boni and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

12. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. **Read by title and adopt Resolution No. 21-1591, which amends the fiscal year 2021/2022 budget and authorizes funds to cover purchase orders which rolled from the fiscal year 2020/2021 for Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Projects or grants; to true up fund balances and make other necessary adjustments to the budget.**

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 21-1591 by title only.

Ms. Rosado presented the Item.

Deputy Mayor Boni moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-1591 as presented Item 12A. Seconded by Commissioner McMillan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

B. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22-1593, authorizing the Acting City Manager to issue a letter of intent to withdraw from the Public Risk Management of Florida Insurance Pool.

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 22-1593 by title only.

Mr. Gioielli presented the Item. He said it has been eight (8) years that the City of Longwood's group health insurance has been with the same provider. Staff recommended the City go out to bid to make sure they are receiving the best comparative rate for group health insurance. The first step is to give notice to Public Risk Management (PRM), a minimum of forty-five (45) days in advance in the City's attempt to go to bid. Should the Commission approve this step the City Manager will provide a letter that will fulfill the City's requirement of notification.

Commission Morgan moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-1593 as presented Item 12B. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker.

Discussion ensued and questions were asked if other cities were going to bid as well, and concern was expressed over new numbers resulting from COVID-19. The Commission and Mr. Gioielli did agree after eight (8) years it was time to look at different competitive plans for City employees.

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

C. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22-1594, amending the City Commission Rules of Procedures concerning the opening invocation and policy for the selection of a volunteer invocation speaker.

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 22-1594 by title only.

Ms. Longo presented the Item.

Commissioner McMillan moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-1594 as presented Item 12C. Seconded by Commissioner Morgan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

D. Read by title only, set March 7, 2022, as the public hearing date, and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-2214, a Small

Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Properties at 1580 and 1590 South Highway 17-92 (SPA 04-21).

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 21-2214 by title only.

Mr. Kintner presented the Item. He said the amendment restricts the number of apartment units on the entire property to fifty (50) units and restricts the height of the units to forty-five (45) feet. The developer plans to do a lot split with a type of car wash on the front of the parcel that would face U.S. Highway 17-92 and apartments on the rear of the parcel. At the Land Planning Agency (LPA) meeting last month, there was significant public comment on the potential removal of trees, pollution of the lake related to the car wash facility, and potential boat use by the new apartments on the lake. These concerns would be reviewed during the site development phase.

Discussion ensued on a drain being provided for the car wash, limiting motorized boat access for the new apartments, and no boat ramp to launch boats.

Mr. Brent Spain, attorney for the property owner spoke. He said the concern from his client's perspective is as the property sits right now they would have the right to have access to the lake like anyone else that buys a lakefront property. He said Deputy Mayor Boni raised an issue at one of the earlier meetings about the possibility of these ever being developed as condominiums or an attached townhome development which he believed would be allowed under IMU. He said his client has it under contract with a multi-family developer to come in here with these limitations but in the event that it did not materialize outside the client's control, and the next potential owner says they want to do a mid-rise condo project or townhomes, this limitation outright precludes any boat access and would impose a substantial financial reduction on the value of the property. He said the multi-family developer at this point does not have plans to have motorized boat access for a myriad of reasons. One you do not have the storage for all the boats for apartment owners plus from just a general liability standpoint, the owner of the apartment complex probably is not going to want a bunch of motorized vehicles out on the lake. He said they have a conceptual plan and it does not call out a boat dock or a boat ramp. There is an existing boat dock and concrete boat ramp on the survey and he did note that after the LPA meeting. Again, the multi-family developer does not have present intentions to use that. He asked should the Commission

impose some limitation, ideally, he and his client would prefer no limitation, but if they did, he asked it to be limited to multi-family apartment use in the event it does turn into something that is fee-simple, like condominiums or townhouses.

Discussion ensued on the boat ramp and Mr. Kintner answered questions. He said if the motion were to say if there is a multi-family use that use would not have a boat ramp that would solve the concern. If they were condominiums or townhomes, they may want an exemption to be able to do that.

Deputy Mayor Boni asked about the existing boat ramp on the property.

Mr. Kintner responded any property owner would have the expectation they have the rights, but he did not think there is anything that would preclude the City from saying this new use would not have that. He said multi-family use would be limited not single-family use.

Mr. Langley said without the condition that is being discussed the boat ramp if it exists could continue to be used, it already is there.

Deputy Mayor Boni moved to approve Ordinance No. 21-2214 with the addition of the condition of no boat ramp will be utilized with apartments or multi-family use, it will be allowed for single-family use only, and set March 7, 2022, as the public hearing date. Seconded by Mayor Sackett and carried by a four-to-one (4-1) roll call vote with Commissioner Shoemaker voting nay.

- E. **Read by title only, set February 21, 2022, as the public hearing date, and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-2216, a Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Properties at 811 and 655 Wilma Street (SPA 05-21).**

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 21-2216 by title only.

Mr. Kintner presented the Item and said the code changed while they were working on the process which made their initial opening in 2011. Through that process, their development orders call community centers legally non-conforming use which means they can continue at the size they are at, but they cannot expand even within the building. For them to be able to expand they need to go to a category that allows community centers and

religious institutions. He said infill and mixed-use is the category that is most appropriate in the area but also allows that. Staff is fully supported by that, and it is for both the property they are currently at 811 and 665 Wilma Street that they may be able to expand for parking. The one thing that has come up, that we would like to ask is if Commission is inclined to approve this at the moment, all we have is the infill and mixed-use category which is a very broad category that includes apartments, but that is not the applicant's intent. Staff reached out to the applicant and said if the Commission approves a commercial category as part of this round of changes, we could go back and apply that to them afterward. This would get them in the direction they want to go but then if the Commission decided to approve the commercial land use in April that map would be reflected as commercial, and there would be no potential for apartments without Commission's further approval. The applicant said they are more than willing to do that because that is not something they are looking to do. He noted we have solved that previous concern.

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve Ordinance No. 21-2216 and set February 21, 2022, as the public hearing date. Seconded by Mayor Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

F. City Commission discussion on changing the name of Arbor Park Dog Park, located at 1405 North Grant Street.

Mr. Capizzi presented the Item and said he spoke with residents as well as the City Manager about the history of the name of Arbor Park. Several years back when the City was going to get certified as Tree City USA there were several trees in Arbor Park. Naming it Arbor Park went towards a point system that helped designate the City as Tree City USA.

Mr. Capizzi said changing the name of Arbor Park was brought up at the February 1 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. The Board suggested if the City ended up receiving signs from the former Dog Track that the park is renamed Arbor Greyhound Paw Park. However, if the City does not receive the signs the Board said unless it is left alone, change the name to Arbor Paw Park. The Board did suggest that Lyman High School might be a more appropriate place to hang the signs that the City was offered. He clarified the signs were eight-foot and are covered in lead paint.

Discussion ensued on the name change and the donation from Mr. Frank Carter. It was noted that the intent of the donation was to memorialize the significance of the greyhounds, the Dog Track business, the high school being named after them, and show the historic significance. Different locations for the signs were reviewed along with the condition of Arbor Park needing to be addressed. Reaching out to the Longwood Historic Society for ideas was also discussed. It was noted, if the City did not receive the donation from Mr. Carter, then there is no point in renaming Arbor Park.

Mr. Capizzi clarified the park is not classified as Tree City USA, therefore, the name "Arbor" could be changed.

Commissioner Morgan asked the Acting City Manager to reach out to Mr. Carter in regards to his donation. He also did not think it was necessary to rename Arbor Park if the greyhound signs were not placed there.

No action was taken on the Item.

G. City Commission discussion on changing the name of Candyland Park, located at 599 Longdale Avenue.

Mr. Capizzi presented the Item and said at the February 1 meeting of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board members felt Candyland Park should maintain its original name but would benefit from adding "Sports Park" to the name. The name change would help emphasize the multi-faceted elements of the park which includes not only ball fields but also a pump track, basketball courts, and soon pickleball courts.

Discussion ensued on changing the name of Candyland Park. A suggestion was made to add the name "Sports Complex". The Commission agreed keeping the name Candyland as an important in brand identification of the City.

Commissioner Morgan moved to change the name of Candyland Park to "Candyland Sports Complex". Seconded by Mayor Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Gioielli noted a resolution will be brought back to the next meeting for official action on the name change.

H. City Commission discussion and approval of a set of banners created to be installed along Ronald Reagan Boulevard.

Mr. Capizzi presented the Item and showed photographs of the banners. Ms. Judi Coad, a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, was delegated to assistant staff with choosing these banners. Working with graphic designers, staff came up with two versions. He described the two versions with cranes, butterflies, and the Longwood logo in blue, red, and green. The bottom part of the banner was left blank for business sponsors. The second version showed the same pictures and words but with brighter colors.

Discussion ensued on the selection, color of the banners, placement of the banners, and cost of sponsorship.

Mr. Gioielli said the number of banners placed depends on sponsorships and is typically focused between Longwood Hills Road and the poles going down to Dog Track Road. The banners are six (6) feet and will be brought down lower on the poles to be more visible to the driver.

Mr. Capizzi said a business may buy as many banners as they wish, and this is left up to the company to handle the sponsorship sales. The sponsorship is one year and the money goes to the cost of the banners. It costs the City nothing for the banners.

Mayor Sackett asked if a limit can be placed on the number of banners a business can purchase so other businesses can participate.

Mr. Capizzi responded at this point the designated company is already selling the banners so a stipulation can be set up for next year.

Mr. Gioielli said they did ask that the company first focus on businesses in the city of Longwood.

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve the Set 1 banner design with a darker blue to be used for the first group of banners that have the birds. Seconded by Mayor Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Capizzi estimated the banners to be completed in about a month.

I. City Commission discussion and approval on the purchase and placement of a 50' Flag Pole and an American Flag at Candyland Park and Reiter Park.

Mr. Capizzi presented the Item and reviewed a map with three (3) options for the flag locations. The purchase and placement of a 50' flag pole for Option 1 and 2 totaled \$11, 511.99. Option 3 totaled \$17,395 because of having to break up the concrete. He said he thought Option 1 and 2 would be easier and seen from everywhere.

Discussion ensued on the options, costs, concerns going into the reserves, and having this go into next year's budget for consideration.

Mr. Gioielli said the City may be able to get to the end of the year and have some options in the budget for the purchase of the flags. Regarding the Flag Retirement Ceremony in June which was earlier discussed, he suggested walking from Reiter Park to the Heroes Monument across the street.

No action was taken on the Item.

J. City Commission discussion and approval of four (4) new surveillance cameras to be purchased and installed at Candyland Park.

Mr. Capizzi presented the Item and said the cameras are independent and no extra hardware is involved. He confirmed the cameras have five (5) years of cloud storage and the cost totaled \$8,800 which includes installation. There is also a five (5) year warranty with the cameras.

Discussion ensued on the purchase of surveillance cameras.

Mr. Capizzi clarified camera vandalism would likely not be covered under the warranty. He said the proposed cameras are the same ones Public Works has at the Water Plants which allow for views on a cellular phone and are very good in his opinion. In addition, the cameras can be moved to different locations if needed.

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve the purchase and installation of four (4) new surveillance cameras at

Candyland Park. Seconded by Mayor Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

K. City Commission discussion and consideration of alternative work schedules for City employees.

Mayor Sackett presented the Item and said other cities had been surveyed by staff. It was his understanding the only area that had the work from home option is Seminole County. He said he was going to leave it up to the City Manager and his Directors to make the best decision in taking care of the alternative schedules. He did not feel the Commission needed to be involved other than turning it over to the City Manager with his Directors to make it happen.

Mr. Gioielli responded he appreciated the City Commission's support and guidance in this issue. He said City Policy does authorize the Directors to make their own schedules with some overview and input from the City Manager. He asked if there was interest in closing City offices on Friday.

The Commission was not interested in closing the City on Fridays.

Mr. Gioielli commented different City departments may have different schedules depending upon the service they provide.

It was the consensus of the Commission to support the Acting City Manager and his Directors in the consideration of alternative work schedules for City employees.

L. City Commission discussion on creating a City of Longwood resident guide as a resource for the public.

Mayor Sackett said the City had a resident guide several years ago which is now outdated but it was well-received. For example, who do you call, who's who, and what can I do for activities was in the guide. He suggested using the model of the City of Sanford's resident guide as a good starting point. He thought mailing out the guide was better than handing them out at City Hall or Utilities. Residents may be more apt to keep the guides if mailed to their homes.

Discussion ensued on options, positions changing, having something mailed, what was currently being used, and costs.

Deputy Mayor Boni who originally introduced the idea of a resident guide thought it was a nice way to brand the City of Longwood. He referred to the Welcome Wagon from the 1970s where someone personally welcomed you to the City with a basket of information and giveaways. He suggested the City do something similar including information from local restaurants and businesses.

Discussion ensued further on printing and keeping up on changes, costs, how most people received their information electronically, having something available on the website, the average age of the residents, and the social media presence of the city of Longwood.

Mr. Gioielli said the City is on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Nextdoor, YouTube, and LinkedIn.

Mayor Sackett asked that something come back to the Commission to review as to what a new resident piece would look like.

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Gioielli provided an update on the flag retirement mailbox art. The contest had very little interest from the schools. The one school entry was not acceptable. Mr. Sonsken, a local artist was also contacted but he did not seem to have the time. He said he and staff have invited a local Scout Troop and contacted two local art wrap businesses. An example of one of the business' artwork was distributed to the Commission. He noted the quality of work in an existing mailbox in the photos and gave credit to Deputy Mayor Boni for the information. He asked the Commission to consider adopting the base colors and the majority of the artwork shown in the photos and allow staff to move along to personal touches adding, for example, on one side all the military branch symbols and then on the other side of the mailbox symbols representing civilian heroes like medical, police, fire, CERT and COPS. In addition, add the logo for the city of Longwood and the Heroes Strong logo. There is a \$1,050 cost for the materials, artwork, and the application for two mailboxes. He said he will bring a conceptual plan of the mailbox artwork to the next City Commission meeting and see what Community Relations' funds are available to possibly pay for the artwork.

Mr. Gioielli said staff is aware the medians along State Road 434 still do not look satisfactory. Out of three quotes, two companies refused to bid. The third company provided a cost of \$64,000 to remove the dead jasmine and replace it with Bahia grass. He called the quote outrageous. In response, staff has removed all the dead vegetation and when warmer

weather arrives, they will replace the dirt areas with Bahia grass, and irrigation is already in place.

The Commission had no objections to the plan.

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT. No report.

15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Ms. Longo said the Annual State of the County Luncheon hosted by the Seminole Chamber will take place on Thursday, February 24 from 11:30 to 1:30 pm. She has registered the City for a corporate table and the Commission should have each received a confirmation notice by email. A calendar invite was sent as well. The luncheon will be held at the Westin Lake Mary. She also gave an update on the Clock Tower. The equipment is still in the production phase. They are currently experiencing some delays due to weather shutdown and material shortages. She noted they are unable to give a 100% accurate update due to the aforementioned issues. However, they are hopeful the project will be completed soon.

16. ADJOURN. Mayor Sackett adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Commission: 02-21-2022

Brian D. Sackett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Longo, CMC, FCRM
City Clerk