LONGWOOD CITY COMMISSION

Longwood City Commission Chambers
175 West Warren Avenue
Longwood, Florida

MINUTES
April 1, 2024
6:00 P.M.

Present: **Mayor Tony Boni**
Deputy Mayor Matt Morgan
Commissioner Abby Shoemaker
Commissioner Matthew McMillan
Commissioner Brian D. Sackett
Dan Langley, City Attorney
Clint Gioielli, City Manager
David Dowda, Police Chief
Nerys Hernandez, Records Coordinator

Absent: **Michelle Longo, City Clerk – Excused**

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Boni called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. **OPENING INVOCATION.** Pastor Doug Hardt with Markham Woods Seventh-day Adventist Church gave the invocation.

3. **THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Deputy Mayor Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Ms. Hernandez read the following announcements.
   - A. **The Longwood Community Health & Wellness Event will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at the Longwood Community Building, 200 West Warren Avenue. There will be Health and Wellness related vendors, raffle prize giveaways, and more. This is a free event.**
   - B. **A Food Truck Battle and Concert in the Park will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Reiter Park. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m. and feature *Speed Limit 70*.**

C. The "Downtown Longwood Cruise-In" Car Show will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Historic District of Longwood.

5. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS

A. Presentation of the Beautification Award to the Devonshire Subdivision.

Commissioner Sackett presented the Beautification Award to representatives from the Devonshire Subdivision. Photographs were then taken.

B. The City of Longwood recognizes The Honorable James E.C. Perry with a Proclamation for his many personal achievements and years of dedicated service to the community.

Mayor Boni read the Proclamation and then presented it to Mrs. Andrienne Perry, who excepted on behalf of her husband. Photographs were then taken.

6. BOARD APPOINTMENTS. None.

7. PUBLIC INPUT

A. Public Participation.

Virginia Craig, 225 Slade Drive, Longwood. She spoke about her and her husband's concern regarding property lines in Windsor Manor. When they purchased their property, they were provided legal documents at their closing and told they owned property that goes down into Lake Windsor. Her husband recently learned from Mr. Matthew Hockenberry in 1972 that a lake reclamation area was added to the plat, which is now part of lots 160, 159, and 158, which they own. Her husband found a 1991 survey that shows the area of concern as the reclamation area. She noted they have continued to maintain all of the property, including portions that go into the lake, including the reclamation area. Her concern is when they pass, the property will go to their three daughters, and she would like them to be able to sell the property without any deed or plat restrictions. She requested the City Commission place the matter on the docket for further review and resolution.

Jose Ramirez, 1040 Alameda Drive, Longwood. He spoke about an unresolved code enforcement issue from 2017. He was a driver and not at his house very often. He noted he received a ticket and

never saw it. He indicated he had in an envelope with receipts and all the returned mail he never got. He explained he has a daily fee of $50 and did not want that to increase. He asked for the Commissioner's assistance.

Fran Leason, 221 Slade Lane, Longwood. She noted she owns lot 160 and purchased her property in 1977. She was told that lots 160, 159, and 158 were split, so all three (3) properties could be lakefront owners. She found out last month that half of her property does not belong to her. She has maintained the property for forty-seven (47) years. She understood the City had discussed deeding the property back to the property owners, and she would appreciate that. It was also expressed that she would like the City to continue with their current maintenance of the area since they spray on either side of her property. She requested that the City Commission address the issues and let her know what the procedure would be and if anything was needed from the owners.

Mr. Gioielli provided information about the lake ownership and noted that the staff researched with the City Attorney to understand their options. He anticipates presenting staff suggestions to the City Commission to allow residents who request to take back lake access. He noted no value to the City continuing to own the property. He also explained that the lake was maintained because the City owns it and does not maintain lakes it does not own.

Mr. Langley explained Lake Windsor on the subdivision plat was dedicated to the public. Under platting law, the City is considered the owner and trust for the public. He explained that the process by which the City would disclaim public interest in the lake was through a plat vacation and abandonment. An application would have to be filed by the adjacent property owner requesting the property to them. He indicated there were previous discussions related to the topic, and at that time, not everyone on the lake agreed. A solution would be to do it based on individuals requesting lake segments. It could be done partially and not into the lake. The portion of the water in the lake could be kept in the public trust ownership. He indicated that survey work would be required to define what the City would release.

8. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

District #1. Commissioner Shoemaker hoped something could be resolved regarding the lake issue and was aware that the City Manager and City Attorney had been working on this issue. She addressed Mr. Ramirez, who spoke during Public Participation, and hoped the City

Manager could review his information and get back to him. Commissioner Shoemaker attended the Easter Egg Hunt at Reiter Park and thanked the corporate sponsor Magic 107.7 and the Leisure Services Department for their work on the event.

District #2. Mayor Boni stated that staff was looking into the issues brought up during Public Participation. He hoped everyone had a Happy Easter. He commented that the Easter Egg Hunt and the Farmers Market were a huge success. He reported that the class for seniors on diabetes begins that week, meeting every Wednesday for six (6) weeks at Northland Church, and anyone interested may attend.

District #3. Commissioner McMillan grew up on Lake Windsor, as mentioned during Public Participation, and still visits there. He knew at least two (2) lot owners would like to resolve the lake issue. On March 21, he attended the Tri-County League of Cities Symposium on Homelessness. He thanked the City of Orlando and Commissioner Tony Ortiz for hosting and Mayor Buddy Dyer for welcoming them. He reported that there was a presentation about what Orlando was doing to tackle the homelessness issue, including a new shelter being built on the side of the Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida. The shelter will be a multi-story facility. There also was a sharing of information from other cities, including Mayor Bryan Nelson of Apopka, who said his city has an arrangement with local churches with some municipal funding matches. The more work the churches do, the more the city adds funds. He also heard a presentation from people in Tallahassee about the new anti-camping legislation, which could mean some coordination amongst municipalities and counties. People have expressed concern about this new law, which he believes has created a right for individual businesses and residences to sue local governments to take-action on unauthorized encampments. He said there will be future conversations about this law through the Tri-County League of Cities and state-wide, and staff will have to learn about it.

Commissioner McMillan reported on the true, good, and beautiful. For the "true," he stated three (3) theories for the origin of April Fools' Day, including the Roman festival of Hilaria, which celebrated the rebirth of the god Attis, a youthful god of vegetation; a theory in the U.S. dealing with unpredictable weather this time of year around the equinox; in 1582 in France when they switched from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar moving New Year's from the end of March to January 1 with some people still using the old calendar and celebrating New Year's late. For the "good," he saw synergy at the Easter Egg Hunt, with the families enjoying holiday activities and the Farmer's Market simultaneously in the Longwood Historic District. For the "beautiful," he mentioned

professional baseball season was back. Longwood Babe Ruth Baseball has been happening since February at Candyland Sports Complex.

District #4. Deputy Mayor Morgan commented that the Longwood Richardson family's son, Darrell Richardson, ran for office in the City of Apopka on March 19. He came up slightly short but ran an earnest and honest campaign. Deputy Mayor Morgan spoke at Longwood VFW Post 8207 on March 19. He reminded veterans of benefits offering full coverage to those who struggle with mental health, PTSD, anxiety disorder, panic attacks, and substance or alcohol issues. He spoke before the leadership of the Auxiliary Board and later to the actual membership. He attended a Seminole County Opioid Council meeting with Seminole County Sheriff Dennis Lemma and his department. He learned about a new device called the bridge that is put inside the ear for people struggling with substance use disorder. He said this bridge was the first FDA-cleared, drug-free, non-surgical device to be used to aid in the reduction of symptoms associated with withdrawal.

Deputy Mayor Morgan thanked the Lake Howell High School junior varsity and varsity baseball teams for helping out the past three (3) weekends with the Central Florida Bambino Buddy Ball, a special needs league. He stopped by the City's Farmers Market and noticed it looked vacant, addressing the issue to the City Manager.

Mr. Gioielli responded that he had previously communicated with Deputy Mayor Morgan and had asked for a meeting with the director of Leisure Services to explore some ideas. He added that weekend, there were vendor cancellations due to anticipated rain, which never happened. The Farmers Market usually averages about twelve (12) to fifteen (15) vendors, and staff is working towards making it more successful.

Deputy Mayor Morgan spoke on the News 6 Show with anchors Matt Austin and Ginger Gadsden, promoting the 2nd Annual Walk for Autism, Awareness and Inclusion. The Walk will be held at Reiter Park on April 27, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. He hoped to reach more people so they could learn about the services being offered to neuro-diverse children. On March 27, he attended a meeting of the Teen Challenge Board of Directors and announced Tim Tebow, will be a guest speaker at their upcoming gala. The event, the biggest fundraiser of the year, is scheduled for September 26 at the Orlando World Center Marriott and is expected to draw many people to hear Tim Tebow speak. On March 28, he attended a Longwood Historic Society meeting and, on March 30, the Easter Egg Hunt at Reiter Park. He thought the crowd this year was larger and featured a second Easter bunny at the Farmer's Market, where he took a family photo without a long line. He was the guest speaker at

Lyman High School and spoke about the importance of small-city government and how kids can get involved in the community. He spoke at Rock Lake Middle School at an anti-bullying assembly and shared his challenges in middle school.

District #5. Commissioner Sackett thought about 12,000 to 15,000 people were at the Easter Egg Hunt. He attended the event breakfast and thanked new business partner Huey Magoo's for their sponsorship and The Church @ 434. They sold 300 tickets. He was happy to see people visiting the Farmers Market, kids playing on the field and splash pad, people at the tennis courts and basketball court, and the crowd at the Easter activities. He wished Leslye with Magic 107.7 good health since she missed the event. He was asked by the Christ Episcopal Church in Longwood if they could put out additional signs for their spaghetti dinner during the monthly car shows. He agreed to do whatever he could to support their efforts to boost attendance.

Commissioner Sackett reported Seminole County Schools are taking precautions on April 8 with the solar eclipse. They will keep students inside and only allow them to leave once the eclipse ends. He mentioned on Saturday, April 6, that the GR8 to DON8, a 5K/8K run for organ donation, was scheduled at Lyman High School.

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

10. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve the Minutes of the March 18, 2024, Regular Meeting.

B. Approve the Monthly Expenditures for February 2024.

C. Approval of the Combined Interagency Agreement regarding Juvenile Offender Information Sharing.

D. Approve a purchase order in the amount of $65,700.55 to Kimley Horn for engineering services related to the design of sidewalk improvements for the South Longwood Phase II Sidewalk Project.

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

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Read by title only and adopt Ordinance No. 24-2252, a Small-Scale Comprehensive Plan Amendment (SPA 01-24).

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 24-2252 by title only.

Mayor Boni opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 24-2252.

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

Deputy Mayor Morgan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 24-2252 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

12. REGULAR BUSINESS

A. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 24-1658, which amends the fiscal year 2023/2024 budget and authorizes the funding allocation in the Public Facilities Fund to initiate the development of a Landscaping Improvement Plan for the State Road 434 corridor between Interstate 4 (I-4) and Rangeline Road.

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 24-1658 by title only.

Deputy Mayor Morgan moved to adopt Resolution No. 24-1658 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

B. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 24-1659, which authorizes the renewal of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Cooperation Agreement with Seminole County.

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 24-1659 by title only.

Deputy Mayor Morgan moved to adopt Resolution No. 24-1659 as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Gioielli reported on March 20 that the City had a malware attack. During the night, staff were able to intercept the malware before a full download, isolate the computer, and remove the program block while not interfering with the City's system. He pointed out the Commission was heavily invested in IT security to protect the City from cyber-attacks,

which have cost other organizations, even locally, millions of dollars. He thanked IT staff Craig Dunn and Joe Whitman for the work they do and mentioned there are 250 to 300 attempts a year to infiltrate the City's computer system.

Mr. Gioielli reported that summer camp registration for residents began that day and that non-residents would be able to sign up next Monday. Staff was excited about the scheduled field trips and use of downtown Longwood facilities. He reported that staff was proposing April 17 to unveil the new ladder truck at Fire Station 15. He asked the Commission if there was any conflict with that date and noted the time of the event would be 4:00 p.m. He said there would also be a tour of the new fire department command vehicle.

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT. No report.

15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT. No report.

16. ADJOURN. Mayor Boni adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Commission: 04-15-2024.

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Tony Boni, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michelle Longo, MMC, FCRM
City Clerk