

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

**MINUTES**  
**March 7, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**

**Present:** Mayor Brian D. Sackett  
Deputy Mayor Tony 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  
Chris Kintner, Community Development Director  
Judith Rosado, Financial Services Director  
Shad Smith, Public Works Director  
Maricarmen Colon-Medina, Accounting Manager

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Sackett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **OPENING INVOCATION.** Pastor Phil Ayers with LifePoint Christian Church gave the invocation.
3. **THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Commissioner Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Ms. Longo read the following announcements.
  - A. **The Senior Matinee will be held on Wednesday, March 9, 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 *Under the Tuscan Sun*.**
  - B. **The "Downtown Longwood Cruise-In" Car Show will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Historic District of Longwood.**

- C. **Longwood Movie in the Park will be held on Friday, March 18, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m., Reiter Park, 311 West Warren Avenue. This is a free event and the movie will be *Ghostbusters: Afterlife*.**

**5. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS**

- A. **District #2 Presentation of the Business Person of the Month Award for March 2022 to Kristi Uribe, CEO/Owner of Nan & Pop's Ice Cream Shop.**

Deputy Mayor Boni read a brief biography on Kristi Uribe, CEO/Owner of Nan & Pop's Ice Cream Shop then presented her with the Business Person of the Month Award for March 2022. Photographs were then taken.

- B. **Proclaiming March 14 through March 18, 2022, as Government Finance Professionals Week in the City of Longwood.**

Mayor Sackett read the Proclamation and presented it to the Financial Services staff. Deputy Mayor Boni read and presented the Award of Financial Reporting Achievement. Photographs were then taken.

- C. **Recognition of the Florida League of Cities Mayor Essay Participants.**

Mayor Sackett recognized Caiden Restrepo, Jeremiah Riveria, and Luciano Ramos Torres, for their completion of the "If I Were Elected Mayor" essay. Photographs were then taken.

**6. BOARD APPOINTMENTS. None.**

**7. PUBLIC INPUT**

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

**8. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

**District #5.** Mayor Sackett said he was saddened when a pedestrian was struck crossing the street on State Road 434. The accident was in front of his neighborhood, and he called it devastating. He said the problem is when you have to go from Rangeline Road you have about a mile before you can cross the street at Palm Springs Drive. He hoped businesses along the way were helping to light the site even though it was not their responsibility. He explained the pedestrian was simply going from the grocery store to a restaurant across the street to catch her ride but she

did not survive. He did, however, commend Citizens on Patrol (COP) for directing traffic and keeping people safe while the police conducted their business.

Mayor Sackett reported he attended the Seminole County Prayer Breakfast and Concert in the Park. The concert added booths and food trucks courtesy of Ladies 327. He said the event was mildly attended but once people realize it will be held often the activity will pick up. He also attended the Longwood Babe Ruth Opening Ceremonies, and his grandson hit three home runs that day. He added Babe Ruth is back and did a fine job.

Mayor Sackett said he was pleased to say the new pickleball courts at Candyland Sports Complex are about eight (8) to ten (10) weeks out before they are up and running. The Complex will team up with other organizations to schedule play at beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. He mentioned a woman on Facebook has helped promote the new courts which will also include tournaments. Mayor Sackett commented Senior Matinee is upcoming this month as well as the Great American Camp Out. Also, a Movie in the Park is scheduled. He said the City of Longwood will host the next Mayors and Managers Meeting, and welcomed any input in regards to discussion of topics with the other members. Topics can be forwarded to Mr. Gioielli who will also attend the meeting.

Mayor Sackett commented on a Facebook post about sod placed along Longdale Avenue in Longwood. He said the sod is being thrown around and is not being laid like sod should be. He added it is Bahia grass so it is brownish. He would not want it in his front yard.

**District #1.** Commissioner Shoemaker thanked Amy Boni, wife of Deputy Mayor Boni, for the flowers she received. She reported also attending the Seminole County Prayer Breakfast and the Longwood Babe Ruth Opening Ceremonies. She commended Longwood Babe Ruth President David Rubin for his work in boosting participation.

Commissioner Morgan noted league players this year increased from 185 to 273, which is amazing.

Commissioner Shoemaker said she also attended the ribbon cutting for the new business SereniTea Apothecary in Longwood. She planned to return to buy some of the organic artisan items and was pleased to see a variety of businesses in the City.

**District #2.** Deputy Mayor Boni said he has worked with the Orlando Magic for years and was talking to them about doing an event with the City of Longwood like a “Magic Night”. He did receive information from his team contact which he planned to send to Mr. Gioielli. He wanted residents to know the result would be good seats at a lower price with \$5 per ticket going to the Longwood Historic Society. He asked Mr. Gioielli to make the event a reality.

Mr. Gioielli responded staff could put together a flyer like a City of Longwood Pride Night and it could be done as early as the next day.

Deputy Mayor Boni said that would be great, and the event would be something fun for residents to attend.

Deputy Mayor Boni reported he attended the Annual State of the County Luncheon and the Seminole County Prayer Breakfast. What he liked about the breakfast was the unity that the City of Longwood showed. All five City Commissioners were in attendance along with the Acting City Manager, City Clerk, Chief of Police, and the Fire Chief. When other cities stood up, there were maybe one, two, or three people there. He said it was a good, unified representation of the City from leadership.

Deputy Mayor Boni also reported attending the Predators Prowlers Dancers in the Park held at Reiter Park in Longwood. He said he was asked to speak at the last minute on behalf of the City when he realized the Mayor was not in attendance. In addition, there were children’s dance groups who participated in a contest. In conclusion, the event was a fun night. He also attended the ribbon-cutting for SereniTea Apothecary in Longwood. He believed the aromas in the store can help relieve stress and restore harmony.

Deputy Mayor Boni said the Longwood Babe Ruth Opening Ceremonies was a smash hit with a ton of kids, parents, and local heroes ranging from the helicopter to the big truck with the big flag on it. He was happy to see Longwood Babe Ruth is growing and thanked President David Rubin for doing a great job. He also attended the Concert in the Park with food trucks and vendors courtesy of Ladies 327. He said there were over thirty-five (35) tent vendors and several food areas which went well with the concert, and everyone was looking forward to next month’s event.

Mayor Sackett said he was out of town during the Prowlers Dancers in the Park, and he thanked Deputy Mayor Boni for speaking on his behalf.

**District #3.** Commissioner McMillan reported he attended the Prowlers Dancers in the Park. He arrived late so he was glad Deputy Mayor Boni

was there to speak. He commented the event this year expanded to three children's dance academies, so it was not just a Prowler competition. He also attended along with his fellow Commissioners the Seminole County Prayer Breakfast, the Annual State of the County Luncheon hosted by the Seminole Chamber, and the ribbon-cutting for SereniTea Apothecary. He pointed out the owner of SereniTea said she has thirty (30) different women vendors who sell different items in her store, comparing it to a mini farmer's market. He thought the ribbon-cutting was appropriate to happen at the beginning of Women's History Month with a female entrepreneur highlighting other female entrepreneurs. He also purchased herbal tea for his mother which she enjoyed.

Commissioner McMillan said he received a request from the City Fire Department for a foursome at the Ali's Hope Charity Golf Tournament, and he wanted to use his allotment to pay for them. He said the purpose of the Mission of Ali's Hope Foundation is to promote recovery, and improve the quality of life for adolescents and young adults living with mental health concerns through education and supported advocacy.

Commissioner McMillan reported he became aware through Facebook of controversy in Belle Isle regarding a historic home, the Lancaster House which is the oldest house still on its original lot south of Apopka. He explained it currently sits unused and unmaintained for the past ten (10) years. He said it is structurally sound but it needed some maintenance, and the lot where it sits is a charter school that was going to expand and demolish. There was an effort to save the house but the school was not interested. The item was scheduled to go before the Belle Isle City Commission for a request for demolition. However, before the meeting, Commissioner McMillan reached out to a Belle Isle Commissioner and someone who helps run the Pine Castle Pioneer Days a history festival in that area, and mentioned Longwood rescues houses that are abandoned. He said he did not make any promises but suggested if they had a way to bring the house to Longwood, the City might be able to find a spot for it. He did discuss this item with Longwood's Acting City Manager and the President of the Longwood Historic Society. He said petitions were collected in Belle Isle and their City Commission voted to save the building, and they were going to find a place in their area to keep it. Commissioner McMillan did receive a call thanking him for his efforts. He also was invited to participate in a fundraiser sponsored by the Osceola History Center which was entitled Dining with the Departed. The event was held at the Memory Gardens Cemetery in Kissimmee featuring dinner, live auction, and tours with people posing as ghosts. He played the role of one of the ghosts, and the event raised a lot of money. He

thought the fundraiser was a great learning opportunity for something which can be done at the cemetery in Longwood.

Commissioner McMillan commented on the true, good, and beautiful. For the “true”, he selected the fact Seminole County Animal Services has facilitated 3,300 animal adoptions last year. He requested the State of the County’s Manager’s Report be posted on social media so city residents may have access to what may impact them. For the “good”, he saw teamwork the night before the Longwood Babe Ruth Opening Ceremonies watching the Major Mets play with Commissioner Morgan assisting as a coach. He saw young people learning a game, working together, overcoming their deficiencies, and improving themselves. For the “beautiful”, he referred back to the Prowlers Dancers in the Park. He saw a lot of hard-working young people who did a beautiful job singing and dancing on the stage.

Mayor Sackett added Reiter Park jazz events will be featured this year. He also commented on Commissioner McMillan’s request to link a county report on social media. He said the City of Longwood Facebook page is easy to use and read, and the link should be doable on that site.

Mr. Gioielli agreed and said the website is another example of great teamwork.

**District #4.** Commissioner Morgan said regarding the partnership with Ladies 327 he wanted to make sure everyone understands the events are still sponsored by the City. The non-profit group has partnered with the City’s Concert in the Park series and will provide things like a kid play area and bounce houses. He said Longwood is the first City the group has worked with outside Sanford, and hopefully plans to work with other cities in the future. He thanked President Kim Colegrove of Ladies 327 for her group’s partnership.

Commissioner Morgan urged people who wanted to participate in the Great American Camp Out at Reiter Park to sign up as soon as possible since spaces were filling up quickly for the event scheduled for the upcoming weekend. He and his family had signed up for the Camp Out. The past Friday, Commissioner Morgan along with Chris Anderson, Seminole County Supervisor of Elections, as well as both school principals from Seminole High School and Lyman High School met to discuss a large fundraiser to bring something positive to the community in light of the shooting incident at Seminole High. He hoped to announce the event in the next seven (7) days.

Commissioner Morgan said regarding Longwood Babe Ruth Opening Ceremonies, the event was packed with kids and parents but also other

people were there including sponsors and community leaders. He congratulated Babe Ruth President David Rubin for his hard work saying he is at Candyland Sports Complex every day and has contributed to the noticeable increase in league players including Girls Softball. He also thanked his fellow Commissioners for their attendance and enthusiasm. He added special thanks to Deputy Mayor Boni for the distribution of posters and Tim Cook, CEO at AdventHealth Altamonte Springs, for his assistance in getting their sponsorship. Commissioner Morgan commented on the efforts of sponsor Game Time Cardz, which not only made a financial contribution but also provided gift bags for the players to take home with them. He said the kids who play in the game will learn life lessons that they will carry into adulthood. Commissioner Morgan reported attending the day after Babe Ruth Opening Ceremonies which was the kickoff of the first game of the season. The first pitch thrown out was by VFW Commander Hector Cole who serves at the post on Ronald Reagan Boulevard. Commissioner Morgan later coached his son's game at Buddy Ball in Altamonte Springs returning afterward to Longwood to coach Girls 12U Softball with his wife Larissa and then Boys Mets 12U team to coach. He thanked his wife Larissa for being Vice President of Longwood Babe Ruth as well as a coach for two separate teams.

Commissioner Morgan said the following Monday he participated in the Teen Challenge Bike-A-Thon held in Seminole County at the Wekiva Trail. The purpose of the event was to raise funds for the non-profit organization. That same day he attended an event called "Save Our Kids" by Victoria's Voice Foundation run by David and Jackie Siegel who lost their daughter to an opioid overdose laced with fentanyl unbeknownst to her. He added he attended with Seminole County Sheriff Dennis Lemma and other area officials. He learned there is a new drug called isotonitazene which like fentanyl is causing an increase in the number of overdose deaths. He said, however, isotonitazene is twenty (20) times stronger than fentanyl, and just inhaling it can kill someone.

Commissioner Morgan later thanked Longwood resident Anne Starr for her help in getting table sponsors for the Seminole County Prayer Breakfast. He said this was the first year the City of Longwood has attended as a team as pointed out by Deputy Mayor Boni. Usually, the Commissioners would sit at separate tables based upon their invites. He enjoyed sitting at the same table with his fellow Commissioners and thanked the City for doing that. He also reported attending the ribbon-cutting for SereniTea Apothecary and noted residents from not only Seminole County but also from Central Florida are interested in the organic artisan products sold at the store in Longwood. He also reported participating on Florida Man Radio in a radio program called Business at a Distance, and he took the opportunity to promote the City of Longwood.

He talked about the number of businesses in the City, why people should bring their business to the City, and the social and business options at Reiter Park.

**9. ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA. None.**

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Minutes of February 21, 2022, Regular Meeting.**
- B. Approve the Monthly Expenditures for February 2022.**
- C. Approve a purchase order in the amount of \$250,000.00 to National Metering Services, Inc. to provide the City with Automatic Meter Reading Installation Services.**

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve Items 10A through 10C as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**11. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- A. Read by title only and adopt 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.

Mayor Sackett opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 21-2214.

Commissioner Morgan moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Boni and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Kintner presented the Item and noted the one change pursuant to the Commission discussion at the first reading and staff incorporated language regarding the restriction of boat ramps for multi-family developments in the ordinance.

Commissioner McMillan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-2214 as presented Item 11A. Seconded by Commissioner Morgan.

Commissioner Shoemaker stated she has no issue with the project but does have an issue telling someone that owns waterfront property that they could not put a boat or have a boat ramp

where it already exists, and when there are no restrictions on the lake. She noted she would be voting no on this item.

Motion carried by a four-to-one (4-1) roll call vote with Commissioner Shoemaker voting nay.

**B. 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. (Continued from the February 7, 2022 meeting.)**

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 21-2215 by title only.

Mayor Sackett opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 21-2215.

Commissioner Morgan moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Boni and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Gioielli presented the Item.

Commissioner Morgan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-2215 as presented Item 11B. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**C. Read by title only, set April 18, 2022, as the second public hearing date, and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-2218, a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to amend the Future Land Use Map, Future Land Use Element, land use categories, allowable densities, adopt an Economic Development Element and amend other elements of the Comprehensive Plan to be consistent with Future Land Use Map and Element Amendments.**

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 22-2218 by title only.

Mr. Kintner presented the Item and noted his presentation would cover both items 11C and 11D. He said the biggest change in the Comprehensive Plan, which is the City's primary planning document, is the Future Land Use Element. Since the adoption of the amendment in 2010, the City has seen more than 1,200 apartment units constructed or approved which has significantly outpaced the amount of single-family/townhouse development.

The 2010 amendment has been successful in promoting a more diverse mix of housing types but has been outpaced by apartment projects. He said this ordinance proposes a “commercial” land use category that will be applied to most of the main corridors and aims to preserve those corridors for non-residential development. He said the biggest challenge is the City has relatively few properties that can support the type of commercial development that the City is seeking, and the goal is to preserve as much of that land as possible.

Mr. Kintner said the Comprehensive Plan changes also create a new Economic Development Element which helps codify economic development actions, most of which are already undertaken by staff. In addition, it calls for an Economic Development Strategy updated by resolution, allowing the City to consider changes and opportunities.

Mr. Kintner noted referring to 11D, the Longwood Development Code is what is used on a day-by-day basis by staff. The ordinance consolidates twenty-four (24) largely non-functional districts into seventeen (17) purposeful ones, separates the multi-family definition into apartments and townhouses to regulate those uses differently, proposes getting rid of the infill and mixed-use category on a large scale allowing for smaller districts like U.S. Highway 17-92, Gateway District, Neighborhood Commercial District, and Downtown Storefront. The districts were displayed on a map and reviewed.

Mr. Kintner addressed other considerations under the Comprehensive Plan Amendment including the following:

- A mixed-use project that allows apartments would include a requirement that the development provides 20,000 square feet of new commercial space.
- Planned developments would involve a conceptual review prior to the submittal of a site development plan for the City Commission to identify potential concerns. The Commission review would occur at public hearings. Commission review includes criteria that go beyond the technical standards staff reviews for, including external compatibility, transportation, and environmental impacts.
- Density bonus, the LDC currently has a very rudimentary density bonus system that allows eighty (80%) percent of the maximum density by right. This is very high which was by design in 2010. This proposal has a lower base level of density but can be increased by the Commission.

- Other changes include a reduction in building height, incorporation of the Historic District and Historic Village Urban Code standards into one codebook, and location restrictions on gas stations and car washes.
- Strengthens the language related to the preservation of existing trees in proposed buffer areas. This proposal includes new requirements for existing buffers on lakes.
- Removal of a cap on tree removal permit fees.
- Self-storage facilities are currently allowed in infill and mixed-use as part of a larger retail development of 25,000 square feet or more. Allowed in industrial areas without the mixed-use restriction. If desired, the Commission can incorporate a change in the ordinance that would allow storage facilities only in the 17-92 zoning district.

Mr. Kintner went over the timeline and said if the ordinance is approved this evening, staff will send the Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DOE) for review. The DOE has thirty (30) days to review. A tentative second public hearing is scheduled for April 18, 2022. If adopted on first reading, Ordinance No. 22-2219 directs staff not to accept or process land use amendments or site plan applications for apartments, gas stations, or car washes until the ordinance is adopted and effective.

Mayor Sackett opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 22-2218.

Commissioner Morgan moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Boni and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Shoemaker commented in regards to a home office stating the amendment allows two (2) people to work in a home business instead of one (1). She never received a notice about the change and suggested staff use the email list from the business tax receipts to update the home businesses on this change.

Mr. Kintner answered an update can certainly be done but some people may already be aware of it because those were changes made in state law last July.

Commissioner Shoemaker said she was not aware of the changes. Mr. Kintner responded his staff will send out an update to everyone so they can be aware of the changes.

Deputy Mayor Boni moved to approve Ordinance No. 22-2218 and set April 18, 2022, as the second public hearing date. Seconded by Commissioner McMillan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- D. Read by title only, set April 18, 2022, as the second public hearing date, and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-2219, a Longwood Development Code Text Amendment amending the Zoning Map of the City of Longwood, updating the Development Code to reflect changes to the Comprehensive Plan, establishing new standards for multi-family uses and densities, creating a density bonus system, consolidating districts and standards of the Heritage Village Urban Code and Historic District Code Book, and updating administrative procedures.**

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 22-2219 by title only.

Mayor Sackett opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 22-2219.

Commissioner Morgan moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner McMillan and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Kintner presented the item and discussion held on self-storage facilities being allowed only in the 17-92 district. Mr. Kintner confirmed the storage facilities are limited to a 35-foot height restriction, three (3) stories. Further discussion ensued on storage facilities also being allowed in industrial areas in the City as well as limits on the number of facilities. Mr. Kintner responded staff can work on options to figure out how to accommodate limitations on what goes in and where. He estimated staff has about six (6) weeks to work on any changes and can present them at April 18, 2022, public hearing.

Mayor Sackett requested Mr. Kintner to make a presentation regarding self-storage facilities at the next public hearing.

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve Ordinance No. 22-2219 and set April 18, 2022, as the second public hearing date. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Boni and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**12. REGULAR BUSINESS**

- A. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22-1597, which amends FY2021-2022 Adopted Budget to appropriate and reconcile Utility Billing Round-Up Program donations received since FY2019-2020 under the Parks and Events Fund.**

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 22-1597 by title only.

Mr. Gioielli presented the Item and went over the budget amendment. He discussed the Pennies for Parks Program stating at the last meeting the City Commission tasked staff to look into the possible use of this fund. During the research of this particular item, the Finance Director learned that the Pennies for Parks fund had been used initially during the pilot program period. It was set up as a revenue line fund, meaning it ends every year. He said this resolution requests the Commission make a budget amendment to allow funds that have been set aside by citizens through their utility bills to be set up in a general ledger account, allowing the funds to roll over every year so they can be saved. He added he would speak about the use of these funds in his City Manager's Report.

Mr. Gioielli said the second part of this agenda item is the fund was set up as a pilot program and later made into a permanent program, allowing the funds to be used based upon the recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Staff, therefore, last week asked the Board for recommendations as to whether or not they supported the use of the funds to pay for the art wrap decorations for the flag retirement mailboxes. Staff learned there is \$1,400 in the fund, and the cost of the artwork for both mailboxes installed is \$1,025. The recommendation of the Board is to use \$500 from the Pennies for Parks fund to assist with the cost associated with the flag retirement box artwork.

Commissioner McMillan moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-1597 as presented Item 12A. Seconded by Commissioner Morgan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion ensued on the use of the funds, and Mayor Sackett made a personal commitment of \$525 of his own money to make up the difference for the mailbox artwork if needed.

Deputy Mayor Boni and Commissioner Morgan also said they would contribute to the mailbox project from their commissioner fund. In addition, Commissioner Shoemaker said she would commit part of her fund, if the Board was allowed to keep the entire amount from the Pennies for Parks Program.

Commissioner McMillan moved to reject the proposal of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and allow them to keep their money and to have the Commissioners use their budgets to fund the mailbox artwork project. Seconded by Mayor Sackett and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

It was clarified the split of contributions amongst the Commission to include \$250 each from Commissioner Morgan and Commissioner Shoemaker, \$500 from Deputy Mayor Boni, and \$25 from Commissioner McMillan.

Mr. Gioielli said the Pennies for Parks Program has been posted on social media, utility billing, and flyers for new residents.

Mayor Sackett said he hoped the increased awareness of the program will help the Board to create new adventures in the parks.

**B. Approve a request by Deputy Mayor Boni to attend Leadership Seminole Class 32.**

Ms. Longo presented the Item.

Mayor Sackett moved to approve the request by Deputy Mayor Boni to attend Leadership Seminole Class 32. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**C. City Commission discussion relating to geographical commission districts.**

Ms. Longo presented the Item and went over options for possibilities on revised district lines. It was noted once the district lines are agreed upon by the Commission an ordinance will be coming back on the next agenda for approval.

Discussion ensued on the options and district lines.

It was the consensus of the Commission to go with Option 1 which uses State Road 434, Ronald Reagan Boulevard, and Rangeline Road as district lines, with north of State Road 434 moving to districts #1 and #3, west of Ronald Reagan Boulevard moving to district #1, and encompassing Longwood Plantation into district #1. This also moves the area north of Longwood Hills Road and the Danbury Mill subdivision to district #4.

**13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Gioielli said a FRDAP grant has been approved by the state which will provide the City with two (2) \$50,000 grants. The money will be used to resurface Candyland Sports Complex courts to include basketball and tennis as well as a conversion of two courts into pickleball. He hoped to have the project completed in nine (9) to twelve (12) weeks recognizing staff and supply chain issues. In addition, the grants will be used to upgrade the baseball field backstops at Candyland Sports Complex, provide playground equipment at Small World Park, and offer a light at the Skate Park.

Mr. Gioielli reported full funding of \$1 million for a new fire station has been supported by both the state House of Representatives and Senate. The Governor's Office has already contacted the City of Longwood in preparation for receiving the bill, and they provided a list of questions for staff back in February which has been addressed. He believed as soon as there is approval from the Senate, the Governor's Office will ask additional questions as a follow-up. The Governor's Office has commended city staff as a team on the package, the work that has been done, and the meeting they held in Tallahassee. He was excited to see something happen and hoped to cross the finish line on the project.

Mr. Gioielli said flyers would be completed the next day for the Orlando Magic Longwood Night. The tickets are discount prices and support the Longwood Historic Society. He also reported the lightning detectors alert systems for two (2) city parks will be installed on March 14. Regarding the flag retirement mailboxes, Mr. Gioielli discussed site location. He presented photos to the Commission for their input. He said there were several options including locations at Reiter Park, Candyland Sports Complex, Longwood Memorial Gardens, and City Hall.

It was the consensus of the Commission to locate the first flag mailbox at Reiter Park next to the Little Free Library.

Discussion ensued on the location of the second mailbox.

It was the consensus of the Commission to put the second mailbox at Candyland Sports Complex at the left corner of the Concession Stand on existing concrete, opposite the restrooms.

Mr. Gioielli reported on the Greyhound signs from the former Dog Track. He said the owner supports donating the signs to the City if they are properly maintained and visible in a place to showcase their historic value. There are two (2) signs measuring eight (8) feet in length, made of metal, red in color and they contain mounting brackets on the back. He said the signs likely will have to be repainted even if they are the same color. He presented several locations for the signs for the Commission to consider. The location options included Arbor Park Dog Park, Community Building, Reiter Park, St. Laurent Street, the Clock Tower at Church Avenue and Ronald Reagan Boulevard, and in front of the Longwood Village Inn.

Discussion ensued on the sign locations.

The Commission requested Mr. Gioielli to put together a presentation to show what the signs would look like at Arbor Park Dog Park, Community Building, and Clock Tower.

Mr. Gioielli said regarding repairs for the Barrington subdivision wall, staff went out and tore down a great deal of the wall to reset it. Staff also pressure-washed the wall, is in the process of resealing it, and will periodically maintain the wall.

Mr. Gioielli reported the Clock Tower is repaired. The time is correct and it plays music. Staff will be able to program the clock to coincide with events and holidays.

Mr. Gioielli commented on the different points of history in the City including the City's first post office established 146 years ago and the first town election held 136 years ago. He said the year 2017 would have been a good point to recognize 100 years since that would have marked the City's first incorporation. He added the City actually has a longer history than just 100 years. There is an opportunity for the City to market itself next year in May 2023 which marks 100 years from its reincorporation. He asked if the Commission had any interest in planning an event to allow the City to recognize the 100 years.

Discussion ensued on the different points of history in the City.

Mr. Gioielli clarified something minor can be done for 100 years to recognize the reincorporation in 2023, and steps can be taken for a grander event for 150 years in 2026.

14. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.** No report.
15. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT.** No report.
16. **ADJOURN.** Mayor Sackett adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Commission: 03-21-2022

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**Brian D. Sackett, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Michelle Longo, CMC, FCRM**  
**City Clerk**

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