

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

MINUTES
April 15, 2019
6:00 P.M.

Present: **Mayor Ben Paris**
 Deputy Mayor Matt Morgan
 Commissioner Abby Shoemaker
 Commissioner Richard Drummond
 Commissioner Brian D. Sackett
 Dan Langley, City Attorney
 Michelle Longo, City Clerk
 David P. Dowda, Police Chief
 Lee Ricci, Human Resources Director
 Chris Kintner, Community Development Director
 Tom Smith, Division Manager Streets
 Pat Smith, Division Manager Utilities
 Anjum Mukherjee, Senior Planner

Absent: **J.D. Cox, City Manager (Excused)**

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Paris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION**
3. **THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
4. **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Ms. Longo read the following announcements.
 - A. **Senior Matinee will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., Longwood Community Building, 200 West Warren Avenue. This month's feature is *A Dog's Way Home*.**
 - B. **A Bunny Breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., Longwood Community Building, 200**

West Warren Avenue. Children under 2 are free. For more ticket information, please visit www.magicegg hunt.com.

- C. **The City of Longwood will play host to the 2019 Magic 107.7 Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20, 2019, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The hunt will be held at Reiter Park and will feature multiple games, food, and hunts for children of all ages.**
- D. **Longwood Movie in the Park will be held on Friday, April 26, 2019 beginning at 8:00 p.m. in Reiter Park, 311 West Warren Avenue. This is a free event and the movie will be *The Greatest Showman*.**

5. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS

- A. **District #1 Nomination of the Business Person of the Month Award for May 2019.**

Commissioner Shoemaker nominated Sensei Michael Hornback of Hero Academy Martial Arts and Leadership for the Business Person of the month for May 2019. Nomination carried by a unanimous voice vote.

- B. **Deputy Mayor Morgan to recognize Ms. Sophia Isabella Wuertz for her dedication to keep Longwood clean and beautiful.**

Deputy Mayor Morgan recognized Ms. Sophia Isabella Wuertz and presented her with a certificate. Photographs were then taken.

- C. **Commissioner Sackett to recognize Ms. Susan McMahon for her dedication and service to clean up Island Lake North.**

Commissioner Sackett recognized Ms. Susan McMahon who was unable to attend the meeting. Arrangements will be made to get her the certificate.

6. BOARD APPOINTMENTS. None.

7. PUBLIC INPUT

- A. **Public Participation.**

Patricia Moore, 550 Rosedale Avenue, Longwood. She said she is trying to get speed humps installed on Rosedale Avenue due to cars speeding down the road. It is a small stretch, cars go fast,

and it is right across from the cemetery. They also cut through and go down Longdale Avenue, both motorcycles and cars.

Patricia Gibson, 230 Courtland Boulevard, Deltona.

She asked if anyone could tell her what the City's Ordinance, Section 82-45 says, then proceeded to state that it is a prohibition of a local Business Tax Receipt without exhibiting a state license. She asked why we would issue a man a Business Tax Receipt to run an illegal business, who was on probation through the State Attorney's Office in Volusia County from November 2017 to November 2018. This is your city ordinance followed by Florida statutes 205.194 that states the same thing. You must produce that license before a Business Tax Receipt is filed. Ms. Gibson proceeds to show the man's Business Tax Receipt and a copy of his application, issued while he was on probation through Volusia County's State Attorney's office. She says this man is still advertising in the capacity of a contractor on Google. You can visit the Volusia County website and pull up his arrest record, docket, and everything else from it. Ms. Gibson then shows the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR), the charging affidavit, which tells the man to cease and desist his business. She said there is a declaratory statement stating these men cannot clean drains nor change out faucets and fixtures. This declaratory statement is done by the Florida Building Commission. Ms. Gibson said this man has been doing this since 1988 and shows all of the complaints filed against him. She then says that she is a licensed contractor and should not have to roll up on a job to suddenly lose that job to an unlicensed contractor all because the City of Longwood is aiding and abetting this man. She asked who is going to be responsible for her lost revenue and if someone could give her an answer.

Mayor Paris said we do not go back and forth on the dais on these situations.

Ms. Gibson said this man is under investigation through the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. She advised that we could get in touch with Larissa Vaughn at 407-317-7880.

Mayor Paris said to leave the information with the Clerk.

8. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

District #1. Commissioner Shoemaker wished the City Manager all the best and thanked Chief Dowda for filling in for him. On April 5th, I

attended Leadership Seminole which was a fun-filled and informative day. For the 911 Center, we missed the mock DUI due to bad weather. We also saw the Central Transfer Station on State Road 419, toured Seminole County's Fire Training Station, and went to the Humane Society. On April 6th, I volunteered at Leadership Seminole's Raise the Roof Legacy Fundraiser, and we had a good turnout and raised well over our goal to accomplish our project. I also spent about thirty minutes at the *Concert in the Park* at Reiter Park, but rain, thunder, and lightning shut down the show early. The music was good with a fair turnout.

District #2. Commissioner Drummond said Commissioner Shoemaker pretty well summed up Leadership Seminole. The best part is we have one more month, and then we will be graduating from the program, but what a great opportunity to have some great contacts with Seminole County's business leaders. It has been an amazing experience.

District #3. No report.

District #4. Deputy Mayor Morgan said he attended our Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting on April 2nd. With Reiter Park just now opening we want to have entertainment and acts coming to the city, but it is going to cost money. He said he does not think it is fair for these board members to go out and commit to raising money that goes to the General Fund and gets spread thinly across all these various departments. This is the hard work done by the Parks & Recreation Board, Citizen's on Patrol, and the Community Emergency Response Team. He said these groups are donating their time and money to our city and he wants to get together with Chief Dowda, Mr. Cox, and the heads of these various groups to figure out a way these members can keep the money they have earned through their 45-day fundraising efforts. He wants to keep them happy and does not want to discourage them from raising funds. On April 4th, I attended *Good Morning Seminole* at Seminole County Chamber of Commerce. It is a great opportunity for businesses in Longwood to get their name and brand out there and to meet some new contacts. That same day, I went to Longwood Elementary School and had a meeting with Sarah Hall, the District Teacher of the Year. She is up for Florida State Teacher of the Year. We talked about ways for the community to become more involved. He worked with Ms. Hall on an idea to have leaders in the community read a book at Reiter Park to children. I am also working with Scholastic Books in Lake Mary to try and have them donate books to the school. On April 8th, I attended a Tax Recovery Sub-Committee Meeting in Sanford and spoke at the Lyman High School Basketball Banquet. The seniors there were graduating after having a very good year. On April 10th, I was honored to

speak to the Seminole County Juvenile Detention Center on behalf of the Seminole County Opioid Council. I shared my story of overcoming addiction thirteen years ago and gave advice to the thirteen boys and girls I was speaking to about how not to come back to the center because they have an 80 percent rate of coming back. We are trying to have more community outreach with people who have actually gone through it and beat it. Seminole County Opioid Council reached out asking if I, alongside Sheriff Dennis Lemma, could speak on August 31st, which is International Opioid Awareness Day. They are trying to decide where to hold this event at, and I suggested Reiter Park. Mayor Morgan said he needs to sit down with Mr. Cox and his fellow commissioners regarding this. He updated everyone on moving forward with potential sponsorships for the entire park and sub-sponsorships for various portions of the park such as the Arbor Deck, Amphitheatre, The Splash Pad, and The Gardens. He is setting up a meeting with Advent Health and wanted to include Mr. Cox and Chief Dowda, which he is working on. He reminded everyone that there are no dogs allowed at Reiter Park. He saw a lot of dogs at the last Food Truck event, and people told him they did not see the signs, so something needs to be done about that. He introduced the new Rock Lake Middle School Principal, Mr. Martin Dunlop.

Mr. Dunlop stated he has been with Seminole County Public Schools for fourteen years. He wants to provide students with the best education possible and looks forward to working with the community.

District #5. Commissioner Sackett said he signed four papers today for fifty kids who are transferring out of Markham Woods Middle School to come to Rock Lake. They are advanced mathematicians. He wanted to have Mr. Dunlop tell the school his kids are coming and that they will have a wonderful time with them. He talked about how there should be no dogs allowed in the park. There were four dogs in the Farmer's Market, at least eight dogs at the concert, and every day about six to ten dogs walking in Reiter Park. He said this needs to stop. He said he has seen probably 90 percent of the owners do not pick up after their dogs. Some of the dogs are on leashes longer than six feet. Commissioner Sackett said he was appointed to the Athletic Board at Lyman High School this past week, so he can now talk to them about the swimming pools and other sports besides football. He addressed Chief Dowda and Mr. Langley about the lady from Deltona and how it needs to be taken care of immediately. As far as Rosedale Avenue, he has been working on that for about a year. He does not believe in speed humps because the neighbors will figure out who asked for them and it can be trouble. He advised that if the neighborhood would like speed humps, do it. He said he connected with Duke Energy and the lights for this area are coming in soon. Concert

in the Park was a wonderful experience for about 300 people, and even after the storm the band resumed and was even better. The Farmers Market was a great turnout. He said he will be judging bunny baskets for the tenth year. He then wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover.

9. ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Mayor Paris stated the City Clerk requested that Item 10A be pulled from the agenda.

Commissioner Sackett requested to pull Item 10F for a separate discussion.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Minutes of the March 4, 2019, Regular Meeting.

Item was removed from the agenda.

B. Approve the Monthly Expenditures for March and April 2019.

C. Approve the Monthly Financial Report for March 2019.

D. Approval and acceptance of the Utility Easement and Temporary Construction Easement with AIC Longwood, LLC and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the easements and have recorded.

E. Approve a purchase order in the amount of \$25,000 to Pegasus Engineering for the City of Longwood Stormwater Master Plan – Drainage Structure Inventory Update.

F. Approve Resolution No. 19-1499, which accepts as a public right-of-way the full width of “High Line Drive” as depicted on the Haynes Meadow plat.

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

Discussion ensued on Item 10F and the City Attorney explained the resolution confirms the city has a 100-foot public right-of-way.

Commissioner Sackett moved to approve Item 10F as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS. None.

12. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Acceptance of the 2018 Complete Streets Program Annual Update.

Mr. Kintner introduced the Item and stated Ms. Mukherjee will go over the annual report.

Commissioner Sackett moved to accept the 2018 Complete Streets Program Annual Update as presented Item 12A. Seconded by Commissioner Drummond and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

B. City Commission approval of a pay increase for City Manager, J.D. Cox.

Commissioner Sackett moved to approve Item 10B as presented. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Morgan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Chief Dowda gave the City Manager's report. He said regarding the shed that was discussed last week at Candyland Park, arrangements are underway to replace it. Volunteers will be removing the contents soon, and demolition is scheduled for the 30th. Ports are being secured for the replacement shed. Regarding the Lewis House Meeting, I discussed that took place on March 21st with Brian Roy, we are waiting for some feedback from him. There are some quotes out regarding the Flea World sign, and we are waiting for those to be returned. Regarding the Rosedale light, we are still waiting for a quote from Duke Energy who is increasing the lighting there. Last week, West Construction stripped some sod and regraded the performance lawn at Reiter Park. The new sod was put in place. This will improve the drainage and also prevent standing water in the presentation area. West Construction installed a new drainage system at the playground and added 54 cubic yards of mulch to improve the appearance. They are still working on electrical issues with the lighting and are working on the Splash Pad drainage issues as well. The courts have been paved with new asphalt, however, there is a 45-day

cure process with that, and so they will not be striped or painted for another 30 days to wait for the asphalt to cure. We still anticipate that West Construction will complete all their tasks by the end of the month and be out of the park. Regarding Ronald Reagan Boulevard and Church Avenue, that project remains behind schedule, however, they will be working on the site all week, with 12 to 14 personnel, adding some stormwater piping and concrete work. He addressed the issue Ms. Patricia Gibson asked about earlier and advised he has been in contact with staff, and they are looking into the issues she discussed. We will be getting back with her when we have more facts to share with her.

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT. No report.

15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

A. Consider cancelling the July 1, 2019, City Commission Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Sackett moved to cancel the July 1, 2019, City Commission Regular Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Drummond and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Longo reminded the Commission that Thursday, April 18, 2019, the city of Longwood is hosting the Tri-County League of Cities Meeting. It will be held at the Longwood Community Building and begins at noon.

16. ADJOURN. Mayor Paris adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Commission: 07-15-2019

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Ben Paris, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michelle Longo, CMC, FCRM
City Clerk

The Official signed minutes are on file in the City Clerk's Office.

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