

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

MINUTES
March 18, 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
 Chris Kintner, Community Development Director
 Lisa Snead, Financial Services Director
 Shad Smith, Public Works Director

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Paris called the meeting to order at 6:07 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, March 20, 2019 from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m., Longwood Community Building, 200 West Warren Avenue. This month's feature is *The Rider*.**
 - B. **Longwood Movie in the Park will be held on Friday, March 22, 2019 beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Reiter Park, 311 West Warren Avenue. This is a free event and the movie will be *Fantastic Beasts, The Crimes of Grindelwald*.**

- C. **The City of Longwood will host the “Longwood Pirate Seafood Festival” on Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Reiter Park, 311 West Warren Avenue. This is a free event and will feature live music, a variety of Seafood from local restaurants, a Kid Zone featuring a pirate ship, a shark ride, plenty of pirates and mermaids, rum tasting and more.**

5. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS

A. Nomination of the Beautification Award.

Commissioner Shoemaker nominated the Longwood Historic Society Civic Center for the Beautification Award. Nomination carried by a unanimous voice vote.

6. BOARD APPOINTMENTS. None.

7. PUBLIC INPUT

A. Public Participation.

Michael Patient, 304 East Wildmere Avenue, Longwood. He said he was here to speak about the traffic issues in Wildmere, Grant, surrounded, State Road 434, U.S. Highway 17-92, Marvin Avenue and Ronald Reagan Boulevard. He said he is representing himself and the organizer of the Wildmere Grant Homeowners Traffic Coalition. His purpose is to make the Commission aware of the Traffic Coalition. He stated, we had our first meeting last Wednesday, and he read a statement about the Coalition. He said the purpose is narrow, it is to reduce the speeders and stop sign blowers on Wildmere and Grant. It will expand to cover another four areas within the areas mentioned, as we gain additional residents and pick up issues. Basically, this is to make you aware of the Coalition. We will have another meeting in April, which will be an evening meeting so that many can attend, and we will contact you afterward once the voting is done. He explained about the voting, and it is from members of the coalition that have addresses on Wildmere and Grant or have property touching. Mr. Drummond is fully versed in what we covered and minutes of our meeting will be published as soon as we get it all transcribed.

8. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS’ REPORT

District #4. Deputy Mayor Morgan said, last Saturday I was trying to help Coach Thomas, our Lyman High School Football Coach raise money to get anti-concussion football helmets. The helmets cost \$350 each. Coach Thomas started a GoFundMe page and raised enough to get 16 helmets. He went from having 15 concussions to just one this past season, with kids passing the helmets back-and-forth when starters would come in

and out of the game. He said he wanted every kid to have one. He said we arranged a fundraiser at Reiter Park, The Reiter Park Rumble. We set a goal of between \$7,000 and \$10,000 to get the rest of the team covered for helmets. He is very proud to announce at the event alone, we hit just a little under \$10,000. He thanked all his fellow Commissioners and Mayor because we are a team. The amount of feedback I got from the kids was amazing. Half of the team was teary-eyed standing in the ring with some of the donations they got. He thanked the Longwood Police Department, the biggest donor of \$2,500. He thanked all the other donors and those who came out to support. He thanked the Commission for giving him the opportunity and their blessing to host this fundraiser at Reiter Park. The feeling of togetherness was overwhelming and an amazing thing to feel.

District #5. Commissioner Sackett said he has been a school teacher in Seminole County for 40 years. Last Wednesday, when a girl took her life at Lake Mary High School, it was horrific to be an elementary school teacher because many of our teachers are parents of Lake Mary High School kids, and they were panicking. Over the past month, teachers had to take a Suicide Prevention Awareness workshop. He stated, teachers are actively engaged. We know kids come to school with baggage, and with expectations of their own and their parents. Every teacher has on their phone something called Active Shooter, which has fire, medical, and police. We just push the buttons when we are at school, and we get an immediate response from our team within the City and County. It was a sad day.

Commissioner Sackett said this Friday, Buddy Ball comes back to Longwood. He also mentioned his grandkids work with Buddy Ball.

Commissioner Sackett asked the attorney about something he read. He said the State has defined Tiny Homes as a home that is 100 to 400 square feet. He asked if we had a definition of the Tiny Homes we are talking about, and does that mean we have to change the definition if it doesn't match the State standard.

Mr. Langley said he would have to read the legislation, but right now it is a bill, it has not been adopted. He is not sure there will be amendments along the way, but it might only affect the Florida Building Code definition. It may not affect Longwood if we are dealing with zoning.

Commissioner Sackett said regarding Barkfest, he was there for over an hour, and there were 150 or more dogs in attendance. This event has really grown, and there were many new vendors present also. He said it was the best one he has been to and thanked Leisure Services and the

Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. He said the wrestling event was spectacular, and he is proud Commissioner Morgan is doing something positive to support our children.

District #1. Commissioner Shoemaker said she has addressed several citizens' concerns over the past couple of weeks. Mr. Cox and staff have followed up very well. My compliments to our Longwood team for all they do. I was unable to attend Deputy Mayor Morgan's Rumble in the Park Fundraiser. She thanked all who contributed their time and resources for this beneficial cause. She shared in good company and good cheer at Connolly's Tavern for St. Patrick's Day. She said, they have a very warm and friendly atmosphere each time I visit. Pete's Eats, which is across from Connolly's was also open for those who wanted the traditional corn beef and cabbage.

District #2. Commissioner Drummond said he attended the Wildmere Grant Homeowners Traffic Coalition Meeting last week, run by Mr. Patient. It was attended by residents and homeowners from the southeast section of the city along those two streets. I talked to several of the citizens about their concerns with motorists speeding through the area, especially on Wildmere and Grant. They expressed some concerns about violations of the stop signs in that area also. There will be additional meetings so we can get more citizens involved, and then the city will be working with the coalition to try to alleviate some of those traffic concerns.

District #3. Mayor Paris said on March 7th, we had our MAC Meeting, which is Municipal Advisory Council that the City of Longwood has a seat on that goes directly to MetroPlan Orlando. That is essentially Expressway Authority, the Toll Roads, I-4 Ultimate, DOT, and SunRail. The conversation ensued about our ten-year plan throughout the county, and how we are going to be interacting with Seminole County moving into Orange County and how the expansion works. There is not a whole lot about Seminole County directly, but they are still talking about trying to get all of our lights linked for the SunRail. On March 15th, I attended Leadership Seminole Board of Directors Meeting. There was a presentation from the Sheriff and the School Board Commissioner talking about what happened with the suicide in Lake Mary. They talked about what staff did, before, during, and after something like that.

Mayor Paris said he enjoyed Matt Morgan's Wrestling Event Saturday and seeing all the football players out there was just great. On March 19th, the City of Longwood will be hosting the Mayors and Managers Meeting, and we will be discussing the 5G network and how those small cell sites will be affecting cities and the mandates coming down from

Tallahassee. Every year, on March 29th is the Poker at the Palace at Disney. It is my favorite charity event of the year. This will be my fourth year attending, and is a great time and a lot of fun. On March 25th and 26th, I will be in Tallahassee. There are a lot of changes with a new Governor. He said to let him know if there is anything the Commission might want him to look into while he is there for those two days.

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

10. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes of the February 4, 2019 Regular Meeting and February 25, 2019 Executive Session.**
- B. Approve the Monthly Expenditures for February and March 2019.**
- C. Approve the Monthly Financial Report for February 2019.**
- D. Approve a purchase order in the amount of \$23,368 to Bennett Fire Products Co., Inc. for the purchase of eight sets of firefighting bunker gear.**
- E. Approve a Combined Operational Assistance and Voluntary Cooperation Mutual Aid Agreement for SunRail between the Orange County Sheriff's Office and the City of Longwood Police Department.**
- F. Approve a Combined Operational Assistance and Voluntary Cooperation Mutual Aid Agreement for Joint Traffic Operations between the Orange County Sheriff's Office and the City of Longwood Police Department.**

Commissioner Sackett moved to approve Items 10A through 10F as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker.

Commissioner Sackett had a question on Item D and the rotation on replacing. It has a ten year expiration and they do try to have a backup.

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Read by title only and adopt 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.

Mayor Paris opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to the Item.

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

Commissioner Sackett moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19-2152 as presented Item 11A. Seconded by Commissioner Drummond and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

12. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Read by title only, set April 1, 2019 as the public hearing date and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 19-2153, amending Longwood City Code Chapter 14 regarding Animals.**

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 19-2153 by title only.

Chief Dowda presented the Item and answered questions.

Commissioner Drummond moved to approve Ordinance No. 19-2153 and set April 1, 2019 as the public hearing date. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- B. Read by title only, set April 1, 2019 as the public hearing date and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 19-2154, a petition for the vacation/abandonment of a portion of a drainage and utility easement at 860 Bucksaw Place.**

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 19-2154 by title only.

Mr. Kintner presented the Item and answered questions.

Commissioner Sackett moved to approve Ordinance No. 19-2154 and set April 1, 2019 as the public hearing date.

Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- C. **Read by title only, set April 1, 2019 as the public hearing date and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 19-2155, which grants a Non-Exclusive Franchise for the collection of Commercial Solid Waste and/or Recovered Materials to JJ's Waste & Recycling, LLC.**

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 19-2155 by title only.

Ms. Longo presented the Item.

Commissioner Sackett moved to approve Ordinance No. 19-2155 and set April 1, 2019 as the public hearing date. Seconded by Commissioner Drummond and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- D. **Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 19-1497, which enacts a moratorium on City Commission approval of "works of art" under Longwood Development Code (LDC) 6.3.2.**

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 19-1497 by title only.

Mr. Kintner presented the Item.

Commissioner Shoemaker moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-1497 as presented Item 12D. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Morgan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- E. **City Commission discussion on allowing dogs in Reiter Park.**

Discussion ensued on allowing dogs in Reiter Park and Commissioner's expressed their concerns on why they are opposed.

Mr. Langley stated this was only a discussion and currently dogs are not allowed, they do not have to take any action on this Item.

It was noted that staff has to be more proactive and enforce this rule and they will make the No Dogs Allowed signs larger.

- E. **City Commission to authorize moving forward with the Charter Advisory Committee nomination and appointment process and directing the City Clerk to place the Charter Advisory Committee**

nominations on the April 1st or April 18th, 2019 meeting agenda. The Commission tabled the nomination process at the March 4, 2019 meeting.

Discussion ensued on the timing of making the nominations. The Commission asked staff to continue advertising that they are looking for interested individuals to serve on this Committee and to submit their Board Application.

Commissioner Drummond moved to place the Charter Advisory Committee nominations on the May 6, 2019 Commission Meeting agenda. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Morgan and carried by a four-to-one (4-1) roll call vote with Commissioner Sackett voting nay.

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Chief Dowda gave the City Manager report. Mr. Capizzi is looking into the shed that was referred to as condemned at Candyland Park and getting quotes. Regarding the Flea World sign that came up at a previous meeting, we have identified a potential site at the location considered previously for the fire station. It is believed it might be placed there and not obstruct future development in that area. In reference to the Lewis House, staff and the party interested in hosting the house in the Historic District, are going together to visit the house this Thursday. They will look at it to see what needs to be done to get it moved and what sort of repairs would be necessary. He said there has been some movement on the Rosedale lighting asked about previously. We have now received communication from Duke Energy who are taking a look at it, and we are waiting on a final proposal from them. The light would be installed and especially be illuminating the sidewalk in the area on the northwest side of Rosedale. Regarding Reiter Park, West Construction crew members met today and some subcontractors are on site to address the punch list. There were several electrical issues that have already been addressed. Last Wednesday, the variance which changed the surface from brick to rubber was approved for the Splash Pad. The fencing is being addressed. Seminole Fencing started installation of black aluminum fence around the Splash Pad and around The Senator II. The Senator II is starting to bloom and look very healthy. Regarding the tennis and basketball courts renovations are underway. The fencing is down, and today they began taking up the asphalt on both basketball and tennis courts. The bid and purchase order for \$37,037 was completed prior to Reiter Park construction with all the ingress and egress of the heavy equipment with it. The damage caused by it will be addressed. They are also assessing the limestone underneath the court for any damage that was caused by

the trucks coming in and out, and that will be addressed as well. There will be one Pickle Ball Court when we are done. As far as the contract and liquidated damages, this will be managed by withholdings from the final payoff applications. With regard to insurance, we are bidding out insurance after several meetings with consultants, and we have started to move forward on property and casualty in this year. Next year in 2020, they will deal with healthcare. We have engaged George Erickson with Siver Insurance Consultants, and we are working on an aggressive timeline that has been drafted and out to bid during the second week of April. The 427 Complete Street Project is still not making much progress and remains substantially behind schedule. In April, they will be doing brick work, a concrete curb, and begin landscaping. Initial landscaping on the median will be sod however, treatments will be added after. The Utility Rate Study is underway. Duke Energy notified us they will be doing heavy tree trimming in Longwood in the second quarter of 2019, and the appropriate staff have been notified. We have received a children's FRDAP Grant for \$200,000, we will be proceeding with a new playground and a BMX track at Candyland Park. On the agenda for the next meeting will be some discussion on the Resolution of Code Enforcement. We are going to address whether it be aggressive or not so aggressive. Also, a possible easement in the American Industrial Center for the Altamonte Force Main Project.

14. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.** No report.
15. **CITY CLERK'S REPORT.** No report.
16. **ADJOURN.** Mayor Paris adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Commission: 06-03-2019

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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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