

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

**MINUTES**  
**May 2, 2022**  
**6:00 P.M.**

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Sackett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **OPENING INVOCATION.** Pastor Oscar Clavel, with Wekiva Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation.
3. **THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Commissioner McMillan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A. Election of Mayor**

Mayor Sackett turned the meeting over to the City Attorney to conduct the Election of Mayor.

Mr. Langley stated the election of Mayor occurs at the first meeting in May of every year and is elected amongst the Members of the Commission. He opened the floor for nominations.

Deputy Mayor Boni nominated Commissioner Morgan as Mayor.

Commissioner Morgan stated he accepted the nomination.

Mr. Langley closed the floor for nominations.

Nomination carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Morgan made a statement where he thanked fellow Commissioners for their support and acknowledged the presence of John C. Maingot and Ben Paris, both former Mayors of the City of Longwood. He said the Mayor is by title only in a ceremonial position, and the residents need to understand the Commissioners are five (5) equal parts in their responsibilities in improving and moving the City forward. He also thanked Deputy Mayor Boni for nominating him and his teammates for believing in him. He said next year he will nominate someone who has not had the opportunity to be Mayor.

4. **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Ms. Longo read the following announcements.
  - A. **Orlando Health South Seminole Hospital along with Ladies 327, Inc. will be sponsoring the “Concert in the Park” event on Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Reiter Park, 311 West Warren Avenue. There will be a kids’ zone, vendors, and food trucks. Music starts at 7:00 p.m. and the band will be *Papa Wheelie*.**
  - B. **The Senior Matinee will be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2022, from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Longwood Community Building, 200 West Warren Avenue. This month’s feature is *The Hero*.**
  - C. **The City of Longwood will host a Food Truck Battle and Concert in the Park on Saturday, May 14, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Reiter Park, 311 West Warren Avenue.**
  - D. **The “Downtown Longwood Cruise-In” Car Show will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Historic District of Longwood.**
5. **PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS**
  - A. **District #3 Nomination of the Business Person of the Month Award for May 2022.**

Commissioner McMillan nominated Long’s Tailor, 300 St. Laurent Street for the Business Person of the month for May 2022.  
Nomination carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**B. Recognizing Ms. Michelle Longo, City Clerk, for obtaining the designation of Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) through the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC).**

Mrs. Patricia Burke, MMC, Florida Association of City Clerks (FACC) Central East District Director and Town Clerk of Town of Palm Shores, gave a brief history of what is required to achieve the Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) Certification. She recognized Ms. Michelle Longo for obtaining the designation of MMC and presented her with a certificate and pin from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC). Photographs were then taken alongside other clerks in the area who were in attendance.

**C. Proclaiming May 1 through May 7, 2022, as Municipal Clerk’s Week.**

Commissioner Sackett read the Proclamation and then presented it to Ms. Longo, City Clerk, and Ms. Raines, Records Coordinator. Photographs were then taken alongside other clerks in the area who were in attendance.

**D. Proclaiming May 15 through May 21, 2022, as “National Police Week” and “Peace Officers Memorial Day”.**

Commissioner Sackett read the Proclamation and then presented it to Police Chief Dowda. Photographs were then taken.

**E. Proclaiming the month of May as “Mental Health Awareness Month”.**

Mayor Morgan read the Proclamation and then presented it to Ali’s Hope Foundation. Photographs were then taken.

**6. BOARD APPOINTMENTS.** None.

**7. PUBLIC INPUT**

**A. Public Participation.**

Ken Greenberg, Longwood Babe Ruth. He congratulated Mayor Morgan on his election as mayor and Ms. Longo on her designation of Master Municipal Clerk (MMC). He said he hoped the residents of Longwood realize how lucky they are to have a Board that is cohesive and works together, and has the interest of the community. He also said he really does not hear anything negative about Longwood, and he told the Commission they do a wonderful job and they should be commended.

He added he wished it was this smooth in Winter Springs which it is not. He said the reason he was here is he wanted to thank David Rubin, Mayor Matt Morgan, and the Board for their support of the Longwood Babe Ruth League. He was here on behalf of Game Time Cardz, which is his son's and daughter-in-law's business. He recalled when Mr. Rubin and Mayor Morgan visited Game Time Cardz they shared their enthusiasm and vision of where they were going with Longwood Babe Ruth. He comes from Winter Springs and knows Frank Martz, City Manager at Altamonte Springs, and they have very big programs. He realized Longwood was an upstart and officials asked for his support. He felt Game Time Cardz has been extremely strong in supporting Longwood Babe Ruth and said the company was probably the largest donor. He said Game Time Cardz still intends to be a long-term sponsor of the children in Longwood because it is all about the children when the day is done. He added politics aside it is truly about the kids, it is truly about the community. He said he just wanted to say that Game Time Cardz is beyond thrilled to have been part of Longwood Babe Ruth as the season comes to an end this week. The company tried to participate in everything it could including the league's grand opening ceremony, the closing ceremony, and everything else in between. He thanked the Commission and the people of Longwood. He said Game Time Cardz very much appreciates the opportunity to help as well as appreciates the support and love shown to the company.

David Rubin, Longwood Babe Ruth. He said he is president of Heroes Strong and president of Longwood Babe Ruth. He thanked everyone for their wishes, thoughts, and messages following a bad car accident that he was involved in. He said he was still recovering and it was one of the scariest things he has ever gone through. Everyone has asked him about that, and that meant more than anything to him. He said he has a lot of internal issues, and he is going to continue to heal, recover and get stronger so we can continue to win for our future, our heroes and for you all. He was here today to thank the City of Longwood, Strongwood, saying Longwood is the strongest City in the world because of the Commission, our heroes, our community, our neighbors, these local businesses, and what the Commission does as a team, and our heroes. He became president of Longwood Babe Ruth for only one reason, which was to make the Commission proud. He could not express how much everyone has done for him but more importantly for our future community and our heroes. He said you have given them raises, you have taken care of them, you have created Heroes Strong to be the home of Longwood. At Reiter Park, we have a huge flag retirement ceremony and the Commission just came out with flag mailboxes. He thanked Deputy Mayor Boni and his wife. He said it is absolutely incredible what they are doing as a team. He was honored for the Commission to be

open to everything that is happening. He said this is his first season as Longwood Babe Ruth president and will be his last season as Longwood Babe Ruth president. He wanted everyone to know he gave everything he had to make sure the Commission was proud and the byproduct of that was our future is going to be stronger and he just could not thank everyone enough. He said when we do things, we do things as a community adding you can see Game Time Cardz here and Melissa has been taking him around, he still is not driving. Today he just wanted to thank everyone. He congratulated City Clerk Ms. Longo and newly elected Mayor Morgan. He also had a small gift for the Commission, some cards made by Melissa. He passed out a card to each Commissioner, the Police Department, and Leisure Services Department.

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

**District #4.** Mayor Morgan thanked former Mayor Sackett for his service to the City noting he has been Mayor multiple times. He thanked him for his contributions not only as a teacher but as an elected official.

Mayor Morgan reported attending the Sound Check, Bach to Rock event at Reiter Park on April 30. He was there briefly to hear students play music before going to coach his son's Buddy Ball team in Altamonte Springs. He returned to see the girls' double-header softball game for Longwood Babe Ruth. He was proud to say the girls' team won their 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> straight games. He thanked team coach Alyssa Theobald for her hard work. He said Ms. Theobald, who is twenty-three (23), a U.S. Marine and true leader taking on a task of a coach for the first time. With the help of Mayor Morgan and his wife as coaches, she was impressive. In addition, half of the girls' team had never played softball before. He attributed the girls' success to the free baseball and softball clinics held three times a week by Longwood Babe Ruth President David Rubin. The clinics also raised registration numbers with one hundred (100) plus players versus last season. He thanked Babe Ruth President Rubin for the increase in player registration. He said softball was not available last season and this year they had three (3) teams. He is looking to increase those teams with each progressing season, and he and his wife enjoy coaching the players.

Mayor Morgan reminded everyone of the event "The Nole/Hound Throwdown", a professional wrestling fundraiser at Lyman High School scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on May 14. He along with Chris Anderson, Seminole County Supervisor of Elections, planned to participate in the event in addition to World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) alumni Stevie Richards, as well as, Austin and Colten Gunn of the Gunn Club for All Elite Wrestling (AEW). He said it was a big deal for the City to get these wrestling stars who are willing to give up their time in which they

normally get \$15,000 to \$20,000 for just one (1) performance. He explained the whole purpose of the event is one hundred percent (100%) of the proceeds get split between Lyman High School's Athletic Department and the Seminole High School's Athletic Department. School Principals Michael Hunter and Jordan Rodriguez will also participate in the event. Mayor Morgan stated the more we can continue to get our kids involved, whether in the band or any after-school activities in which they are feeling a part of something the better. He added the more we continue to raise money for our athletic departments especially Lyman High School, the more we continue to make it more attractive for other kids to want to come to our school and play sports that can also lead to a scholarship for college.

**District #5.** Commissioner Sackett thanked Commissioner Shoemaker, he did go to One School of the Arts off Markham Woods Road in Seminole County. The sixth-graders totaling about one hundred twenty-five (125) visited thirty (30) stations where they had to show themselves as respectful of other adults, make eye contact, and were asked questions like "what is a positive and negative that is going on in the world." He said the eleven (11) year-olds had one minute to answer a question, and the answers were stupendous. He enjoyed the two-and-half-hour program and there were other companies there encouraging entrepreneurship amongst the students.

Commissioner Sackett reported attending the Tri-County League of Cities meeting held in Apopka. He commented it was nice to see almost everyone in Seminole County including Mayors and Commissioners in attendance. In regards to the upcoming wrestling event at Lyman High School, he planned to participate in the event as a ticket taker at the door.

Commissioner Sackett mentioned his grandson, Phoenix, is in his last week of the season as a team player for Longwood Babe Ruth. His grandson was at bat thirty-six (36) times and scored twenty-nine (29) home runs, so he played well and had fun too. He saw his granddaughter play last week at Senior Softball Night at Lyman High School. That night his granddaughter was scheduled to play her last game at Lyman before she goes off to college. He commented Winter Springs and Lyman High School held its prom last Saturday, and he did not hear of any problems with the students going to Universal Studios in Orlando.

Commissioner Sackett said he attended the Longwood Community Health Fair and went to many of the exhibits learning about different programs associated with AdventHealth Advantage Plans. He also mentioned the Longwood Jazz Festival featuring school groups was held that same day at

Reiter Park. He said the Heroes Ceremony scheduled the following day was canceled, and he was glad to see Heroes Strong President Rubin on the mend. He also coordinated with the City of Casselberry to get their ladder truck to go up one hundred and five (105) feet to do the Annual Egg Drop at Woodlands Elementary School in Longwood. That same weekend he attended the Drug Takeback Day at the Longwood Police Department returning his EpiPens for bee allergies and some old medications. He said the joint venture between the police and fire departments was a good community service.

Commissioner Sackett reported Longwood's Employee Night Out was scheduled for the upcoming Friday, May 6. The next day a free concert for the public was to be held at Reiter Park. He thanked staff for arranging the meeting with local business Ms. Trippy's Emporium which he said was informational and lengthy but it accomplished many things.

Commissioner Sackett asked Mr. Gioielli if the fountain at Heroes' Monument Park was out of the water and noted it is not working.

Mr. Gioielli replied staff was getting ready to service the fountain and maybe that is why there is no water.

Commissioner Sackett stated it has been about a week since the fountain has not been operating.

Mr. Gioielli answered he would check on the status of the fountain.

Commissioner Sackett said it would be nice to have the fountain running correctly for the Flag Retirement Ceremony in June.

Commissioner Sackett said about sixteen (16) years ago the City dissolved its Code Enforcement Board and brought in a Special Magistrate. He asked if staff ever reviewed the Magistrate's contract besides salary, and wondered how she is doing. He had no concerns about the Magistrate and things seemed to be going smooth but he thought someone who has been in a position for sixteen (16) years should get a review.

**District #1.** Commissioner Shoemaker thanked Commissioner Sackett for attending the event at One School of the Arts. She was not able to attend due to her work schedule but looks forward to going another time. She reported attending the Tri-County League of Cities meeting in Apopka and hoped as a Commission, or as ordinary citizens, they could do something regarding the rising costs of homeowners' insurance in the State of Florida. She suggested sending emails or making phone calls to state legislators.

Commissioner Shoemaker offered her congratulations to Ms. Longo on her designation of Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) and said she is the glue that holds the five (5) members of the City Commission together and she is greatly appreciated. Commissioner Shoemaker also asked fellow Commissioners to be mindful of Ms. Longo when one or more of them are going to an event because she is technically supposed to post that one or more of the Commissioners will be present to cover her guidelines. In a recent email, Ms. Longo was not aware of something, and Commissioner Shoemaker pointed out it serves as a reminder to the Commission to let the City Clerk know when they are planning to attend an event together.

Commissioner Shoemaker commented on the luncheon meeting of the Tri-County League of Cities in May saying Ethics will follow afterward which she planned to attend as well. She recommended the Ethics Program to those who needed to take it.

**District #2.** Deputy Mayor Boni thanked Commissioner Sackett for his leadership over the past year as Mayor, and he was looking forward to the leadership of newly elected Mayor Morgan. He also congratulated Ms. Longo on her recent designation as MMC and recognized the attendance of other City Clerks in support of her.

Deputy Mayor Boni reported attending the Longwood Community Health Fair which he thought was very well done. He visited every booth and had his blood sugar tested. The day before he celebrated his 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with his wife Amy.

Deputy Mayor Boni said he received a few phone calls, as well as, been approached, about dogs at the Farmers Market in Longwood. He asked what are the actual rules. He was told by a guy at the Farmers Market that dogs are allowed but the No Dogs signs are there. He asked if dogs are allowed at the Farmers Market on the paved area.

Mr. Gioielli replied he is under the impression that dogs are not allowed at the Farmers Market.

Mayor Morgan confirmed dogs are not allowed because of the splash pad at the park. He said if a dog goes potty on the pavement, it has the opportunity to run off with rain into the splash pad.

Deputy Mayor Boni responded he just wanted to confirm the No Dogs policy at Reiter Park.

**District #3.** Commissioner McMillan expressed his congratulations to Mayor Morgan on his recent appointment and thanked Commissioner Sackett for his leadership over the last year. He also thanked Game Time Cardz for being a great community partner and was glad to see Mr. Rubin up and about after his car accident.

Commissioner McMillan said last Monday he went on a walk from Automotive One to the SunRail Station and got a different impression of the City. He did a tour of State Road 434 on the way to the SunRail Station and posted it on Facebook which people were following him Live. He said the tour was like a “Who’s Who of City Commission Agenda Items.” He walked immediately past Ms. Trippy’s Emporium whom he planned to meet with later in the week, and then he crossed State Road 434 and stood on the corner regarding the public hearing for an annexation between U.S. Highway 17-92 and State Road 434. He said between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. there is a significant amount of traffic that comes through on that corner and it is not a safe place to stand around. He continued down State Road 434 and saw the construction of the Twistee Treat which, he thought was coming along nicely. He planned to go to Two Bell’s Café to wait for the train but unfortunately, they are closed on Mondays and Tuesdays which reflects some of the economic issues he has mentioned before. He said he was expecting there to be more business, and it was after rush hour. He was taking photos across State Road 434 and he had no problem getting photos with no cars in them. He did not get the sense that business was busy on a Monday morning. He came over to City Hall and got picked up so he could work at home until the train was ready. His attempt to use alternative transportation did not work out and he was not able to stimulate a local business. But in contrast, last Friday he did attend the grand opening of the Alestone Brewing Co. in Longwood. He reported the business was full with standing room only both inside and outside areas. For the first time other than a city event, he saw the street parking installed on Ronald Reagan Boulevard being used. He said in regards to economic development the City is getting more activity in the afternoon and evening with such businesses as Historic Cigars, Nan & Pop’s Ice Cream, and Alestone Brewing but during the day there is not so much activity.

Commissioner McMillan noticed also on Ronald Reagan Boulevard the installation of new banners which he thought were a vast improvement over the previous design in terms of visibility. He also mentioned he liked the idea of Reiter Park being used to showcase student talent the last two Saturdays with the Jazz Festival and Bach to Rock. He said students had the opportunity to perform basically on the village green for the public.

Commissioner McMillan reported on the true, good and beautiful. For the “true” he remarked upon the gross domestic product (GDP) saying in the first quarter the U.S. economy annualized at a rate of one-point four percent (1.4%) contracted. There was a decrease in GDP, the first contraction since the pandemic. After the lockdown was lifted, the economy immediately shot back up thirty percent (30%) last year. He expressed concerns with the one-quarter of decrease this year, and two quarters make it a recession. There is already the inflation which is continuing. He said we need to be careful as we move forward and there is talk of stagflation coming back. For the “good”, he saw diligence in Mr. Hung Phan who he nominated for Business Person of the Month for May. He said every time he stopped by Long’s Tailor, Mr. Phan was working on his sewing machine with his back to the door. If someone came in, he would get their order and return right to work. Commissioner McMillan explained Mr. Phan did not want to leave his work and customers to receive an award from the City so the Commission will do a presentation at his shop. For the “beautiful”, he said it was great to hear what his grandfather called good music which was jazz at the Longwood Jazz Festival. He got to hear one of his favorite songs “Chatanooga Choo Choo.”

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

Mr. Langley stated there is a request to continue Item 11A until the May 16, 2022 meeting as there is an error in the legal description which will need to be corrected.

Deputy Mayor Boni moved to continue Item 11A to the May 16, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**10. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approve Minutes of April 6, 2022, Work Session, and April 18, 2022, Regular Meeting.**

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

Commissioner McMillan moved to approve Items 10A through 10B 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. 22-2224, annexing a portion of State Road 434 east of U.S. Highway 17-92.**

Item was continued to the May 16, 2022 meeting.

**B. The City Commission to hear a public request for Special Exception (SPE 01-22) to the City of Longwood Development Code (LDC) Article V, Supplemental Standards, Section 5.3.0 (E) for a proposed accessory structure at 395 Georgia Avenue.**

Mr. Langley stated this is a quasi-judicial matter and anyone wishing to speak on behalf or in opposition to this agenda item is requested to step forward, stand, and be sworn in. He then swore in Mr. Kintner.

Mr. Langley stated in these quasi-judicial matters the Commission will make its decision based on the criteria in the Code and apply the facts and evidence that are presented to determine if the applicant meets the criteria of the Code. He said the staff documents the criteria in the staff report and will provide their recommendation.

Mr. Kintner presented the Item. He said on this item the staff report was entered into the record. He primarily wanted to focus on the element that when staff looks at special exceptions, they look for unique conditions. He explained there is a unique condition on this site where the presence of the power line prevents the applicant from connecting the accessory structure to the primary structure in that situation the accessory structure is larger than what we would normally allow but as staff looked at here, they see it as a unique situation where they are meeting everything else in terms of impervious surface and setbacks and those kinds of issues. He said staff is comfortable with the proposal even though it exceeds the amount that is allowable for accessory structure, and staff does so with no concerns about the actual project and also no concerns about the potential future impact.

Discussion ensued and questions were asked about the accessory structure, the size, what triggers the fifty percent (50%) number, what staff looked at it in this case, and what would create some hardship for the applicant.

Mayor Morgan opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Special Exception (SPE 01-22).

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

Commissioner McMillan moved to approve Special Exception (SPE 01-22) as presented Item 11B. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**12. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**A. Approve the purchase of four (4) 2022 Ford Police Interceptors for use by the department's traffic enforcement unit.**

Chief Dowda presented the Item.

Commissioner Sackett moved to approve Item 12A as presented. Seconded by Commissioner McMillan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**B. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22-1599, which amends the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget to appropriate funds for the purchase of four (4) 2022 Ford Police Interceptors for the traffic enforcement unit.**

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 22-1599 by title only.

Ms. Rosado presented the Item.

Commissioner Sackett moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-1599 as presented Item 12B. Seconded by Commissioner McMillan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**C. City Commission discussion and approval of the selection of a firm for transportation planning services for the implementation of a mobility fee consistent with the City's Request for Qualifications (RFQ).**

Mr. Kintner presented the Item. He said this item is the selection of a transportation planning firm for the creation of a mobility fee. He said staff put out a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). They had two (2) firms and a staff committee comprised of Shad Smith, Public Works Director and City Engineer, Anjum Mukherjee, Senior Planner, and himself. The committee selected New Urban Concepts. He stated if approved tonight, staff would move forward with negotiation on a contract and that contract would come back to the Commission. He said the money for the

mobility study is budgeted in the current fiscal year's budget so there will be no need to draw from reserves.

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

**D. City Commission consideration to waive the formal procurement procedures and approve an agreement with CC Consulting for retail attraction services and authorize the Acting City Manager to sign all documents necessary.**

Mr. Kintner presented the Item. He said this item is the result of the Commission's direction at the retail workshop that they had recently. They had a presentation from the Gibbs Planning Group along with Cindy Sierra from CC Consulting. Ms. Sierra works for the Gibbs Planning Group on retail attractions. She was instrumental in the task that the Commission heard at the presentation. At that meeting, the Acting City Manager let the Commission know that they could potentially put her under contract because they seemed receptive to the task. He said this item is the contract for the Commission's consideration. The first part of the contract is four (4) months at \$2,500 a month with an additional performance bonus which is fairly standard. If Ms. Sierra's actions directly result in a business signing a lease here in the City of Longwood, then she would receive \$5,000 per business. He said staff has proposed from a budget perspective the four (4) months at \$2,500 per month and then enough for two (2) businesses, coming from the facade grant money of which they normally set aside \$30,000 a year. He said the total amount here is \$20,000 and staff does not need to go into reserves, it would be occurring within the current budget. He noted Ms. Sierra can do a great job but there are other hurdles to attraction efforts, however, her presence has already generated a visit to the City from someone who has shown a lot of interest in Longwood. He added staff is excited about what Ms. Sierra can do for us but they also are not committing to the long term.

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

Deputy Mayor Boni asked if staff could take a look at the dog regulations at Reiter Park. He said a lot of people when they are walking their dogs want to get some vegetables at the Farmers

Market. He wanted to know, with the Commission's permission, if the City can just include the area of the Farmers Market as being allowed to walk dogs through. He said that allowance does not have to be all the way up to the park nor up to the splash pad. He added several people have asked him about walking their dogs at the Farmers Market, and in the past, he has even wrongly brought his dog there.

Mayor Morgan asked Mr. Gioielli to add some type of study to be done about the runoff from the dogs into the splash pad which has been the answer he was given for years regarding dogs at the Farmers Market.

Commissioner McMillan requested an ordinance on dog regulation at city parks to be put on the agenda for the next Commission meeting.

**13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Gioielli offered his congratulations to Ms. Longo for earning her MMC designation. Regarding the Heroes Monument, he said there has been a pump failure which has resulted in the City not using it. The fountain already was scheduled for a system replacement so in lieu of replacing the pump, staff has accelerated the system replacement to try to save some money.

Mr. Gioielli said he wanted everyone to know the lightning alert systems at both parks are operational. Staff has done some public service announcements and posted signs in the parks so residents are aware of its benefits.

Mr. Gioielli said regarding the upgrade on the water meters, all of the equipment has been received. The antenna for the system has been installed, and some of the meters that are prepared to transmit through radio reads are now starting to be tested. He anticipates the system to be completely operational before the end of this budget year.

Mr. Gioielli reported that Lewis House is moving into a permitting phase this week, and staff still anticipates staying on track with the construction being completed in the third quarter of 2022. He also reported today was the first day of the city's new mowing contract. There was a delay in the old contract expiring and the start of the new contract which has resulted in some higher than usual grass in some areas. He commended the staff at Public Works for going above and beyond their normal assignments and trying to mow the grass on their own. He said the new contract has started and the vendor will work quickly to get the City back

in tip-top shape before the summer is in full swing. Mr. Gioielli said the Mowbot system, a robotic mower, at Candyland Sports Complex has been working out very well. He commented the grass looks great, and there is no gap between mows.

Mr. Gioielli said Mayor Morgan asked him to bring up for the Commission's conversation the possibility of reviewing the Land Development Code that restricts some lighting, strip lighting specifically. Mayor Morgan learned that Bay Ridge Sushi received a Code notice because of the lights that run on the outside roof area of their building. Mr. Gioielli said he had the entire code on all restricted signs and he passed it out for Commission's review. He added he knows the Commission is well aware when they look at one project that is done very well like Bayridge Sushi, they just have to be thinking if they are unintentionally creating an issue with something that would be less desirable.

Mayor Morgan commented that is just the tip of the air so to speak with some of the other businesses the Commission is trying to attract to the City. He pointed out Bayridge put together a multi-million-dollar property and then it burned down, they resurrected it and put it up again, and on top of that, they added \$23,000 worth of beautiful blue and pink lighting. He did not know anyone who would have a problem with that but according to the Code technically there is a problem. He said if the Commission wants to continue to progress forward, they need to look at the business portion of the City. He did not want to keep kneecapping the local business. He asked Mr. Gioielli if he can go back and see what he can find, and present it to the Commission. He said there are other businesses in the City along State Road 434 where they continue to get Code violations on the lighting. He explained the businesses are trying to light up the area on their own accord and why would the City want to stop that. He added the City, however, needs to be careful with pulsating lights.

Mr. Gioielli answered he and the staff will put something together and come back for discussion before the Commission at the next meeting.

**14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.** No report.

**15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

Ms. Longo said the Ribbon Cutting for Christian Tech Center Ministries will be next Tuesday, May 10th starting at 4:45 p.m. with the ribbon cutting to take place at 5:00 p.m. She said if there was no objection from the Commission, she had received a request to prepare a Proclamation for Juneteenth Day, and the city will be hosting its first Juneteenth day

this year on Saturday, June 18th. This will be placed on the June 6th agenda. She stated last week the Florida League of Cities (FLC) sent out the 2022 Legislative Session Final Report and it summarizes key legislation the League tracked this session. There were more than 3,600 bills filed during the 2022 Legislative Session. Of these, only 285 bills passed both chambers and were presented to the Governor. This report does feature bill summaries related to numerous subjects of municipal importance and will be updated as the Governor acts on passed bills. She will email a copy to each of the Commissioners for their reference.

Ms. Longo thanked Commissioner Sackett for his service as Mayor and congratulated the new Mayor, Matt Morgan. She noted she will make all the necessary notifications and updates. She also thanked each of the Commissioners for their continued support and for recognizing Municipal Clerks week.

- 16. ADJOURN.** Mayor Morgan adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Commission: 05-16-2022

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**Matt Morgan, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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