

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

**MINUTES**  
**August 7, 2023**  
**6:00 P.M.**

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Boni called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **OPENING INVOCATION.** Commissioner Sackett gave the invocation.
3. **THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Commissioner Sackett led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Ms. Longo read the following announcements.
  - A. The “Downtown Longwood Cruise-In” Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 12, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Historic District of Longwood.
  - B. The Senior Matinee will be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023, from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Longwood Community Building, 200 West Warren Avenue. This month’s feature is *Book Club the Next Chapter*.

- C. **The “Concert in the Park” Event will be held on Saturday, August 19, 2023, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Reiter Park, 311 West Warren Avenue. The band will be *Southbound Seventy-Five*, and this is a free event.**

5. **PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS**

A. **Nominations for the Annual Key to the City Award.**

Deputy Mayor McMillan nominated Mother Michelle Roach.  
Commissioner Morgan nominated Pamela Redditt.  
Mayor Boni nominated Clint Gioielli.

Nominations carried by a unanimous voice vote.

6. **BOARD APPOINTMENTS.** None.

7. **PUBLIC INPUT**

A. **Public Participation.**

David Rubin, Founder and President of Heroes Strong, 421 Wekiva Cove Road, Longwood. He thanked the City of Longwood for their support of his organization. He mentioned the Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14 was the biggest event yet collecting over 4,000 American flags. The organization is growing and they are getting ready for a gold carpet event in November. He read an email he sent to the City on behalf of Heroes Strong thanking the Commission and staff for their participation in the opening of the Heroes Strong headquarters and museum on July 12.

8. **MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT**

**District #1.** Commissioner Shoemaker thanked Mr. Rubin for his work in support of local heroes. She attended the Heroes Strong Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans event at the Apopka VFW. She met with Mr. Gioielli to discuss residents who needed assistance and commented their issues had been resolved.

**District #2.** Mayor Boni mentioned he went on a family vacation and thanked Chief Dowda and his department for daily patrols of his house while on vacation.

**District #3.** Deputy Mayor McMillan thanked Mr. Rubin for his work and attended the organization's event at Jack the Dipper. He attended the Back to School Bash held by the Longwood Police Department and saw students getting supplies, haircuts, and raffle items.

Deputy Mayor McMillan reported on the true, good, and beautiful. For the "true," he mentioned debt and consumer credit scores. Three credit agencies used for government bonds and institutional lending are Standard and Poor's (S&P), Moody's, and Fitch. The Fitch Ratings downgraded the credit score for the US Government from AAA to AA+ due to political dysfunction, and he felt the consequences of the downgrade would be higher interest rates, so he projected a new challenge may present itself just as inflation is winding down. He expressed gratitude for the solid financial position of the City. For the "good," was honor, and today is National Purple Heart Day. He mentioned that Longwood is designated as a Purple Heart City thanks to the efforts of Commissioner Morgan in 2020. He visited the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor in New York and shared the story of his grandfather during World War II, which is in the Roll of Honor. The facility's goal is to collect and share stories of Purple Heart recipients, and he encouraged everyone to enroll such family members through the Hall of Honor. For the "beautiful," he saw a couple of rainbows in the afternoon that seemed to be coming from Longwood's Historic District, perhaps drawing people to look for that pot of gold.

**District #4.** Commissioner Morgan thanked Deputy Mayor McMillan for sharing the story of his grandfather and urged Mr. Rubin to enroll the story of another Purple Heart recipient. He thanked the Longwood Police Department, specifically the SRO Officers, for their well-attended Back to School Bash. He also thanked the Longwood Explorers. He recognized the following sponsors: AAA Trophies, Blackadar, Bella Ballerina, Bryan Builders, Cache Haircuts Barbershop, Christian Tech Center Ministries, Costco, Denise Fisher/Aflac, Edwards Financial, Energy Air, First Baptist Church, Guingnard, Kustom Disaster, Ladies 327, Martha Vera, Orlando Health, Parks Lincoln, Publix, Pyrospot Seminole Power Sports, Sir Speedy, SI Goldman Co, State Farm, TBG Productions, Teamsters Local 385, Waste Pro, WaterStone Church, and Fifth Third Bank.

Commissioner Morgan attended a Veterans Breakfast at Cascade Heights on July 26. He suggested that Mr. Rubin speak at next month's breakfast which honors retired military personnel. Commissioner Morgan on behalf of the City of Longwood offered condolences to Seminole County Commissioner Bob Dallari for the passing of his father. On August 5, he participated in the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans event at the Apopka VFW Post 10147 in partnership with Heroes Strong. He thanked Danica Kramer for Orlando Health's contribution to the dinner and pinning ceremony, which recognized and praised area Vietnam Veterans. He explained that Heroes Strong is starting more initiatives to help veterans and address the mental health component, helping veterans

who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and getting them access to licensed mental health counselors.

**District #5.** Commissioner Sackett mentioned the lawn mowing service in the City and the lack of maintenance, hoping an update would be provided in the city manager’s report. Commissioner Sackett stated that his Sunshine Water Services bill did not increase in the past month. However, residents are saying their bills are still too expensive, and there is no difference in price whether an individual or family lives in the household. He asked if the staff could look into the pricing.

Commissioner Sackett reported 300 plus players registered for Longwood Babe Ruth this fall. He congratulated Lake Mary for placing in the Little League playoffs with a recent win over Georgia. He commented that he dealt with one of the two car dealerships in Longwood: Greenway Kia North and Sport Mazda North. The dealership helped out a 19-year-old girl with her vehicle warranty, which she initially had problems dealing with a dealership outside of the area. He commented that they recognized the girl as the owner instead of himself.

Commissioner Sackett worked with Lyman High School, getting sports shirts ready for incoming freshmen and sophomores. He commented that the kids seem to love the school, especially the plumbing and electrical programs, the academics, and the forty (40) clubs available. He expressed concerns regarding the construction on Longwood Hills Road with schools returning to session. He noted that people on the 32750 and 32779 Facebook Page are making unfavorable comments about the City even though the project is not the City of Longwood. He said he would tell a Purple Heart recipient about enrollment into the Hall of Honor, as mentioned earlier by Deputy Mayor McMillan.

Commissioner Sackett stated he will be absent for the next City Commission meeting due to a wedding he will officiate in British Columbia.

9. **ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.** None.
10. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. **Approve the Minutes of the July 11, 2023 Work Session.**
  - B. **Approve the Monthly Expenditures for July 2023.**
  - C. **Approve the Amended and Restated Retainer Agreement for Legal Services between the City of Longwood and Fishback Dominick, LLP.**

**D. Approve the Seminole County Public Schools 2023 – 2024 City of Longwood and School Board of Seminole County School Resource Officer (SRO) Agreement.**

Commissioner Sackett moved to approve Items 10A through 10D as presented. Seconded by Deputy Mayor McMillan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**11. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. Read by title only, set September 6, 2023, as the final public hearing date, and adopt Resolution No. 23-1634, which proposes the creation of the 2023 Wastewater Assessment Area, sets the final public hearing date, and ratifies the prior mailing and publication of required hearing notices by staff.**

Mr. Langley read Initial Assessment Resolution No. 23-1634 by title only.

Ms. Judith Rosado presented the Item.

Mayor Boni opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Resolution No. 23-1634.

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

Commissioner Sackett moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-1634 and set September 6, 2023 as the final public hearing date. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**12. REGULAR BUSINESS**

**A. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 23-1635, which amends the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget and authorizes funding for the purchase of the portion of St. Laurent Street Parcel ID 31-20-30-300-031F-0000.**

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 23-1635 by title only.

Mr. Smith presented the Item and answered questions.

Commissioner Shoemaker moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-1635 as presented Item 12A. Seconded by Deputy Mayor McMillan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- B. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 23-1636, which amends the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget for the purchase of a replacement air conditioning unit at 455 West Warren Avenue.**

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 23-1636 by title only.

Mr. Kintner presented the Item.

Commissioner Morgan moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-1636 as presented Item 12B. Seconded by Deputy Mayor McMillan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- C. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 23-1639, which amends the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget and authorizes funding to cover costs related to critical repairs to the well at Water Plant I.**

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 23-1639 by title only.

Mr. Smith presented the Item.

Commissioner Morgan moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-1639 as presented Item 12C. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- D. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 23-1640, Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) State Highway Lighting, Maintenance and Compensation Agreement Work Order Fiscal Year 2023/2024.**

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 23-1640 by title only.

Mr. Smith presented the Item.

Commissioner Morgan moved to adopt Resolution No. 23-1640 as presented Item 12D. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- E. Read by title only, set August 21 as the public hearing date and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-2239, regarding Temporary Use Permits and Food Trucks.**

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 23-2239 by title only.

Mr. Kintner presented the Item and answered question about recurring permits on the same property, and wind signs.

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve Ordinance No. 23-2239 and set August 21, 2023, as the public hearing date. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**F. City Commission approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Teamsters Union Local 385 (Police) and the City of Longwood for the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2026.**

Chief Dowda presented the Item.

Ms. Courtney Bouillon, Business Agent / Attorney for the Teamsters Local 385 reported that there were two (2) votes on the agreement and both passed.

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve the agreement as presented Item 12F. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

**G. City Commission consideration of Temporary Use Agreements for 107 East Church Avenue and 851 East State Road 434 regarding smoke shops restricted by Ordinance 23-2236.**

Mr. Kintner presented the Item. He advised both parties had signed lease agreements prior to the changes made by Ordinance 23-2236. Staff was unaware until work started at the business.

Discussion ensued on the number of smoke shops already in the City and date the leases were signed.

Deputy Mayor McMillan moved to approve Item 12G as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a three-to-two (3-2) roll call vote with Commissioner Morgan and Commissioner Sackett voting nay.

**13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Gioielli thanked the Commission for his nomination for the Key to the City. He reported on a property issue on Warren Avenue originally brought up by Commissioner Morgan. He stated that the property had sold and the water issue had been resolved. Staff is working with the City Attorney on an ordinance to offer some regulation on the Live Local Act. He anticipated bringing the ordinance before the Commission in October.

Mr. Gioielli reported that the scheduled water main shutoff in the Coventry and Danbury Mill neighborhoods was delayed and would occur the next day. The water shutoff would begin at 9:00 a.m. and last four to six hours.

Commissioner Morgan asked if the project could wait until after the first day of school if the water shutoff was delayed again.

Mr. Gioielli responded that he could inquire, but there was an issue of an open hole. He was aware of the Commission's concern about the safety of the school children.

Discussion ensued regarding teachers and students on campus two days prior to Thursdays first day of school, the constant delays on the construction of Longwood Hills Road, and the fact that this is not a City project.

Mr. Gioielli reported that he emailed the Commission about the mowing contractor. The staff is aware of the poor service and has worked diligently to draw attention to specific areas that need service. He stated that the City is only paying the contractor for the work they do, and since they are doing about half the work, they are receiving half the money. He said Commissioner Sackett met with representatives from the Sleepy Hollow neighborhood, resulting in City crews doing the work themselves instead of the contractor. He reported that staff has met with the state representative of the contractor and informed them the City is considering terminating the contract, giving them a 30-day notice to react. In response, the state representative has assured they will get the problems fixed and brought in three crews to get the City caught up.

Mayor Boni asked about the length of the contract.

Mr. Gioielli replied that the contract is two years with about a year and a half left. He stated that when the City went out to bid, only two bids were received, and the other bid from the old contractor was double in price. He added that they may have to return to competitive bidding prices to receive quality service for its residents.



Mr. Gioielli announced that the City will hold its first Pickleball Tournament on September 30 and October 1 at Candyland Sports Complex. A group will host the tournament and pay the City for using the courts totaling \$1,500. He thanked everyone involved in the Police Union negotiations, explaining that it is a difficult process that considers employees and taxpayers. Negotiations are now moving forward with the Blue-Collar Union.

Mr. Gioielli reported that the next day, the parking lot at Candyland Sports Complex would be resealed and restriped, and the potholes had already been repaired. In addition, a concrete slab has been poured for a bike maintenance station at Arbor Dog Park, with another slab scheduled at Reiter Park.

**14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Mr. Langley thanked the Commission for their trust and confidence in his firm and said it has been an honor to serve as city attorney for the City of Longwood. He commented that he usually does not have long reports, which is good, meaning the City is not involved in many controversies. He appreciates his relationships with the city manager, city clerk, and staff.

**15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT.** No report.

**16. ADJOURN.** Mayor Boni adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Commission: 09-07-2023

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**Tony Boni, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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

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