

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

MINUTES
September 6, 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 Capizzi, Leisure Services 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.** There was no volunteer invocation speaker present at the meeting, therefore a moment of silent meditation was observed.
3. **THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Commissioner Shoemaker led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Ms. Longo read the following announcement.
 - A. The “Downtown Longwood Cruise-In” Car Show will be held on Saturday, September 9, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Historic District of Longwood.
5. **PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS**

A. District #1 Presentation of the Business Person of the Month Award for September 2023 to Daniel Parker, General Manager, Sport Mazda North, located at 400 North U.S. Highway 17-92.

Commissioner Shoemaker read a brief biography on Daniel Parker, the General Manager, then presented him with the Business Person of the Month for September 2023. Photographs were then taken.

B. Presentation of the 2023 Key to the City Award to Mother Michelle Roach.

Deputy Mayor McMillan read a Proclamation that outlined a biography on Mother Michelle Roach. He then presented the Proclamation and Key to the City Award to Vicki Nidzgorski, the Senior Warden at Christ Church who accepted it on behalf of Mother Michelle. Photographs were then taken.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS (PART I)

A. Read by title only, set September 18, 2023, as the public hearing date, and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-2243, which fixes the tentative rate of ad valorem taxation for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 23-2243 by title only.

Mayor Boni read the following statement:

The City of Longwood hereby proposes for fiscal year 2023/2024 a millage rate of 5.5000 per \$1,000 of non-exempt assessed valuation. Said rate is 10.76% higher than the rolled-back rate of 4.9655 per \$1,000 of non-exempt assessed valuation as computed by Florida Statute 200.065.

Mayor Boni opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 23-2243.

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

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-2243 and set September 18, 2023, as

the public hearing date. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- B. Read by title only, set September 18, 2023, as the public hearing date, and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-2244, which adopts tentative revenues, expenditures, and fund balances for the City’s fiscal year budget commencing October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024.**

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 23-2244 by title only.

Mayor Boni read the following amounts that reflect the recommended changes:

GENERAL FUND	\$22,336,740
PUBLIC UTILITIES	\$17,934,405
PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT	\$5,356,864
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$10,768,876
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT	\$979,429
OTHER FUNDS	\$5,861,685
FUND BALANCE - RESERVES	\$15,221,560
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$78,459,559

Mayor Boni opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 23-2244.

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

Commissioner Shoemaker moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-2244 and set September 18, 2023, as the public hearing date. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- 6. BOARD APPOINTMENTS.** None.

- 7. PUBLIC INPUT**

- A. Public Participation.** None.

- 8. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS’ REPORT**

District #3. Deputy Mayor McMillan commented last week that the Commission met for an emergency meeting regarding Hurricane Idalia.

City offices were closed; fortunately, the storm did not hit this area and recognized staff for their preparations. He attended the ribbon cutting for Express Car Wash. Deputy Mayor McMillan expressed concern over the Seminole County Trail construction at Rangeline Road and E.E. Williamson Road, the small stop signs installed along the trail, and whether motorized vehicles are allowed there. He questioned whether the small stop signs are a legal traffic control device and whether anyone is patrolling them. He asked staff to look into this and the area along the roadway to prevent an accident from happening.

Deputy Mayor McMillan reported on the true, good, and beautiful. For the “true,” was the first reading of the budget, and that report included an ad valorem tax revenue up 15.28% over 2022. He said this is significant considering there is no increase in taxes, keeping the tax rate the same. This is attributable to economic development and a rise in property values. For the “good,” he saw remembrance at the Overdose Awareness Day event. There were forty-two (42) signs at Reiter Park for individuals who lost their lives to overdoses. For the “beautiful,” he mentioned veteran artist Jose Ellen, who features his beautiful, wooden American flags at the Longwood Farmers Market.

District #4. Commissioner Morgan thanked Seminole County Sheriff Dennis Lemma and his department for supporting Overdose Awareness Day. He thought it smart to continue partnering with the Farmers Market to draw more people. He mentioned the last week's emergency meeting and thanked staff for preparing for Hurricane Idalia. He attended the ribbon cutting for Express Car Wash and thanked the company for choosing Longwood to open their business.

Commissioner Morgan mentioned the trail construction and traffic along Longwood Hills Road and E.E. Williamson Road. He takes this route every day and stated that something has to be done in that area, especially with plans to close Longwood Hills Road for more construction.

District #5. Commissioner Sackett attended the Florida League of Cities conference. He was recently in Minnesota expecting his fifth grandchild. He was thankful Hurricane Idalia did not hit the City but was sad for those impacted. He was disappointed when he returned that the new bike stations were not installed because they still needed the pumps. They have since been received. He attended the Overdose Awareness Day event at Reiter Park.

Commissioner Sackett stated that the trail construction along Rangeline Road and E.E. Williamson Road needs to be fixed, and he met with Seminole County Commissioner Bob Dallari to address the issue. He

reported that Commissioner Dallari was astounded by how long traffic takes in that area.

Commissioner Sackett is the Booster Coordinator for the football team at Lyman High School. He reported that the Lyman team beat Lake Brantley High School for the first time in sixteen (16) years. He will attend a MetroPlan meeting the next day and a Beauty & the Beast Celebration at Northland Church. He attended the ribbon cutting for Express Car Wash, and his car got an excellent wash. Ribbon cuttings are scheduled in the next two weeks at Milestone Gems and Elise Esthetics Institute. He hoped something will be done for 9/11 with flags at Heroes Park. He announced that September 16 is the Opening Day for Longwood Babe Ruth Baseball. He said he helped with a car accident at the Winn-Dixie parking lot and called the police as requested, who came out quickly, settling a possible confrontation between drivers.

Commissioner Sackett stated he received notice that the cemetery had been cleaned up, mowed, edged, and ant-free. He mentioned the Ultimate Car Show is this month, the same day as the Pickleball Tournament on September 30. He said National Night Out is scheduled for October 3 at Candyland Sports Complex, and a pickleball coordinator will be there with paddles to introduce the sport to beginners. He said the Council of Local Governments in Seminole County (CALNO) meeting is on October 4.

District #1. Commissioner Shoemaker is busy with tax season and was happy to see the opening of Express Car Wash. As an E-bike owner, she hopes that Seminole County understands that an electric bike is not a motorized vehicle. She explained that there are different classes of E-bikes, and they can go up to 20 mph. She said she does stop at stop signs while on her bike due to safety concerns with cars. She agreed that the trail construction along Longwood Hills Road was a nightmare. She said she is anxious to ride her E-bike on the new sidewalks on Longwood Hills Road. She thanked the staff for their preparation for Hurricane Idalia.

District #2. Mayor Boni congratulated Commissioner Sackett for his expectant grandchild. He thanked Ms. Rosado and her team for an outstanding job with the budget. He commended Mr. Gioielli and the staff for preparing for Hurricane Idalia and saw workers helping residents fill their sandbags. He recognized Commissioner Morgan for his work on the Overdose Awareness Day event and said Sheriff Lemma is leading this movement, which people are following nationwide.

Mayor Boni attended the ribbon cutting for Express Car Wash and was impressed with his clean car, signing up for their three-month promotion.

He announced that on Monday, September 11, and Monday, September 18, the Rotary Club of Longwood will hold informational meetings at the Historic Civic Center in Longwood from 7:30 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. If interested, you can sign up as a member of the new Rotary Club of Longwood.

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

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. **Approve the Minutes of the August 7, 2023 Regular Meeting.**

B. **Approve the Monthly Expenditures for August 2023.**

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

11. **PUBLIC HEARINGS (PART II)**

C. **Read by title only and adopt Ordinance No. 23-2242, which adjusts the rate for Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services with Waste Pro of Florida Inc.**

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 23-2242 by title only.

Mayor Boni opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 23-2242.

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

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve Ordinance No. 23-2242 as presented Item 11C. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

D. **Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 23-1637, which creates the 2023 Wastewater Assessment Area, confirms the Initial Assessment Resolution No. 23-1634, and establishes the maximum annual assessment.**

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 23-1637 by title only.

Mayor Boni opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Resolution No. 23-1637.

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

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve Resolution No. 23-1637 as presented Item 11D. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

E. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 23-1638, adopting the annual non-ad Valorem assessment rolls for various wastewater, road paving, and neighborhood beautification assessments for the 2023 tax rolls.

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 23-1638 by title only.

Mayor Boni opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Resolution No. 23-1638.

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

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve Resolution No. 23-1638 as presented Item 11E. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

12. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Read by title only, set September 18, 2023, as the public hearing date, and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-2245, approving the extension of the Non-Exclusive Franchises for the Collection of Commercial Solid Waste and/or Recovered Materials for an additional twelve (12) months.

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 23-2245 by title only.

Deputy Mayor McMillan moved to approve Ordinance No. 23-2245 and set September 18, 2023, as the public hearing date. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

B. City Commission approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Teamsters Union Local 385 (Blue-Collar) and the

City of Longwood for the period of October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2026.

Mr. Gioielli presented the Item.

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

- C. City Commission approval of an agreement piggybacking the Clay County Request for Bid (RFB), Bid No. 22/23-21 providing for Cured-In Place Pipe (CIPP) services, authorize the City Manager to execute associated documents, and approve a purchase order in the amount of \$64,620 for pipe rehabilitation services provided by Inliner Solutions, LLC.**

Mr. Smith presented the Item.

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

- D. City Commission approval of a Commercial Land Purchase Contract in the amount of \$1,250,000 for the purchase of the property located at 903 East State Road 434 for the development of a Water Treatment Plant.**

Mr. Smith presented the Item and answered questions.

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

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Gioielli thanked Ms. Rosado for her work on the budget and staff for their storm preparation. He thanked Ms. Ridore and the staff for their work on the contract for the Blue-Collar Union.

Mr. Gioielli reported that Community Development and Leisure Services have partnered with the Florida Wildlife Foundation and Dix.Hite Architects to put in a beautification project in the Longwood Historic District. The project, secured by a Florida Wildflower Grant, is proposed for the front of the Community Development building along West Church Avenue. It will feature a Florida Native Garden area, visible to all residents and citizens traveling down West Church Avenue.

Mr. Gioielli reported previous difficulty adding vegetation on West Warren Avenue at the median of St. Laurent Street due to the lack of irrigation. The staff has found some older irrigation equipment that will allow the City to beautify that area, as requested by Commissioner Sackett. He reminded everyone that the Opening Day for Longwood Babe Ruth Baseball is September 16 at 9:00 a.m. As of last week, the league had 326 registrants for the Fall league, which is higher than 262 for Fall 2022.

Mr. Gioielli stated that staff has been working on the entrance to Harbour Isle, one of the few communities not managed by a neighborhood assessment. Improvements include pressure washing bricks, removing old shrubs, and getting rid of weeds in the retention area of the entrance. He reported that flags will be put out for 9/11, and staff has formally prepared an online recognition to honor those in the 9/11 attack. He clarified that National Night Out is scheduled for October 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Commissioner Sackett asked if the parking lines at City Hall can be painted under this year's budget.

Mr. Gioielli responded that the staff will take note of the request and see what they can do.

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT. No report.

15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT.

Ms. Longo reported that there are two upcoming ribbon cuttings. One is tomorrow at Milestone Gems, and the second will be Tuesday, September 12, at Elise Esthetics Institute. Both ribbon cuttings are scheduled for 5:00 p.m.

16. ADJOURN. Mayor Boni adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Commission: 10-02-2023

Tony Boni, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Longo, MMC, FCRM
City Clerk

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