

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

AGENDA
January 19, 2026
6:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. OPENING INVOCATION**
- 3. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. The Senior Matinee will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 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 Bucket List.**
- 5. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS**
 - A. District #5 Presentation of the Business Person of the Month Award to Russell Durham, president and founder of Rusty's Bicycle Recycle, 1275 Bennett Drive, Suite #126, Longwood.**
 - B. Presentation of the Beautification Award to Hidden Oak Estates HOA on Longwood Hills Road.**
 - C. Presentation of the recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Good Citizenship Award to:**
 - Sean Esler, Owner of Edge Systems**
 - Tammy Uliano, STEM teacher at Longwood Elementary**
 - Brian D. Sackett, former teacher and current Longwood Commissioner**
 - D. Recognition of the 2025 sponsors for the Annual Celebrate the Season and Breakfast with Santa events.**
 - E. Recognition of the 2025 Longwood Christmas Parade winners.**
- 6. BOARD APPOINTMENTS**
- 7. PUBLIC INPUT**
 - A. Public Participation.**

8. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

- A. Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, and #1.

9. COMMISSION AND STAFF ADDITIONS OR CHANGES

- A. ADDITIONAL ITEMS RAISED DURING MAYOR'S AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
- B. ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

10. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the December 15, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approve the Monthly Expenditures for December 2025.
- C. Approve the Monthly Financial Report for November 2025.
- D. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Longwood and the Supervisor of Elections for Seminole County for the Coordination and Administration of Municipal Elections to Ensure Compliance with State Law.
- E. Approval to enter into a service agreement and authorize a purchase order for \$29,000.00 to Autolawn of Orlando for ITB # PW 26-002CE for lawn mowing and landscape maintenance of Candyland Ball Fields and Longwood Memorial Garden.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 25-1706, establishing the City's Notice of Intent to use the Uniform Method for collecting Non-Ad Valorem Assessments in 2026.
- B. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 26-1710, authorizing the use of Column, a Publicly Accessible Website for the Publication of Legal Notices Pursuant to Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes.
- C. Read by title only and adopt Ordinance No. 25-2277, which amends Article IX of the Longwood Development Code to create Section 9.5.0 addressing changes related to Senate Bill 180.

12. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 26-1711, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Retainer Agreement with outside counsel regarding PFAS litigation.

B. Approval of an updated Interlocal Agreement between Seminole County and the City of Longwood for Contribution of Opioid Settlement Funds.

13. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

14. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT

15. CITY CLERK’S REPORT

16. ADJOURN

Liane Cartagena
City Clerk

Notice: All persons are advised that if they decide to appeal any decision made at these meetings/hearings, they will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record to include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (per Sec. 286.0105, Florida Statutes). Persons with disabilities needing assistance to participate in any of these meetings should contact the A.D.A. Coordinator at (407) 260-3466 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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This is a public meeting, and the public is invited to attend. The agenda is subject to change. Persons can obtain an electronic copy of the agenda packet for this meeting by making a public records request to the City Clerk’s Office by calling (407) 260-3441 or emailing clerk@longwoodfl.org.

Future Meetings:	February 2, 2026	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting
	February 16, 2026	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting

Agenda Item 10A

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Liane Cartagena, City Clerk

Date: January 19, 2026

Subject: Approval of the December 15, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes.

Introduction:

The City Clerk is presenting the minutes of the December 15, 2025, Regular Meeting for approval.

Background/Discussion:

Budget Impact:

This item has no anticipated impact on the budget.

Recommendation:

The City Clerk recommends the approval of the Minutes.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I move to approve Item 10A as presented.

Prepared By:

Liane Cartagena, City Clerk

Reviewed By:

Liane Cartagena, City Clerk

Attachments:

1. CC12-15-2025Mins

Agenda Item 10B

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Dustin Woolbright, Director of Financial Services

Date: January 19, 2026

Subject: Approve the Monthly Expenditures for December 2025.

Introduction:

This agenda item requests the City Commission approve the total payment of processed bills in the amount of \$1,576,160.05 from December 1st of 2025 through December 31st of 2025, which includes check numbers from 169735 through 169909.

Background/Discussion:

Per Section 6.10(A) of the City Charter, the City Manager must certify that there are sufficient unencumbered funds within the budgeted appropriations to cover obligations when they become due and payable.

Budget Impact:

There are sufficient unencumbered funds to cover these obligations.

Recommendation:

The City Manager and Director of Financial Services recommend approval of expenditures in the amount of \$1,576,160.05.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I move to approve Item 10B as presented.

Prepared By:

Dustin Woolbright, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed By:

William Watts, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Monthly Expenditures

Agenda Item 10C

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Dustin Woolbright, Director of Financial Services

Date: January 19, 2026

Subject: Approve the Monthly Financial Report for November 2025.

Introduction:

Pursuant to the Longwood City Code of Ordinance Section 2-182 the City Manager is to provide monthly financial reports to the City Commission. This Unaudited Monthly Financial Report meets the requirement as set forth in the Code of Ordinances.

Background/Discussion:

Monthly Financial Reports are required to be submitted to the City Commission during the second meeting of each month in accordance with Section 2-182 of the City Code of Ordinances.

The Commission is currently provided with a monthly financial report for approval at the second meeting of each month in accordance with Section 2-182 of the City Code of Ordinances. This item is a reporting of the budgeted financial activity for the month of November 2025.

Also, included on this agenda are the budget transfers report for the month of November, and detailed information of the Purchasing Card expenses for the period of November 5, 2025, through December 4, 2025.

Budget Impact:

The Unaudited Monthly Financial Report reflects a modified budget and actuals for the month of November 2025.

Recommendation:

The City Manager and the Director of Financial Services recommend approval of the Unaudited Financial Reports as of November 2025.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I move to approve Item 10C as presented.



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Prepared By:

Dustin Woolbright, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed By:

William Watts, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Unaudited Financial Report as of November 2025
2. Budget Transfer Report November 2025
3. Purchasing Card Expense Report

Agenda Item 10D

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: William Watts, City Manager

Date: January 19, 2026

Subject: Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Longwood and the Supervisor of Elections for Seminole County for the Coordination and Administration of Municipal Elections to Ensure Compliance with State Law.

Introduction:

The purpose of this agenda item is to seek Commission approval for an agreement between the City of Longwood and the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections. This agreement outlines the terms and responsibilities for the coordination and administration of municipal elections within the City of Longwood. Entering into this agreement ensures compliance with state election laws and facilitates the efficient and secure conduct of elections by leveraging the expertise and resources of the Supervisor of Elections' office.

Background/Discussion:

The City of Longwood has historically partnered with the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections to conduct its municipal elections. This collaboration ensures that elections are administered in accordance with Florida Statutes and best practices, while also providing cost-effective and professional election services to the City. The agreement being presented for approval is a continuation of this partnership and reflects updated terms to align with current legal requirements and operational procedures. The Supervisor of Elections will provide services including, but not limited to, voter registration verification, ballot preparation, early voting, election day operations, and certification of results.

Budget Impact:

The cost of election services under this agreement will vary depending on the scope and scale of each election. For budgeting purposes, the City has allocated funds in the current fiscal year to cover anticipated election-related expenses. Expenses will include staffing, equipment, ballot printing, and other administrative costs. Final costs will be invoiced by the Supervisor of Elections following the completion of services. Sufficient funds are available in the General Fund to support this expenditure.

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Recommendation:

The City Manager and the City Clerk recommend the approval of the Agreement between the City and the Seminole County Supervisor of Elections for the Coordination and Administration of Municipal Elections to Ensure Compliance with State Law.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I move to approve Item 10D as presented.

Prepared By:

William Watts, City Manager
Liane Cartagena, City Clerk

Reviewed By:

William Watts, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Intergovernmental Agreement - Elections

Agenda Item 10E

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Shad Smith, Public Works Director

Date: January 19, 2026

Subject: Approval to enter into a service agreement and authorize a purchase order for \$29,000.00 to Autolawn of Orlando for ITB # PW 26-002CE for lawn mowing and landscape maintenance of Candyland Ball Fields and Longwood Memorial Garden.

Introduction:

This agenda item requests City Commission approval to award a lawn mowing and landscape maintenance service agreement and authorize the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$29,000.00 to R2C Autolawn, LLC (dba Autolawn of Orlando), the lowest responsive bidder for ITB # PW 26-002CE. The Purchase order will provide lawn mowing and landscape maintenance services for the Candyland Ball Fields and Longwood Memorial Garden for the period of February 1, 2026, through September 30, 2026.

Background/Discussion:

On December 23, 2025, the City of Longwood opened ITB # PW 26-002CE for lawn mowing and landscape maintenance services at the Candyland Ball Fields and Longwood Memorial Garden.

Three (3) bid responses were received. After a thorough review of all submitted documents by City staff, only one bidder met the required criteria. The bid tabulation results are as follows:

Contractor Name	Grand Total
Thriving Lawn & Landscape	The BID was deemed non-responsive. Disqualified.
Diamond Dogs Irrigation and Lawn Care	The BID was deemed non-responsive. Disqualified.
R2C Autolawn, LLC (Dba Autolawn of Orlando)	\$43,065.00

The Invitation To Bid documents, including the general conditions and draft contract, are available upon request due to its extensive length.

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Budget Impact:

Funding for this service is included in the budget under Line Item 001-3520-541-3400 for the current fiscal year 2025-2026.

Recommendation:

The City Manager, Purchasing Manager, and Public Works Director recommend that the City Commission award and approve the mowing and landscape maintenance agreement and authorize the issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$29,000.00 to R2C Autolawn, LLC (dba Autolawn of Orlando), the lowest responsive bidder for ITB # PW 26-002CE.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I move to approve Item 10E as presented.

Prepared By:

Shad Smith, Public Works Director

Reviewed By:

William Watts, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Bid Tabulation for ITB # PW 26-002CE
2. ITB # PW 26-001 CE: Mowing and Landscape Maintenance

Agenda Item 11A

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Dustin Woolbright, Director of Financial Services

Date: January 19, 2026

Subject: Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 25-1706, establishing the City's Notice of Intent to use the Uniform Method for collecting Non-Ad Valorem Assessments in 2026.

Introduction:

This agenda item recommends the City Commission read by title only, hold a public hearing, and adopt Resolution No. 25-1706 establishing the City's notice of intent to use the uniform method for collecting non-ad valorem assessments in 2026.

Background/Discussion:

Since 2001, the City has used the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments. The tax rolls are used to collect assessments for wastewater improvements, street paving projects, neighborhood improvements, for certain qualifying renewable energy, energy efficiency and conservation and wind resistance improvements, maintenance projects and assessments for fire station improvements and/or operational and maintenance costs of fire protection services, programs, facilities and equipment related to providing fire protection services. Pursuant to Chapter 197.3632 (3) (a), Florida Statutes, this resolution is required on an annual basis and provides notice to the Seminole County Property Appraiser, Tax Collector and the Florida Department of Revenue of the City's intent to utilize the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments once again.

Budget Impact:

This item has no anticipated impact on the budget.

Recommendation:

The City Manager and the Financial Services Director recommend the adoption of Resolution No. 25-1706 as presented in Item 11D.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I move to adopt Resolution No. 25-1706 as presented.



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Prepared By:

Dustin Woolbright, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed By:

William Watts, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 25-1706
2. Notice of Intent Ad Affidavit

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To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Liane Cartagena, City Clerk

Date: January 19, 2026

Subject: Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 26-1710, authorizing the use of Column, a Publicly Accessible Website for the Publication of Legal Notices Pursuant to Section 50.0311, Florida Statutes.

Introduction:

This item is presented for a public hearing to consider Resolution No. 26-1710, which authorizes the City of Longwood to utilize a publicly accessible website for the publication of legally required advertisements and public notices in accordance with section 50.0311, Florida Statutes. The resolution also designates Column as the City's official online legal notice provider and outlines the statutory procedures the City must follow regarding notice delivery and registry maintenance.

Background/Discussion:

Florida Statute 50.0311 authorizes municipalities to publish legally required advertisements and public notices on a publicly accessible website in lieu of publication in a newspaper of general circulation, provided certain statutory conditions are met.

Key provisions of section 50.0311 include:

- A governmental agency may use an approved publicly accessible website if the cost of online publication is less than the cost of publishing the same notices in a newspaper.
- Municipalities located in counties with a population of 160,000 or more (including Seminole County) are authorized to switch to online publication without holding a separate public hearing to determine Internet accessibility.
- Governmental agencies must annually publish a notice in the newspaper informing residents and property owners that they may elect to receive legal notices by first-class mail or email.
- The City Clerk must maintain a registry of residents and property owners who request mailed or emailed notices.
- The City's website must include a conspicuous link on its homepage (or direct link from the homepage) to all public notices published online.

The City currently publishes legal notices primarily through newspaper advertising, which has

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increased in cost in recent years. Online notice publication through Column will result in reduced costs and improved transparency for residents.

Adoption of this resolution authorizes the transition to online publication and establishes compliance procedures for ongoing notice distribution pursuant to Florida Statutes.

Budget Impact:

Use of the Column website for legally required notice publication is anticipated to reduce annual advertising costs compared to newspaper publication. The exact savings will depend on the volume and size of notices required throughout the year, but overall costs are expected to decrease substantially.

Recommendation:

The City Manager and City Clerk recommend the adoption of Resolution No. 26-1710 authorizing the use of a publicly accessible website to publish required legal notices and designating Column as the City's official online legal notice platform in accordance with section 50.0311, Florida Statutes.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I move to adopt Resolution No. 26-1710 as presented.

Prepared By:

Liane Cartagena, City Clerk

Reviewed By:

William Watts, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 26-1710
2. Column Platform Overview

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To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Chris Kintner, Community Development Director

Date: January 19, 2026

Subject: Read by title only and adopt Ordinance No. 25-2277, which amends Article IX of the Longwood Development Code to create Section 9.5.0 addressing changes related to Senate Bill 180.

Introduction:

This agenda item requests that the City Commission continue the second reading and public hearing from the December 15, 2025 meeting on Ordinance No. 25-2277, a Longwood Development Code Amendment intended to amend Article IX to create Section 9.5.0 to address changes related to Senate Bill 180.

Background/Discussion:

In the last legislative session, the Legislature of the State of Florida adopted Chapter 2025-190 (Senate Bill 180) Florida Statutes, which in part prohibits impacted local governments from proposing or adopting certain moratoriums, amendments, or procedures for a specified timeframe. Senate Bill 180 is a wide-ranging piece of legislation related to emergency management, but the key language related to the Longwood Development Code is as follows:

"Each county listed in the Federal Disaster Declaration for Hurricane Debby (DR-4806), Hurricane Helene (DR-4828), or Hurricane Milton (DR-4834), and each municipality within one of those counties, may not propose or adopt any moratorium on construction, reconstruction, or redevelopment of any property damaged by such hurricanes; propose or adopt more restrictive or burdensome amendments to its comprehensive plan or land development regulations; or propose or adopt more restrictive or burdensome procedures concerning review, approval, or issuance of a site plan, development permit, or development order, to the extent that those terms are defined by s. 163.3164, Florida Statutes, before October 1, 2027, and any such moratorium or restrictive or burdensome comprehensive plan amendment, land development regulation, or procedure shall be null and void ab initio. This subsection applies retroactively to August 1, 2024."

The result of this language is that the City is precluded from passing ordinances that could be considered more burdensome than current regulations, and that this language applies retroactive to August 1, 2024. This affects Ordinance No. 24-2254, a general LDC update ordinance that included some updates related to the Live Local Act as well as other more general LDC changes.

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Because "burdensome" is undefined and in lieu of eliminating the entire ordinance, the City Attorney's office prepared Ordinance No. 25-2277 by which an applicant could contest an individual qualifying regulation or procedure as "burdensome." This request would be considered and, if deemed consistent with state law, the standard could be removed as it applies to the specific request.

SB 180 is currently the subject of multiple lawsuits and the bill's sponsor as well as other legislators have indicated that this portion of the law may be "tweaked" in the next legislative session. This ordinance includes language that suspends its application in case of the removal or substantial change to this language.

This item appeared before the Land Planning Agency at its November 12, 2025, meeting and was approved 3-0 with two members absent. A continuance of the second public hearing was requested by staff and granted by the City Commission at the December 15, 2025 meeting.

Budget Impact:

There is no anticipated budget impact associated with this item.

Recommendation:

The City Manager and Community Development Director recommend the City Commission adopt Ordinance No. 25-2277.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I move to adopt Ordinance No. 25-2277.

Prepared By:

Chris Kintner, Community Development Director

Reviewed By:

William Watts, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Ordinance No. 25-2277
2. Chapter 2025-190
3. Business Impact Statement - Ordinance No. 25-2277

Agenda Item 12A

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: William Watts, City Manager

Date: January 19, 2026

Subject: Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 26-1711, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Retainer Agreement with outside counsel regarding PFAS litigation.

Introduction:

This agenda item requests the City Commission to read by title and adopt Resolution No. 26-1711, which authorizes the City Manager to execute and enter into a Retainer Agreement with the law firms of Bryson, Harris, Suciu, & DeMay, PLLC, Milberg Coleman Bryson Phillips Grossman, LLC, and Napoli Shkolnik, PLLC (collectively, the “Co-Counsel Firms”), for representation of the City in national litigation and settlements arising from products containing perfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”).

Background/Discussion:

PFAS-containing products, particularly those found in firefighting foam products, have been demonstrated to produce harmful health effects and have been designated as contaminants by the federal government and Florida Department of Environmental Protection. PFAS chemicals may contaminate water sources and sites including wastewater facilities, landfills, and firefighting training centers. Many local governments around the country have sued the manufactures and distributors of PFAS-containing products to recover some of the cost associated with testing and treating these chemicals in the water supply. Several of the major manufacturers, including 3M and DuPont, have already reached settlement agreements establishing funds from which the City of Longwood is entitled to receive some recovery. Litigation remains ongoing against several other companies and the City of Longwood is entitled to file suit against these companies in order to participate in any settlements or judgments that arise from these actions. Litigation against additional PFAS defendants may also be appropriate as the scope of contamination becomes more known. The City Attorney has been in contact with the Co-Counsel Firms regarding this matter as these law firms have extensive experience in this matter. Because of the expertise required, the City Attorney recommends retaining the Co-Counsel Firms to represent the City both in recovery of settlement funds to which the City is already entitled and in potential litigation against current PFAS defendants and potential future PFAS defendants. To secure the services of the Co-Counsel Firms, the City must execute and enter into a Retainer Agreement which has been negotiated and jointly agreed upon by the Co-Counsel Firms and the City Attorney.

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Budget Impact:

The Retainer Agreement is a contingency fee arrangement in which the Co-Counsel Firms will take a collective 25% of all funds recovered on behalf of the City from PFAS defendants in addition to certain fees and costs, as applicable. All payment to the Co-Counsel Firms will come out of funds recovered, and the City will not pay out-of-pocket for legal fees and costs incurred by the Co-Counsel Firms pursuant to the Retainer Agreement. In the event there is no recovery, the City will not owe any fees or costs to the Co-Counsel Firms under the Retainer Agreement.

Recommendation:

The City Manager and City Attorney recommend that the City Commission adopt Resolution No. 26-1711, which authorizes the City Manager to execute and enter into the Retainer Agreement.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I move to approve Resolution No. 26-1711 as presented.

Prepared By:

Daniel W. Langley, City Attorney

Reviewed By:

William Watts, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 26-1711
2. PFAS Retainer Agreement

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To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Troy Feist, Fire Chief

Date: January 19, 2026

Subject: Approval of an updated Interlocal Agreement between Seminole County and the City of Longwood for Contribution of Opioid Settlement Funds.

Introduction:

This item requests the City Commission approve an updated County-proposed Interlocal Agreement between Seminole County and the City of Longwood which addresses the appropriate uses of Opioid Settlement Funds.

Background/Discussion:

This matter relates to the City's involvement in litigation seeking appropriate legal remedies against distributors, manufacturers and others involved in causing public harm in the context of the national crisis involving opioid pain medications. As is well chronicled, a local, state and National crisis arose as a result of the manufacture, distribution and over-prescribing of opioid analgesics ("opioids") and resulted in opioid overdoses and addictions throughout municipalities, counties, states and the Nation. Seminole County and the municipalities of the County such as the City of Longwood were not immune from the impacts of this Nationwide crisis.

The City is represented in the Nationwide opioid litigation/ the National Prescription Opiate Litigation, based upon past City Commission actions, by a legal team that is spearheaded by the Romano Law Group, of West Palm Beach. As a result of this litigation, multiple defendants have begun to negotiate settlements. Settlement funds will be distributed to the State of Florida and its subdivisions over multiple years as part of a global settlement.

It was always known that a mechanism for expenditure of those funds for purposes that are authorized under the settlement documents would be needed. To streamline service delivery, maximize community impact and avoid service duplication, the County proposed an Interlocal Agreement to address the use of funds.

In 2016, the Seminole County Opioid Council (SCOC) was formed comprising leaders from a diverse range of fields of expertise representing various private and public organizations around the County to address Seminole County's opioid crises. The SCOC's primary initiative is to provide evidence-based and data-driven solutions to implement a holistic strategy that is designed to address best practices for addiction treatment, and the root causes and parallel

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issues of substance abuse such as mental illness. The SCOC meets every other month and has sub-committees for prevention, enforcement, treatment, medical and legislative functions to address the ongoing opioid epidemic. Each sub-committee is comprised of members who are experts in their respective fields, including Chief Feist, who make recommendations to the SCOC as it relates to best practices regarding issues related to the opioid epidemic.

In January 2019, upon the recommendation of SCOC, Seminole's Collaborative Opioid Response Effort (SCORE) was formed. Since its formation, SCORE has implemented an abatement plan which consists of various programs utilizing resources from public and private entities designed to address the opioid crisis before, during, and after individuals become affected by the crisis. The opioid crisis continues to place an undue strain on local government finances to implement programming to combat the opioid epidemic, to mitigate the harmful effects of the opioid epidemic in the community, and to increase educational campaigns to counteract misinformation about the addictive nature and harmful effects of opioids. The opioid crisis is as pronounced within Seminole County and within the municipalities located within Seminole County as it was throughout most of the harder hit areas in the State of Florida and in the United States and, despite the resources expended on combatting the epidemic, the opioid epidemic continues to impact the local communities of our Nation.

Local control over settlement funds is in the best interest of all persons within the geographic boundaries of Seminole County and ensures that settlement funds are available and used to address opioid-related impacts within Seminole County.

Historically, government-funded programming geared toward abating the opioid crisis has been data driven based upon community impacts without regard to governmental jurisdictional boundaries. The original interlocal agreement was presented and approved at the September 4th commission meeting. The original agreement required a new interlocal every year. The updated agreement changes the language to reflect that the agreement shall remain in effect until such time as the parties elect to terminate said agreement. The updated Interlocal Agreement still provides for the City's funding to be pooled with the Seminole County's opioid settlement funding (Regional and City/County). The Interlocal Agreement provides that Seminole County Regional funding and City/County funding will be used to fund opioid abatement in accordance with the requirements of MOU and any guidelines set forth by the County.

Additionally, the periodic selection of opioid abatement services will take into consideration guidance by the SCOC, and SCORE Abatement Plan, as adopted by the County. The Opioid Abatement Services will be provided to residents of all service areas, including the City of Longwood. Opioid Settlement funding may be used to enhance current programs or develop new programs, but is not intended to supplant current funding sources and general funds, and County staff will continue to seek funding for opioid related issues. The County promises to use

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its best efforts to fund services and programs that are available to residents of the County in the applicable service areas and shall strive to allocate funding and services in a manner that equally benefits residents of the County in those service areas. The County will provide for ongoing management of the Seminole County Regional Funding and may use a portion of the funds for administrative costs. The County will also be responsible for reporting required by the State for all recipients of opioid litigation funding, thereby relieving the City of this task.

Budget Impact:

No negative budget impacts are expected as the sole funding source is the funds received from the City of Longwoods involvement in the opioid litigation. The efficient and targeted use of funds derived from the settlement of the litigation involving the opioid crisis will address many of the adverse impacts that the abuse of opioids has caused within the City of Longwood community over many years.

Recommendation:

The Fire Chief and City Manager recommend the City Commission approve the Interlocal Agreement between the County and the City (and other cities) pertaining to the use of Seminole County Regional Opioid Settlement Funds.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I move to approve Item 12B as presented.

Prepared By:

Troy Feist, Fire Chief

Reviewed By:

William Watts, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Interlocal Agreement for Appropriation of Pooled Opioid Settlement Funds towards EMS Response
2. Exhibit A - Scope of Work & Fee Schedule