

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

MINUTES
September 4, 2024
6:00 P.M.

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

- 1. CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor McMillan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. OPENING INVOCATION.** Pastor Tony Talavera with Sanctuary Church gave the invocation.
- 3. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** The Scout Troop present at the meeting led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Ms. Longo read the following announcement.
 - A. The “Downtown Longwood Cruise-In” Car Show will be held on Saturday, September 14, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Historic District of Longwood.**
- 5. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS**
 - A. Proclamation recognizing the Lake Mary Little League All-Stars Team for Winning the Little League World Series.**

Mayor McMillan read the Proclamation and it will be mailed to them.

B. District #2 Presentation of the Business Person of the Month Award for September 2024 to Andy Lawniczak, Precision Auto Wraps, located at 234 West Marvin Avenue, Unit 104.

Commissioner Boni read a brief biography on Andy Lawniczak, Owner, Precision Auto Wraps, then presented him with the Business Person of the Month for September 2024. Photographs were the taken.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS (PART I)

A. Read by title only, set September 16, 2024, as the public hearing date, and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-2258, which fixes the tentative rate of ad valorem taxation for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025.

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 24-2258 by title only.

Mayor McMillan read the following statement:

The City of Longwood hereby proposes for fiscal year 2024/2025 a millage rate of 5.5000 per \$1,000 of non-exempt assessed valuation. Said rate is 5.97% higher than the rolled-back rate of 5.1900 per \$1,000 of non-exempt assessed valuation as computed by Florida Statute 200.065.

Mayor McMillan opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 24-2258.

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

Deputy Mayor Morgan moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-2258 and set September 16, 2024, as the public hearing date. Seconded by Commissioner Boni and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

B. Read by title only, set September 16, 2024, as the public hearing date, and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-2259, which adopts tentative revenues, expenditures, and fund

balances for the City's fiscal year budget commencing October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025.

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 24-2259 by title only.

Mayor McMillan read the following amounts that reflect the recommended changes:

GENERAL FUND	\$24,100,659
PUBLIC UTILITIES	\$15,769,023
PUBLIC FACILITIES IMPROVEMENT	\$5,328,849
CAPITAL PROJECTS	\$11,299,489
STORMWATER MANAGEMENT	\$1,331,580
OTHER FUNDS	\$2,487,643
FUND BALANCE - RESERVES	\$14,635,582
TOTAL RESOURCES	\$74,952,826

Mayor McMillan opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 24-2259.

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

Commissioner Boni moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-2259 and set September 16, 2024, as the public hearing date. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

6. BOARD APPOINTMENTS. None.

7. PUBLIC INPUT

A. Public Participation. None.

8. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

District #5. Commissioner Sackett congratulated the three commissioners who would be reelected with no opposition.

District #1. Commissioner Shoemaker appreciated Commissioner Sackett's congratulations on being reelected with no opposition and thanked the residents. On August 22, she rode her bike to the International Overdose Awareness event at Reiter Park, which ended up being canceled. She spoke about her use of the bicycle pump at the Bike Station located at the park. On August 26, she experienced an incident in

her neighborhood when a fence company hit a gas line. She reminded everyone of the importance of calling before you dig. She mentioned the passing of a Citizen on Patrol member, Fran Leason, and that a memorial service would be held on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at the Grace Chapel, 919 Lincolnwood Lane, Longwood, FL 32750. She thanked Lori Rice for her service to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and all she has done for the City.

District #2. Commissioner Boni appreciated Commissioner Sackett's congratulations on being reelected with no opposition and thanked the residents. He also thanked Lori Rice for her service to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and all she has done for the City. He thanked Shad Smith and the Public Works team for the work on the sidewalks in his district.

District #3. Mayor McMillan attended the parade for the Lake Mary Little League All-Stars Team, which was held in Lake Mary over the weekend, and congratulated the team. He also congratulated commissioners Matt Morgan, Tony Boni, and Abby Shoemaker on their unopposed reelection. He thanked Lori Rice for her service to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and all she has done for the City. He expressed the importance of getting checked for cancer and shared his recent surgery related to skin cancer.

Mayor McMillan reported on the Lewis House that he proposed a project to his Leadership Seminole group, but this project was not selected. He discussed the Lewis House further and his conversations with Jason Byrne, the president of the Longwood Historic Society. The discussion involved potentially moving the house to the current fire station property at Reiter Park in the grass field in the parking lot area. He shared an image of the park and the location he was referencing. He spoke about developing a strategy to deal with the house, with the first being to "stop the rot" of the building and find a permanent location. He explained that this would be done in phases and reviewed his overall concept and potential use for the current fire station property in the future. For the "true," it was a historical, biological fact that domesticated dogs and humans had been together for 20,000 to 25,000 years. For the "good" he sees in these animals is fidelity, loyalty, and faithfulness. Fido comes from the same word as fidelity, which is fidēlis, meaning faithful. For the "beautiful" is his dog's life, and he had to say goodbye to Miss Lucy since the last meeting. She was his lab, and she lived to be sixteen (16) years old, and her brother lived to be thirteen (13). Both had beautiful lives in Longwood.

District #4. Deputy Mayor Morgan discussed the Lewis House, and it was the reason he joined the Longwood Historic Society (LHC). He noted that he is part of the Longwood Historic Society Lewis House committee. He addressed why the LHC wanted to have the Lewis House in Reiter Park and keep it in the area of the historic district somewhere on the periphery of Reiter Park. He also mentioned other uses for the current fire station property. He expressed concern about missing out on the opportunity to build something in that location that would consist of restaurants, which residents have expressed wanting. He mentioned other areas he favored, such as putting the Lewis House along Ronald Reagan Boulevard as an introduction to the city and perhaps used as a museum. He also discussed and expressed the cost of renovating the building and previous discussions on the condition of the house.

Deputy Mayor Morgan stated that on August 22, the International Overdose Awareness event at Reiter Park was canceled due to the weather, and a new date has yet to be decided. On August 23, he attended the celebration of life for Zach Hudson, a police officer with Lake Mary who passed away. On August 31, he attended the parade for the Lake Mary Little League All-Stars Team, which was held in Lake Mary. He missed a birthday party for Rachel Jones, owner of Milestone Gems, and mentioned she is a volunteer for Heroes Strong. He shared the sad news about the passing of Victor Selenica Senior; his son is the owner of Victorio's Oyster Bar & Grille in Longwood. They celebrated his father's life at the restaurant. He thanked Lori Rice for her service to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and all she has done for the City. He attended her last Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting last evening.

9. A. ADDITIONAL ITEMS RAISED DURING MAYOR'S AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Boni brought up the topic of the Lewis House and noted it does need attention. He is concerned about what to place on the current fire station property and asked if the Commission had already approved \$125,000 towards the Lewis House. He would like to get current estimates on what it would cost for the repairs to better understand what the Longwood Historic Society would have to raise. He noted this could be done now and would better help with coming up with a strategy going forward.

Mr. Gioielli noted that some of the \$125,000 has been spent on architectural planning as a result of the last decision. He will get some information.

Commissioner Shoemaker did inquire about why it could not stay on the current property it is on.

Deputy Mayor Morgan stated it needed to be more visible, which was the concern.

Discussion ensued on the current property where the house is located, the current fire station property, the police station property, and the desired location of the Longwood Historic Society.

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

10. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve the Minutes of the August 5, 2024 Regular Meeting.**
- B. Approve the Monthly Expenditures for July 2024.**
- C. Approve the 2024-2028 Seminole Financial Crimes Task Force Mutual Aid Agreement & Memorandum of Understanding.**
- D. Approve a purchase order in the amount of \$59,482 to Bozard Ford for the purchase of a 2024 Ford F-250 4x4 Regular Cab Service Body Utilities Fleet Vehicle.**
- E. Approve an increase in the amount of \$30,000 to the Hydra Service purchase order No. 24-00153 for service, repairs, and maintenance of Citywide Lift Stations.**
- F. Approve an increase in the amount of \$40,000 to the Aero GroundTek purchase order No. 24-00277 for Citywide mowing and landscaping services.**

Deputy Mayor Morgan moved to approve Items 10A through 10F as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Boni.

Discussion ensued on Item 10F and the option to contract the work out to Seminole County. Commissioner Sackett mentioned that the mowing around the city does not look good. Mr. Smith noted that they are looking at Seminole County's contractor as an option for a contract to piggyback.

Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS (PART II). None.

12. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Read by title only, set September 16, 2024, as the public hearing date, and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-2260, approving the extension of the Non-Exclusive Franchises for the Collection of Commercial Solid Waste and/or Recovered Materials for an additional twelve (12) months.**

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 24-2260 by title only.

Ms. Longo presented the Item.

Commissioner Boni moved to approve Ordinance No. 24-2260 and set September 16, 2024, as the public hearing date. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- B. Read by title only, set September 16, 2024, as the public hearing date, and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-2261, which adjusts the rate for Residential Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services with Waste Pro of Florida Inc.**

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 24-2261 by title only.

Mr. Gioielli presented the Item.

Commissioner Sackett moved to approve Ordinance No. 24-2261 and set September 16, 2024, as the public hearing date. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Morgan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- C. Approve an Interlocal Agreement between Seminole County and City of Longwood regarding contributions of opioid settlement funds.**

Deputy Fire Chief Feist presented the Item.

Discussion ensued about the allocation of funds and questions were answered.

Commissioner Boni moved to approve the agreement as presented Item 12C. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

D. Approve the 2024-2025 Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement between Seminole County and City of Longwood.

Mr. Smith presented the Item.

Commissioner Boni moved to approve the agreement as presented Item 12D. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

E. Approve the agreement with Creative Outdoor Advertising of American (COA) for Transit Amenities and Streetscaping in the Public Right of Way.

Mr. Smith presented the Item.

Discussion ensued about the advertising benches and questions were answered.

Deputy Mayor Morgan moved to approve the agreement as presented Item 12E. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Gioielli thanked Lori Rice for her service to the City. He mentioned that the staff was relieved that the three commissioners were unopposed. He reported that the pickleball courts at Candyland Sports Complex were being resurfaced this week. He noted that in 2022, the State of Florida created a Cybersecurity Statute requiring local governments to implement cybersecurity standards and practices and must comply by January 2025. He stated that the IT Director, Craig Dunn, created the plan and training and developed a working relationship with the University of South Florida to develop a compliance platform to track the training. He reported on speeding complaints on West Bay Avenue and the completed speed study. He said letters were mailed out today inviting residents in the West Bay Avenue and Wilma Street areas to attend a public meeting. The Public Works Director will share what is happening in the area and the options. The meeting will be on Monday, September 9, 2024. He also reported that the negotiations with the Fire Union have ended, and the proposed agreement has been approved. Mr. Gioielli stated that at the next commission meeting, the proposed agreement will be brought forward, and he would send it out in advance with notes for their review.

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT. No report.

15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Ms. Longo said qualifying for the 2024 General Election for Districts 1, 2, and 4 was held, and Abby Shoemaker, Tony Boni, and Matt Morgan were unopposed and will be automatically elected. She congratulated the Commissioners. They will officially be sworn in after the November 5th General Election for the next term. She also stated she received a request to place a matter on the agenda from Lenora Spence, the Community Outreach Coordinator for the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, the state's clearinghouse for consumer complaints, information, and protection. She has requested to give a presentation at an upcoming commission meeting to share information related to scams, fraud, and consumer rights. She asked for the Commission's approval to place the item on a future agenda.

It was the consensus of the Commission to place the presentation on a future agenda.

16. ADJOURN. Mayor McMillan adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Commission: 10-07-2024.

Matthew McMillan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Longo, MMC, FCRM
City Clerk

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