

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

MINUTES
March 4, 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
 J. D. Cox, City Manager
 Michelle Longo, City Clerk
 David P. Dowda, Police Chief
 Chris Kintner, Community Development Director
 Lisa Snead, Financial Services Director
 Shad Smith, Public Works Director

- 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. The “Downtown Longwood Cruise-In” Car Show will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Historic District of Longwood located off of Church Avenue.**
 - B. The “Downtown Longwood Food Trucks” will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Reiter Park, 311 West Warren Avenue.**
 - C. The City of Longwood will host the Annual BarkFest on Friday, March 15, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Arbor Park Dog Park, 1405 North Grant Street.**

D. Deputy Mayor Matt Morgan's Reiter Park Rumble will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019 starting at 2:00 p.m. at Reiter Park, 311 West Warren Avenue. This is a free event and all proceeds and donations will go towards purchasing anti-concussion helmets for the Lyman Football team. Please come out and support the cause.

5. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS. None.

6. BOARD APPOINTMENTS. None.

7. PUBLIC INPUT

A. Public Participation.

Mabel Mole, 241 & 261 East Church Avenue, Longwood. She said her question is going back to the Commission Meeting of May 7th last year regarding the fifty townhomes for Heritage Village. At that meeting a Mr. Gillespie asked a question about the retention pond that was discussed and if it was going to address the flooding on Church Street. She said the Mayor's response was "we can discuss this a little bit with staff, and the answer is, we don't know yet, or, anytime we add more retention ponds, it usually helps out." She said Mr. Gillespie then stated "since Weston Park was built, we have had flooding and during the hurricane it came up to the door of my property and my next door neighbor was under water. I wanted to make sure that was addressed for stormwater drainage on Church and if anyone had plans to lay storm drains down." She said the Mayor responded back, "I don't know. It is out of further development on Church. We are just working in this development." Mr. Gillespie stated it is right across the street from me. She said the Mayor responded saying, "I just don't know the answer to that question." The issue of where the water is going with all the new development came up. She said the Mayor responded, he will get more information and asked the City Manager to get that information and get back with the resident. She stated, to this day, I don't know if you got back to him, and I apologize if you did, but it would be nice if the public knows the answers to questions and they could be in the next meeting minutes. Meanwhile, regarding Heritage Village, the sign has gone up now for the new townhomes that are in development. It is my understanding they are in pre-development, and that there is still the flood problem on Church Street. I have already been to the Building Department and looked over the plans. I have sat down with one of the Building staff and specifically asked if there are any plans for Church Street. The response was, not at this time, if anything we might add another sidewalk. She said I want you all to know we are three months shy of hurricane season. We keep

developing and developing here in Longwood. She said let's take care of the problems that are out there. Going forward at the city meetings, the people need to be aware, and everyone on the dais needs to take certain things and people's questions more at heart and bring your integrity into this. This is the historical town of Longwood. I want to know was there ever a resolution to this. She asked did you find out an answer, and are storm drains being placed. We are going on ten months later, and asked do we not have an answer to this yet. That is sad.

Judi Coad, 1695 Grange Circle, Longwood. She said from the Land Planning Document under the Charter Section, "Residential neighborhood protection, Objective 1, Policy B and Policy C states, "Policy B, Continually evaluate the City's Code Enforcement Program in order to ensure resident efficient service to the residents. This evaluation is to be undertaken by the City Administrator. Policy C, Maintain a strong Code Enforcement Program by ensuring adequate staff to meet existing and anticipated growth related demands." She said under the past administration and commission, they decided not to enforce this policy. Per this document, they did not have the right to decrease the City's Code Enforcement by 75%. They are to uphold it. It would take a vote by the citizens to change our Charter. This is a question that you should be asking our city attorney. As Mayor Paris has shared, he believes the residents should just take this task on ourselves. It is not the citizens' job to do so, afraid that someone may sue the city for enforcement here and there and everywhere. The same could happen for the lack of enforcement. I have tried Mayor Paris' suggestion in the past. What it led to was a serious situation. This person has made unsolicited threats to my husband and myself to the point of my having to file three police reports. I had a concern of how uncontrollable this person was, and what if he had a gun. Unfortunately, this came to fruition in our neighborhood. The city does not pit neighbor against neighbor. The city enforces their code enforcement, and is the city's responsibility to take this on. This will be coming up for discussion per your agenda.

Jo Anne Rebello, 301 Loch Lomond Avenue, Longwood. She said she wanted to speak to Items 12D and 12E. She has concerns about the way this is written that now we want to interview volunteers on whether they meet a standard to be on the Charter Advisory Committee. We have never done it before, and I would hope that whoever you would suggest, that you would turn around and talk to them to tell them what their duties would be. The whole idea of the Charter Advisory Committee is to get citizen input, not to stack the committee to put what you all are thinking. She stated, I disagree with that. I would think that you all have enough knowledge now to be able to choose your appointee without having those appointees having to be interviewed. On Item 12E, I have

followed Code Enforcement back and forth, and have a suggestion. Many times people are not willfully defying the code, they just don't have the knowledge. We are going to have the Lamplighter. If someone would let the City Clerk know that these are the most often violations, then maybe something could be written, like "Did You Know." She said I think that would work out very well. I think the problem is we don't want to be the Gestapo, however, if you have people willfully and constantly, then those are the people we want to go after. As far as residential versus commercial, I would hope when a business is coming into the city they have information given to them about the codes. She said almost 30 years ago I re-roofed my house myself. I did not know I had to have a permit. In order to get our city to where we want it to be, we have to be a little bit more proactive, not reactive. She also mentioned that the snipe signs are getting ridiculous, and she thinks we need 2 Code Enforcement Officers.

8. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

District #3. Mayor Paris said he will be attending Leadership Seminole's Board Meeting on the 15th, and will be giving an update on the Mayors and Managers meeting that he is now the Chairman for. He said Mayors and Managers have been talking about the Mobility Fees, which are the taxes assigned to new development throughout the county that directly affect the city and our development. Also, we will be discussing the new 5G rollout. He said that is a new thing for our cell phones, and there is a lot of concern about how that is going to be deployed within the county and the cities. He recently purchased some tickets for the Orlando Apollos, who were out at opening day for Longwood Babe Ruth giving away tickets. They were also interested in doing a Longwood Appreciation Game, where they would give a substantial discount to Longwood citizens if they would like to come to a game. He will be passing this information along with the okay from the Commission for staff to further review this to see if this is something the City of Longwood would like to explore further. He asked if the City Manager could give an update during his report regarding Ronald Regan Boulevard (County Road 427). He attended the 32nd Annual Mid-Florida Mustang Roundup Saturday. There were more Mustangs than you could possibly take a look at and it was a great event.

District #4. Deputy Mayor Morgan said on February 8th, he attended a meeting with Commissioner Sarah Reece for a potential Buddy Ball partnership between Longwood and Altamonte Springs. The goal is to get Buddy Ball to partner with Longwood which will provide for additional fields. On February 9th, he attended Heroes for Babies, an event hosted by Florida Hospital Altamonte Springs for their NICU. On February 11th, he and the City Clerk went to Lake Mary High School to

surprise a JOY Award winner Brianna, who was unable to attend the Commission Meeting. On February 14th, he attended the State of the County Luncheon. He attended a Tri-County League of Cities Meeting, then a Seminole County Opioid Council Meeting, followed by a lunch he had with a potential meter company for the city. On February 25th, he met with Coach Thomas with Lyman High School. He thought it was important to get Coach Thomas to speak out regarding the kids no longer playing football. On February 27th, he went to a breakfast at Cascade Heights, formally known as Brookdale Island Lake. He had an amazing time with many longtime residents. He gave another historic tour of our District that same evening to Longwood Cub Scouts. He is honored to tell the kids about Longwood history. He was named to a Board for the new Advent Health. He had a meeting with them today, as well as another Seminole County Opioid Council Meeting.

District #5. Commissioner Sackett said he would like an update on the signage we originally got from Flea World. He asked where the light for Rosedale stands. There is a condemned shed at the ballfield that our COPs use for storage and we were supposed to get costs to have it updated. No one should be working in that building. There is a lady in the Devonshire subdivision working from a canoe cleaning up her section of the Devonshire bump-out on Island Lake North. He would like to recognize her for the effort. He said he was asked by a former mayor of the city that we should recognize this person. She has put so much effort into making the Devonshire community much better looking, so that is something we could do. He said Movie in the Park was very well done. He went to the nursing home on Wayman Street for their pancake breakfast they were invited to. The staff members asked if the next Eagle Scout could help them plant a flower garden. Ms. Angie Romagosa retired after 30 years from The Christian Sharing Center and he attended the retirement event. There were about 1,000 people for opening day for Longwood Babe Ruth baseball. He said those fields looked better than I have ever seen them and passed along his compliment to Mr. Bill Black, Mr. Chris Capizzi and team. He said there were 224 Mustangs at the Annual Mustang Show, and it worked out very well at Reiter Park. Buddy Ball is coming to Longwood next Friday. I have three grandchildren who will become buddies for that team. He went to Rock Lake Middle School's Open House. They had about 700 people there and were introduced to the new Principal. Regarding Boy Scouts again, they got to play Broom Hockey on the Orlando Ice, and that was fun. He brought up at the last meeting his concern about the vaping going on at the middle schools and high school levels. Our Police Chief met with him and told him there are innovative programs going into place in those two schools immediately to help out with that major concern.

District #1. Commissioner Shoemaker said she is envious of her fellow Commissioners who have been able to do a lot of things instead of fighting pneumonia, but I am getting better.

District #2. Commissioner Drummond said a week ago there was a Community Action Awareness Meeting for a new development over on First Street. He thanked everybody that came and shared their opinions and looked at what was proposed. He thanked everybody that contacted him in the last two weeks about Tiny Homes and what it could do for the city, or what would not help the city. He appreciates everybody's opinions and input on that, and we will hear more tonight.

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

10. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes of the January 21, 2019 Regular Meeting.**
- B. Approve the Monthly Expenditures for January and February 2019.**
- C. Approve a purchase order in the amount of \$65,000 to Universal Engineering Sciences, Inc. for building inspection services.**
- D. Approve an add-on in the amount of \$25,000 to purchase order #19000429 for Hawkins Inc. as providers of hydrofluorosilicic acid and sodium hypochlorite.**
- E. Approve an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the Cities of Altamonte Springs, Lake Mary, Longwood, Maitland, and Sanford which created the Municipal Mobility Working Group (MMWG).**
- F. Approve an agreement with Longwood Babe Ruth Baseball League of Seminole County, Inc. for the concession stand at Candyland Park.**
- G. Approve an Interlocal Agreement between Seminole County and the Seminole County Municipalities for Animal Control.**

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

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Read by title only and adopt Ordinance No. 19-2151, a Longwood Development Code Amendment allowing Tiny Home Communities.

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 19-2151 by title only.

Mr. Kintner presented the Item and answered questions related to lot splits, lot sizes, storage space on smaller lots.

Mayor Paris opened the public hearing.

Jim Hattaway, 840 Waterway Place, Longwood spoke in favor. He said he is a land use real estate policy nerd, and remembers back in the 1980s, government was trying to bring down barriers to increase affordable housing, to change people's mind when they looked at affordable housing, and who lives in affordable housing. He said I think America is still falling short on that subject and how we provide opportunities for affordable housing for our citizens. He really likes what the city and staff has come up with. I have read everything that staff has prepared for you, and what I like is it is not tenements or slums, it's a house. He thinks this is marketed to young professionals, teachers, cops, firefighters, veterans who have finished their service, and this allows them a real chance to have a slice of the American dream, and avoid becoming mortgage slaves. This is a real opportunity and another example of the City of Longwood taking an innovative approach to a long-standing problem and I hope you vote for it.

Deborah Poulaion, 1367 Cor Jesu Court, Longwood spoke in favor. She said I'll make three quick comments because I have spoken before. One, I have looked at some things in the area, such as Canterbury Crossings in Lake Mary. They look like tiny homes, but they are connected and they are rentals, and they are \$1,400 a month. People want to own their own home, take care of it, and don't want to spend \$1,400 a month for nothing. Second, we are getting better about not making assumptions about people with smaller budgets. People with smaller budgets are not bad people, they earn less money. They have households that may only have one person earning money, they want to invest in a home, and get equity. Third, she thinks these will be attractive homes and gave Hacienda Homes as an example of smaller but attractive homes.

Brett Hiltbrand, 1819 Misty Morn Place, Longwood spoke in favor.

He has spoken at several counties and cities promoting small foot print homes. Each time he has promoted these homes, the amendment has passed. This time, it is the town I live in, work in, and shop in, and more passionate about this. The opposition to this has actually proven the point for the need for small foot print homes. The homes are not \$430 a square foot as pointed out at the last meeting. They are a lot cheaper than that. The best part is we are able to take people out of rental situations and turn them into homeowners.

Joseph Durso, 301 Tullis Avenue, Longwood spoke in favor. He works for a company called Embrace Families, formerly known as Community Based Care of Central Florida. We run a program called Pathways to Home, which is meant to address homelessness in our community. We are very familiar with the affordable housing shortages and the affordable housing issue that exist in Central Florida. There are multiple studies that prove that housing is a root cause of some of the cases that we see. It is drug addiction, unemployment, homelessness and unaffordable housing. The financial pressure often leads to a lot of the social issues that we deal with in child welfare. He said we are well aware of the fact that affordable housing is often known as poor housing, and it gets labeled as all these different things, when in actuality, it is housing that is affordable. Not everyone can afford to move into these expensive and huge houses. He said, first, the National Low Income Housing Coalition in the 2018 report noted that there were only 17 rentals available for every 100 low income renters. That puts a lot of pressure on the rental market. The average rent is \$1,472 in Central Florida, which is just above the national mean of \$1,446. The apartment Association of Greater Orlando shows there is a 95 to 97% occupancy rate in apartments, meaning there is a demand for places that people can actually afford and homes aren't necessarily it. People that move into those apartments face a 4 to 7% growth rate in their rent every single year annually. The Orlando Sentinel points out there is one in three households that are considered overly cost burdened, meaning 33% of the houses in our area spend more than 30% of their income on just their rent and utility bills alone. On top of all of that, the average home according to the most recent census in Florida cost \$286,000. In Seminole County, the homes are more expensive than other parts of Central Florida. He said when we average that out, that \$286,000 is a lot of Seminole County. There is pressure from below on renters and pressure from above on homeowners. There is no place else for people to go. He said the Tiny Home ordinance allows renters the

opportunity to buy. People his age and younger are looking for smaller homes, low maintenance homes, lower mortgages and bills. When you own a place, you are more likely to be invested in that community. Providing for home ownership at a reasonable rate is a critical thing we can do as a city. He said you need diversity in housing that is the only way a city continues to grow. You can't have all low income housing or all high income housing. You have to have a mix of housing that actually supports the people that live, work and play in your community. This provides the city with a unique opportunity for some money through the National Community Reinvestment Council (NCRC) that is focused on taking fines and penalties from banks that don't pass their stress tests and reinvesting it in communities to provide for affordable housing options. These are things that the city can take advantage of. He is aware that some people that live in 2,000 square foot homes or 1,500 square foot homes do not want a 300 square foot home built next to them. It is for the commission and staff to govern those things. It seems staff has gone out of its way to make sure our current neighborhoods are protected. He noted, in reading the ordinance, it seems you would either have to annex new property in or find a very specific parcel within the city boundary to be able to do this. He feels the commission, allowing this to happen, leads to more permissibility, and then regulation by the city if and when a developer brings it forward. He thinks that is a critical part of the city's economic success.

Judi Coad, 1695 Grange Circle, Longwood spoke in opposition. She commended Mr. Kintner and his staff for the work they did on Ordinance 19-2151. Many changes have been adapted, such as not allowing container homes within the city is a great addition. Designating where Tiny Homes cannot be built, where there are attached homes, such as Coventry and the Historical District, subdivisions, and anything platted after 1950. Putting parameters in place protects the residents with parceled land around us. The main mission of this ordinance is subdividing of the residential land within our city to parcel at a third the size of the current, new building, hence given from a land value, but only approximately, \$13,200 based on the current Seminole County records. She said you will see that in the handout. Currently, Longwood has no minimum standard size for single family home or any type of home. The current code states that the land size for new parcels for the city has to meet the current 70 to 150% of the surrounding homes. Mr. Kintner said there has never been an issue meeting this qualification. In addition, when asked what surrounding

entails, he really didn't have any specifics that we have never had the issue arise. Now the commission wants to decrease residential parcels by two thirds the current average size. To what benefit cost is it to a current residential deeded owner. If both qualifications allow for smaller homes, and the surrounding homes is 70%. She said if the average lot size is 5,000, than a 3,500 square foot lot could be deeded. Although this could start a real spiral effect of downsizing lots in an area by continuing to go down this path. So you are asking to designate these Tiny Homes as single family and make an exception that is one third the size of the current, new single family homes being built in our city. Comparison of lot size is basically 5,000 square feet per home, and the Tiny Home Ordinance is one third. I have spoken with Mr. Kintner, and the new Bay Meadows subdivision have very tiny lots, but they are re-buildable lots if something would happen there. I believe the Commission should designate a minimum lot size, such as what Oviedo did, of 5,000 square feet which already has a tiny home on it, and a single family home, no matter if it is a zero lot line, a villa, a mobile or a tiny home. She said she spoke with several local appraisers concerning the value of these tiny, single family homes on deeded parcels. They were all appalled that the city was looking into such small, residential, parcel deeded lots. They all stated they had no idea how to value these properties. Such tiny lots would not allow an owner to build a deck because of the setbacks, or a carport. She asked where on a tiny lot you would put lawn equipment. There is nothing to keep these residences from becoming totally rental properties or investments. Make them a mobile home park, and there is already lots of rules and regulations set within the city that they could put their house on. If a subdivision fails with 15 lots per acre, trying to cobble these parcels back together in the future would be almost impossible because of the size and amount of owners. I had this discussion with Mr. Kintner, and he did explain with his drawing. She said she looked at a lot of areas where we could annex a lot of property in, such as where Bay Meadows is. She asked what about impact fees. Are you going to give them a reduction at a cost of the taxpayers? Are you going to re-zone some areas to meet a developer's needs? A developer's goal is to build a project at the least cost to them and sell them at the highest achievable buy. The city's job is to protect the integrity of the city and its residents and property owners. This ordinance is putting the cart before the horse. I have reviewed that attached map and saw what was currently designated as medium density. This does not even address having a developer wanting to annex property to the city or wanting to have some property that is

properly rezoned. A real estate gentleman spoke last commission meeting concerned that he had to go into Volusia County to purchase a home that was more affordable. What he failed to state was the size of the square footage he purchased and at what cost. I have not found any tiny homes on lots in Volusia County either, so I believe he had a larger home at 360 square feet. Keep our residential, city deeded properties at the current 70 to 150% ratio. Or, do as Oviedo has done and make them a minimum size lots of 5,000 square feet. Then, as the current tiny home fad passes, that land that is so precious to our city is still intact. For me, the bottom line is the size of the lot you are looking to put this on, and if things fall apart, what can be done with these lots. It is not my problem to define how I would finance it, how I would appraise it, but it is my concern as a resident if you are deciding to choose to take city land or annex it and cut it up into very tiny property.

Jo Anne Rebello, 301 Loch Lomond Avenue, Longwood spoke in opposition. She said the gentleman from Cornerstone said he lives in the City of Longwood, he does not. She also noted that she did not believe his business is in the City of Longwood either. She said for a person who is making minimum wage or just above, say \$10.00 an hour, \$400 a week, how will they afford \$150,000. I agree we need affordable housing, rents are outrageous. She said I am afraid they are going to turn into rental properties. I commend Mr. Kintner for all the hard work and a lot of things have been addressed, but I think we might be moving too fast. I don't want us getting sued for why I can't put it here or there. She asked if something is annexed in, does it have to be medium density residential if it is County right now. Or could it be agricultural, and we choose to make it residential. I don't know if those things have been answered. She said, \$150,000 is not affordable for a young couple starting out and a child comes along, eventually, you will outgrow it. As far as retirees, again, I don't know if the income would be there. I do agree we have a homeless issue in this County, but tiny homes isn't going to solve it. If somebody is that downtrodden as far as income, they can't afford it either and won't be able to get a mortgage. I hope you all really look at this and I would like to make sure we are doing it right. It was stated that nobody in the County was allowing them, just Longwood. She stated everybody else is wrong and we are the only ones that is right. Let's make sure we are doing this right if we are going to do it.

No one else spoke in favor or opposition to the Item.

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

Mayor Paris moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19-2151 as presented Item 11A. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker.

Discussion ensued.

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

12. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Read by title only, set March 18, 2019 as the public hearing date, and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 19-2152, approving a United Parcel Service, Inc. (UPS) Economic Development Ad Valorem Tax Abatement.**

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 19-2152 by title only.

Mr. Kintner presented the Item and answered questions.

Commissioner Sackett moved to approve Ordinance No. 19-2152 and set March 18, 2019 as the public hearing date. Seconded by Commissioner Drummond and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Items B1 and B2 are related.

- B1. Approve a purchase order in the amount of \$25,055 to Central Florida Liftstations, Inc., for the Georgia Avenue Lift Station Rehabilitation Project (LS-REHAB).**

Mr. Smith presented the Item.

Commissioner Sackett moved to approve Item 12B1 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Drummond and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- B2. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 19-1495, which amends the fiscal year 2018/2019 budget to provide for a transfer of funds to cover Lift Station Rehabilitation.**

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 19-1495 by title only.

Mr. Smith presented the Item and Mr. Cox commented on the terminology and he would be changing it to reflect a budget transfer appropriation.

Commissioner Sackett moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-1495 as presented Item 12B2. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Morgan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

C. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 19-1496, establishing a Charter Advisory Committee.

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 19-1496 by title only.

Deputy Mayor Morgan moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-1496 as presented Item 12C. Seconded by Commissioner Drummond and carried by a four-to-one (4-1) roll call vote with Commissioner Sackett voting nay.

D. Mayor Paris requests City Commission discussion on the Mayor and City Manager potentially meeting with persons who return a Board Application expressing an interest in serving on the Charter Advisory Committee in advance of their respective nominations of individuals to serve on the Committee and the Commission voting upon such nominations.

Mayor Paris addressed this Item and explained his intention was to meet with individuals interested in serving and provide them with a background of the expectations and share his knowledge, prior to final nominations being made. Discussion ensued and questions were asked and answered.

Commissioner Shoemaker moved that we nominate our choices and we vote on them, and then our member is made aware through the City Clerk, they have the option of meeting with the Mayor and the City Manager to ask questions and option to bow out of serving on the Committee. Motion died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Drummond moved that we advertise and get a group of people who are interested, and if they wish can speak with the Mayor and City Manager to get additional information, this would be done before the final nominations are done. Motion died for lack of a second.

Deputy Mayor Morgan moved to table this Item until we get more verbiage and information so there is a better understanding on what they are voting on. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett.

Discussion ensued on the Charter and the Charter Advisory Committee process.

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

E. Presentation on Code Enforcement followed by City Commission discussion on level of enforcement (proactive vs reactive).

Mr. Kintner presented the Item and addressed how Community Development addresses Code Enforcement and the issues they run into. He stated that Code Enforcement was transferred from the Police Department to Community Development in May, 2017, with maintaining a staffing level of one full time officer. He said the Police Department assists Code Enforcement in a number of areas, including collection of snipe signs. It is not the point to punish people, but to guide people toward compliance. He went over two concepts, aggressive and efficient, both of which we try to work with. He addressed proactive and reactive enforcement.

Mr. Cox said the various situations that were mentioned and the cities he has been in, this has always been a source of contention, and seeking clarity tonight is a very good thing. He said he has seen it both ways, proactive and reactive and they are seeking direction tonight.

Discussion ensued on various options as well as adding another Code Officer.

Mr. Langley said the Commission could give policy direction to city staff and the City Manager on the approach to Code Enforcement.

Mayor Paris said the only consensus across the board was an additional member and he would like to start exploring that now.

Mr. Kintner said he thinks it would be advisable to have a written policy come back before the Commission since there are different thoughts on the approach.

Mayor Paris said he would like to fill the position for a second member, and he suggests every Commissioner meet with the City

Manager and Mr. Kintner to have a more clear understanding. He believes there is a shift into the more reactive, but could change after having the discussion with staff.

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cox said there was a question asked about a fence around the Splash Pad by Deputy Mayor Morgan. Mr. Capizzi and his staff looked into that, and we do think it is appropriate around the Splash Pad. We will have that item on the next agenda for a transfer of appropriated funds. Regarding smoking in our parks and our enforcement of it, Mr. Langley and Mr. Capizzi informed me that our local ordinance is pre-empted by a State Law. The State of Florida has decided they are going to allow smoking so our ordinance is really irrelevant, and is superseded and unenforceable. He mentioned staff has asked Mr. Orange who plays Santa for the city, to be recognized in the past and declined. He was given a gift certificate. He said the mud in front of the old golf cart location which is the future site for our Alta Apartments, staff checked today, and there is no dirt in the roadway.

Mr. Cox said we are open to suggestion as to the location for the Flea World sign. Reiter Park walk through was done by staff, Dix Hite and West Construction last Friday. Dix Hite is putting together the punch list and West Construction will need to complete, and it will take about a week to review.

Mr. Cox commended Mr. Kintner and his hard work on Tiny Homes. He said regarding Ronald Reagan Boulevard, they are substantially behind schedule, and liquidated damages are starting this week, and those are going to be about \$1,000 per day for the contractor. He said Ms. Snead shared with him improvements going on at Longwood Groves Subdivision to improve lighting, entryway walls improvements and irrigation repairs. They have the signatures they need, 60%, and this will result in additional special assessments.

Mr. Cox said he anticipates having public art back on the agenda. He and Mr. Kintner have met and are going to propose we extend the moratorium for one year. He said we will also have a proposal to amend our animal control code to remove conflicts with the Seminole County Code. He also mentioned the final permit has been issued for the reconstruction of Bayridge Sushi.

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT. No report.

15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT. No report.

16. ADJOURN. Mayor Paris adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Commission: 05-06-2019

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Ben Paris, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____/S/
Michelle Longo, CMC, FCRM
City Clerk

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