

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

MINUTES
November 15, 2021
6:00 P.M.

Present: **Mayor Brian D. Sackett**
 Deputy Mayor Tony Boni
 Commissioner Abby Shoemaker
 Commissioner Matt McMillan
 Commissioner Matt Morgan
 Dan Langley, City Attorney
 Clint Gioielli, Acting City Manager
 Michelle Longo, City Clerk
 David Dowda, Police Chief
 Chris Kintner, Community Development Director
 Judith Rosado, Financial Services Director
 Shad Smith, Public Works Director

- 1. CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Sackett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. OPENING INVOCATION.** There was no volunteer invocation speaker present at the meeting, therefore a moment of silent meditation was observed.
- 3. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Commissioner McMillan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Ms. Longo read the following announcements.
 - A. Annual Rotation of the Deputy Mayor.**
Ms. Longo announced the Rotation of the Deputy Mayor would go from District #1, Commissioner Shoemaker to District #2, Commissioner Boni.

Ms. Longo read the following announcements.

- B. Longwood Movie in the Park will be held on Friday, November 19, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Reiter Park, 311 West Warren Avenue. This is a free event and the movie will be *Home Alone*.
- C. The Longwood Arts and Crafts Festival will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 21, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Artists and crafters will line the streets in the Historic District of Longwood located off Church Street. There will be food, beverages, and live entertainment. This is a free event and additional free parking is available at Orlando Health South Seminole Hospital.
- D. The Longwood Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021, beginning at 3:00 p.m. and will make its way through the Historic District of Longwood.

5. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS

- A. Recognizing Commissioner Abby Shoemaker for her service to the City as Deputy Mayor, November 2020 until November 2021.

Mayor Sackett recognized Commissioner Shoemaker for her service to the City as Deputy Mayor. He then presented her with a plaque and photographs were then taken.

- B. Proclaiming December 3, 2021, as E. W. Henck Day in the City of Longwood.

Mayor Sackett read the Proclamation and on December 3, 2021 partnering with the Longwood Historic Society there will be a small event including former Mayors of Longwood to celebrate E. W. Henck.

- C. Proclaiming December 21, 2021, as Torah Day in the City of Longwood.

Commissioner Morgan read the Proclamation and it will be presented to the recipient on the 21st.

6. BOARD APPOINTMENTS. None.

7. PUBLIC INPUT

- A. Public Participation.

Mike Seamon, 345 East Florida Avenue, Longwood. He spoke about the item related to towing. He stated he has been a resident for twenty-five

(25) years and represents the towing industry the Professional Wreckers Operators of Florida (PWOFF). He said prices have to increase and his request is to match Seminole County's new rates recently adopted. Towing in Longwood and Seminole County is all the same. He noted they are working on Orlando and Dade County right now. The increase in rates also helps provide raises for staff.

Rick Moquin, 1041 Talmo Street, Longwood. He said he has been a resident in the Longwood area since 1958. He stated up to a few years ago Lake Talmo has been a clean and pristine lake. He was not sure if it was Seminole County or the State that cleaned the ditch that runs from U.S. Highway 17-92 into the Lake. The problem they have been having is no one has serviced the lake for more than five (5) years. With all the rain they have had this year everything that is on U.S. Highway 17-92 and the State Road 434 area runs into the lake. The runoff looks like oil and gas which forms a film on the lake. He said there is a pipe and he thinks it has some kind of filtering system that has not been serviced. He thinks it needs to be looked at.

Mark Jones, 3220 Chardonnay Court, Longwood. He spoke about towing and said he is a contract tower with the city of Longwood. He mentioned some of the same points as Mike Seamon regarding price increases. He noted tow trucks run on diesel and that does increase costs. He said they are about \$1.29 away from the historically high prices in 2008 for diesel fuel when it was approaching \$5.00 a gallon. He noted everyone is feeling that when you buy milk at the grocery store because all the goods are brought to the store by diesel trucks. The towing industry is not exempt from the same hardships and the unfortunate thing is their prices are capped and regulated. Often with accidents, the tow bill does not get paid when dealing with insurance claims and those who do not carry full insurance coverage. The individual would have to pay and often do not pay the towing bill. For city fleet vehicles, as contract tow companies, they absorb the cost when they have to tow a fire truck for example. He said they have been impacted by many of the same hardships as the residents.

Jim Maloney, 255 West Magnolia Avenue, Longwood. He said he has lived here for thirty (30) years. He noted in August 2019 he brought up the music in the park and it was addressed slightly. He has attended a meeting and spoke about it as well. On May 14, 2020, he emailed everyone regarding the noise and just recently emailed. He was not sure how it was constructed or how it was looked at but the sound on his street for about four to five houses is like a car with the loud bass music driving by. He spent a lot of money renovating his house and hates to think it would be wasted if he can not enjoy it understanding he will lose

his backyard. It is extremely loud and anyone is welcome to come to listen anytime. He has suggested a baffle on the back of the bandshell, some sort of wall to break the noise. He noted it is pretty bad and all he can hear is the bass in the house. He spent money on windows to cut the noise because of the increased traffic on his street from the light being added on County Road 427. He appreciates what the city is doing with the park but asked that those on his street be taken into consideration. He said a lot of the neighbors have the same issue but they do not want to come to a meeting and speak as they feel nothing will be done. He said the easiest solution would be to lower the sound, it does not need to be that loud.

Judi Coad, 1695 Grange Circle, Longwood. She said resolution number 21-1582 code related, needs to adhere to and match the criteria set in the land planning document under the Charter section, residential protection objective 1, policy B and C which has been provided to the Commission in previous meetings. She said policy B states continually evaluate the city code enforcement program in order to ensure aggressive and efficient service to the residents. This evaluation is to be undertaken by the City Administrator. Policy C states maintain a strong code enforcement program by ensuring adequate staff to meet existing and anticipated growth-related demands. This is not overseen by our City Administrator at this time and the term aggressive service does not mean reactive which is what this Commission has done in the past. The current reactive policy requires the residents to be the policing arm of the City, pinning residents against residents, and it has not worked. All residential and commercial properties need to be treated equally per our City Charter and Codes that are currently on our books. This is one of the items taxpayers pay their taxes to have accomplished, not about personal issues that Commissioners may have with the codes or any other rules. But the rules are to be adhered to and enforced equally to all City properties. She said she believes being selective opens up the City to legal action. The lack of oversight of code enforcement has allowed many projects to be done within the city residential area that requires permitting to protect not just the homeowner but the City as well. An additional officer has been in the budget in the past and dropped. The issue of vehicle cost is a maintenance issue, not an enforcement issue. The Homeowner Associations (HOA) versus no HOA residential areas is also a non-issue because all residential areas require the same equal treatment and service. The HOAs are also not an arm of the City to do the enforcement. She said residential and commercial per this resolution both deserve the same type of service. Code enforcement's job is to protect both of the parties and there will always be complaints which is the nature of the job. As it stands, the residential areas currently have been swept under the carpet. Having an active system of dealing with all

the properties for enforcement and education is what our City needs to have in place. If there are codes the City Commission does not like then review them for changes. She said the word is not in the resolution "may" it is "will" enforce the codes on behalf of all the taxpayers.

8. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

District #4. Commissioner Morgan asked the City Manager if he had already contacted Mr. Maloney regarding the noise in the park.

Mr. Gioielli responded that he had and still working on options to try and mitigate the loud noise including turning down the sound. He said he thinks one of the issues is there was a private event at the park and because of weather conditions it went long and was probably too loud.

Commissioner Morgan said even if it is an outside vendor, have staff on hand and know how to make sure we are holding everyone to accountability to the decibel level and the times.

Commissioner Morgan said on November 3 the Boys and Girls Club had their annual Faces of the Future Breakfast at the Sanford location. This is a big fundraiser for the organization and was successful. He thanked everyone from Longwood who attended. The same day he went to Tallahassee and he and the City Manager met with Chairwoman Stevenson and State Representative David Smith on House Bill 2225, the million dollars for Longwood for a new Fire Station. He felt the City Manager did a good job with the preparations to have available when asking for the funds. Last year when the City was looking for funding it made it to the Governor's desk however it was vetoed because of COVID. November 5 he had a S.C.O.R.E. meeting, Seminole Collaborative Opioid Response Efforts, which he is a part of. This one dealt with outlets teenagers could use for addiction and noted addiction is high right now with COVID. November 6 he attended the Kids House Gala which was held in Reiter Park. He noted he has been helping them out with outreach in the community to share what services they offer. The Kids House Gala is their largest fundraiser and did very well this year. November 7 he went to Lyman High School and was invited by Jamilah Maika. He said Jamilah Malika, who works with older teens has started an organization called USA UNITES. They work with high schools and utilize the performing arts teaching youth how to build and maintain healthy relationships with themselves and others. November 10 he went to Longwood Elementary to speak to a group called Young Men of Promise. They can then join Young Men of Excellence as they move into middle school. He spoke with them about basic skills of dealing with people and a good first impression, for example giving a firm handshake and looking someone in the eye. He also spoke about what it was to be a

City Commissioner. That same day he had a meeting with the City Manager and Kim Colgrove. She is the President of the Ladies 327 in Sanford. They spoke about sponsorship and partnership opportunities. Leisure Services, Chris Capizzi and Ryan Rinaldo were also part of the meeting. He wished a belated Happy Veterans Day to all veterans. He also mentioned the senior living community Village on the Green which is in unincorporated Longwood and he attended their Veterans Day parade. He noted it was a very moving event to see everyone who came out to thank those that served. November 12 he attended the ribbon cutting for Daniels Bakery. November 13 was the Ceilidh In The Park event, the Chili Cook-off, and the 10th Anniversary of the Car Show. They were all well attended and he noted the street was full from the Car Show all the way to the Park. He thanked Leisure Services and the Parks and Recreation Board. He noted it was a great honor to present the award to former Longwood Mayor and State Representative Bob Cortes for his role in starting the Car Show in Longwood.

District #5. Mayor Sackett said on November 6 was his daughter's wedding and it went very well. He attended the ribbon cutting at Daniel's Bakery it is a nice store. He mentioned the owner is looking for a larger space for ovens and asked for staff to connect with her. Longwood Babe Ruth Baseball had its championship weekend. He would like to arrange a meeting with the City and the Board to discuss how to make it a viable organization in the City of Longwood. He went to the Farmers Market on November 13, which happen to be his birthday and a busy day. That same day he went to Extreme Sports on E.E. Williamson Road for their 10th anniversary and Family Fall Festival. He said they have seventy-five (75) children for their afterschool program, and two hundred (200) children in their summer program and looking for a better facility. He asked Mr. Gioilli to look into helping them find a location. He attended the Ceilidh In The Park event and it had great music and was a good event. He went to the Chili Cook-off and tried all of them. The Car Show had a great turnout and thanked Bob Cortes for bringing it to Longwood. He said he is looking forward to the Arts and Crafts Festival on November 20 and 21st and commented how it has improved in the last couple of years. He noted there is a workshop for ARPA Funds on November 30. On December 4 and 10 there will be a parade and a Celebrate the Season event. He noted the opening invocation has a limit of two (2) meetings per calendar year for a speaker and thought the resolution could be amended to expand the distance to incorporate more churches in unincorporated Longwood. This was just his suggestion. He spoke about the noise in the park and was glad the City Manager spoke with Mr. Maloney. He brought up the city limits and how many people are not aware they reside in the unincorporated area and his thoughts on proactive annexations. He then discussed code enforcement and how he

heard from people that did not want to bring anything up because they did not want to use their name. He also mentioned work being done without permits on the weekends and asked for this to be looked into.

Mayor Sackett also mentioned the homeless situation and the ones he mentioned to the City Manager and Police Chief were addressed. He said he received a call from someone who wished to build something unique on State Road 434, which includes food trucks and beer vending, and he needs some assistance. He noted the project is being downsized due to financial backing being difficult for commercial ventures. He spoke with Dave & Buster's himself and to get them to go into the old Pic N Save property they would need 100,000 people in the city of Longwood during the daytime. With sadness, he reported the wife of Mr. Archie Krige the science teacher at Lyman High School passed away suddenly on Friday.

District #1. Commissioner Shoemaker said she wished she would have been able to make it to Tallahassee and noted they had the best cheerleader there in Commissioner Morgan. She attended the ribbon cutting for Daniels Bakery and they had provided samples which were all very good. She missed the Ceilidh In The Park event but did attend the Car Show and Chili Cook-Off which were very nice. She thanked the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Leisure Services. She also mentioned the Chili Cook-Off being her idea which she initiated when she served on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. It has been a fantastic event and hope it has brought in a lot of money. She said Longwood is doing things right with all the events. She also received the email about the noise and feels for Mr. Maloney. She made some suggestions to have someone on call who could receive a text to be notified and then go out to investigate and address the noise.

District #2. Deputy Mayor Boni said he agrees Longwood is going in the right direction and they will get the sound issue resolved. He thanked Commissioner Morgan and the City Manager for going to Tallahassee on behalf of the City. He also attended the ribbon-cutting at Daniels Bakery and has been there a few times and spoke with the owner. He noted they are looking for commercial space with commercial ovens because several restaurants want their bread it is that good. He had the Philly cheesesteak before the ribbon-cutting and said it does not look like one because she uses her bread which is more like flatbread and said this is a Longwood cheesesteak. Then she changed the name to Longwood cheesesteak. He noted she is a great addition to Longwood.

Deputy Mayor Boni said the past weekend was filled with fun, fruits, veggies, kilts, chili, cars, and birthdays. The Farmers Market was great to walk through and he picked up fruits and vegetables and the prices were

very reasonable. It was his first Scottish Festival and said there were a lot of kilts worn. The music and dancing were outstanding and fun to watch and listen to. He thanked the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Leisure Services for a great Chili Cook-Off, he was a judge. The Seminole County Republican Executive Committee won first place and the Longwood Historic Society won second place. He received one complaint the restrooms in the Chambers were male/female (unisex) and a couple of ladies were walked in on. He said next year he would like to have it posted male and female so that does not happen. He also noted there were a lot of people there. It was also great to honor Bob Cortes for the 10th Anniversary of the Car Show. He enjoyed looking at all the cars. There was a lot to celebrate and it was also Mayor Sackett's birthday.

Deputy Mayor Boni thanked all the Longwood residents for all the emails and social media posts over the last few weeks. He let everyone know he read all of them and appreciates the community is active and wants to be heard. He said he is a face-to-face communicator and sent out a post to meet at this favorite coffee shop Two Bells on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. He noted the response he received was that he picked a time that the working people could not attend. He apologized for his oversight and he also works Monday through Friday 8:00 am until 5:00 p.m. and understands. He replied that he has secured the Chambers this coming Thursday and Thursday, December 2 from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. and hopes this accommodates everyone's schedule. He does want to hear everyone's thoughts and the reasons behind them. If anyone can not make these dates, you can attend a Commission meeting on the first and third Mondays of each month. The majority of the emails sent to him were about the apartments on Ronald Reagan Boulevard where the old dog kennels were and apartments in general. He said on his campaign trail to his position he met a lot of residents and he was asked questions he did not have answers to. He has done his research and asked a lot of questions to get the answers he felt confident to bring back to the residents. He called back or stopped back by in some cases and provided the answers he found. In some cases, he received a thank you. This was his campaign strategy and stated he is not a politician he is a resident like everyone else who was asked to step up. The only promise he made was with his corporate and small business experience he would do the research, get the facts on the issues and decisions placed before him, and make the best decision from those facts. He shared some of the research he did on the apartments and categorized them as the top five reasons the emails comprised of. 1) Crime is increasing because apartments only bring in riff-raff and drug dealers, all the police calls are going to the apartments. 2) Traffic is unbearable because of all these apartments. 3) The apartments will use all of our water. 4) Our schools are already at capacity and this will burden them. 5) We the City only

look for apartments to bring into Longwood only for the revenue. With the help of the City Manager and staff, he put together some statistics. This is what he bases his decisions on. He was surprised by the numbers.

1) Crime is increasing. He said he did the report from 2015 and crime has decreased every single year to almost 30% from where it was in 2015. The first apartment complex came on board in 2016 and looking at a roughly 24% increase from 2016 to today. He can not say whether this increase or decrease is due to the apartments but he can say with confidence the decrease in crime has happened because of the outstanding police department in Longwood. Regarding the comment “all the calls are going to the apartments”, the study was done on two (2) apartment buildings and two (2) single-family home developments over a one-year time frame. The single-family homes had more calls. There were 316 calls in that one year to single-family homes and 117 calls to apartments. He said the people who move to these apartments in Longwood are not riff-raff, they are not criminals, they are Longwood residents that work, own businesses, and raise their families.

2) Traffic. The traffic study that was given to him was for three (3) major roads in Longwood, Ronald Reagan Boulevard (CR 427), State Road 434, and U.S. Highway 17-92. He said it all shows we are not near the daily capacity of these roads. He noted traffic is bad but we cannot blame it on the apartments there are a lot of other circumstances. There are six cities around us that are growing at a faster rate than we are and they drive through Longwood. He noted on some of these roads traffic has decreased from 2016 to today.

3) Water consumption. He said the city of Longwood is at about 26% of its capacity or allowable use of water and about 30% capacity of its sewage. There is not a Longwood well that only Longwood gets to pull from and we are not near the daily usage capacity of the water.

4) Schools at capacity. He said he does not have the specific data from the County School Board yet but was told that Longwood schools are not at full capacity.

5) Revenue. He said apartments do bring in revenue to the city of Longwood. He noted we are not seeking the apartments. They are coming in by developers and being put on land that is already deemed for them. For approximately every 260 apartments it will bring revenue equal to about half a millage point in tax, ad valorem tax. There are two other ways he knows of to get that much revenue into the City, one would be the annexation of unincorporated Longwood and this gets voted down. He said the proactive approach of annexation would need to come up with positive reasons for the approximate 2.73 millage rate increase that they would be taking on if they move into the city of Longwood. This is the number one reason that people are voting it down. The second way is to raise property taxes. He said he promised to do his research and wanted to share it. He also said he does not believe apartments are innocent of these five reasons. He said these are all legitimate issues, but not at the

exponential rate of apartments we have, to be causing a problem. Apartments are not going away it is a national trend and the way people choose to live. There are 1,000 people a day moving into Florida and 1,500 a week are moving to Seminole County. Why Seminole County, he stated, is because we have the best schools and a great place to raise a family. He knows everyone is upset with apartments and he is upset and not 100% in favor of apartments but you have to look at the bigger picture when it comes to them. He said the industrial land that has been proposed for apartments, can be stopped by the Commission, we can nix the zone change. He said if apartments are going to be put in the City he feels the best location is surrounded by industrial on the edge of the town. He said a line was drawn in the sand and specifically with the developer and he does not trust that they will develop commercial on the lots at the front of the property. They did agree to the deed restriction for those lots, which provides 20,000 square feet of retail space. He said this will come back to the Commission on December 6 and to him a win in the industrial area. The 20,000 commercial/retail space will stimulate commercial growth in this area. He has not made a decision but these are the facts that he will be making his decision on and hope this helps everyone.

District #3. Commissioner McMillan thanked everyone for the compliments on the Ceilidh in the Park event, the Saint Andrews Society was happy to be there. He thanked everyone who has asked him about his dog, who is doing well. He did not make the whole Scottish event but did make it to the Car Show and Chili Cook-Off. He thanked Deputy Mayor Boni for his breakdown and response on the apartment issue. He said this marks his one year in office and despite the challenges of COVID and subsequent economic disruption including rising inflation he sees Longwood is moving in the right direction. In the run-up to his swearing-in, the big issue was the historic district redevelopment proposal and that debate ran its course, and his first vote as a Commissioner came in during Commissioner Morgan's report when we closed out the Request for Proposal (RFP) on that proposal. He said there were some interesting ideas in there and that proposal was unrealistic and required the City to forfeit too much property and too much control over what was going to happen in terms of economic development. The idea of putting in six to four-story apartments on the Police Department property drew the most opposition. It never did get to a formal plan and it was rejected however it did focus his attention on what was going on in the historic district and economic development in total and potential for what can be done in the district. He said he believed it was Commissioner Shoemaker during those debates who commented that it would be best to slow it down and proceed step by step focusing first on the Fire Station. He said tonight we will be voting to close on the property that the City has under contract on

Warren Avenue. This will be for a new Fire Station which is needed in a location essentially the same in response time. The property will be acquired with money from reserves for less than what was being proposed from the developers that brought that previous proposal. Instead of the City paying rent for their facility the other half of the building is occupied and generating income. We went from leasing our facility to owning our property and receiving revenue from tenants. The old Fire Station can be converted to a restaurant or some other amenity to compliment Reiter Park. If the City retains the property, it will be income-producing and have the ability to control what is going on in the park. He said he was unable to make it to Tallahassee to lobby for funds and believes we received the FEMA Grant for part of the construction. He stated this is a major shift forward from a year ago when he started. Instead of accepting proposals that would have put others in charge of our development in our historic district and turning our city government into a tenant situation, Longwood is very close to being in a strong position to control the development of our historic district and will be able to address a long-needed public safety need at the same time. Acquiring property-producing income, allows us to have options to decide what we would want to do with the police station property and a new police station. It is a strong position to be in as opposed to a year ago.

Commissioner McMillan said regarding apartment buildings, which he believes do not belong in the historic district, we have taken concrete steps to put the city in control when we were not a year ago. There has been a lot of things that have happened in the past year including Alta Longwood opening in the Spring. It is beautiful and they were awarded the quarterly beautification award. He said he drives Warren Avenue often and has not seen a significant increase in traffic. When he does see an increase in traffic it is due to the events. Alta Cypress has broken ground and coming along and looking better than expected. The Addison broke ground, the one near Wawa. He said these projects are at different stages of development, are happening fast, and have a lot happening at once. In the last year, he feels we are taking control of our future. At the request of Commissioner Morgan, staff has presented the land use map and taken steps to revise it in over a decade and restrict where apartments can be built. In regards to preserving our rural character, the City did create several months ago the country estate zone and passed a horse ordinance which will allow a low-density residential property including equestrian properties to come into our City legally. He pointed out this country estate designation specifically in the ordinance excludes apartments. We did not have this a year ago. He said the other two proposed projects we have coming up, he is seeing the change from a year ago where applicants are now offering in one case a deed

restriction and the other a land-use agreement for commercial use. Further, on the one-year look back, Township Plaza is finally coming together and looking better than it has in over thirty (30) years with a freshly paved parking lot. A new Tastee Treats has been approved near the Acme Comics and LA Fitness plaza. Despite COVID, we saw a healthy budget with solid reserves, completed Union negotiations with Fire, Police, and Blue Collar, adopted a contract to improve our Business Tax Receipt revenue, moved forward with water meter improvements, and kept the millage steady. He would love to see this come down and this would take annexations and entice people to become part of Longwood. We now have a full-time public information position that is pushing out the city message on social media so people will know what is happening in the City. He said our City culture is growing and we are having successful events including events during COVID. He mentioned a few of the events like the Scottish event, Flag retirements with Heroes Strong, and the addition of mailboxes to drop your flags in for retirement. He said there were long-needed upgrades approved for Candyland Park and the addition of the Pickle Ball courts. Tonight, if all goes well the finalization of the Lewis House to go into the cemetery, will be completed. He sees a Longwood city government that is more responsive and improving communication, facilitating responsive economic development of long time distressed properties, having cultural events that make people want to be a part of Longwood, and having strong partners, like the Longwood Historic Society, Heroes Strong, The Sharing Center, and Orlando Health. He said he is also grateful that the invocation was restored to bring in the faith leaders of the community. He thanked city staff for the work they have done in his first year it has been a great experience to represent his hometown as a Commissioner. All this was being done while a special election was taking place with the resignation of Commissioner Drummond.

Commissioner McMillan reported on the true, good, and beautiful. For the “true” he said he will go with a tax fact that is relevant to economic development. Single-family residences have an exemption called the Homestead exemption. Homes under a certain value currently \$25,000 would not pay any tax at all. There is a layer aspect as you get to \$50,000 then \$75,000 and he mentioned it because of the increase and property values. At some point, he feels there will be a move to increase that exemption and has seen ballot initiatives on this and in 2018 where it was rejected and the provision in 2020 made it easier to transfer as you moved from one house to another, that homestead exemption. The change would come from the legislature and voters. If tax bills spike as the real estate market and assessments go up and other pressures there will be pressure to increase at the state level that exemption. It affects us and local governments rely on that tax base and when you make

properties more exempt it shrinks the value and you get less money to fund local government. Having a diversified tax base helps because the demands on the services side are still going to be there. It helps to have industrial, commercial, homestead residential, and non-homestead residential to be diversified. For the “good”, he saw respect throughout the City on Veterans Day. He thanked all those that served. For the “beautiful” was the band at the Car Show, they were called “The Crome 57 Band”. They gave a beautiful performance. He also highlighted it is the 400th Anniversary of Thanksgiving from 1621 to 2021.

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

10. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve Minutes of the November 1, 2021, Regular Meeting.

B. Approve the Monthly Expenditures for November 2021.

C. Approve the Monthly Financial Report for October 2021.

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items 10A through 10C as presented. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Boni and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Read by title only and adopt Ordinance No. 21-2212 annexing and amending the corporate limits of the City of Longwood for a voluntary annexation by S. Brent Spain for the property with Parcel ID: 05-21-30-523-0000-00B0 and 05-21-30-523-0000-00A8 located at 1580 and 1590 South Highway 17-92.

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 21-2212 by title only.

Mayor Sackett opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 21-2212.

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

Mr. Kintner presented the Item and noted the applicant will move into the land use phase where they will seek a site-specific comprehensive plan amendment that provides a density limitation of not more than fifty (50) dwelling units and a maximum building height of forty-five (45) feet and three (3)

stories for residential uses. The Future Land Use Amendment is not part of this item and would be reviewed by the Land Planning Agency and City Commission at future meetings. This item approves the annexation and the property coming into the City. He then answered questions.

Commissioner Morgan spoke about why he was in favor of this project involving apartments. He said this property is going to be developed into apartments regardless of whether they annex into the City. If they do not annex they have a higher probability of turning it into two hundred (200) plus unit apartments and would be governed by Seminole County, using our schools, first responders, and should be paying the taxes for Longwood services. He said working with the developer allows the Commission who said they would limit apartments to fifty (50) and they would be contributing to the City tax base.

Commissioner Morgan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-2212 as presented Item 11A. Seconded by Commissioner McMillan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

12. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. City Commission to consider the Orange Blossom Trail/State Road 441 Brownfields Coalition Memorandum of Understanding.

Mr. Luis Nieves-Ruiz, Economic Development Manager with the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council (ECFRPC) gave a presentation on the Brownfields Program. He reviewed what the council does and how the City was a participant in the HUD Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant program. It received \$422,386 to complete the Longwood SunRail Station Area Plan. They do strategic planning and grants, health and regional food system, economic impact analysis, and community redevelopment and revitalization. He noted they now have a Federal Brownfields Program and went over the program benefits. He spoke about the Brownfields Assessment Grant award and that Longwood is one of their partners. They will receive \$600,000 over a three-year period for the area of OBT/U.S. 441 and 86% will go directly to pay for community services. The Council will meet to review potential brownfield areas and five high-priority sites. He went over what tasks they are currently working on and reviewed the Inter-local Agreement which was being presented to the Commission for approval.

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve the Orange Blossom Trail/State Road 441 Brownfields Coalition Memorandum of Understanding. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- B. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 21-1581, which approves a budget transfer from reserves in the amount of \$112,000 to design and construct the Lewis House Gazebo at the Longwood Cemetery.**

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 21-1581 by title only.

Mr. Kintner presented the Item, reviewed the budget transfer, what was included, and where the amount came from.

Discussion ensued on the history of the house and retaining the historic plaque.

Deputy Mayor Boni moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-1581 as presented Item 12B. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- D. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 21-1582, updating the City's Code Compliance Policy.**

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 21-1581 by title only.

Mr. Kintner presented the Item and noted the language regarding "aggressive" code enforcement is located in the Comprehensive Plan, not the City Charter. He mentioned this distinction because the City Charter can only be amended by the voters of the city of Longwood and the Comprehensive Plan can be amended by the City Commission. He went over the two changes to the existing policy.

Discussion ensued on proactive and reactive Code Enforcement, education, and the addition of proactive patrolling.

Mr. Langley clarified having citizens call Commissioners with anonymous complaints because they are a function of the city, a policymaker. If they are conveying those anonymous complaints to the staff that is not truly something they can take action on under Florida Statute. The other point he made was to be careful

about directing the staff because that is not a function of the Commission to direct a staff member.

Mr. Kintner also discussed the effective date of any change that is made. Specifically dealing with notification of going proactive and providing some time before citing people.

Commissioner McMillan moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-1582 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and failed by a two-to-three (2-3) roll call vote with Mayor Sackett, Deputy Mayor Boni, and Commissioner Morgan voting nay.

Discussion ensued on changes to the resolution to remove the following crossed-out language in the section below and make the effective date January 1, 2022.

Residential Compliance Approach

- *Single-family areas of the City will ~~not generally~~ have daily patrolling ~~and will be addressed on the basis of complaints received (reactive).~~*
 - o *Where an address has two or more violations in a 6-month period, the Code Compliance Officer will do periodic, proactive checks of the address beyond the standard follow-up inspections associated with the initial violation.*
 - o ~~*While the residential approach is reactive, the code compliance officer may still take action on violations that are identified in the course of addressing a complaint, completing a follow-up inspection, or in the course of other duties.*~~
 - o ~~*Staff may elect to make an exception to the complaint-based approach to establish temporary periods of pro-active patrolling. These pro-active patrolling periods may be on an area or neighborhood wide basis, or may be city-wide to address a particular code.*~~
 - o *Single-family areas are generally defined as those within Low Density Residential or Medium Density Residential zoning districts, or those areas having the appearance of a single-family neighborhood in another zoning district*

Deputy Mayor Boni made a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-1582 as presented with the the following changes:

remove the language under the section Residential Compliance Approach *“not generally”* and *“will be addressed on the basis of complaints received (reactive)”* in the first sentence, remove the second and third bullet in the subsections, and have an effective date of January 1, 2022. Seconded by Commissioner Morgan and carried by a three-to-two (3-2) roll call vote with Commissioner Shoemaker and Commissioner McMillan voting nay.

E. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 21-1583, adopting Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Facilities Plan for the East Longwood Area Septic Tank Abatement Program Phase 2 thru Phase 6.

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 21-1583 by title only.

Mr. Smith presented the Item.

Commissioner Morgan moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-1583 as presented Item 12D. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

F. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 21-1585, which amends the fiscal year 2020/2021 budget.

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 21-1585 by title only.

Ms. Rosado presented the Item.

Commissioner Morgan moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-1585 as presented Item 12E. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Boni and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

G. Read by title only, set December 6, 2021, as the public hearing date, and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-2213, which revises Chapter 86 Article III (Towing of Vehicles) of the Longwood City Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 21-2213 by title only.

Chief Dowda presented the Item and clarified this is only addressing the sign placement and not fine increases.

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve Ordinance No. 21-2213 and set December 6, 2021, as the public hearing

date. Seconded by Commissioner McMillan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

H. City Commission to consider an Agreement regarding partial Waiver and Release of Covenants and Restrictions regarding the 451/455 West Warren Avenue Property.

Mr. Kintner presented the Item and noted the agreement maintains in place Orlando Health's existing first right of refusal if the City ever tries to sell the property. He also provided an update on where the City is in the purchase and closing of the property. The City is obligated to close upon the property on or before December 22nd once the due diligence period expires.

Deputy Mayor Boni moved to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Agreement regarding Partial Waiver and Release of Covenants and Restrictions regarding the 451/455 West Warren Avenue Property. Seconded by Commissioner Morgan and carried by unanimous roll call vote.

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Gioielli said the ARPA WorkShop will be held on November 30, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers. He said at a previous meeting the Mayor brought up the speed limit on West Church Avenue between Milwee Street and Rangeline Road. The roadway is rated for up to thirty (30) miles per hour (MPH) and currently at twenty-five (25) MPH zone staff does have the ability to increase it to thirty (30) MPH. He asked for Commission input.

Discussion ensued on the change in the speed limit. It was noted if it was increased to thirty (30) MPH that the zone would be between Rangeline Road and the Tiberon Cove subdivision, then drop down to twenty-five (25) MPH up to Florida Avenue where there are houses close to Church Avenue. It was confirmed there are bike lanes.

Commissioner Morgan moved to raise the speed limit on Church Avenue to thirty (30) MPH from Rangeline Road to the Tiberon Cove subdivision then drop to twenty-five (25) MPH. Seconded by Mayor Sackett and failed by a two-to-three (2-3) roll call vote with Deputy Mayor Boni, Commissioner Shoemaker, and Commissioner McMillan voting nay.

Mr. Gioielli said they were contacted by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) to discuss the 434 and Ronald Reagan Project and

part of the conversation will include the slip lane. He had a meeting with the Ladies 327 non-profit organization and confirmed with the City Manager for Sanford what an asset he finds them to be. Ms. Colegrove and her over twenty-four hundred members have proposed partnering with the City on existing and new projects. They would like to provide support during the Farmers Market and possibly provide a bounce house for children while parents shop. He said they would also like to provide food at Movies at the Park, and a couple of new events they would like to propose being a Jazz and Wine Festival, Bunko for seniors at the Longwood Community Building, and Blue Grass and BBQ Festival.

There were no objections from the Commission for partnering with this organization.

Mr. Gioielli said the Gibbs Retail Study should be released soon and staff plans to hold a workshop to allow the Gibbs group to present the study to the public. He said regarding the new Fire Station, FEMA has approved Phase 1 of the Grant request which will provide approximately \$116,000 for the design phase of the project. He plans to bring the agreement to the Commission for approval. He noted he hopes to get more grant funding for Phases 2 and 3. Regarding the Flag Retirement, Mail Boxes should be delivered this week and he is looking for input on the next steps for the design. He said there will be cost associated with this and would like to use the Commissioners Community Relations funds for it. Also asked how the Commissioner would like to address the art design.

Discussion ensued on the art design if it should be painted or have a wrap, have a contest for the Lyman High School art students, and review of all the options.

Mr. Gioielli said the balcony at the Community Building is complete and a usable feature. He also report last month was the highest gross month in revenue for the building since they started tracking in October of 2017. September was the third-highest since October of 2017.

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT. No report.

15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Ms. Longo said city offices will be closing at noon on Friday, November 19 in preparation for the 2021 Longwood Arts & Crafts Festival. Next week the City will be closed on Thursday, November 25, and Friday, November 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. She wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

16. ADJOURN. Mayor Sackett adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Commission: 12-06-2021

Brian D. Sackett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Longo, CMC, FCRM
City Clerk