

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

MINUTES
September 16, 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.** There was no volunteer invocation speaker present at the meeting, therefore a moment of silent meditation was observed.
- 3. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Deputy Mayor Morgan led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Ms. Longo read the following announcements.
 - A. The Senior Matinee will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Longwood Community Building, 200 West Warren Avenue. This month's feature is *On a Wing and a Prayer*.**

- B. **National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, from 5:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Candyland Sports Complex, 599 Longdale Avenue.**
- C. **The City of Longwood will host a “Dogtoberfest” on Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Historic District of Longwood around City Hall. There will be dog vendors, pet rescues, live music, a poodle circus, dog activities and food and beverages for purchase.**

5. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS

- A. **Nomination of the Beautification Award.**

Nomination deferred until the next meeting.

- B. **Recognizing Lori Rice for her service to the City as a Board Member on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board from February 2008 to September 2024.**

Mayor McMillan recognized Lori Rice for her service and presented her with a certificate. Photographs were then taken.

- C. **Proclaiming September 2024 as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month in the City of Longwood.**

Commissioner Sackett read the Proclamation and then presented it to his daughters. Photographs were then taken.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS (PART I)

- A. **Read by title only and adopt 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.**

The final tax rate being proposed for fiscal year 2024/2025 is 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 by announcing the City of Longwood’s City Commission convenes this public hearing on the City of Longwood’s fiscal year 2024/2025 final millage rates and final budget as required by Florida Statutes, Chapters 129 and 200. He said Item 11A recommends the City Commission read by title only and adopt Ordinance No. 24-2258, which fixes the final

millage rate of ad valorem taxation for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025. The final tax rate being proposed is 5.5000 per \$1,000 of non-exempt assessed valuation. This 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. Chapter 200 requires that a final public hearing on the budget be preceded by a two-to-five-day notice of that hearing. Chapter 129 requires an advertisement with a summary of the final budget.

Mr. Langley announced having proof of publication and read Ordinance No. 24-2258 by title only.

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 Deputy Mayor Morgan and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Deputy Mayor Morgan moved to adopt Ordinance No. 24-2258 as presented Item 11A. Seconded by Commissioner Boni and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

The City of Longwood has determined that a final millage rate of 5.5000 mills is necessary to fund the final budget. The final millage rate represents an increase of 5.97% from the rolled-back rate of 5.1900 mills.

B. Read by title only and adopt 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.

Mayor McMillan stated Item 11B recommends that the City Commission read by title only and adopt Ordinance No. 24-2259, which adopts final revenues, expenditures, and fund balances for the City's fiscal year budget commencing on October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025. Chapter 200 requires that a final public hearing on the budget be preceded by a two-to-five-day notice of that hearing. Chapter 129 requires that they advertise a summary of the final budget.

Mr. Langley announced having proof of publication and read Ordinance No. 24-2259 by title only.

Mayor McMillan said the City of Longwood’s fiscal year 2024/2025 budget proposed revenues, expenditures, and fund balances for the City’s fiscal year budget commencing on October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025, are as follows:

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.

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

Commissioner Boni moved to adopt Ordinance No. 24-
2259 as presented Item 11B. Seconded by Commissioner
Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

6. BOARD APPOINTMENTS. None.

7. PUBLIC INPUT

A. Public Participation.

Commissioner Boni made a motion to have Items 12F and 12G under Regular Business moved up on the agenda and handled now. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous voice vote.

12F. City Commission approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Longwood Professional Firefighters Association (IAFF) Local 3163 and the City of Longwood for the period of October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2027.

Mr. Gioielli presented the Item.

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

12G. City Commission to confirm the appointment of Troy Feist as the Fire Chief effective October 1, 2024.

Mr. Gioielli presented the Item and gave a background of his work experience.

Commissioner Sackett moved to appoint Troy Feist as the Fire Chief effective October 1, 2024. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Morgan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

The Commission recessed at 6:31 p.m. and reconvened at 6:35 p.m.

A. Public Participation.

Mr. Howe, 262 Capulet Cove, Longwood. He had questions about items listed under regular business and how he could read about them.

8. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

District #1. Commissioner Shoemaker thanked Lori Rice for her service to the City. She attended the celebration of life for Fran Leason, a former Citizen on Patrol member. She participated in a Be The Change Poker Tournament at the Longwood VFW Post 8207. She attended the Pray for Our Leaders event hosted by the Christian Tech Ministries.

District #2. Commissioner Boni thanked Lori Rice for her service to the City. He thanked Fire Chief Peters for his service to the City and wished him well with his retirement. He congratulated Troy Feist, the new Fire Chief. He thanked the Mayor and Commissioners who attended the Be The Change Poker Tournament at the Longwood VFW Post 8207. He attended the Sharing Center ribbon cutting for their newly remodeled village shop. He attended the Pray for Our Leaders event hosted by the Christian Tech Ministries.

District #3. Mayor McMillan threw out the first pitch on Saturday during the Longwood Babe Ruth opening days. He attended the Sharing Center ribbon cutting for their newly remolded village shop. He participated in a Be The Change Poker Tournament at the Longwood VFW Post 8207. He attended the celebration of New Church on Wildermere Avenue near Ronald Reagan Boulevard and had the opportunity to speak and welcome them to the neighborhood. He attended the Pray for Our Leaders event

hosted by the Christian Tech Ministries. For the "true," he gave a historical fact related to the Mohawk skywalkers. Native American construction workers helped construct the buildings and bridges in New York City, including the World Trade Center. He wore a World Trade Center Ground Zero pin that evening in recognition of those who were in the recovery efforts after the 9/11 attacks. For the "good," he saw entrepreneurship and neighborliness when the police were asked to check out a lemonade stand with a six-year-old selling it. The officers bought lemonade, and the story made the local news. He was proud of the police department for helping children and portraying our city positively. For the "beautiful" were all the flags placed at the Heroes Monument in honor of 9/11.

District #4. Deputy Mayor Morgan commended the firefighters in the department for climbing 2,071 steps, which is the equivalent of 110 stories, the height of the World Trade Center towers, to pay tribute to the fallen firefighters on 9/11. He also commended the police officers who bought lemonade from the six-year-old. He contacted Fox 35, one of his contacts, to cover the story. He attended a Be The Change Poker Tournament at the Longwood VFW Post 8207. He attended a Longwood Historic Society meeting on Sunday. He participated in the Pray for Our Leaders event hosted by the Christian Tech Ministries. The past week, he, along with Attorney General Ashley Moody, started attending schools to speak about opioid addiction. He thanked Lori Rice for her service to the City. He reported that the NextStep Orlando Walk-n-Roll-a-Thon event would be held on Saturday, October 12, 2024, at Cranes Roost in Altamonte Springs.

District #5. Commissioner Sackett reported that a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training would be held on October 1, 2024. He stated he was part of the Vision Zero committee for MetroPlan Orlando and noted that the gentleman who spoke during public participation could contact him. He said that Georgia Avenue needs help with enforcement or education about speeding and vehicles using that road as a cut-through. He noted that the elementary schools have something called All Pro Dads, and at Woodlands Elementary, they just had about 500 dads and children attending the presentation about being proactive. It was a half-hour program. They also had a grandparent's lunch. He went to a nursing home to celebrate a gentleman who turned 100 years old and goes by the name of Buddy. He attended the Longwood Babe Ruth opening day event and was honored to give the invocation. He commended the staff and noted that the fields looked good. He commented on the rate change he received from Sunshine Utilities and hopes the increase gets denied. He asked about Out Front Media and their proposal regarding billboards. He has not seen any progress or seen

any billboards removed. He would like to follow up with them. He commended Donna Alt-Bowes and her team for putting out the flags in honor of 9/11.

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

It was noted that the agenda items brought up during public participation would be discussed during that particular item as listed on the agenda, and any additional information could be requested from the City Clerk.

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

10. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approve the Minutes of the August 19, 2024, Regular Meeting.

B. Approve the Monthly Expenditures for August 2024.

C. Approve the Monthly Financial Report for July 2024.

D. Approve a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Florida from the State Law Enforcement Confiscation Fund.

E. Approve and award a Construction Agreement for the Oak Street and Lake Avenue Drainage System Rehabilitation Project (IFB-PW-07182024) and issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$181,490 to Shenandoah General Construction, LLC and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.

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

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS (PART II)

C. Read by title only and adopt 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.

Mr. Gioielli presented the Item.

Mayor McMillan opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 24-2260.

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

Deputy Mayor Morgan moved to approve Ordinance No. 24-2260 as presented Item 11C. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

D. Read by title only and adopt 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.

Mayor McMillan opened the public hearing.

Mr. Howe, 262 Capulet Cove, Longwood. He asked what the adjusted rates would be.

Mr. Gioielli responded that the rate increase is \$1.60 per house per month. A \$1.50 would go to the hauler and a \$0.10 increase per house per month on the disposal fee at the landfill.

No one else spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 24-2261.

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 Ordinance No. 24-2261 as presented Item 11D. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

E. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 24-1670, adopting a Five-Year Capital Improvement Program for the Fiscal Years 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029 pursuant to the requirements of Section 6.07 of the City Charter.

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 24-1670 by title only.

Mr. Gioielli presented the Item.

Mayor McMillan opened the public hearing. No one spoke in favor or opposition to Ordinance No. 24-1670.

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

Deputy Mayor Morgan moved to approve Ordinance No. 24-1670 as presented Item 11E. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

12. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. Read by title only, set October 7, 2024, as the public hearing date, and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-2262, amending and updating Longwood City Code Chapter 18 “Buildings and Building Regulations.”**

Mr. Langley read Ordinance No. 24-2262 by title only.

Mr. Kintner presented the Item.

Commissioner Boni moved to approve Ordinance No. 24-2262 and set October 7, 2024 as the public hearing date. Seconded by Commissioner Sackett and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

- B. City Commission to approve and award a Construction Agreement for the South Pedestrian Corridor (Segments 1 & 4) Project (IFB-PW-06202024) and issuance of a purchase order in the amount of \$477,022.48 to Garcia Civil Contractors and authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents.**

Mr. Smith presented the Item and answered questions.

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

- C. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 24-1673, which amends the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 budget and authorizes**

**funding for the South Pedestrian Corridor (Segments 1 & 4)
Project (IFB-PW-06202024).**

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 24-1673 by title only.

Mr. Gioielli presented the Item.

Deputy Mayor Morgan moved to approve Resolution No. 24-1673 as presented Item 12C. Seconded by Commissioner Boni and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

D. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 24-1674, approving the City of Longwood's Vision Zero Action Plan.

Mr. Langley read Resolution No. 24-1674 by title only.

Mr. Smith presented the Item and introduced Jeff Armes with HDR who presented the Vision Zero Safety Action Plan. Questions from the commission were answered.

Commissioner Sackett moved to approve Resolution No. 24-1674 as presented Item 12D. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Morgan and carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

E. City Commission to approve the Public Emergency Medical Transportation Letter of Agreement.

Mr. Gioielli presented the Item.

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

F. City Commission approval of a Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Longwood Professional Firefighters Association (IAFF) Local 3163 and the City of Longwood for the period of October 1, 2024, to September 30, 2027.

Item addressed after Public Participation.

G. City Commission to confirm the appointment of Troy Feist as the Fire Chief effective October 1, 2024.

Item addressed after Public Participation.

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Gioielli addressed Outfront Media, noting there is a dispute between them and one of the property owners where one of the signs is located. He stated that they have been communicating with the City, and until they fulfill their responsibilities under the agreement, they are on hold. The property where the sign is located is at State Road 434 across Milwee Street in the parking lot of the auto repair shop next to Little Caesars Pizza.

Discussion ensued on the billboard signs' locations and the agreements' terms.

Mr. Gioielli congratulated the Fire Department and the new Fire Chief Troy Feist. He reported that Huey Magoo's had received their certificate of occupancy today, and a ribbon cutting could now be scheduled. He reported on the stormwater pipe remediation at Grant Street and Wildmere Avenue. Another is the new lift station at Oak Street and Palmetto Street, and the septic-to-sewer project is being finalized in the same area. He noted that the Woodgate neighborhood sidewalk rehabilitation project started today and will continue for the remainder of the week. He stated that the week of October 21 would be the Florida League of Cities City Municipal Week and would host the Business Scavenger Hunt again. On October 24, during city government week, the City will bring their vehicles and equipment to Longwood Elementary for the day.

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT. No report.

15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT. No report.

16. ADJOURN. Mayor McMillan adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Commission: 10-21-2024.

Matthew McMillan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Longo, MMC, FCRM
City Clerk

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