

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

MINUTES
April 1, 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
 Mike Peters, Fire Chief
 Chris Kintner, Community Development Director
 Chris Capizzi, Leisure Services 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. Orlando Health South Seminole Hospital will be sponsoring the “Concert in the Park” event series starting Saturday, April 6, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Reiter Park, 311 West Warren Avenue. The first band will be Skin Deep and this is a free event.**
 - B. The “Downtown Longwood Food Trucks” will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Reiter Park, 311 West Warren Avenue.**

- C. **The “Downtown Longwood Cruise-In” Car Show will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Historic District of Longwood.**

5. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS

- A. **District #5 Presentation of the Business Person of the Month Award for March 2019 to Mr. Joshua Vickery, Founder and Executive Director of Central Florida Community Arts, 250 SW Ivanhoe Boulevard, Orlando.**

Commissioner Sackett read a brief biography on Mr. Joshua Vickery and then presented him with the Business person of the Month Award for March 2019. Photographs were then taken.

- B. **Recognition of Deputy Mayor Morgan’s Completion of the 2019 Institute of Elected Municipal Officials held January 25-27, 2019.**

Mayor Paris read a letter from the Florida League of Cities, Inc. and presented Deputy Mayor Morgan with his Certificate of Completion. Photographs were then taken.

- C. **Proclaiming the month of April 2019 as “Water Conservation Month”.**

Deputy Mayor Morgan read the Proclamation and then presented it to Ms. Susan Davis. Photographs were then taken.

- D. **Presentation of the Beautification Award to Longwood Historic Society for the work done at the Historic Civic Center located at 135 West Church Avenue.**

Commissioner Shoemaker presented Mr. Butch Bundy, President of the Longwood Historic Society with the Beautification Award. Photographs were then taken.

6. BOARD APPOINTMENTS. None.

7. PUBLIC INPUT

- A. **Public Participation.**

Judi Coad, 1695 Grange Circle, Longwood. She said Resolution No. 19-1498 meets the residential compliance approach revised to adhere and match the criteria set in the Land Planning document under the Charter Section “Residential Neighborhood Protection”, Objective one - Policy B

and C, which has been provided to you. First, this is to be overseen by our City Administrator. The term aggressive does not mean reactive. The current reactive policy requires the residents to be the policing arm of the city, pitting residents against residents which has not worked. I have seen this first-hand by having a neighbor threaten my family and having to file police reports concerning this issue. Eventually, guns were involved at this residence which informs you that someone, because of the reactive policy, could seriously be hurt doing the city's job. The lack of oversight by Code Enforcement has allowed many projects to be done within the residential areas that require permitting to protect the owner, as well as the city. This is just the opposite of how Code Enforcement should work. It does not require an officer to spend their time driving through neighborhoods all day long. This is a management issue, not an enforcement issue. An additional officer is in the budget to right the ship in this department. The issue of vehicles causes a maintenance issue too, not an enforcement issue. Home Owner Associations (HOA) versus non-HOA residential areas are also a non-issue, because all residential areas require the same treatment and service. HOA areas, however, may help you reduce your workload. Residential versus the commercial per this resolution is also night and day. Both deserve the same type of service. Code Enforcement's job is to protect both types of properties. There will always be complaints which is the nature of this job, which I would not want. As it stands, the residential areas are being swept under the carpet. Having an active system of dealing with all properties for enforcement and education is what our city needs to have in place. Per the attorney, I ask if you are allowed to override the comprehensive plan without first changing those rules.

8. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

District #5. Commissioner Sackett said he has lived in Longwood for 30 years, and has seen the Longwood Fall Festival, the Easter Bunny, Santa coming through town, the Christmas Parade, and even Lyman getting active with the community, but has never seen anything so spectacular as the Pirate Seafood Festival this weekend. There were thousands of people, and parking spaces were filled to the brim. The excitement, along with the weather, of everyone coming in from all the surrounding cities was great. The pirates, the ship, the mermaid, the food, everything was spectacular. It was a great moment to live in Longwood, and I am proud I was able to be there for a few hours. I wouldn't have missed that for the world. He thanked Chris Capizzi and Ryan Rinaldo and their staff for a job well done.

District #1. Commissioner Shoemaker said on March 22nd, I attended the inauguration of Dr. Georgia Lorenz as the third president of Seminole State College. The ceremony was very well attended, and I look forward

to her positive and enthusiastic leadership. I earned vocational certifications and an associate degree from Seminole Community College long ago. I am in awe at the strides the college has made and will always remember the old campus filled with many wonderful memories for me. On March 23rd, I attended Cornerstone's Open House, where a near complete foundation Tiny Home was displayed. The home was very nice, well insulated, and very well built. On March 25th, I met with Mr. Cox for his annual review. We spent a couple of hours covering all that he has accomplished and his future plans. Overall, I am very pleased with his management of our city and blessed we have a City Manager with such ability, enthusiasm, and knowledge. On March 30th, I attended the Pirate Seafood Festival. This was a superb event and thank you to all involved. Reiter Park absolutely shined with happiness, people and joy. I also noticed for the first time, signs for parking along Church Avenue that said Event Parking. I thought this was great, and we had a very large attendance, so this was helpful. The lines for food were very long. I ended up getting one of the last seven crab cakes left at the vendor I was at. This Saturday, April 6th, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. is Commissioner Drummond and my Leadership Seminole Fundraiser, "Raise the Roof Family Fun Day" at Crossroads Corral. There will be face painting, pony rides, and a snow mobile from the Sheriff's Department.

District #2. Commissioner Drummond said the Seafood Festival was a unique event that really set Longwood apart. The weather and the crowd was amazing. He thanked everybody that worked so hard to put on this event, and he heard a rumor that maybe we could expand it to two days if we can do it again next year.

District #3. Mayor Paris said he also attended Dr. Lorenz's swearing in ceremony at Seminole State College. I am also an alum of that school. That is where I first got a taste for politics many years ago, so it has a special place in my heart. On March 24th through the 26th, I took a trip to Tallahassee, and one of the things talked about were Tiny Homes. There is actually a big initiative and movement to make Tiny Homes a statewide occurrence that takes care of the workforce and housing issues across the state. We will be watching that closely. It is good to see those kinds of movements, but bad when you start taking away home rule. It is important to watch this, and it is good to know that we were not the only ones thinking about the Tiny Homes as they move forward. On March 29th, I attended the UCP Charity Poker at the Palace Event that our City Attorney helps put on every year. It was a great event and well attended. It was bigger this year than last year, and it raised a ton of money. It is my favorite charity event that I go to every year, and I cannot stress how great of a cause it is. I will ditto the rest of the commission about the Seafood Festival on March 30th. It was an amazing festival with

thousands of people. We were competing with Altamonte Springs having their International Food Festival, and we held our own. I never thought I would say this two years ago, let alone this year. On that same day, I went to the Kids House of Seminole County's Yacht Rock Revue fundraiser. This is a great event, and it makes me feel good to be part of this community. On the 30th of this month, we will be coming on the one year anniversary of our City Manager, Mr. Cox. In October, when the executive staff and employees received their raises, Mr. Cox did not receive a raise. I would like to see a discussion about giving our City Manager a raise for his one year anniversary on the next commission agenda.

District #4. Deputy Mayor Morgan said on March 19th, he had a meeting with Parks & Recreation, Leisure Services, and with a Mrs. Catherine Spicer of Kaleidoscope Venue for the Arts. She is a new business owner who has opened up an art factory on the outskirts of the city and wants to be more involved in the community. We are trying to figure out how to create an Art Walk at Reiter Park to add some culture and diversity to our city. I was named to be a part of Advent Health Community Advisory Council, which was an honor. Advent Health is looking to do a lot within the community. When there are brand changes that is usually what happens. These corporations are looking to put money behind projects and charities to get their own brand awareness out there. As a city, we need to take advantage of that and put it toward things we need help with here. On March 21st, I had a Tri-County League of Cities meeting in the City of Edgewood. On March 23rd, my family and I went to the Tiny Home Open House. On the 25th and 26th, I went to Tallahassee and had various meetings with different representatives throughout the state. I updating them on the different things what we are doing in Longwood compared to years past. Within one year we were able to hold entertainment acts and have new businesses like eateries and a medical marijuana dispensary. You really want these representatives to be aware of these things. I was very impressed by Mayor Paris picking the legislators brains and commending our city for the amount of success we have had in such a short time. I also went up there to get state funding or grants for anti-concussion helmets. Deputy Mayor Morgan believes that within the next five to ten years we will see Pop Warner go away and the kids playing flag football instead because of these concussion problems. On March 27th, I had a Parks and Recreation Meeting with Chris Capizzi and Ryan Rinaldo to talk with them about getting a Public Relations plan together for our concert series we have coming up. I want to push this positive momentum we have going for us. I also met with Lyman High School to introduce Mark Romagosa from The Sharing Center, who wanted to donate toward the anti-concussion helmet fund. I want to thank Butch Bundy who is here and who donated to this fund

right before the meeting started today. Additionally, I had two meetings about the upcoming Charter Advisory board candidates from my district. Deputy Mayor Morgan went on to say he had received a letter from a seven-year old girl who he will be honoring at the next meeting. He also attended a Lyman basketball game of students versus faculty, a Wayne Densch Gala, and the Seminole County Opioid Council meeting. He said he is a very proud, thirteen year recovery drug addict himself, and one of the things he is looking forward to see is a state requirement not allowing addicts, who have been released from rehab, the choice of being put on Methadone or Suboxone. Methadone is highly addictive, and if I had made that choice, I would probably still be addicted to this day. You really should not be letting the addict choose. He met again with Leisure Services to see the breakdown of the Splash Pad's fence to get to its filtering system. Mr. Rinaldo is making sure our kids are getting the cleanest and safest water possible. He videoed this process and will make sure it is put up on the City's website and Facebook page when the time comes for the official opening. Deputy Mayor Morgan said we need to start thinking about next year's budget and what we are going to do to continue bringing in amazing bands, comedians and other types of entertainment acts we have not yet thought of. We have to figure out where we are going to get the funds for that. He mentioned an idea about partnering with Advent Health, South Seminole Hospital, and Publix, for a sponsorship deal. These are opportunities we have that we have never had before and need to take advantage of them.

9. **ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.** None.
10. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. **Approve Minutes of the February 18, 2019 Regular Meeting.**
 - B. **Approve the Monthly Expenditures for March 2019.**
 - C. **Approve an increase in the amount of \$23,000 to purchase order #19000058 for Emergency Vehicles, Inc. for preventative maintenance and mechanical repair service.**
 - D. **Approve a Field Use Agreement between the City and the Longwood Babe Ruth Baseball League of Seminole County, Inc. for the use of the City baseball and softball fields.**
 - E. **Approve waiving the Longwood Community Building rental fee in the amount of \$560, excluding the attendant fee of \$25 per hour, and still requiring the deposit of \$250 for the Seminole Soil & Water Conservation District event, which will be held on April 29, 2019.**

- F. Approve a donation in the amount of \$2,000 to The Christian Sharing Center from the State Law Enforcement Confiscation Fund to support the sharing center's ongoing efforts to provide resources for families and individuals in need and prevent homelessness and the consequences of homelessness.**
- G. Approve a purchase order in the amount of \$20,210 to Advent Health Medical Group – Central Florida for annual firefighter health exams.**

Mr. Cox pointed out that on Item 10D Longwood Elementary was noted in the agreement and was removed. The one being signed this evening has been updated.

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

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- A. Read by title only and adopt 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.

Mayor Paris opened the public hearing.

Jean Williamson, 1415 Arborhouse Court, Longwood. She said recently there was an incident in the city where a neighbor's dog was killed by another dog. Through research, she found that Seminole County and Longwood do have different regulations. One of the major points is that Seminole County adheres to the State law which indicates that vicious animals are handled differently than the way the city handles them. The city declared an animal vicious, and could not live in the city, if it had attacked another dog or an animal. Seminole County regulations do not have that stipulation. It was quite a problem to get that resolved, and she is somewhat concerned about that particular application of Seminole County.

The City Manager suggested that staff come back and readdress this after the Public Hearing.

No one else spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 19-2153.

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

Chief Dowda said the recent changes to Seminole County's Chapter would implement not only dangerous dog rules and hearings, but also specifically addressed vicious animals, including dogs. It would address Ms. Williamson's incident.

Mr. Langley said we are adopting the Seminole County's new code, so that is what applies. Whatever the county requires for the process is the process we would follow. The county would be enforcing this.

Discussion ensued about the details of the code and its application to the City of Longwood.

Commissioner Sackett moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19-2153 as presented Item 11A. Seconded by Commissioner Drummond and carried by a four-to-one (4-1) roll call vote with Deputy Mayor Morgan voting nay.

B. Read by title only and adopt 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.

Mayor Paris opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 19-2154.

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

Commissioner Drummond moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19-2154 as presented Item 11B. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Morgan.

Discussion ensued regarding the location of the easement.

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- C. Read by title only and adopt 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.

Mayor Paris opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 19-2155.

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

Commissioner Sackett moved to adopt Ordinance No. 19-2155 as presented Item 11C. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

12. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. City Commission to review a request from Oakwood Construction and Development for a lot split at 143 West Bay Avenue.**

Mr. Kintner presented the Item.

Commissioner Sackett moved to approve SD 02-19 for a lot split at 143 West Bay Avenue to create two lots with the following conditions:

- At the time of building permit submittal, the applicant shall provide a recorded shared access easement and related agreement for the shared driveway.
- All utility equipment shall be provided to the rear of the primary structures.
- Any existing non-conforming structures from the new lots shall be removed from the property.
- Accurate surveys and/or plans shall be provided for the recording of the lots.

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

- B. Based on Commission discussion at the March 4th Meeting, read by title only and consider adopting Resolution No. 19-1498, which establishes a Code Compliance Policy for the Community Development Department.**

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 19-1498 by title only.

Mr. Cox and Mr. Kintner presented the Item and answered questions.

Commissioner Drummond moved to adopt Resolution No. 19-1498 as presented Item 12B. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a three-to-two (3-2) roll call vote with Deputy Mayor Morgan and Commissioner Sackett voting nay.

- C. Hear a waiver request from Cory Fairbanks Mazda to exceed the signage allowance per Sec. 58-191 of the Longwood City Code for three 30-day back-to-back Temporary Use Permits (TUP 03-19) for a Construction Sale event starting on April 2, 2019.**

Mr. Kintner presented the Item.

Commissioner Shoemaker moved to approve Item 11C as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Cox thanked Chief Dowda for filling in for him at the last meeting. Regarding the condemned shed, we are awaiting quotes on that currently. We believe we have identified a potential site for the Flea World sign. If there are any concerns with us moving forward with that site, please contact me before Friday. Otherwise, we will move forward with that site and put plans together for the installation of it. Regarding the Lewis House, there is some interest from someone who lives in the Historic District. Ideas were discussed and generated, and the owner of the property will put together some ideas and send them over to us. The lighting on Rosedale Avenue is still waiting on Duke Energy pricing. Reiter Park has rock in the stream bed now, which does sharpen up the look. They are currently regrading some small areas, correcting the drainage issue, as well as splash pad issues, and some electrical issues. We are hopeful they will be completely done by the end of the month. They were asked to put their invasive work on hold while we were setting up for the Seafood Festival. The tennis and basketball courts received brand

new asphalt, and are now in a curing phase for the next 40 days. We do have plans for a Pickle Ball Court, and after that, the fence around the court will go back up. Mr. Cox passed out paperwork regarding our Property & Casualty Insurance. Regarding Ronald Reagan Boulevard (County Road 427), they will soon be starting the brick work. He said Whispering Oaks went before the Special Magistrate and was found guilty. There was a fee of \$100 per day imposed as long as they remain in violation. They gave the property owner until May 15th to hire a contractor and bring all permits and make all changes that were necessary. There were a number of other properties in the same area that were also fined \$50 per day for every day they were in violation.

Mr. Cox said regarding Code Enforcement, he appreciates everyone's thoughts on that. It is not an easy thing to do. He wants us to try to be unified in support of what we vote for. He appreciates us setting a date for the appointment for the Charter Review. We have a couple of gentlemen in the Police Department working on public relations, so I called them and gave them a one day notice and said we want to put together a campaign to recruit people to help spur interest in the Charter Advisory Committee. They put that together in one day. He congratulated Jeff French, who was recently promoted to Utility Field Supervisor. He shared having departmental reports for each of the departments throughout the year. The Commission will hear the things they are working on. This will begin in May. The first one will be the Fire Department. He gave kudos to staff regarding the Pirate Seafood Festival. It was estimated there were about 5,000 to 9,000 people. The cartoon graphics were phenomenal. He thanked the Citizens on Patrol, for traffic and parking control, and the Certified Emergency Response Team, for their Relief Station. At the next meeting, one of the highlights will be an easement agreement with American Industrial Center.

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT. No report.

15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Ms. Longo has received three completed Board Applications and emailed out eight to individuals interested in serving on the Charter Advisory Committee. She said at the end of this week she will email everything received up to that point to the Commission for their review.

16. ADJOURN. Mayor Paris adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Commission: 06-17-2019

/S/
Ben Paris, Mayor

ATTEST:

 /S/
Michelle Longo, CMC, FCRM
City Clerk

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