

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

MINUTES
September 19, 2022
6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Matt Morgan
Deputy Mayor Tony Boni
Commissioner Abby Shoemaker
Commissioner Matt McMillan
Dan Langley, City Attorney
Clint Gioielli, Acting City Manager
Michelle Longo, City Clerk
David Dowda, Police Chief
Michael Peters, Fire Chief
Judith Rosado, Financial Services Director
Shad Smith, Public Works Director
Chris Capizzi, Leisure Services Director
Magdala Ridore, Human Resources Director

Absent: Commissioner Brian D. Sackett (Excused)

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **OPENING INVOCATION.** Pastor Rodney Killborn, WaterStone Church, gave the invocation.
3. **THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Commissioner Shoemaker led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Ms. Longo read the following announcements.
 - A. **The Senior Matinee will be held on Wednesday, September 21, 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 *Stars Fell on Alabama*.**

- B. **The City of Longwood will host the Annual Barkfest on Saturday, September 30, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Arbor Park Dog Park, 1405 North Grant Street.**

Added:

- C. **The Ultimate Car Show hosted by Liquid Tech and the City of Longwood will be held on Saturday, September 24, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Reiter Park. The show will be in conjunction with the Longwood Farmers Market and will have a judged car competition, music, a beer garden, a DJ with music and much more.**

5. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS

- A. **Presentation of the 2022 Key to the City Award to Seminole County Sheriff Dennis M. Lemma.**

Mayor Morgan read a Proclamation that outlined a biography on Sheriff Lemma. He then presented him with the Proclamation and Key to the City Award. Photographs were then taken.

- B. **District #5 Nomination of the Business Person of the Month Award for September 2022.**

The City Clerk presented Commissioner Sackett's nomination of Spay N Save, 988 North Ronald Reagan Boulevard, noting it was their 10th Anniversary they opened July 2012.

Commissioner McMillan nominated Spay N Save for Business Person of the Month for September. Nomination carried by a unanimous voice vote with Commissioner Sackett absent.

- C. **Nomination of the Beautification Award.**

The City Clerk presented Commissioner Sackett's suggestion for the Beautification Award as Publix on Longwood Hills Road.

Deputy Mayor Boni nominated Publix for the Beautification Award. Nomination carried by a unanimous voice vote with Commissioner Sackett absent.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS (PART I)

- A. **Read by title only and adopt Ordinance No. 22-2228, which fixes the tentative rate of ad valorem taxation for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023.**

The final tax rate being proposed for fiscal year 2022/2023 is 5.5000 per \$1,000 of non-exempt assessed valuation. Said rate is 11.80% higher than the rolled-back rate of 4.9195 per \$1,000 of non-exempt assessed valuation as computed by F.S. 200.065.

Mayor Morgan opened the public hearing by announcing the City of Longwood's City Commission convenes this public hearing on the City of Longwood's fiscal year 2022/2023 final millage rates and final budget as required by Florida Statutes, Chapters 129 and 200. He said Item 11A recommends the City Commission read by title only and adopt Ordinance No. 22-2228, which fixes the final millage rate of ad valorem taxation for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023. The final tax rate being proposed is 5.5000 per \$1,000 of non-exempt assessed valuation. This rate is 11.80% higher than the rolled-back rate of 4.9195 per \$1,000 of non-exempt assessed valuation as computed by Florida Statute 200.065. Chapter 200 requires that a final public hearing on the budget be preceded by a two-to-five-day notice of that hearing. Chapter 129 requires an advertisement with a summary of the final budget.

Mr. Langley announced having proof of publication and read Ordinance No. 22-2228 by title only.

Mayor Morgan opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 22-2228.

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

Deputy Mayor Boni moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-2228 as presented Item 11A. Seconded by Mayor Morgan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote with Commissioner Sackett absent.

Mayor Morgan stated the City of Longwood has determined that a final millage rate of 5.5000 mills is necessary to fund the final budget. The final millage rate represents an increase of 11.80% from the rolled-back rate of 4.9195 mills.

- B. Read by title and adopt Ordinance No. 22-2229, which adopts final revenues, expenditures, and fund balances for the City's fiscal year budget commencing October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023.**

Mayor Morgan stated Item 11B recommends that the City Commission read by title only and adopt Ordinance No. 22-2229, which adopts final revenues, expenditures, and fund balances for the City’s fiscal year budget commencing on October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023. Chapter 200 requires that a final public hearing on the budget be preceded by a two-to-five-day notice of that hearing. Chapter 129 requires that they advertise a summary of the final budget.

Mr. Langley announced having proof of publication and read Ordinance No. 22-2229 by title only.

Mayor Morgan said the City of Longwood’s fiscal year 2022/2023 budget proposed revenues, expenditures, and fund balances for the City’s fiscal year budget commencing on October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2023, are as follows:

GENERAL FUND	\$21,044,344
PUBLIC UTILITIES	\$15,050,717
PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT	\$1,936,189
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$8,391,153
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT	\$917,929
OTHER FUNDS	\$1,661,173
FUND BALANCE - RESERVES	\$13,150,415
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$62,151,921

Mayor Morgan opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 22-2229.

Commissioner McMillan moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Boni and carried by a unanimous voice vote with Commissioner Sackett absent.

Commissioner Shoemaker moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-2229 as presented Item 11B. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Boni and carried by a unanimous roll call vote with Commissioner Sackett absent.

- 6. **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**
 - A. **District #1 (At Large) Nomination to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.**

Commissioner Shoemaker nominated Rachael Carroll for reappointment to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Nomination carried by a unanimous voice vote with Commissioner Sackett absent.

7. PUBLIC INPUT

A. Public Participation.

John Austin, 695 Chelsea Road, Longwood. He asked if Seminole County paid for a road in Harbour Isle to be paved or if his tax dollars paid for that. He also had pictures of the paved road where he said Commissioner Sackett lived. He said he was curious as to why the adjacent roads did not get paved.

Mayor Morgan advised the Commission can respond during their Commissioners' Reports and also have the City Manager get back with an answer.

Mr. Austin asked when he could expect an answer.

Mayor Morgan responded the City Manager will research the question.

Mr. Austin said he looked up the question and Seminole County did not pay for the paving but the City of Longwood did.

Mayor Morgan advised Mr. Austin to stay for the remainder of the meeting so he could hear the answer to his question during one of the Commissioners' Reports.

8. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Districts #2. Deputy Mayor Boni said at the end of his report he would ask Mr. Smith to address the question asked by Mr. Austin. He stated he attended Leadership Seminole for Government Day at the Seminole County Chambers, and had a Mock County Commission meeting. He also reported spending time at Milwee Middle School and reviewing the election process with 7th grade students. In addition, Cade Resnick, candidate for Winter Springs Commission, was in attendance. They enjoyed answering questions from the class as well as listening to their knowledge of elected officials.

Deputy Mayor Boni requested Mr. Smith to answer Mr. Austin's question regarding paving.

Mr. Smith explained the funding for the City's paving program is through either a penny sales tax in the County or from the gas tax the City

receives. The City prioritizes the projects based on need and score. He said the roads are scored separately by a company that specifically does that, and the road at Harbour Isle was one of the worst-scored residential roads in the City.

Mr. Gioielli added several years ago City staff directed by Mr. Smith asked an independent consultant to evaluate the roads in the City. He said Mr. Smith is now trying to get paving done not only at Harbour Isle but also at Church Avenue, Grant Street, and Wilma Street attempting to use the resources he has each budget year. He stated Mr. Smith is resurfacing the roads that the third-party consultant has identified from the worst-shaped roads to the less bad-shaped roads as the City moves through this long-term process.

Mayor Morgan asked if there was a list showing what streets will get paved.

Mr. Gioielli responded there is a list by the fact the City's streets have been rated with a letter grade.

Mr. Smith responded it is not a letter grade but a scoring grade from zero to 100. He said the standard is 80 to 90 and the roads on the list are all below 60. The road in Harbour Isle was the worst rating in the 40s. He agreed there are a lot of roads in the City that need to be paved, and staff is trying to get it done with the funds they have available.

Deputy Mayor Boni asked Mr. Smith to let Mr. Austin know the order of his street for paving and the estimated time frame for that to be done.

Mr. Gioielli confirmed he would get back with Mr. Austin.

District #3. Commissioner McMillan having been reelected wanted to thank everyone for allowing him to serve. Two years ago, he was elected in a special election and was a Commissioner-Elect at that time familiarizing himself with City government and all the issues. One big issue he recalled was the Taurus Group response to a Request for Proposal (RFP) to redevelop the Historic District, which involved a lot of moving pieces. He said last year a lot of progress was made including the hard work of City staff in securing the Warren Avenue property and the architectural phase of the new fire department, which was less than the proposed amount in the Taurus Group proposal. He noted there were many pieces to that proposal including the Police Department, City Hall, and the Fire Department. At that time, he considered who the largest stakeholder in the development of the Historic District was and he thought the obvious answer was Orlando Health South Seminole

Hospital. He referred to a recent press release from Orlando Health indicating some activity there and looks forward to their project, which will be for the good of the City. He said the last two years have been amazing and he is looking forward to the next four.

Commissioner McMillian reported on September 16 he attended the Florida League of Cities meeting at Buena Vista as a member of the Land Use and Economic Development Committee. He reviewed the priorities of the committee and provided an overview of each. The first, Sovereign Immunity; second, Annexation; third, Mobility Fees; fourth, Impact fees; and fifth, Residential Infill.

Commissioner McMillian reported on “the true, good, and the beautiful”. For “the true”, he said the consumer price index increased by 0.1% in August excluding food and energy, the inflation gauge rose 0.6%, both higher than expected, which puts us at 8.3% down from 9.1% and 8.5% but it is still high. He noted in the last three months gas prices have come down but inflation has not stopped so prices are still rising. The true lesson is not just about the fuel price but there are a lot of other things that go into cost and the value of the dollar. For “the good”, he saw during the Longwood Babe Ruth Baseball Opening Ceremony a lot of families and support from local businesses. He commented it was wonderful to see all the energy and sportsmanship there. For “the beautiful”, he said his air conditioning in his car has been working on and off the last few months. He has been driving with his windows down and has had the opportunity to hear the clock tower chimes. He added this past week, he heard the Westminster Quarters on the hour, which gave a great feeling and sense of beauty if you are in that area.

District #4. Mayor Morgan asked Mr. Gioielli to follow up with Mr. Austin who spoke earlier during Public Participation, and provide a time table when the City can work on his street.

Mr. Gioielli responded he asked Mr. Smith to meet with Mr. Austin.

Mayor Morgan assured Mr. Austin staff will let him know when his street is scheduled for paving.

Mayor Morgan reported on September 9 he attended Government Day for Leadership Seminole. During Government Day, Mayor Morgan stated each mayor was able to talk about their City and he had the opportunity to promote Longwood. He said the day before he visited Cascade Heights, a senior living facility. Each year, he usually provides a City update to all of the senior facilities, and at Cascade Heights he was asked to participate in songs from the production Grease. He said he does not consider

himself a singer, but it was comical and the seniors enjoyed it. He gave a shout-out to Cascade Heights and the wonderful care they provide.

Mayor Morgan said on September 16 he attended the board meeting of Leadership Seminole at Seminole State College. The past weekend he attended the Longwood Babe Ruth Baseball Opening Day Ceremonies, and thanked League President Patrick McFadden for inviting the Commission. In addition, he thanked Mr. McFadden for the increase in player registrations this season which historically is an off-season for the league. That same day Mayor Morgan went to the VFW Post in Longwood and read an opening prayer for a celebration of life for one of the lost brothers from the Post. That same night he visited the Power Horse Ranch in Oviedo with his wife who is in charge of the Longwood Luau as part of the Parks and Recreation Board. They went to the Luau at the ranch to check out other vendors for next year's event in Longwood. He also attended that night the Impower Gala Fundraiser. He attended a meeting of the Longwood Historic Society at the Longwood Civic Center. He noted they have their upcoming Monster Dash 5K Race, which is an annual event and a big fundraiser for the society. Sponsorships are available for the event and information can be found on the Longwood Historic Society Facebook Page or website. He said progress is currently being made on the Bradley-McIntyre House with a new roof in the deck area and new gutters planned as well. He pointed out the Bradley-McIntyre is an entry way into the City's Historic District.

Mayor Morgan said last week he noticed everyone was thinking Orlando Health South Seminole Hospital was leaving Longwood. He stated that rumor is incorrect. He said the City has been blessed for many years with Orlando Health. He stated the hospital is a non-profit organization and does not pay taxes to the City. The hospital owns their property and can do whatever they want to do with the property as long as it fits within the city code. He said instead of selling their property to a developer, the hospital and their chairman Shawn Molsberger have decided to double the size of their emergency room. He also noted 80% of Longwood's residents who use any services at South Seminole Hospital use the emergency room. In addition, the new emergency room will be closer to the State Road 434 portion of the property. Mayor Morgan stated the only thing the City is losing is the behavioral health portion, which will open up a big portion of the property to create, in their words, a "Longwood City Center" to complement Reiter Park. He said that result is from years of partnership with the City and the hospital's appreciation of how important Reiter Park is to the City. The hospital wants to provide stores and restaurants for families to use right across from the park. He thanked Mr. Molsberger and the hospital for thinking in that direction for the City. He added future hospital plans do not include inpatient

treatment, but if a patient needs to be transported to the facility in Lake Mary the ambulance ride will be free of charge. He said the “Longwood City Center” will create a more walkable area for residents. Staff will work with Mr. Molsberger in providing more information about the project.

District #5. No report.

District #1. Commissioner Shoemaker thanked fellow Commissioners for sharing the beauty of Leadership Seminole. She also thanked Commissioner McMillan for keeping up with state legislation that is so important to the City. In regards to the Orlando Health project, she said she would like to get the consensus of the other Commissioners through the City Manager to task staff with a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for the new facility. She stated Mayor Morgan answered a lot of questions that night at the Commission meeting but not everyone is watching the meeting, and asked if more information could be posted on the website and social media.

Mayor Morgan responded he has already reached out to Mr. Molsberger in regards to a video about the project. He said if the City Manager and Commission agreed he would prefer to wait to see if Mr. Molsberger will act first.

Mr. Gioielli said it was important for the City to get the information out as soon as they learned about the plans for Orlando Health so the residents knew what was going on. He stated staff can start to get some of the questions answered and make sure they are legitimate. He would prefer, if it was okay with the Commission, that staff tries to get the hospital to answer questions about medical matters.

Commissioner Shoemaker stated staff can do their research and then let the hospital know they are ready to post the information, confirming it is accurate. Staff would go through the hospital first before releasing any information. In her opinion, the more people the City can reach, the better with the facts.

Commissioner Shoemaker said she attended a celebration of life along with Mayor Morgan at the VFW Post in Longwood. She asked for prayers for them after the recent passing of an employee and two other members. She commented even though they are not in City limits they do work with the City and are a good group of people. She said she will be busy with her work schedule until October 15.

9. ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Ms. Longo requested that 10A be withdrawn from the agenda.

Item 10A was withdrawn by a unanimous voice vote with Commissioner Sackett absent.

Ms. Longo advised Mr. Gioielli has a request related to an Item under Public Hearings.

Mr. Gioielli stated Commissioner Sackett had asked if Item 11D residential solid waste services with Waste Pro could be continued to the following meeting.

Commissioner McMillan moved to continue Item 11D to the October 3, 2022 meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote with Commissioner Sackett absent.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Minutes of September 7, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Item was removed from the agenda.

B. Approve the Monthly Expenditures for September 2022.

C. Approve the Monthly Financial Report for August 2022.

D. Approve an increase in the amount of \$50,000.00 to purchase order #22-00181 for Hydra Service Inc. for additional unforeseen repairs and maintenances of the City's Lift Stations.

E. Approve a change order in the amount of \$19,199.50 to the Prime Construction Group, Inc. purchase order #22-00929 for additional construction services related to the Longdale Septic Tank Abatement Project.

Commissioner McMillan moved to approve Items 10B through 10E as presented. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Boni and carried by a unanimous roll call vote with Commissioner Sackett absent.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS (PART II)

C. Read by title only and adopt Ordinance No. 22-2230, 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. 22-2230 by title only.

Mayor Morgan opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 22-2230.

Deputy Mayor Boni moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner McMillan and carried by a unanimous voice vote with Commissioner Sackett absent.

Commissioner McMillan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-2230 as presented Item 11C. Seconded by Mayor Morgan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote with Commissioner Sackett absent.

D. Read by title only and adopt Ordinance No. 22-2231, which adjusts the rate for Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services with Waste Pro of Florida Inc.

Item continued to the October 3, 2022 Commission Meeting.

E. Read by title only and adopt Ordinance No. 22-2232, which amends Longwood City Code, Chapter 2 Administration, Article II Mayor and Commission, Section 2-33 Benefits.

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 22-2232 by title only.

Mayor Morgan opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 22-2232.

Deputy Mayor Boni moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Commissioner McMillan and carried by a unanimous voice vote with Commissioner Sackett absent.

Commissioner Shoemaker moved to adopt Ordinance No. 22-2232 as presented Item 11E. Seconded by Commissioner McMillan and carried by a three-to-one (3-1) roll call vote with Mayor Morgan voting nay and Commissioner Sackett absent.

F. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22-1611, adopting a Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for the Fiscal Years 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027 pursuant to the requirements of Section 6.07 of the City Charter.

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 22-1611 by title only.

Mayor Morgan opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Resolution No. 22-1611.

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

Commissioner McMillan moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-1611 as presented Item 11F. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Boni and carried by a unanimous roll call vote with Commissioner Sackett absent.

12. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 22-1612, authorizing the Acting City Manager to apply for up to a \$4,452,708 loan under the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program to fund the East Longwood Phase II Wastewater System Improvement and Expansion Project. This Resolution is intended to replace Resolution No. 22-1600 in order to increase the “up to” amount of the loan for this phase of the project due to increased construction costs.**

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 22-1612 by title only.

Mr. Gioielli presented the Item and noted the requested increase in the loan amount is related to inflation and increases in construction costs.

Deputy Mayor Boni moved to adopt Resolution No. 22-1612 as presented Item 12A. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote with Commissioner Sackett absent.

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Gioielli thanked staff for all of their hard work in the preparation of the budget. He said in regards to Orlando Health's public announcement last week, staff is still acquiring information. The focus is to ensure residents in the City will still receive necessary health care, and staff has been assured that will in fact be the case. The hospital plans to build a larger, innovative emergency care center in Longwood, and the City is thankful for that. The other outpatient services will continue in the buildings that are existing on the property including advanced cardiology and oncology. In addition, the hospital has a Physician Associates building

and a Pediatrics office that that will continue to offer services in the City. He confirmed Orlando Health South Seminole property as a non-profit, with over 15 acres, has not paid property taxes in the City of Longwood. He said the latest plans are a change and it will take time to digest it but the City is excited to work with the economic development team of Orlando Health. He explained the City has always had an issue with having available space to bring in retailers who have expressed interest in Longwood, so the hospital's 15 acres will provide the City with that opportunity. He stated there have been comments about psychology services, and Orlando Health's position is while the old facility in Longwood will close they will open a new facility, which will be available to all City residents. Emergency care will still be available, but provided in a new center in the City. He confirmed if inpatient services are required, the patient will be transported free of charge to a new hospital in Lake Mary. He said the concept of Longwood City Center will not only complement Reiter Park but also will draw people from outside the City to enjoy Longwood's Historic District.

Mr. Gioielli reported staff is finalizing a project to add city logos to the water tower, which was a suggestion made by Mayor Morgan. In addition, staff will post publicly a Light Up Longwood contest for the holidays beginning the first week in November. He said something will be set up online to allow citizen input so residents will not only be encouraged to tour the lights but also be able to select the winners who will come before the Commission to be recognized.

Mr. Gioielli stated the City has received their second American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) installment so they have been fully funded. He said staff the next day will share with the public a celebration on Thursday, September 22 at 4:00 p.m. for the new court resurfacing at Candyland Sports Complex. He said staff plans to update backboards and rims at the same time they update the basketball courts. Mr. Gioielli reported staff is preparing to apply for an additional grant for Fire Station 15 construction costs with the other grant already submitted.

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT. No report.

15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Ms. Longo reported tomorrow September 20 is the Mayors and Managers Meeting and it will be held at City Hall in Winter Springs, 1126 East State Road 434 starting at 11:30 a.m.

16. ADJOURN. Mayor Morgan adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Commission: 10-03-2022

Matt Morgan, Mayor

ATTEST:

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