

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

**MINUTES**  
**April 18, 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  
Liane Cartagena, Community and Media Relations Manager

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Sackett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **OPENING INVOCATION.** Pastor Tom Myers, with Neighborhood Alliance Church, gave the invocation.
3. **THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Deputy Mayor Boni led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Ms. Longo read the following announcements.
  - A. The City of Longwood and the Lyman High School Band program present the “Longwood Jazz Festival” to be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Reiter Park, 311 West Warren Avenue.
  - B. The “Longwood Food Trucks” will be held on Friday, April 22, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Reiter Park, 311 West Warren Avenue.
  - C. The Longwood Community Health Fair will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Longwood

**Community Building, 200 West Warren Avenue. There will be Health and Wellness related vendors, raffle prize giveaways, and more. This is a free event.**

- D. The City of Longwood will host the “Bach to Rock” musical performances on Saturday, April 30, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Reiter Park, 311 West Warren Avenue. There will be numerous performances throughout the day by students of the Bach to Rock Music School. Food will be available for purchase from the Farmer’s Market vendors.**

**5. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS**

- A. District #3 Nomination of the Business Person of the Month Award for May 2022.**

Commissioner McMillan deferred the nomination to the next meeting.

- B. Florida League of Mayors (FLM) Executive Director Scott Dudley to present the second-place winner of the “If I Were Mayor Essay Contest” to Emily Fuentes, a student at Rock Lake Middle School.**

Ms. Linda Bridges, FLM Assistant Executive Director attended the meeting to present Ms. Fuentes with a resolution and gift certificate. Ms. Fuentes read her essay for the Commission and Mayor Sackett also presented her with a Certificate of Recognition.

**6. BOARD APPOINTMENTS. None.**

**7. PUBLIC INPUT**

- A. Presentation: Community and Media Relations Manager Position Progress Report**

Ms. Cartagena gave a position progress report presentation. She went over social media insights and explained what engagements, impressions, and reach mean. She reviewed Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Newsletter, and Nextdoor insights along with the increases over the six months with this new position. Her new initiatives and new projects were also reviewed.

- B. Public Participation.**

Michael Johnson, unincorporated Seminole County. He said, as he mentioned at the last Commission meeting, he plans to return to another meeting of which he is a member, and the meeting is the Seminole County Republican Executive Committee. He also mentioned some of the Commissioners are members as well. He said members of the organization have rights, and the meetings are conducted so the majority of the members can be heard and run the organization. He added as a lot of people know that's not what has been happening the past couple of years with the organization. He noted there have been over 120 plus members signed up and there are another twenty (20) plus in the cue who may be joining Thursday night. He said he and other members want a change, and what happened at the last organization's meeting was uncalled for the way he was handled and a couple of other people were handled. He said he got the text messages and phone records from the police department, and a lot of information is puzzling. He said attorneys and investigators are looking at it, and they are trying to figure out who they are going to sue. They already know who they are going to sue now but they still may have to come after the City. He said, "I'm sorry chief." Several people at the last organization's meeting took videos and he distributed information (slide deck) to the Commission and City Police Chief so they may know what was happening during the meeting. He also planned to share the videos in the court cases of who was actually causing the chaos and who should have actually been taken out of the meeting, not the ones who were following parliamentary procedures. He said part of the information (slide deck) has the transcripts of what people on their side were saying and what Ben Paris, "so-called fake parliamentarian," was saying. He said for the public record when they go to court, they can pull this record down and it will be introduced in court. He noted that Ben Paris's comments are on the right side of the presentation, and the comments made by his team are on the green side of it, and that is the conversation that was taking place. He pointed out that on the red side of the presentation there is a lot of heckling going on in the meeting. He said that was not him, that was not their folks and not their team. Our team is very professional, and we know the Robert Rules of Order. He stated we are going to do the same thing in the next meeting so be prepared for it. He said we are going to do the exact same thing that is in the Robert Rules of Order. In fact, what he wanted to do is to make sure the Robert Rules of Order are followed, and everyone knows it including the City and police officers, and legal counsel knows how these meetings are supposed to be conducted. When the Chair rules somebody out

of order, we have a right to appeal the decision of the Chair. He asked everyone to read so everyone was on the same page of what happened and then what the rules are in these screenshots that Robert Rules of Order Book that we're following, and that's all we're doing. There is no violence, no chaos, no scuffling. It's a verbal professional meeting used in parliamentary procedures and that's what we're going to do at the next meeting.

Mr. Langley stated since there was an implied threat of litigation, he advised the Commissioners not to talk about this item during their reports.

## **8. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

**District #3.** Commissioner McMillan commented Ms. Fuentes did a great job with her essay "If I Were Mayor." He also thanked the Acting City Manager and Police Chief for attending the service for his grandfather last Tuesday and it was much appreciated by the family. The following Saturday was Tartan Day at Reiter Park. He said there was axe throwing, music, dancing, and beer. Everyone had a great time, and towards the end, there was complimentary beer to drain the keg. He added the event had a license for the beer and everyone was responsible.

Commissioner McMillan reported on the true, good, and beautiful. For the "true" he said economic inflation and consumer price index are once again up and keep going up. It is now at an 8.5% annualized rate for this past March which is the highest since December 1981. He stated when we are making our decisions we have to be mindful because the cost of everything is becoming more expensive. As Ms. Fuentes said in her essay, staff shortages can be a consequence of that. For the "good" he saw joy the past Saturday as he saw the children at the Magic 107.7 Easter Egg Hunt in the Historic District. There also were children visiting the Easter Bunny in the Gazebo. For the "beautiful", he mentioned the Centre for Dance & the Performing Arts (CDPA) the Scottish Highland Dancers, who are one of the beneficiaries of the funds raised by St. Andrew's Society, and the group had two performances on Tartan Day and did a great job. Also, in the end, young student dancers who were just learning were featured.

**District #4.** Commissioner Morgan said the Gibbs Retail Study was recently presented. The study in his opinion gave the City's economic development team good news on tools to go out in the community and recruit bigger brands and bigger businesses to Longwood that are the right fit. He thanked the staff for setting that up and the report was very positive. Later that night, he went to Lyman High School to speak to Seniors on their Senior Baseball Night. He said he threw the first pitch

and gave a speech on how concepts learned in sports can be carried into real life. The next morning he attended the kickoff for National Child Abuse Prevention Month at Kids House. He thanked the non-profit organization for all the work they do for the community in Seminole County.

Commissioner Morgan said he introduced the newest commissioner, Deputy Mayor Boni, to Principal Michael Hunter at Lyman High School. Details would be provided during the report of Deputy Mayor Boni. Later that night, he spoke to a recovery group at Northland Church in Longwood. He said the church hosts one of the biggest Celebrate Recovery Addiction groups and there were a lot of people in attendance. He was proud to share his story in the recovery of his addiction, and what is being done in Seminole County to help treat addictions in his partnership with Seminole County Sheriff Dennis Lemma.

Commissioner Morgan reported attending Tartan Day at Reiter Park on Saturday, April 9. He pointed out the event was brought by the second newest commissioner, Commissioner McMillan. He and his son enjoyed the festival. Later that day, he went to Palmer Natural Health's Garden Par-Tea in Longwood. Businesses in the City which support a natural lifestyle participated in the event and had good attendance. On Monday, April 11, he went to Lyman High School to judge Mr. Greyhound, which was like a Mr. Universe Talent Show and Contest. He was impressed with the students who participated in the event.

Commissioner Morgan sent his condolences to Commissioner McMillan and his family for the loss of his grandfather. He said there was a service held at Highland Memory Gardens in Apopka. Later that day, Commissioner Morgan attended an event called Ending the Silence sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI). The event was presented to area schools and parents. He said in Sanford there was an Interfaith Iftar in celebration of Ramadan. He explained the event brings together different faiths. Also, community leaders and officials such as himself were invited to the event which shows a glimpse of the Muslim community. He mentioned the American Muslim Community Clinic in Longwood does an excellent job in the City especially helpful during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Commissioner Morgan attended an event on April 14 by Ali's Hope Foundation which was established in honor of Joseph and Helen Gallagher's daughter who took her own life. The non-profit organization offers mental health help to local schools and youth. He said the foundation set up a pilot program at Lake Mary High School that is very successful. They set up a podcast with students themselves speaking.

Commissioner Morgan said he introduced the idea to Lyman High School and is happy to report they are moving forward with it. He thanked Ali's Hope and Principal Hunter. Later that day, Commissioner Morgan participated in a Boy Scout Golden Eagle Dinner which raises funds for those who cannot afford to go to various scouting events and camps. He thanked Seminole County Commissioner Jay Zembower for hosting the dinner, as well as former Chairperson and County Commissioner Brenda Carey.

Commissioner Morgan said he spoke at Lawton Chiles Middle School in Oviedo on Friday, April 15, in regards to bullying and the impact of social media not being able to see a student's reaction to a negative statement. He also attended on Saturday, April 16, the Magic 107.7 Easter Egg Hunt in Longwood which he said was their biggest event yet. His son and nephew enjoyed the event that was held in the City's Historic District as compared to the park previously resulting in overcrowding. He said 4,000 people attended the event which was properly spaced out in the district, and also thanked Leisure Services Chris Capizzi and Ryan Rinaldo for their work. Commissioner Morgan reported the next day that the Girls Softball 12 and under Team, Longwood Babe Ruth, won their 8<sup>th</sup> straight game which he and his wife helped coach. He added about half of the girls never played softball and they are now winning games.

Commissioner Morgan asked for the support of fellow Commissioners to declare May as Mental Health Awareness Month.

It was the consensus of the Commission to proclaim the month of May 2022 as Mental Health Awareness Month. Ms. Longo said she will place the proclamation on the agenda for the next Commission meeting.

**District #5.** Mayor Sackett mentioned he starts his voice therapy on Thursday and until then his voice may not be consistent. He reported the Mayors and Managers meeting has been canceled. He also attended a Cluster meeting at Lyman High School to discuss aggression, discipline, and referrals coming out of Seminole County cluster schools. In other words, all the schools that feed into Lyman High School. He said every school did a survey at certain grade levels and the statistics show the incidents of aggression and disrespect are actually very low at a 5<sup>th</sup>-grade level. He added the incidents are higher at the high school level, but the students do feel safe at their schools at both levels. It was mentioned they want more school resource officers. He spoke with the Acting City Manager and found out the City pays fifty percent (50%) for a police officer at Lyman High School and the other officer is paid by the Seminole County School Board. If another officer is wanted, it would be provided

by the School Board. He asked Mr. Gioielli if Lyman previously had three (3) resource officers.

Mr. Gioielli replied yes. From his understanding, there was a loss in state funding so the position is unfunded in the Police Department but it is still listed on their Manning Document. He said the City is hopeful the state or the county will refund the position in the future.

Mayor Sackett said he planned to go to One School of the Arts the next day thanks to the invite from Commissioner Shoemaker. He said he will help students learn how to look people in the face, shake hands properly and do a pseudo job interview. He was going to act as a contest judge. Mayor Sackett reminded everyone the Tri-County League of Cities meeting was Thursday in Apopka, and he noticed registrations were filled so he hoped the majority of fellow Commissioners attend.

Mayor Sackett reported he and his grandson participated in the Magic 107.7 Easter Egg Hunt. He said the Bunny Breakfast was different this year with a walk-in model compared to a sit-down one in previous years. The children also got to sit with the Bunny. He and his grandson walked around the Historic District, and he was glad to see the thousands of people at the event.

Mayor Sackett said the past week Lyman High School had signing ceremonies for future college students and his granddaughter was one of those students. He commented many students about 150 to 200 showed up at the school Media Center to celebrate the nine (9) students who were doing their official signing. He remarked students taking time out of their busy schedules to congratulate others indicates Lyman High School is a positive school. He mentioned proms were upcoming for both Lyman and Winter Springs High Schools and wished them a safe and fun night.

Mayor Sackett said he appreciated Andrew Marsian, Utilities Project Manager, and Mr. Gioielli, Acting City Manager, in their efforts regarding the sewer septic conversion. He commented he has received numerous phone calls about the conversion in the Longdale Avenue area and how poorly it has been done. He said workers laid down sod but one hundred percent (100%) of it was dead, and when it was picked up the sand fell out and all they were holding were roots. He understood the sod was being replaced with something more tolerable and acceptable to the residents.

**District #1.** Commissioner Shoemaker said she did not have a report but wanted to do a follow-up on a couple of things. She said it was a tradition in her field not to work the day after the tax deadline referring

to the event at the One School of the Arts on April 19. She had mentioned the item at the last Commission meeting hoping someone would participate. Mayor Sackett said earlier he planned to attend the school's event, and she thanked him for his participation while she concluded the tax season.

**District #2.** Deputy Mayor Boni said he also enjoyed all the events he attended since the last Commission meeting. In addition to the outstanding events, he commented on the outstanding essay written by Emily Fuentes. He thanked Ms. Cartagena for her outstanding job as demonstrated by the social media statistics presented earlier in the meeting. He also thanked Commissioner Morgan for his introduction to Principal Michael Hunter at Lyman High School. The purpose of the introduction was to see if there was any interest in the 21-Day Empathy Challenge Program. He said the program was developed to help with the growing issue of bullying, especially cyberbullying, where there is no empathy because the person doing the bullying does not know the reaction of their victims. The program is being delivered in fifteen (15) states and over seven (7) countries. He said Principal Hunter was very receptive and is excited to work with this organization called Create, which created this to implement next year.

Deputy Mayor Boni expressed his thoughts on the future downtown Historic Longwood development. He said it all starts with the police and fire relocation which is the tip of the spear for the downtown redevelopment process. He believed both police and fire need to be done at the same time versus separately, and would clearly save the city money with both demolition of the new location and the building of the combined structure. He said once the relocation is completed, this would open up the Fire House and the Police property for redevelopment possibly a restaurant in the old Fire House and maybe a Longwood Market Place on the Police land. He added the first floor of the Market Place could house about twenty (20) of those great restaurants and retail that the Gibbs Study recently showed during a public workshop. He said there also could be up to three (3) floors of parking above that structure which is much needed in the downtown area. In regards to City Hall, he mentioned it was another property for development possibly a complete teardown and a three-story building with retail on the bottom floor and City offices on the second and third floors housing all of the employees in one location. He said the key to the redevelopment plan is the City owns all of its lands and it becomes a landlord of the land. The revenues generated from the new properties will pay back the development loans needed. He explained this will turn downtown historic Longwood into a destination versus just a pass-through City. To capitalize on the train station bringing people outside of the City to the events in Reiter Park

and the new development he felt a walking bridge over Ronald Reagan Boulevard from the train station parking garage to the entrance of downtown Longwood is a must. He said the bridge needs to be worked into the redevelopment of the Church Street entrance on Ronald Reagan Boulevard. Addressing the establishment of a new water treatment plant by 2024, Deputy Mayor Boni said this project is not a want, but a need, for the City. He explained land is the first step, and the land should not only house a new water treatment plant but possibly the addition of a new sewage treatment plant. He believed the revenues within the City will cover the new treatment plant versus farming it out to the City of Altamonte Springs. He said Longwood would be self-contained for both water and sewer. He asked Mr. Gioielli and staff, with the permission of the Commission, to do research on his development ideas for review in the near future and any creative financing options to make it happen as well as ensure it is financially feasible to do some of the ideas. He said now is the time for a new downtown to compliment Reiter Park and its venues.

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

Robin Hurt, 279 East Pine Avenue, Longwood. He said he had questions regarding the ordinances that will be coming up later on the agenda.

Mayor Sackett stated he can speak during the public hearing portion of the agenda when they address the ordinances.

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approve Minutes of April 4, 2022, Regular Meeting.**
- B. Approve the Monthly Expenditures for April 2022.**
- C. Approve the Monthly Financial Report for March 2022.**
- D. Approve an increase in the amount of \$25,000.00 to the Hydra Service Inc. purchase order #22-00181 for repairs and maintenance of the City's lift stations.**
- E. Approve a purchase order in the amount of \$53,662.52 to Engineering Spray Solutions for lift station and manhole rehabilitation, repairs, and lining.**

Mayor Sackett asked Mr. Gioielli if the City is at fifty percent (50%) on expenditures in their financial reports. He also asked where would the City be sitting with their reserve percent if they closed their books that day.

Mr. Gioielli replied he believed they are about eighteen percent (18%) because the Commission had approved a transfer from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) reimbursement for COVID expenses and that has not taken place. He said the actual number would be a little higher.

Mayor Sackett reiterated that the reserve is eighteen percent (18%) today, not including money transferring.

Mr. Gioielli responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve Items 10A through 10E 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. 22-2218, 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.

Mayor Sackett opened the public hearing.

Robin Hurt, 279 East Pine Avenue, Longwood spoke in opposition. He said his mother first bought the property in early 1980. His family has been immensely involved in the whole redevelopment of the transit village in the early 2000s, during the time of U.S. Representative John Mica, and up through today. He said Mr. Kintner has done a great job on the revision he saw, and he spoke to him earlier on the phone that day. He said that is a lot of work and Mr. Kintner definitely worked hard, offering his congratulations on some of the changes which he thought are vital. One question he had was in regards to his personal property where he lives on the corner of East Pine Avenue and Oleander Street with the environmental conservation area next to that. He was sure tonight was not the night to get into specifics about that but he did have copies of the maps that were submitted on the first reading and he finally got one that day. It was the map being represented tonight on what the development changes are and they are not the same if he is not mistaken.

Mayor Sackett responded that is correct.

Mr. Hurt responded good and asked if the ordinance technically is at first reading that night.

Mayor Sackett answered tonight would be the final reading because the map change does not alter it that much.

Mr. Langley explained it is not a substantial change in the ordinance so the city can adopt the change tonight as part of the second reading.

Mr. Hurt responded it is not a substantial change as far as parcels, but there are thirty-two (32) parcels that are part of the neighborhood commercial mixed-use Future Land Use Map that are totally eliminated, and three (3) of them are on the other side of Oleander Street and that is where the change has been made. He said normally there would be a mailing to all the property owners within the quarter-mile and that was not done. It was just done in the newspaper and he was lucky enough that he found out about it before tonight's final adoption. He thought he and others could work something out with Mr. Kintner so it is not really a big problem, but everyone has invested and has got over half-million dollars invested in their corner of development for sustainable development in that area and with the conservation area on the other side of East Pine Avenue that no one has done anything with. He and others have already met with St. John's River Water Management District and a number of people who do things there. Because of the pandemic, he really has not done much with the Building Department as he has in years past. He was glad he caught this Item in time.

No one else spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 22-2218.

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

Mr. Kintner presented the Item. He said he had an extensive conversation with Mr. Hurt about issues that morning. He said the thirty-two (32) parcels that Mr. Hurt had referenced were the change in the first hearing. At one point the City had a neighborhood commercial mixed-use designation that covered a

lot of that area. Staff removed that as a Future Land Use Category and uses it differently now as a buffer between heavy commercial areas, corridors, and residential areas. He said it is the same terminology, but it is a different type of use. He said ultimately, the reason for that is all those areas that were shown as NCMU have a commercial component and apartment component, and those are areas on Oleander and Pine. He explained the City has stepped back from seeing apartments everywhere, and that is one of the places they took them out of, as well as commercial. Mr. Hurt talked with him about future things he would like to do with his property at 279 East Pine like live/work units. Mr. Kintner said he advised him that those are things that staff can look at on an individual parcel basis rather than leave that there in the entire area for apartments and commercial in that area.

Mr. Kintner said Mr. Hurt also expressed concern about a code issue that he has on his property right now, and how this ordinance will affect that. He explained the section of code that relates to that is an accessory use section under Article V, and that does not change with this. It does not affect it because Mr. Hurt is NCMU now going to MDR -15, and that would be a code violation either way so that part will not affect him.

Mr. Kintner said the other question about the conservation area which Mr. Hurt had referenced is located at the dead-end of Pine, and there is a couple of residential properties and there is a property that is general commercial. The conservation area itself remains unchanged. He said Mr. Hurt's question had alluded to a singular parcel, currently adopted now, that has a sliver of conservation on it. Staff has tried to move away from the Future Land Use map having slivers of conservation because wetland boundaries change and then someone would have to go through a future land-use change to make the maps match. Staff has decided city-wide, as discussed during the first reading, to move away from those slivers of conservation so people do not have to go through a \$1,000 land-use change just to make their wetland boundary map match. However, as he explained to Mr. Hurt, this does not make the requirements of wetland boundaries go away because those are implemented by St. John's and not by the City.

Mr. Kintner said in regards to notices, if the ordinance only changed two or three parcels then staff would send out a notice like they always do. In this particular case, it is a City-wide change so the notice has been posted in the newspaper, the City's

website, and the City's Facebook page so staff met the state requirements actually exceeding requirements for notice.

Mayor Sackett commented on road widening policies noting for the record Rangeline Road, West Warren Avenue, East and West Church Avenue, State Road 434 from Rangeline Road to Grant Street, Ronald Reagan Boulevard from Dog Track Road to Georgia Avenue will not have any more lanes added to them.

Mr. Kintner responded yes, it is important to have this noted in your Comprehensive Plan if you do not want more lanes.

Mayor Sackett asked about Palm Springs Drive and Markham Woods Road.

Mr. Kintner replied the City does not have jurisdiction over those roads and they would not be included in the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Sackett said in reference to street lighting policies, there is a need to lighten up the city streets. He said not to forget to add street lighting as much as possible. He added the probability of putting banners on the lights too.

Mayor Sackett and Commissioner Morgan agreed more lighting is needed in the area of Longdale Avenue.

Mayor Sackett asked how will they encourage travel on the SunRail when they close down early and do not open on the weekends.

Mr. Kintner answered part of the way to encourage travel is with Reiter Park and by tying events together. There are days multiple cities have events and the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will offer to work together with cities to have something run on those days. He said the City will always push SunRail to run later and on weekends but the station has been pushed to those times, and that is the challenge. Also, the City markets SunRail to developers, and there is a development happening now around the station. He said the people in those fifty-five (55) townhomes are more likely to use SunRail because they are within walking distance.

Mayor Sackett asked if the City will have to budget for SunRail to run on special event days because the city would have to pay for it, correct.

Mr. Kintner replied in the affirmative.

Mr. Gioielli said staff has been in conversation with local businesses specifically the largest South Seminole Hospital with over 1,000 employees who may not even realize coming from I-4 how close they are to SunRail. Staff plans to help market SunRail to local businesses.

Mayor Sackett asked why architectural themes in the Historic District was crossed out.

Mr. Kintner answered he and staff are removing planning districts, for example, Artisan Village, for economic reasons so other businesses, for instance, UPS can consider a location there. He explained staff is deemphasizing the specific design guidebook, but they are strengthening architectural standards in Article III.

Commissioner Morgan asked Mr. Kintner to explain about SunRail and CSX issues.

Mr. Kintner responded the agreement made with SunRail is the commuter train would run only during the course of the day helping people go to and from work in downtown Orlando, and now Kissimmee. He said because SunRail is reutilizing CSX freight train tracks it would mean pushing freight off at certain times. If the City wants SunRail to be more than a commuter rail, more of a light rail like a major city, they need to have the freedom of the tracks in the evening and weekend. At this moment there is no suitable alternative other than constructing new tracks for SunRail or CSX which are both extremely expensive propositions. He added that is the hold-up with SunRail, but staff has not given up on the issue.

Deputy Mayor Boni moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-2218 as presented Item 11A. Seconded by Commissioner Morgan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- B. Read by title only and adopt 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.

Robin Hurt, 279 East Pine Avenue, Longwood spoke in opposition. He said it is his strong belief that the one-quarter-mile radius around the SunRail Station has been integral for all of the planning of Longwood, and where we are going now with this area should be maintained or at least have some public input. He realized the letter of the law for the city-wide changes needed to be published like it was. He knows personally the engineers, computer programmers, and neighbors who live right around him did not know about this happening. He said they know about it now, and they had no advanced notice. He knows that a lot of development opportunities, even in reference to development, what you can and can not do with your property, that there would be more input if they were noticed. That is the intent of the statute in the first place. He said on the item he raised his objection and the fact that the first reading did not totally incorporate these changes, this is his first time to be here because he would have been at the first one also. He said technically this should be the first reading since it is materially different.

No one else spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 22-2219.

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

Mr. Kintner presented the Item. He said addressing the Public Participation there are three (3) things they are looking at. He pointed out there is Map A which is in effect right now prior to consideration of this item. Map B is what was heard at the first hearing on March 7. Map B was a significant change from Map A as directed. Today what is being seen is Map C, which is minor changes compared to Map B because they are only affecting a few parcels which will be discussed shortly. He explained if you are looking at Map C versus what is currently in effect that is a big change. He said the biggest change is public storage facilities based on Commission direction from the last meeting making them allowable within the U.S. Highway 17-92 zoning category with a one-mile distance requirement between facilities. He said there is an existing facility in the same zoning category that is

north of State Road 434, and a limitation of no more than two (2) public storage facilities in the U.S. Highway 17-92 district at any given time.

Deputy Mayor Boni asked about the notification of development for residents.

Mr. Kintner answered state law requires notification in a paper of record, and the agenda is advertised on the City's Facebook page and website which includes the title and ordinance. This notification is for a city-wide change. He said what Mr. Hurt referred to is when the City does a change to one property a notice would go out to neighbors within 500 feet of the property. There would also be a newspaper advertisement and a single letter mailed out to nearby residents.

Commissioner Morgan asked if the notification process he mentioned was done for this item for the residents in that radius.

Mr. Kintner answered this item before the Commission is city-wide, so there is no 500-foot radius requirement.

Deputy Mayor Boni moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-2219 as presented Item 11B. Seconded by Commissioner McMillan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**C. Read by title only and adopt 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.

Mayor Sackett opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 22-2223.

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

Commissioner Morgan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-2223 as presented Item 11C. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Boni and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**12. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**A. Read by title only, set May 2, 2022, as the public hearing date, and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-2224, annexing a portion of State Road 434 east of U.S. Highway 17-92.**

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 22-2224 by title only.

Mayor Sackett said from his understanding the ordinance would provide more public safety at that corner.

Mr. Kintner responded yes, and it takes city limits further down towards the east so they would get the entirety of that corner.

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve Ordinance No. 22-2224 and set May 2, 2022, as the public hearing date. Seconded by Commission McMillan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Sackett asked if there is an education period regarding this item and when is the effective date.

Mr. Gioielli answered there will be one more reading of the ordinance. He also anticipated some education on pedestrian safety facilitating the City's Best Foot Forward program in the area. But, eventually, there could be the possibility of enforcement if the education is not effective.

**B. City Commission consideration of allowing vehicles over 12,000 pounds to travel over a portion of Wildmere Avenue in association with a Temporary Use Permit (TUP 05-22) at 150 Wildmere Avenue.**

Mayor Sackett said in the past there has been a conflict where trucks can go and cannot go between a neighborhood and the Historic District, and he did not want another situation like that. He asked if the temporary use is through December.

Mr. Kintner responded in the affirmative.

Mayor Sackett asked why the temporary use permit is so long.

Mr. Kintner answered the request was through December, and the actual temporary use permit (TUP) waiver does not need to go before the Commission. What does need to go before the Commission is the allowance of Wildmere Avenue, which is integral to the proposal. He pointed out in the TUP a number of

standards are addressed including limiting the exit off Wildmere Avenue to the left only, ensuring dirt, mud, and other materials are not tracked on Wildmere Avenue, and the portion where trucks turn in and out does not go directly in front of residential areas. He emphasized if the business owner does not live up to the standards of the TUP, the TUP is revocable. He added the amount of time is longer than a normal TUP but given these standards, staff feels comfortable with the guidelines put in place.

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve Item 12B as presented. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Boni and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Gioielli said he wanted to reiterate staff is equally disappointed in some of the finalizing work that is occurring in the Longdale Phase of the septic to sewer project. He and staff did offer a few days for the contractor to correct the issue with the bad or dead grass going into the residents' yards. They were unable to satisfy the quality that was expected, and so staff is requiring that the grass all be removed and replaced. Beyond that, he and staff realize this is a long-term project and they are going to change the language of future contracts to ensure that no one has to relive unsatisfactory, substandard work.

Mr. Gioielli reported upgrades to the State Road 434 median have started and are actually being handled by staff, and residents should soon start seeing some greenery along the roadway. The projects that were intended to be used with the funding from the FRDAP Grant have started. He said the first project is the backstop fencing for the baseball fields at Candyland Sports Complex. Leisure Services also plans to start upgrade improvements at Arbor Dog Park removing some of the old fencings, and they have already removed the cable fencing that runs along Grant Street. In addition, staff will add parking stops, upgrade the parking lot, and move towards animal-friendly mulch at least in the beginning to reduce the dirt and dust.

Mr. Gioielli announced U.S. Senator Marco Rubio will set up a mobile office at the Longwood Community Building on May 2 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Senator Rubio will not personally be here but his staff will be in attendance and available to assist the community with any federally-related issues such as problems with Social Security, Veterans Affairs, the IRS, Small Business Administration, or the Department of State for things like visas and passports.

Mayor Sackett inquired about the status of the Greyhound signs proposed for Arbor Dog Park.

Mr. Gioielli said staff is awaiting the completion of the sidewalk for the Cross Seminole Trail.

**14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Langley said he wanted to do a follow-up on the last item the Commission approved for a settlement agreement. He said the lawsuit involving Highland Drive in Longwood was dismissed the day after the last Commission meeting. The item is now concluded.

**15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Ms. Longo said the Mayors and Managers meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> has been canceled and the next meeting will be held in Oviedo. She also said the next Tri-County League of Cities meeting will be held this Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. in Apopka, at the Highland Manor, 604 E. Main Street.

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

Minutes approved by City Commission: 05-02-2022

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**Brian D. Sackett, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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

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