

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

MINUTES
April 4, 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
Shad Smith, Public Works Director

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Sackett called the meeting to order at 6:00 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.** Commissioner Shoemaker led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Ms. Longo read the following announcements.
 - A. **The City of Longwood will host “Tartan Day”, a Scottish Heritage Event sponsored by the St. Andrew’s Society of Central Florida, on Saturday, April 9, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be live entertainment, axe throwing, raffles, and more. This is a free event.**
 - B. **The “Downtown Longwood Cruise-In” Car Show will be held on Saturday, April 9, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Historic District of Longwood.**

- C. **The Senior Matinee will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at the Longwood Community Building, 200 West Warren Avenue. This month’s feature is *A Day to Die*.**
 - D. **A Bunny Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., at the Longwood Community Building, 200 West Warren Avenue. Children under 2 are free. For more ticket information, please visit www.magicegg hunt.com.**
 - E. **The City of Longwood will play host to the 2022 Magic 107.7 Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, 2022, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The hunt will be held in the Historic District around Longwood City Hall, 175 West Warren Avenue, and will feature an egg hunt, prizes, and giveaways. Parking will be available at the SunRail Station, Downtown Longwood, and Orlando Health South Seminole Hospital back parking lot. This is a free event.**
- 5. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS**
- A. **Presentation of the Beautification Award to Bayridge Sushi, 400 Savage Court, Longwood.**

Mayor Sackett presented Mr. Ben Lu, with the Beautification Award for Bayridge Sushi. Photographs were then taken.
 - B. **Commissioner Morgan recognition of Longwood Citizens on Patrol members Commander Ronald Allegro, Lieutenant William Sparks, and Captain Vincent Stack for their assistance during the storm on Saturday, March 12, 2022.**

Commissioner Morgan presented Longwood Citizens on Patrol members Commander Ronald Allegro, Lieutenant William Sparks, and Captain Vincent Stack with a certificate. Photographs were then taken.
 - C. **Proclaiming the month of April 2022 as “Water Conservation Month”.**

Mayor Sackett read the Proclamation and then presented it to Ms. Susan Davis. Photographs were then taken.
 - D. **Proclaiming the month of April 2022 as “Autism Awareness Month”.**

Commissioner Morgan read the Proclamation and then presented it to Inspire of Central Florida. Photographs were then taken.

6. BOARD APPOINTMENTS. None.

7. PUBLIC INPUT

A. Presentation: VHB presentation regarding the West Warren Avenue Project.

Mr. Smith, Public Works Director, introduced Amy Sirmans.

Ms. Amy Sirmans, Project Manager with VHB, gave a presentation. She provided a brief overview of the study, recommendations, and then shared the next steps for the project. The project is located along West Warren Avenue from State Road 434, including a portion of St. Laurent Street, to South Milwee Street for a total length of 0.635 miles. The goal of the project is to help reimagine West Warren Avenue as a multi-modal corridor that functions as a gateway to our Historic District and helps further support the development of our Heritage Village. She noted the study began in November 2020 with an assessment of the existing conditions of the corridor. Utilizing the existing conditions analysis, they developed alternatives to analyze and present to the local community for feedback. Based on the alternatives analysis comparison and local feedback, they developed recommendations for the study and are now in the process of finalizing those recommendations. This study is anticipated to be completed in May of this year. She said a Project Visioning Team, also known as PVT, was assembled early on in the study process. The Warren Avenue PVT comprises of members from various agencies and organizations including FDOT, Seminole County, LYNX, MetroPlan Orlando, Orlando Health South Seminole Hospital, and local businesses. Three PVT meetings were held throughout the study to gather input on the study goals and objectives, feedback on the study alternatives prior to the first public meeting, and support for the study recommendations. Two public workshops were held during the study. The first public workshop was to present the proposed guiding principles and to receive feedback from the public about the needs and desires of the corridor. The second public workshop was held to present the study alternatives and improvement strategies for public input. Additionally, during the December 6, 2021, City Commission meeting, she presented the study alternatives and received approval to move forward with Alternative 2 for further refinement. She said today she was

there to present the recommendations to the City Commission for approval. She reviewed the recommended improvements for this study. The recommended typical section includes a curb and gutter throughout the length of the study corridor. A new 8-foot sidewalk will be provided on the south side of Warren Avenue and a wider sidewalk will be provided on the north side of Warren Avenue. Where possible, a landscaped buffer will be provided between the roadway and the 8-foot sidewalk. Additional recommendations include St. Laurent Street intersection improvements and enhanced mid-block crossings. She stated the conceptual rendering shown on-screen depicts what an 8-foot sidewalk on the south side of Warren Avenue could look like and assumes overhead utilities will be relocated underground. There are several improvement strategies that are included as part of the recommended alternative. She noted on-street parking will be added near the future fire station to improve access to Reiter Park and other nearby businesses. To implement speed management, the use of intentional curvature of the roadway was incorporated into the recommended concept. Additionally, raised crosswalks will both slow vehicles and bring attention to pedestrians crossing over Warren Avenue. Improvements at the St. Laurent Street intersection incorporated in this recommended concept have been coordinated with the 434 Center Winn Dixie Plaza and they are supportive of the improvements. Drainage improvements incorporated as part of this concept include curb and gutter throughout the corridor to direct stormwater runoff to treatment areas. The city will look at ways to share stormwater runoff with the pond behind the future fire station. She said they also plan to provide a rain garden in the open space near the St. Laurent Street intersection, where the channelized right turn was removed as well as linear rain gardens along the corridor where additional space is expected. She also stated aesthetic enhancements to the corridor include recommendations to incorporate murals or public art on the back of commercial and hospital buildings, the additional landscape where possible, and potentially relocating the overhead utilities. As part of the concept, they have incorporated brick pavers, similar to what is currently on the corridor near Reiter Park. This will provide continuity for the branding of the corridor within Historic Longwood. They coordinated with the hospital regarding murals on their buildings and structures, and they are supportive of the aesthetic enhancement. She pointed out that the images shown are examples and do not represent the recommendations for the project. She said following this planning study phase, the project will move forward to the design phase followed by construction.

At this time, there is no funding in place for the future phases. The design cost is estimated to be \$516,000 and the construction cost is estimated to be \$4.3 million. The estimated construction cost does not include the cost for landscape, irrigation, and utility relocation. The details for those costs will be determined during the design phase.

Discussion ensued on the project and Mr. Shad Smith said the next step would be funding and this project is on the list with MetroPlan. He did state some of the construction funding will have to be budgeted by the city.

B. Public Participation.

Ali Asmar, Mecca Builders, spoke on behalf of Ms. Trippy's Emporium. He said he had been hired by Catherine Cuneo who purchased a piece of property at 275 U.S. Highway 17-92. The sign on it states Ms. Trippy's Emporium. He stated for the past year and a half they have been trying to change the property usage to general assembly. He added this was third-party information, and he was just hired for this project. The owner told him they had been misled by city officials to get a text amendment done. They hired an attorney and resubmitted the text amendment. Then the City told them the Building Department could not move forward because they are requesting a general assembly change. He added that the City said the owner is going to use the property as a nightclub. He said that is not their intent, and he referred to a brochure showing their intended use. He passed the brochure to the Commission.

Mr. Asmar said he has talked to the building official and staff from the City as well as communicated through email. He said the City's stance is the property is a nightclub. He explained it is not a nightclub but instead it will be rented out for events, catering, and different things. He said the owner has spent a lot of money improving the property and they only want to continue to improve the property. He added it is a large piece of property on U.S. Highway 17-92, and the owner wants to combine a corner lot costing about \$3 million, therefore, improving the whole area. He said he did not know how to move forward. He has developed a lot of properties in Seminole County but he has not come across this situation. He has dealt with zoning changes but a text amendment is new to him. He has read up on it, did some research, and did not think it is impossible as long as they do what they say. He stated that it is not a nightclub, and they will follow

all the guidelines that the City wants them to follow. If anything needs to be done with the noise or with the decibel meter, they are willing to comply like put barriers up, whatever they need to do to comply with the City. He wanted to open up a discussion at the City Commission meeting and see what he could do to move forward.

Mayor Sackett thanked Mr. Asmar but explained the Commission does not normally go back and forth during the Public Participation item. In addition, this is the first time he has heard of this situation. He noted the Acting City Manager would discuss it with the Building Department and follow up with him. Mr. Gioielli would also update the Commission individually.

8. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

District #2. Deputy Mayor Boni reported he attended the Longwood Pirate Seafood Festival both Saturday and Sunday. He said he and his family had a great time enjoying the food and seeing all the pirates dressed up. He also was invited to a Cub Scout meeting and was able to witness how they retire a flag. On Friday, he attended an Orlando Magic game as part of the city's Pride Night. He said it was a lot of fun although the Magic lost. He said his highlight for the last couple of weeks was the 12:30 p.m. Saturday unveiling of a flag retirement mailbox at Candyland Sports Complex. The 5:00 p.m. unveiling at Reiter Park, however, was canceled due to the weather. He said the mailboxes looked awesome, and he thanked his wife Amy for the idea. He added people can now come down and drop off their old flags, and looks forward to the Heroes Strong Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14.

District #3. Commissioner McMillan gave a status update on the Scottish Festival, Tartan Day scheduled on Saturday, April 9, at Reiter Park. As treasurer of the organization, St. Andrew's Society, he successfully got an alcohol sales license so the beer will be available for sale. He noted there will be music, bagpipes, people in kilts, and things for sale.

Commissioner McMillan said his grandfather Robert Alexander McMillan Senior passed away on March 28 at the age of 103. He was an Army veteran during World War II and Korea and worked for IBM and Teachers Insurance before retiring in Longwood. He thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers. He said a service will be held but had not been scheduled yet.

Commissioner McMillan reported on the true, good, and beautiful. For the "true" he corrected the city population for the 2020 Census to 16,496. For the "good" he saw agility at the Adventure Family Circus at

the Pirate Seafood Festival. He saw them spinning hoops in the air as well as the group's Partridge-style bus as their means of travel. For the "beautiful", he returned to the Pirate Seafood Festival on Sunday and saw the Orlando School of Rock performance. He commented his grandfather would get up and say "It's a beautiful day." He said the weather was certainly beautiful in Longwood on Sunday.

District #4. Commissioner Morgan said he and his fellow Commissioners are thinking about Commissioner McMillan and the passing of his grandfather. He thanked Deputy Mayor Boni and his wife Amy for their effort on the flag retirement mailboxes. He commented this is the type of thing that separates Longwood from other cities, and can potentially draw people to the area. He also thanked the Leisure Services Director, Chris Capizzi, for the flowers placed at the unveiling of the mailboxes. He was at the unveiling between coaching Girls Softball for Longwood Babe Ruth. The girls' team age 12 and under that day won their game and are on a winning streak.

Commissioner Morgan mentioned at Arbor Dog Park there are a lot of white caterpillars this time of year. He pointed out the white caterpillars are poisonous but they will not kill a dog. However, a dog can get sick including his dog who experienced an illness from a caterpillar attached to its paw. Two other friends' dogs also got sick and experienced the same thing. He wanted to warn everyone when they are at the park, to be on the lookout for the caterpillars. He thanked city staff, including Mr. Gioielli and Mr. Capizzi, for getting the word out on these insects.

Commissioner Morgan addressed the issue of glass at Arbor Dog Park. He said people are not drinking at night and leaving glass behind. The property was previously a junkyard many years ago. Glass tends to be found after it has rained. To combat the situation, he said the City is putting in mulch. Mr. Gioielli added it is a special mulch that will not harm the dogs.

Commissioner Morgan wished a speedy recovery for Longwood Babe Ruth Baseball President David Rubin who was in a car accident. Mr. Rubin suffered multiple bruises, likely broken ribs, and is undergoing other tests. Longwood Babe Ruth sends their condolences to Mr. Rubin. He said the Mets team, who did not have a game scheduled, attended the unveiling of the flag retirement mailbox at Candyland Sports Complex. He explained that is an example of dignity and respect for our country which Mr. Rubin has instilled in players of Longwood Babe Ruth Baseball.

Commissioner Morgan commented the Pirate Seafood Festival was incredible, and this was the best one yet in regards to entertainment ranging from bounce houses to the family circus. There were 7,000 to 8,000 in attendance over two days. He recommended not to hold this event on the same day as other large events in the area which meant competition among cities for attendance.

Commissioner Morgan announced a professional wrestling fundraiser called "The Nole/Hound Throwdown" at Lyman High School on May 14. Money will be raised for both Lyman and Seminole High Schools' athletic departments. Commissioner Morgan and Chris Anderson, Seminole County Supervisor of Elections, will participate in the event along with the high school principals as well as current and former World Wrestling (WW) stars. Stevie Richards and the current tag team for All Elite Wrestling (AEW) the Gunn Club will be performing.

Commissioner Morgan reported he spoke at the University of South Florida for a group called Turning Point USA, a non-profit organization that promotes freedom of thought. He commented gas prices were even higher in Tampa. He also attended the Longwood Babe Ruth Spirit Night with the Orlando Magic on April 1. He brought his son Jackson, who did pretty well with all the lights and noise but he had some outbursts. He knew if needed there is a sensory inclusive room at the Amway Center but instead he moved his family to higher seats and left early. He said KultureCity is the one who provided this sensory inclusive room and they have done them all over the country. He helped set them up with the one at Camping World Stadium, and he is trying to get a sensory space at Seminole County Public Schools. He thanked Deputy Mayor Boni for getting a couple of fidget toys for his son. Lastly, he recently celebrated his 16th year of sobriety.

District #5. Mayor Sackett congratulated Commissioner Morgan for his sobriety celebration and mentioned the passing of Commissioner McMillan's grandfather who lived 103 years. He commented during the dry weather he and his friend, who both average 70 years in age, painted the exterior of his house in about 16 hours.

Mayor Sackett said he attended the Pirate Seafood Festival and the attendance was impressive, as well as the traveling family circus. The next day he read scholarship essays for Lyman High School and congratulated the winners who will have a ceremony soon. He commented on the flag retirement mailboxes saying the location of the one at Candyland Sports Complex is perfect near the concession stand encouraging people to bring in their old flags. He said there are upcoming meetings, including Leadership Seminole and Florida League of

Mayors, via Zoom. He said the Council of Local Governments (CALNO) is meeting at the same time as the Gibbs Retail Study Workshop with the City Commission. He said his priority is the Gibbs Retail Study and he will find out later what happened at the CALNO meeting. On April 13 he will attend his granddaughter's college-signing scholarship. He looked forward to going to the Easter Egg Hunt held in Historic Downtown Longwood on April 16.

Mayor Sackett said he has noticed a lot of roofing signs; therefore, roofs likely with wind and hail damage are being replaced. He said one of his houses is having a roof replacement. He received an insurance renewal statement that day, and the cost doubled in price with an increasing from \$2,000 to \$4,100. He told everyone to get ready for the increase in homeowner insurance, and his letter stated the cost increase is due to roof damage and roofs being under-certified for protection. He stated when the city does its budget, it may take into consideration the higher bills people are paying.

District #1. Commissioner Shoemaker expressed her condolences to Commissioner McMillan for the passing of his grandfather. She said with her busy work schedule she did not attend the Pirate Seafood Festival but sent her son with money to buy two plates of seafood. She noted food prices have gone up at the event since \$40 did not cover the cost of two meals so she and her son split one meal that totaled \$30. She saw photos on the city's Facebook and was happy about the festival's success.

Commissioner Shoemaker attended the unveiling of a flag retirement mailbox at Candyland Sports Complex, and she thanked Deputy Mayor Boni and his wife for their idea as well as Mr. Gioielli for the art wrap. She said there is a second mailbox to be unveiled at Reiter Park; not sure when that will be. She was happy to see this positive event joined by many others occurring in the city.

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

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Approve Minutes of March 21, 2022, Regular Meeting.**

B. **Approve the Monthly Expenditures for March 2022.**

C. **Approve an agreement between the City of Longwood and Aero Groundtek, LLC for Part I & II, and Autolawn of Orlando for Part III as described under the terms in ITB # 02032022 and approve a purchase order in the amount of \$267,577.00 to Aero Groundtek, LLC for Citywide mowing and landscaping services,**

and a purchase order in the amount of \$21,750.00 to AutoLawn of Orlando for Candyland Park ballfield mowing services.

Mayor Sackett noted that Candyland Park is now called Candyland Sports Complex. He also wanted to discuss Item 10C. He said they switched from their current company to this new one and the approximate \$22,000 is for the special mowers that will only take care of the ballfields.

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

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Read by title only and adopt Ordinance No. 22-2221, amending Chapter 30, Section 30-10 of the Code of Ordinances; relating to geographical commission districts.

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 22-2221 by title only.

Mayor Sackett opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 22-2221.

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

Commissioner Morgan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-2221 as presented Item 11A. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

12. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Read by title only, set April 18, 2022, as the public hearing date, and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-2223, a Voluntary Annexation of Property at 1890 and 1900 South Highway 17-92 and 415 and 416 Fairy Lake Lane.

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 22-2223 by title only.

Mr. Kintner presented the Item and said the property is the proposed site of the public storage facility which was discussed at a previous Commission meeting. The owners are coming in for commercial future land use and U.S. Highway 17-92 zoning. He said as discussed at the previous meeting, city staff will bring back language on April 18 that will allow public storage within U.S.

Highway 17-92 with a distance requirement that would ensure it is the only one that comes in under the 17-92 infill and mixed-use category. He said because the future land use will also be presented at the April 18 meeting, the Commission would be able to assign this item the proposed land use and zoning at that time.

Commissioner Morgan asked exactly where the property is located.

Mr. Kintner answered the property is on U.S. Highway 17-92 between U.S. Highway 17-92 and Fairy Lake on the east side of the city. There is currently an RV dealership on one side of the property, and on the southern city limits, it's adjacent to Ziggy's Automotive.

Commissioner McMillan moved to approve Ordinance No. 22-2223 and set April 18, 2022, as the public hearing date. Seconded by Commissioner Morgan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

B. City Commission approval of a Settlement Agreement with David Demetree and South Seminole Investments III, LLC to settle a declaratory judgment lawsuit filed in 2006 challenging the City's ownership of a portion of Highline Drive adjacent to 100 Highline Drive.

Mayor Sackett went over the Item.

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve the Settlement Agreement as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

C. City Commission to consider a Historic District Matching Grant Application (HG 01-22) from the Central Florida Society for Historical Preservation, Inc. for the Bradlee-McIntyre House located at 130 West Warren Avenue.

Mr. Kintner presented the Item and said the staff looked at finances for this year. He explained there is a separate fund for Raising Energy Efficiency Program (REEP) where the City gives back rebates for certain types of purchases and usually there is money left over in that line item averaging about \$5,000 to \$6,000 the past few years. Also, there are few other places where staff can pull funds for a matching grant. He said the staff does understand what the Bradlee-McIntyre House means to the

community. He said this is a potential option and normally staff does not do this.

Discussion ensued on increasing grant money for the historic district, and how funds if made available will be used.

Mr. Kintner responded the money will be used to make improvements to the porch roof at the Bradlee-McIntyre House.

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve Item 12C as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Gioielli said Mr. Kintner would speak about what was brought up under Public Participation and one of the newer businesses in the City, Ms. Trippy's Emporium, and some of the issues that staff has been attempting to assist the business owner with.

Mr. Kintner said the gentleman, Mr. Asmar, who spoke earlier in the meeting is relatively new to the project and he was brought in by the applicant to take another look at things. He explained Ms. Trippy's has a retail portion out front where they sell clothing, and an area in the back where for a point in time there was a DJ on a raised stage, a lot of people dancing on a dance floor with beverages, and a lot of advertisement and pictures on the business website. He said the only thing he could call this is a nightclub. He felt the applicant was thinking he was prudish but it is not a judgment thing. He said it is just what it is at a certain point. He said staff was alerted to activities at Ms. Trippy's when they received several complaints. He explained one of them was a noise complaint from East Street which means it had to cross all the lanes on U.S. Highway 17-92, cross LA Fitness, and over to East Street. He said it is a significant amount of noise to generate a complaint like that. Other complaints were broader with people saying "I thought you were cleaning up Longwood and here you are allowing this adult type establishment." He said he has tried to communicate to the applicant that nightclubs are a specific type of use with a specific type of negative externalities including sound. He said whenever you have something with a type of externality to it, you need to address it in your code and so a lot of communities have requirements on noise as well as security which are all standard. The communities that have nightclubs have a section of the code that says if you are going to have one, your building has to be built like this, you can't be within a certain distance of residents, etc. He pointed out Longwood's code does not allow nightclubs, dance halls, or anything like that. He said staff suggested to

the applicant to come forward with an applicant-sponsored amendment like Twistee Treat did, and bring forward their standards. The applicant did that, but staff had comments on it saying they were not addressing the sound issue, some of the things that would protect the City and the residents. He noted staff did not hear from the applicant after the comments. A few months later staff received an email from Mr. Asmar, and it was like starting over again with Mr. Asmar saying the business was not a nightclub instead calling it an “immersive art experience.” Mr. Kintner responded to the applicant he did not want to get into definitions of art, and basically there is a noise issue and security issue anytime you have a large group of people. He reiterated there are standards in place to protect the City, and Longwood’s code at the moment does not allow it. But he thought staff could certainly consider it, and it does not mean they have to approve the applicant at that location. Also, the wording does not have to be a nightclub, it can be called a dance hall or event space. He stated he was looking for guidance from the Commission, not necessarily that night if this was something they have an interest in staff pursuing. He said staff would bring forward an ordinance where they would attempt to come up with standards that would address noise and resident issues. He noted there are residents that currently live behind Ms. Trippy’s on the lake. He noted the business is on U.S. Highway 17-92 which is more appropriate for a use like that than other parts of the City. He added a lot of prior photos on the business website have been taken down.

Mayor Sackett asked if Ms. Trippy’s has been open for a while.

Mr. Kintner responded the clothing portion has been open a while but the music portion opened and closed quickly because staff received complaints.

Mayor Sackett said the City has worked hard to clean up U.S. Highway 17-92, and it took a long time. He said if Ms. Trippy’s is not up to code, then it is not up to code, and it cannot be allowed.

Mr. Kintner responded that is the default position and that is what the City code states now. Essentially, that would be a take-no-action position.

Commissioner Morgan and Deputy Mayor Boni agreed with that position.

Commissioner Shoemaker asked Mr. Langley if the City was in compliance to disagree.

Mr. Langley responded that he had discussed this with Mr. Kintner, and based on the information he saw the business looked like a dance hall or nightclub to him. He said that is not a permissible use and the City is under no obligation to change its code.

Mr. Gioielli thanked the Commission for their input. He referred to next year's budget for the City and noted increases in costs associated with vendors, contract services, fuel vehicles, and maintenance. He said staff is working very hard to find ways to be frugal and mindful of taxpayer dollars.

Mr. Gioielli said Mr. Kintner and his staff have been working on the completion of an annexation to bring forth to the Commission for consideration of the area of State Road 434 east of U.S. Highway 17-92 located by the Ridge/Talmo area. It is an unincorporated roadway. The City's main motivation for the annexation request is that there are people unsafely loitering in the intersection and medians, and not soliciting legally. He said when the City can control the other three intersections and keep people safe, people naturally move to that area but then they laugh at the police officers who are trying to keep them and the other drivers safe. He noted an annexation would allow the City to clean up that area.

Mr. Gioielli said regarding the lightning alert systems at the city parks, there was an issue with electrical work but the work is being scheduled for this week. Also, a company representative will be out next week, and they will be live with the two units at each park. There will be proper signage to identify the units and what is requested of the City's visitors to the park. Ms. Cartagena will work on a public announcement for residents.

Mr. Gioielli reminded everyone the Gibbs Retail Study Workshop was scheduled for Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. He also asked if there was any interest in the unveiling of a second flag retirement mailbox which had been canceled due to weather.

Mayor Sackett responded an announcement on social media is sufficient, and upcoming events at Reiter Park would also provide exposure for the mailbox.

Mr. Gioielli announced at the next Commission meeting Ms. Cartagena will do a short presentation on her job updates, her accomplishments, and her future projects as well as get any input from the Commission on some of their interests. He then reviewed the City's mission statement which was approved ten (10) years ago. He inquired if the Commission

wanted staff to refresh or write something new as part of the City's rebranding process.

The Commission agreed to have staff put together some options for a revised or new mission statement for the city.

Mr. Gioielli said that once finalized he will bring something back for the Commission's review.

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT. None.

15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

A. Consider canceling the July 4, 2022, City Commission Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Sackett moved to cancel the July 4, 2022, City Commission Regular Meeting. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Boni and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Longo said we are getting into election season and wanted to let the Commission know that at this time it is too early for political signs to be out. She went over a few reminders regarding political signs. Candidates do need to get a temporary sign permit for political signs and a fee paid before any signs may be erected. The fees are as follows: A \$25 fee for signs six (6) square feet and under and a \$100 fee for signs over six (6) square feet (fee covers all signs). Signs for candidates qualified for a primary election cannot place signs earlier than 30 days before the primary election. The primary election is on August 23, 2022. All other signs for the general election cannot be placed before the city qualifying date. Qualifying will be at noon, Monday, August 22nd, and end at noon, Friday, August 26th. She also noted the next Tri-County League of Cities meeting will be held from 12:00 pm until 1:30 pm on Thursday, April 21st in Apopka, at the Highland Manor, 604 E Main Street. She said if any Commissioner is interested in attending, she would get them registered.

16. ADJOURN. Mayor Sackett adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Commission: 04-18-2022

Brian D. Sackett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Longo, CMC, FCRM
City Clerk