

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

MINUTES
December 6, 2021
6:00 P.M.

Present: **Mayor Brian D. Sackett**
 Deputy Mayor Toni 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
 Chris Capizzi, Leisure Services Director
 Shad Smith, Public Works Director
 Craig Dunn, Information Technology Director

- 1. CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Sackett called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. OPENING INVOCATION.** Mayor Sackett gave the invocation.
- 3. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Commissioner Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Ms. Longo read the following announcements.
 - A. The “Downtown Longwood Food Trucks” will be held on Thursday, December 9, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at Reiter Park, 311 West Warren Avenue.**
 - B. Celebrate the Season and the annual Tree Lighting event will be held on Friday, December 10, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Reiter Park, 311 West Warren Avenue. There will be live music, dance performances, ice skating for \$1 per person, pony rides for \$7 per person, food available for purchase, shopping**

opportunities at Santa's workshop, tree lighting, and a laser light show for the finale.

- C. The "Downtown Longwood Cruise-In" Car Show will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2021, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Historic District of Longwood located off Church Avenue.
- D. The Longwood Movie in the Park will be held on Friday, December 18, 2021, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Reiter Park, 311 West Warren Avenue. This is a free event and the movie will be *Elf*.
- E. Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 18, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at the Longwood Community Building, 200 West Warren Avenue. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$6 per child. Tickets must be purchased in advance and can only be done online.
- F. Santa Visits Longwood will be held on Saturday, December 18, and Sunday, December 19 from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. or however long it takes to finish each area. Routes are only within city limits and are as follows:

Saturday: East of Ronald Reagan Boulevard

Sunday: West of Ronald Reagan Boulevard

5. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS

- A. Recognition of Deputy Mayor Boni's Completion of the 2021 Institute of Elected Municipal Officials held October 8-10, 2021.

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

6. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

- A. District #2 Nomination to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Deputy Mayor Boni deferred the nomination until the next meeting.

7. PUBLIC INPUT

- A. Presentation: Mr. Chad DeGroot, owner of Bikes N Boards to give a presentation on a "Candyland Park Skatepark Conceptual Plan".

Chad DeGroot, owner of Bikes N Boards introduced Tito Porrata and Ryan Clements with the Platform Group who gave a presentation on a conceptual plan for renovations to Candyland Park Skatepark.

B. Public Participation.

Harry Matta, 1315 Landry Circle, Longwood. He has lived in Longwood for thirty-eight (38) years and is an officer in his Home Owners Association (HOA). He said he has a concern about growth in the last few years. He also said the vision for where the City is going comes from the Commissioners along with some of the staff. He also noted concerns with traffic, noise, air quality, and character of the City and would like to request the vision from each of the Commissioners and what they look at for growth. Mr. Matta noted we have enough police, fire trucks, but if more apartments are built then there is always mention that we need more. He asked what is enough. He said we have a beautiful downtown and we do not need to be impressing anyone else. If there is anything that Sanford has proven is you can keep the character of the downtown area and you do not have to have a lot of extra stuff and traffic. He would like at some point the vision of each of the five (5) Commissioners. He also asked what the plans are for the land that used to be the water purification plant at the corner of Lake Emma and Longwood Hills Road. He has a concern regarding the location of the ingress and egress and stated it could be a problem for the Conventry Subdivision, which is where he lives.

Ann Blakton, Wildmere, Longwood. She stated as she was on her way to the meeting this evening she pulled onto Ronald Reagan Boulevard from Wildmere Avenue and came to a dead stop. The traffic was backed up on State Road 434 to Wildmere avenue. She said she has seen it backed up to Dog Track Road. She also noted this is at all times of the day, not just this evening.

Jose Hernandez is an investor and purchased 717 Longdale Avenue, Longwood. He was speaking about a Code Enforcement Lien on the property. He purchased the property on a foreclosure action about a month ago, has spent around \$20,000 on renovation, and will spend approximately another \$20,000 to \$25,000 to renovate it. He stated he found out late there is a \$1.9 million Code Enforcement lien on the property. He has bought properties in the City before and worked with the previous City Manager Jon Williams. He intends to work with the City and to

bring the properties he buys to higher standards and increase property values. He asked the Commission to waive the Code Enforcement lien.

Mayor Sackett suggested this be brought back to the next meeting as an agenda item for consideration of a lien waiver.

It was the consensus of the Commission to bring this back as an agenda item at the December 20 meeting.

Sarah Ashton, 1033 Oxford Street, Longwood. She wanted to bring attention to what has happened to the lakefront area on Lake Wildmere. She said the land was stripped for the installation of the Grand View Apartments, which are located on the lake. She is also located on the lake and has seen what has happened to the land and it is appalling. It was so beautiful and picturesque with all the trees and vegetation until it was stripped bare. She said now there is only sod there. She has spoken with city officials and was told it was going to be replanted but nothing has happened. She asked why was this not addressed and has called about it being told the deadline gets pushed back. She also noted it is causing issues with runoff into the lake. She did want to be sure there was going to be follow-up on this and it is properly replanted with native vegetation as it should be. She clarified the lakefront area she was referring to as the space between the apartments, which face the lake, and the lakefront. All the vegetation in this area was stripped and in some sections, a retaining wall was installed, in others, there has been sod put in. She said according to the site plan it was supposed to be replanted with native vegetation, which it is not.

8. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

District #5. Mayor Sackett said the parade was good as well as the Hanukkah celebration with a lot of attendance. He attended a Council of Local Governments (CALNO) meeting held at the Sanford Airport and was introduced to all the changes at the airport. He thanked the Acting City Manager for taking care of the issue at Ridge and Talmo. He said for the Code Enforcement extension on the signs/banners that will expire on December 31, the month of January should be for education. In January no one should be issued a code violation. He confirmed for Daniels Bakery, that staff is looking for a larger space for them.

Mayor Sackett met with The Sharing Center on their ideas for apartments and provided them with locations where this could work for them. He donated bicycles and donated to the Lyman Rowing Crew Team for this

year's Christmas good wishes. He said that for the past two weeks he has been volunteering to sell Christmas Trees for a group that donates them to Lyman High School and the Boy Scouts. He was asked when the City was going to get rid of the fake tree at Reiter Park. He asked how long the contract was and if a real tree should be put in. He would like this discussed for next year.

Mayor Sackett said Helping Hands is the mowing company the City uses and he does not recall when there has been a thorough review of their services.

Mr. Gioielli said they have extended a temporary contract of services while staff does a thorough review.

Mayor Sackett said Mr. Gioielli made an executive decision for an extra day off for staff on January 3, 2022.

Commission Morgan left the meeting at 6:50 p.m. and returned at 6:52 p.m.

It was the consensus of the Commission to give staff an extra day off on January 3, 2022, by a unanimous voice vote with Commission Morgan absent for the vote.

Mayor Sackett said there is a competition going on for Middle School students 6th, 7th, and 8th graders ending January 31. He would like community relations involved and to reach out to Milwee and Rock Lake Middle school. It is an essay contest and the topic is "If I was elected Mayor".

District #1. Commissioner Shoemaker congratulated Deputy Mayor Boni for completing the Institute of Elected Municipal Officials (IEMO). She stated she also attended this training. She attended the Arts and Crafts Festival and the E. W. Henck Day celebration with the current and past Mayors. Commissioner Shoemaker enjoyed catching up with Dr. Andrienne Perry, who was a past mayor of Longwood, and who she met in the seventies at Seminole Community College when she was involved with adult education. On December 4 she rode in the Christmas Day Parade with the City Clerk. She said they enjoyed the parade and discussed decorating their own float for the next parade.

District #2. Deputy Mayor Boni asked all those in attendance by a raise of their hands who were in attendance to speak about the apartments. He thanked them for coming to the meeting. Deputy Mayor Boni hoped everyone had a good Thanksgiving, the E. W. Henck Day was a great idea

and event. He said he has attended the Christmas Parade previously and this was the first year he and his wife were in it. Yesterday at Northland Church he witnessed over thirty (30) people being baptized and was amazing to attend. There was a gentleman in his Men's group, Dale who is ninety-seven (97) years old and he chose to get re-baptized with his sixty-five (65) year old son.

Deputy Mayor Boni said he heard the corporate headquarters for Gators Dockside moved to Longwood back in May and he would like to have a ribbon-cutting for them. He noted they moved to Longwood because of the low crime rate.

Deputy Mayor Boni said after hearing he was not listening to anyone he set up five (5) different meetings, in the morning and afternoon, for residents to come and meet with him. He was disappointed only four (4) residents attended. He said he will continue to make himself accessible however will not engage with anyone on social media. He went on to talk about the apartments and how developers have come in promising to do one thing and do something different. This was his belief because he is a resident and upset about this as well. He gave a couple of examples. He took it upon himself as the newest Commissioner to tell the developers for the newest apartments what he wanted. He said a request he made over ten weeks ago for a guarantee that commercial was going to be built with the apartments was to be on the proposed docket today. They did agree and went through the process of attorneys talking to make it happen. He noted, as of today at 6:00 p.m., the documents were not turned in properly. He had spoken with the developer earlier today and expressed his expectations and what he wanted. After that call, they proceeded to call staff and make a little bit of a threat regarding the vote and where it was going. He stated he hears everyone and he along with the rest of the Commission are there to do what is right for the City. He said he made a promise to take the time to do his research and make his decision on the data and what he acquires from the research. He said the staff helped him out with all the information. He said his other promise is he would not be bullied in a vote by anyone. He was a little fired up by what was said in the conversation with staff, which was relayed back to him. He then stated we need a long-term strategic plan for this City. He made another promise for the two years and eleven months he has left in his seat he will focus his energy on getting a strategic plan started. He said we need to look down the road at the decisions we are making today. We need to have forward-thinking so we are not spinning our wheels and making the wrong decision as has happened in the past. The decisions today, whether commercial, residential, or industrial, have to fit in the long-term plan. He asked the residents to stop talking about the decisions of the past and come together on what we can do for our City

in the future. Mistakes have been made before his time and some of the others on the Commission right now. He will continue to set up times to meet with residents, one in the morning and one in the afternoon each month.

District #3. Commissioner McMillan commended Deputy Mayor Boni for his IEMO certificate and the effort he is taking to reach out to speak to people on all sides of the issues. He addressed something he missed from his last report, regarding the Community Building and how we are finally hitting record revenues on getting people in there. This was wonderful news considering where we were a year ago. He set his focus on two items at the beginning of the year as a new Commissioner. As a general goal building up our community and the restoration of the invocation to improve our relationships with the faith leaders after the lockdowns. The other was promoting the Community Building for events and regular meetings for other clubs and organizations. He noted this is the heart of our historic district and the historic district is the heart of our City.

Commissioner McMillan commented on what happened last week with the ARPA Work Shop and felt it went very well. He commended staff for the presentation and each of the items discussed will come before the Commission in the future, including tonight's vote on the recapture of lost revenue to our budget. He said it allows us to do what we need in terms of purchasing from our capital needs list, which was set aside during our budget workshop. This will allow us to purchase items like the fire truck and other infrastructure needs that were put aside. He used the analogy for this portion as converting a gift card to cash. There are restrictions on the ARPA Funds and it expires. When you find a means by which you can use it, and translate it into the general fund to use it where we need to, we should. He noted he has been vocal about using the American Rescue Act as actual rescue funds to assist in rapid relief to the economic hardship caused by COVID. He believes one of the things that will be seen in a couple of meetings is that we will be participating with the County and other cities to provide housing stability, rental, and mortgage assistance. He said we are also not spending it all right away and taking a wait and see attitude which he feels is smart and prudent. Further disbursement of these monies will come in August.

Commissioner McMillan attended the Longwood Arts and Crafts Festival and it was nice. On Friday, December 3 he attended the E. W. Henck Day with his fellow Commissioners at the Bradlee-McIntyre House, and it was a wonderful event. On December 4 was the Christmas Parade, also a wonderful event. He did not ride in a vehicle he walked with the St. Andrews Group along with his dog Ms. Lucy. He said that evening at 6:00

p.m. they had a Pub Night at Sour Glass joined by a bagpiper from Rosie O'Grady's. He also stopped by the Hanukkah event last evening. He noted regarding the topic of apartments he is listening too, has received emails, and thanked everyone for coming out and participating.

Commissioner McMillan reported on the true, good, and beautiful. For the "true", he would like to talk about inflation. He gave a brief example regarding minimum wage. Right now in Florida, the minimum wage went up to \$10 an hour in July, last year gas was around \$2 a gallon, and people were working for a minimum wage was like getting five (5) gallons a gas per hour. He said what happens with inflation is when the gas price goes up to \$3 a gallon to get five (5) gallons per hour you are now at \$15 an hour minimum wage, which is still years away. He said everything is not gas and when we see prices going up for everything it does eat away at earnings, especially for wage earners. For the "beautiful", he saw at the Longwood Arts and Crafts Festival when he was able to go up to the balcony at the Community Building. It was a beautiful view of the historic district. For the "good", he said it is faithfulness, the holiday season. He said one of the songs we hear at this time is "Adeste Fideles", which we know in English as "Oh Come All Ye Faithful". He said fideles means faithful it is the motto of the U.S. Marines, Semper Fidelis "Always Faithful". He mentioned fido as another word for fideles, which is used to describe the faithfulness of a dog. He had to say goodbye to his dog Lucky on Black Friday.

District #4. Commissioner Morgan said on November 16 he did Longwood Elementary's annual "Teach-In", which focused on school fighting. He said it has increased due to COVID, having children cooped up, and not getting the services they would if they were going to school. He helped out the Longwood Historic Society set up for the Longwood Arts and Crafts Festival for their White Elephant Sale. This is a fundraiser for them. He thanked Jean Williamson, a member who did a lot of work for the fundraiser and getting the sale set up. The next day Longwood Green held a Home Owners Association meeting in the Commission Chambers, which he attended. He mentioned to the other Commissioners to watch what he does at the various city events to get feedback from those that attend. He said he uses the notepad on his cell phone and goes up to people to ask for their input on upcoming agenda items. He noted when he was elected and door-knocking many people did not know what a commissioner was or a commission meeting. He said he was elected to be the resident's conduit and wanted to stream the meetings. He looked up other cities who were streaming Facebook Live for their meetings he mentioned North Carolina and one in California. He said when we attend the events we should be getting feedback from residents on what they would like to see and not see.

Commissioner Morgan thanked Mr. Capizzi and Mr. Rinaldo for staying on the banner situation on Ronald Reagan Boulevard and it looks better. He said we have a patriotic city, do a lot of work with Heroes Strong, and also a Purple Heart City. He said Mission BBQ is a restaurant our residents, police, fire, and veterans want. He noted this is a restaurant in Oviedo that recognizes our heroes. He feels it will be a good fit for Longwood and went out there with the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and some staff. He said how it works when they were determining whether to go to Sanford or Longwood they looked at the median income. It is something to keep in mind when they are looking at apartments and how that affects them. He also mentioned for the property at the old Dog Track where apartments are going in, the Commission does not always get a say as to what can go in there. It is based on the zoning for that particular piece of property, for mixed-use. If that is zoning, apartments can go in there. When a developer comes to the City and asks for the zoning to be changed, that is when the Commission can decide to approve this or not. He said he has brought up to have a review of the zoning map of the City and areas where apartments can be placed. He talked about the identity of the City and called it the 21st Century Mayberry, being a beautiful, charming, bedroom community. He wants developers who will invest emotionally in the City and noted a good partner has been the Alta Apartments on West Warren Avenue. The Wood Partners are the developers and they have also purchased the Dog Track Road property and are building the apartments there. He said the residents are the biggest selling point for Longwood. He also touched on property rights and how zoning changes work.

Commissioner Morgan said 15,000 people attended the Longwood Arts and Crafts Festival in two days and it was amazing. He said Reiter Park continues to be a draw for Longwood with the events being held. He said on November 29 at an Advent Health Advisory Council Board meeting, they had a review of statistics on COVID and thanked Tim Cook. He then addressed apartments related to the school. He sits on the Public Schools Facility Planning Committee and they see the next five to ten-year plan and any potential rezoning. This rezoning is based on the capacity of each school. They look at the School Impact Analysis (SIA) and Lyman High School is at 78% capacity, Millwee Middle School is at 113% capacity. He said anyone new coming into the City would not attend Milwee they would be sent to another one that is not overcapacity. He said coming up on December 17 & 18 they will have Seven Foot Santa at the Bradlee-MacIntyre House which is a Longwood Historic Society event. It will be \$5 for a family and will go towards the preservation of the historic homes. He also will take part in Embrace Families Dance Dream & Inspire Event, a dance competition similar to Dancing with the Stars.

This event will raise funds to keep kids safe and thriving. He noted Embrace Families programs provide an essential safety net for children and young adults, keeping them safe from abuse or neglect. He also was on The Greg Gutfield Show where they did a small city elected official's perspective on COVID and the funding.

9. ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.

Mayor Sackett said the Police Chief has requested we pull Item 10E.

Ms. Longo also noted there were a couple of corrections for the November 15 minutes, Item 10A, and asked they be approved with the following corrections. The Deputy Mayor was updated to Tony Boni under the list of members present, Under the Acting City Manager report, the motion for the speed limit change was updated to reflect Deputy Mayor Boni, Commissioner Shoemaker, and Commissioner McMillan voting nay.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve Minutes of the November 15, 2021, Regular Meeting.**
- B. Approve the Monthly Expenditures for November 2021.**
- C. Approve a change order in the amount of \$15,429.95 to the Barnes, Ferland, and Associates (BFA) Purchase Order No. 18-00938 to provide for additional construction administration services related to the Longdale Septic Tank Abatement project.**
- D. Approve a change order in the amount of \$21,396.32 to Barnes, Ferland, and Associates (BFA) Purchase Order No. 20000519 for additional professional engineering services for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Loan related to the East Longwood Phase II Septic Tank Abatement project.**
- E. Approve the 2021 – 2025 Voluntary Cooperation and Operational Assistance Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Longwood Police Department and the City of Orlando Police Department.**
- F. Approve the Ricoh fleet replacement project and authorize the Acting City Manager to sign any appropriate documents related to the project.**

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Deputy Mayor Boni moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items 10A, 10B, 10C, 10D, and 10F as presented

and with the corrections noted for the minutes. Seconded by Commissioner McMillan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Read by title only and adopt Ordinance No. 21-2205 a Small Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment for Properties at 250 North Street and Pineda Street (SPA 03-21).

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 21-2205 by title only.

Mayor Sackett opened the public hearing.

Commissioner Shoemaker declared a conflict due to her preparing taxes for Anselmo Godinho who is a partner with the Seminole County Business bordering the land in the city of Longwood requesting a land-use change. As a paid tax preparing she has a financial interest with Anselmo Godinho and therefore would be abstaining from voting.

Jo Anne Rebello, 301 Loch Lomond Avenue, Longwood spoke. She noted she was originally against the apartments until she heard they were going to do a Deed Restriction and have commercial. Now that they have not done it, she is not in favor of approving. She noted there has been a history of developers making promises and not following through. She is tired of developers doing a bait and switch. She likes Longwood being known as the 21st Century Mayberry and the work the Police Department does for the community.

Tabitha Kaley, 256 East Bay Avenue, Longwood spoke in opposition. She said it is a good opportunity to look at the bigger picture and the properties already zoned mixed-use there is nothing that can be done to stop developers from purchasing them, and doing what they wish. This item is a different situation where they are asking for the zoning to be changed. She does understand growth and noted the traffic is horrific and bringing people into the City with apartments is making it a transient situation. They are here for a year or three then buy a house somewhere else maybe in Longwood. She said we do not want to be a transient City, we want to attract people to come here. With apartment complexes, she feels we are just inviting people to come here for one to three years of their lives, and it is not conducive to growth. She asked the Commissioners not to approve this item and listen to the residents.

Mike Woods, 971 Arden Street, Longwood spoke in opposition. He stated the traffic is an issue on Ronald Reagan Boulevard and State Road 434. With additional apartments, there will be more traffic added to the system. He said he lives off of North Street and with State Road 434 and Ronald Reagan Boulevard being so busy there are a lot of people who try and cut through North Street. At a stop sign on North Street, he has seen people run it. With added traffic, there will be more of this and potentially a bad accident. He is against this item.

Judi Coad, 1695 Grange Circle, Longwood spoke. She thanked the Commission for listening and said she has been involved with the City for many years. She said she knows there has been zoning the City thought years ago was going to bring what was needed and over zoned to mixed-use. She has seen the Commission allow things to come in and then rescind after, and an example would be the car dealership that went in on State Road 434 and their landscaping. They had a specific landscaping plan and then later came before the Commission saying they did not want to do that and unfortunately the Commission at that time said okay. She said it is not okay with the citizens, that they are told what they are going to get, and what is approved is not followed through on. She thanked Deputy Mayor Boni and also wanted to see the apartments go in at a blighted place in the City with retail on the frontage. She said she was in the developing business with shopping centers years ago and built one on Red Bug Road with apartments behind it and it was a beautiful setup and has worked out very well. She thought this was going to be a similar setup but does not see it with what is going on. She said we do need retail and we do have to support our local small businesses because many have folded and it is not just because of COVID. She commended Deputy Mayor Boni for having Community Development work on the Comprehensive Plan and what can be done to make it a better situation.

Mark Watts, 231 North Woodland Boulevard, Deland spoke in favor. He is an attorney with Cobb Cole. He lives in a community that also prides itself on being like a modern-day Mayberry, which is Deland. He was at the meeting on behalf of Elevation Development who is the applicant for the change. He asked the Commission not to approve it tonight and asked them to table it. It goes to the point made by Deputy Mayor Boni that they did make a promise at the October 18 meeting when it was approved on the first reading. The promise was to take the portion of the

property that currently has infill and mixed-use (IMU), allow multi-family development and other mixed uses, and give the City control over what can occur there. Specifically, giving the city a Deed Restriction that is enforceable by the City and limits the use on the front portion to prohibit multi-family apartments and require non-residential development under the IMU classification. He said they have worked with staff and had to make revisions to the original deed restriction. He asked the Commission to keep in mind that some of the landowners are not his clients and are being asked to restrict now, based on the promise of a closing later. He said they want to make sure there is a way to enforce that promise and make sure if that promise does not come through if the closing does not come through, there are ways to work with the City to unwind or roll it back. He said they have gone back and forth with the City Attorney on the wording of the restriction so once the approval is in place there is no possibility of rolling it back. They have accomplished this and have been dealing with the landowners to be sure they are comfortable with the restriction. His request to the Commission was to table the item to the December 20 meeting so they can deliver the recorded deed restrictions as the City Attorney has requested.

No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 21-2205.

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

Mayor Sackett asked Mr. Kintner if he had a recorded deed and he replied he did not.

Mayor Sackett moved to not adopt Ordinance No. 21-2205. Seconded by Commissioner Morgan.

Discussion ensued on the deed restriction, the item being extended, discussions being held with the applicant, and ample time for the deadlines to be met.

Motion carried by four to zero (4-0) roll call vote with Commissioner Shoemaker abstaining from voting.

- B. Read by title only and adopt 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.

Mayor Sackett opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 21-2213.

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

Commissioner Shoemaker moved to adopt Ordinance No. 21-2213 as presented Item 11B. Seconded by Commissioner Morgan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

12. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 21-1584, amending the fee schedule of Longwood City Code Chapter 86, Appendix B, Traffic and Motor Vehicles.

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 21-1584 by title only.

Chief Dowda presented the Item.

Commissioner Morgan moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-1584 as presented Item 12A. Seconded by Commissioner McMillan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

B. City Commission to consider a presentation from Amy Sirmans of VHB regarding the progress on the West Warren Complete Street study, and provide guidance regarding the next phase of the project.

Amy Sirmans with VHB gave a presentation on the progress of the West Warren Complete Streets study. She went over the study overview, guiding principles, alternatives and improvement strategies, alternatives analysis, public outreach, feedback, and recommended alternatives. There were two alternatives. The first has a cost for construction and design of \$4,363,800 and the second is \$4,272,800, the cost does not include landscaping or irrigation. It was noted Alternative 2 is the preferred one which had the eight-foot sidewalk on the south side of Warren Avenue, more space between the roadway and sidewalk for landscape and trees, additional on-street parking, St. Laurent Street intersection improvements, enhanced mid-block crossings, speed management, drainage improvements, and aesthetic

enhancements. She said the request was to get Commission approval on their alternative.

Discussion ensued on the improvements and alternatives and questions were answered.

Commissioner McMillan moved to approve Alternative 2. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a four-to-one (4-1) roll call vote with Deputy Mayor Boni voting nay.

- C. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 21-1586, authorizing the execution of a Sub-Recipient Agreement between the City of Longwood and the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) providing grant funding in the amount of \$116,213.92 for the engineering and design related to the Fire Station Facility, Hurricane Safe Room, Code Plus and Generator - Phase I project and authorize the Acting City Manager to execute all associated documents.**

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 21-1586 by title only.

Mr. Smith presented the Item and answered questions.

Deputy Mayor Boni moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-1586 as presented Item 12C. Seconded by Commissioner McMillan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- D. City Commission to consider a Historic District Matching Grant Application from Carolyn Miller, owner of the property at 212 West Bay Avenue.**

Mr. Kintner presented the Item. He said the request was for a roof replacement for both a supporting as well as a contributing structure.

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve the Historic District Matching Grant Application as presented Item 12D. Seconded by Commissioner McMillan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- E. City Commission to consider a Historic District Matching Grant Application from WHC Partners LLC, owner of the property at 172 West Warren Avenue.**

Mr. Kintner presented the Item. He said the request includes replacing the siding and some structural repairs, painting, and sealing the exterior.

Commissioner Morgan moved to approve the Historic District Matching Grant Application as presented Item 12E. Seconded by Commissioner McMillan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

F. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 21-1587, amending the fiscal year 2021/2022 Budget and Interfund Transfer from ARPA Fund to General Fund.

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 21-1587 by title only.

Mr. Gioielli presented the Item.

Deputy Mayor Boni moved to adopt Resolution No. 21-1587 as presented Item 12F. Seconded by Commissioner Morgan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Gioielli said Mr. Jose Hernandez who spoke during public participation is asking to waive a code enforcement lien on a property he recently purchased at 717 Longdale Avenue. The Commission approved earlier this year a Debt Code Lien Forgiveness Policy that restricted staff's ability to waive everything but 15% of any debt. He said this will come back to the Commission as an agenda item for their review. He said the Mayor had asked for staff to use January as a month of education for code enforcement action and temporary use permits. He wanted to confirm once temporary use permits become a requirement on January 1 that staff uses the first month for education as well as for proactive code enforcement activity.

Mayor Sackett replied in the affirmative. The Commission was in agreement.

Mr. Gioielli said staff has been in contact with Daniel's Bakery and provided them with information and waiting on them to contact staff. The property at Lake Emma Road and Longwood Hills Road is going to be the trailhead for the Seminole Trail Connector. He said the property on the north side of Lake Wildmere are not apartments they are townhomes and called Grand View Lake Wildmere and it is his understanding part of the plan requires plants to be installed, upon completion of the project. The project is not complete and to mitigate against any erosion, sod was

installed while the project is completed. He noted the City Engineer is monitoring the situation.

Mr. Gioielli said there has been some discussion on a strategic plan and the Commission has asked staff to make updates to the future land use map. He said this is the first step in a strategic plan. Additionally, a discussion has been held on the future of the fire station and use of the land being purchased as well as the three acres where the police department is. These are steps towards the vision of the City. He said he has received a preliminary report back from the Gibbs Study and staff is reviewing it. He would like to schedule a meeting for the Gibbs Group to present this to the Commission.

Discussion ensued on whether this takes place at a regular meeting or a workshop.

It was the consensus of the Commission by a three-to-two (3-2) voice vote to hold a workshop for the presentation of the Gibbs Retail Study with Mayor Sackett and Commissioner Shoemaker voting nay.

Mr. Gioielli said he was asked about Ladies 327 and partnering with this organization. They will be piggybacking on the concerts in the park by bringing food trucks and a kids' event. The first partnership will be on March 5, 2022. On April 30, 2022, there will be a Blue Grass concert and BBQ in Reiter Park.

Mr. Gioielli said staff is moving forward with a Request for Proposal (RFP) for health insurance for staff for next year. He said he is anticipating bringing forward to a Commission meeting for first reading the water rate adjustments. He also noted at the request of the Deputy Mayor staff is evaluating and taking on the suggestion to set the printer's default to black and white to save money. He was on the phone with the Sheriff's lobbyist on Friday and she is working to secure a meeting with staff and/or Commission to meet with the governor's Budget Chief as we continue to pursue our appropriation request for money. He then asked for clarification as staff is prepared to initiate the artwork contest for the mailboxes. He said there was some information about maybe getting the local painter involved. In an attempt to move the project along, he has been in contact with Milwee Middle School and Lyman High School to have five (5) finalists per school and then bring those ten (10) to the Commission to pick two (2). He said he is looking into a wrap to be placed on the mailboxes.

Deputy Mayor Boni stated he would like David Rubin of Heroes Strong to be involved in the choosing of a design.

Deputy Mayor Boni wanted to add something. He met a gentleman last week who saved the Grey Hound statues from the Dog Track and will pass along his information to Mr. Gioielli. He said they can be donated to the Longwood Historic Society or placed out front of Lyman High School.

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT. No report.

15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Ms. Longo stated at the last meeting the Mayor suggested making changes to the invocation resolution and wanted to pass along some proposed language changes. She noted this was discussed with the City Attorney as well. She said the resolution is limited to speakers that are within city limits and it could be updated to say any groups or organizations within the Longwood mailing address within the city of Longwood or unincorporated. It would be all the organizations within 32779 or 32750.

Discussion ensued on the current resolution, what area is included if letters were mailed out when it was approved, how often a speaker could attend, and if it was by a speaker or a church. It was noted currently the resolution includes those within the jurisdictional limits of Longwood, it goes by the speaker and a speaker could attend no more than two times in a calendar year but not consecutive meetings. It was also confirmed letters were mailed out when it was adopted.

Mr. Langley said the goal of the proposal was to expand since there is some difficulty getting enough people to come. It is a way to expand the opportunity but not too far and still have some connection with the City with those who are just outside the city limits with Longwood addresses.

Discussion ensued on making potential changes and it was the direction of the Commission to have updates to the resolution brought back for review and potential approval.

16. ADJOURN. Mayor Sackett adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Commission: 01-17-2022

Brian D. Sackett, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Longo, CMC, FCRM
City Clerk

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