

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

AGENDA
February 17, 2025
6:00 PM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. OPENING INVOCATION**
- 3. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 4. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**
 - A. The Senior Matinee will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2025, from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the Longwood Community Building, 200 West Warren Avenue. This month's feature is *Wicked*.**
 - B. The Longwood Movie in the Park will be held on Friday, February 21, 2025, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at Reiter Park, 311 West Warren Avenue. This is a free event and the movie will be *Trolls World Tour*.**
 - C. The Longwood Strawberry Fest will be held on Saturday, March 1, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at Reiter Park. There will be strawberries available for purchase from pints to flats, live music, food vendors, an inflatable kid zone for \$5 per child, free carnival games, contests, and the Longwood Farmer's Market.**
- 5. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS**
 - A. Recognition of the 2024 sponsors for the Annual Celebrate the Season and Breakfast with Santa events.**
 - B. Recognition of the 2024 Longwood Christmas Parade winners.**
 - C. District #5 Nomination of the Business Person of the Month Award for March 2025.**
- 6. BOARD APPOINTMENTS**
 - A. District #1 Nomination to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.**
 - B. District #5 Nomination to the Land Planning Agency.**
- 7. PUBLIC INPUT**

- A. Public Participation.
- 8. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT
 - A. Districts #5, #1, #2, #3 and #4
- 9. COMMISSION AND STAFF ADDITIONS OR CHANGES
 - A. ADDITIONAL ITEMS RAISED DURING MAYOR'S AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS
 - B. ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA
- 10. CONSENT AGENDA
 - A. Approve the Minutes of the February 3, 2025, Regular Meeting.
 - B. Approve the Monthly Expenditures for January 2025.
 - C. Approve the Monthly Financial Report for December 2024.
 - D. Approve a donation of \$2,500 to the Scouting America Central Florida Council from the State Law Enforcement Confiscation Fund in accordance with Florida Statute 932.
 - E. Approve an increase in the amount of \$60,000 to purchase order #25-00220 for Fortiline Waterworks to purchase water and sewer materials and supplies essential for the maintenance and repair of the City's water and sewer distribution systems.
 - F. Approve a purchase order in the amount of \$62,500 to Air Tech of Central Florida for the purchase of a new air conditioning system for the Longwood Community Building.
- 11. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - A. City Commission to hold a public hearing to consider a Major Conditional Use Permit (CUP 01-25) to allow the reestablishment of an Assisted Living Facility (ALF) at 480 East Church Avenue.
- 12. REGULAR BUSINESS
 - A. Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 25-1687, amending the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget to authorize funding for additional critical repairs and upgrades to the City's Lift Stations.
 - B. Approve a purchase order in the amount of \$64,844.41 to cover cost related to critical repairs and upgrades needed for the Columbus Harbour Lift Station #28.
 - C. City Commission consideration of the continuation of the Fluoridation of City of Longwood Community Water.

- 13. CITY MANAGER’S REPORT
- 14. CITY ATTORNEY’S REPORT
- 15. CITY CLERK’S REPORT
- 16. ADJOURN

Michelle Longo, MMC, FCRM
City Clerk

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Future Meetings:	March 3, 2025	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting
	March 17, 2025	6:00 PM	Regular Meeting

Agenda Item 5C

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Michelle Longo, City Clerk

Date: February 17, 2025

Subject: District #5 Nomination of the Business Person of the Month Award for March 2025.

Introduction:

District #5 Deputy Mayor Sackett to nominate a Business Person of the Month Award for March 2025.

Background/Discussion:

Budget Impact:

This item has no anticipated impact on the budget.

Recommendation:

Deputy Mayor Sackett to nominate a recipient for the Business Person of the Month Award for March 2025.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I move to nominate _____ for the Business Person of the Month Award for March 2025.

Prepared By:

Michelle Longo, City Clerk

Reviewed By:

Michelle Longo, City Clerk

Attachments:

None

Agenda Item 6A

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Michelle Longo, City Clerk

Date: February 17, 2025

Subject: District #1 Nomination to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Introduction:

District #1 board appointment for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Background/Discussion:

District #1 board appointment for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. I was informed by Member David Putz that he does not wish to serve another term on the Board. His final meeting will be on Tuesday, March 4, 2025. There was one board application on file with an interest in serving on this board.

Budget Impact:

This item has no anticipated impact on the budget.

Recommendation:

Commissioner Shoemaker to make a nomination to fill the seat.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I nominate _____ to serve on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

Prepared By:

Michelle Longo, City Clerk

Reviewed By:

Michelle Longo, City Clerk

Attachments:

1. Information Sheet

Agenda Item 6B

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Michelle Longo, City Clerk

Date: February 17, 2025

Subject: District #5 Nomination to the Land Planning Agency.

Introduction:

District #5 board appointment for the Land Planning Agency.

Background/Discussion:

District #5 board appointment for the Land Planning Agency. I was informed by Member JoAnne Rebello that she does not wish to serve another term on the Board. There are no board applications on file with an interest in serving on this board.

Budget Impact:

This item has no anticipated impact on the budget.

Recommendation:

Deputy Mayor Sackett to make a nomination to fill the vacant seat.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I nominate _____ to serve on the Land Planning Agency.

Prepared By:

Michelle Longo, City Clerk

Reviewed By:

Michelle Longo, City Clerk

Attachments:

1. Information Sheet

Agenda Item 10A

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Michelle Longo, City Clerk

Date: February 17, 2025

Subject: Approve the Minutes of the February 3, 2025, Regular Meeting.

Introduction:

The City Clerk is presenting the minutes of the February 3, 2025, Regular Meeting for approval.

Background/Discussion:

Budget Impact:

This item has no anticipated impact on the budget.

Recommendation:

Approval of the minutes.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I move to approve Item 10A as presented.

Prepared By:

Michelle Longo, City Clerk

Reviewed By:

Michelle Longo, City Clerk

Attachments:

1. CC02-03-2025Mins

Agenda Item 10B

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Judith Rosado, Director of Financial Services

Date: February 17, 2025

Subject: Approve the Monthly Expenditures for January 2025.

Introduction:

This agenda item requests the City Commission approve the total payment of processed bills in the amount of \$1,367,589.64 from January 9th of 2025 through January 16th of 2025, which includes check numbers from 167548 through 167694.

Background/Discussion:

Per Section 6.10(A) of the City Charter, the City Manager must certify that there are sufficient unencumbered funds within the budgeted appropriations to cover obligations when they become due and payable.

Budget Impact:

There are sufficient unencumbered funds to cover these obligations.

Recommendation:

The City Manager and Director of Financial Services recommend approval of expenditures in the amount of \$1,367,589.64.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I move to approve Item 10B as presented.

Prepared By:

Judith Rosado, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed By:

Clint Gioielli, City Manager

Attachments:



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1. Monthly Expenditures

Agenda Item 10C

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Judith Rosado, Director of Financial Services

Date: February 17, 2025

Subject: Approve the Monthly Financial Report for December 2024.

Introduction:

Pursuant to the Longwood City Code of Ordinance Section 2-182 the City Manager is to provide monthly financial reports to the City Commission. This Unaudited Monthly Financial Report meets the requirement as set forth in the Code of Ordinances.

Background/Discussion:

Monthly Financial Reports are required to be submitted to the City Commission during the second meeting of each month in accordance with Section 2-182 of the City Code of Ordinances.

The Commission is currently provided with a monthly financial report for approval at the second meeting of each month in accordance with Section 2-182 of the City Code of Ordinances. This item is a reporting of the budgeted financial activity for the month of December 2024. The Quarter 1 financial report will provide Commission with year-to-date revenues and expenditures for the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, and Enterprise Funds as of December 31, 2024, with a comparison to prior year as of December 31, 2023 and percentage of variance.

In addition to the monthly financial reports, included on this agenda are the budget transfers report for the month of December, and detailed information of the Purchasing Card expenses for the period of December 5, 2024, through January 4, 2025.

Budget Impact:

The Unaudited Monthly Financial Report reflects a modified budget and actuals for the month of December 2024.

Recommendation:

The City Manager and the Director of Financial Services recommend approval of the Unaudited Financial Reports as of December 2024.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

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I move to approve Item 10C as presented.

Prepared By:

Judith Rosado, Director of Financial Services

Reviewed By:

Clint Gioielli, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Unaudited Monthly Financial Report December 2024
2. Unaudited Monthly Financial Statements December 2024
3. Financial Report for the 1st Quarter 2025
4. Purchasing Card Expense Report
5. Budget Transfer Report December 2024

Agenda Item 10D

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: David Dowda, Police Chief

Date: February 17, 2025

Subject: Approve a donation of \$2,500 to the Scouting America Central Florida Council from the State Law Enforcement Confiscation Fund in accordance with Florida Statute 932.

Introduction:

This agenda item requests the City Commission approve a donation of \$2,500.00 to the Boy Scouts of America Central Florida Council from the State Law Enforcement Confiscation Fund.

Background/Discussion:

More than 23,000 youth are enrolled in the Central Florida scouting programs, including over 2,300 here in Seminole County. All of these youth are participating in skill-building and character development activities, including completing challenge courses, building shelters, and collecting food as a community service. The scouting program provides guidance on character, education, citizenship, personal fitness, leadership training, and essential productive life skills. This contribution will support the participation of 6 scouts in the program for one year.

Budget Impact:

Funds are available under the State Law Enforcement Confiscation Fund.

Recommendation:

The City Manager and the Chief of Police recommend approval of this donation.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I move to approve Consent Item 10D as presented.

Prepared By:

David Dowda, Police Chief

Reviewed By:

Clint Gioielli, City Manager



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Attachments:

1. 2025 Seminole County Boy Scout Eagle Dinner Brochure

Agenda Item 10E

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Shad Smith, Public Works Director

Date: February 17, 2025

Subject: Approve an increase in the amount of \$60,000 to purchase order #25-00220 for Fortiline Waterworks to purchase water and sewer materials and supplies essential for the maintenance and repair of the City's water and sewer distribution systems.

Introduction:

This agenda item requests the City Commission to approve an increase to Purchase Order No. 25-00220 with Fortiline Waterworks by \$60,000, for a revised total of \$150,000, to purchase water and sewer materials and supplies essential for the maintenance and repair of the City's water and sewer distribution systems.

Background/Discussion:

The request will increase the purchase order by \$60,000, bringing the new total from \$90,000 to \$150,000. Funding for this increase is available within the approved Public Utilities Budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year. These supplies will be procured utilizing the OMNIA Partners cooperative contract, Fortiline Waterworks NCPA Contract #02-76, through a competitive solicitation facilitated by Region 14 Education Service Center for Underground Water, Sewer, and Storm Utility Products. This solicitation, conducted on behalf of Region 14 and other government agencies, is made available through the National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) RFP #32-19.

Budget Impact:

Funding is available for the 2024-2025 fiscal year as follows: Public Utilities Budget – 402-4120-536-5200 Operating Supplies (\$60,000).

Recommendation:

The City Manager and Public Works Director recommend approving a change order to increase Purchase Order No. 25-00220 with Fortiline Waterworks by \$60,000, for a revised total of \$150,000, to purchase water and sewer materials and supplies essential for the maintenance and repair of the City's water and sewer system distribution systems, and authorize the City Manager to execute any associated documents.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:



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I move to approve Item 10E as presented.

Prepared By:

Shad Smith, Public Works Director

Reviewed By:

Clint Gioielli, City Manager

Attachments:

None

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To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Chris Capizzi, Leisure Services Director

Date: February 17, 2025

Subject: Approve a purchase order in the amount of \$62,500 to Air Tech of Central Florida for the purchase of a new air conditioning system for the Longwood Community Building.

Introduction:

This agenda item requests the City Commission approve a purchase order in the amount of \$62,500 to Air Tech of Central Florida for the acquisition of a new air conditioning system for the Longwood Community Building.

Background/Discussion:

The Leisure Services Department has allocated funds under the Capital Improvement Program to replace the air conditioning system in the Longwood Community Building. The current system is the original system which is nearly twenty-three years old and has experienced problems from natural wear and tear. The current unit also functions on R-22 gas which is gradually being phased out and is very expensive to replace. It is imperative that the unit be replaced before it becomes a liability. The total cost from Air Tech of Central Florida includes the removal of the old units and air handlers and the installation of the new units and air handlers. Three quotes from different companies were secured for the project with Air Tech of Central Florida submitting the winning quote.

Budget Impact:

Funds are allotted for this project under the Capital Improvement Program within the 24/25 FY budget.

Recommendation:

The City Manager and Leisure Services Director recommend the City Commission approve to issue a purchase order in the amount of \$62,500 to Air Tech of Central Florida for the acquisition of a new air conditioning system for the Longwood Community Building.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I move to approve Item 10F as presented.

Prepared By:



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Chris Capizzi, Leisure Services Director

Reviewed By:

Clint Gioielli, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Community Building AC Quotes

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To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Chris Kintner, Community Development Director

Date: February 17, 2025

Subject: City Commission to hold a public hearing to consider a Major Conditional Use Permit (CUP 01-25) to allow the reestablishment of an Assisted Living Facility (ALF) at 480 East Church Avenue.

Introduction:

This agenda item requests the City Commission hold a public hearing to consider a Major Conditional Use permit application to allow the applicant, Vasan Holding LLC, to re-establish a previously legally non-conforming Assisted Living Facility (ALF) most recently known as The Palms of Longwood at 480 East Church Avenue.

Background/Discussion:

- The applicant, Vasan Holding LLC, would like to continue the most recent operation as an Assisted Living Facility at 480 East Church Avenue. The ALF operation ceased in 2022. The current property owner closed on the property in December of 2024.
- The property (Parcel ID: 31-20-30-5AU-0000-6800) is zoned Medium Density Residential (MDR-15) and an ALF is not an allowable use in that zoning district. Per the City's Land Development Code (LDC), once a previously legally non-conforming use ceases to continuously operate for a period of 365 days, the legally non-conforming status no longer exists for the property.
- The LDC allows a property owner to re-establish the legally non-conforming use by applying for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP), which is what the applicant has opted to do. Per the LDC, CUPs need to appear before the City Commission for a public hearing.
 - LDC 10.3.1 allows for "The reestablishment of a nonconforming use that has been discontinued for more than one year but not more than two years."
 - The most recent business tax receipt expired in September of 2022, meaning that the nonconforming use has been vacant for more than two years. The Commission may elect to waive this requirement as part of their approval.
- As the property has been on the market for some time, staff has fielded a number of inquiries for similar proposals. Staff also reached out to a number of local homebuilders, including those that had completed townhome projects in the area, to gauge their interest in making a bid on the property. Prospective applicants had indicated concerns about the sale price, the cost of demolishing the existing structure, and the cost of bringing the structure up to code as barriers to their purchase of the property.

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- The current property owner is aware of these requirements and has stated that they are willing and able to make the required improvements in order for this building to be utilized as an assisted living facility.
 - A full fire sprinkler system will have to be installed throughout the entire building
 - Upgrades to the fire alarm system will be required
 - Any alterations to the building, interior or exterior, structural or non-structural, and any extensions to the existing systems (electrical, mechanical or plumbing), including any minor wall removal or changes at any location (including the nurse's station) will require signed and sealed plans and approved permits prior to commencing.
- City Engineering staff has also indicated that based on the understanding of the project, there are no modifications to the property that will impact the existing drainage or motor vehicle access and circulation.
- In addition to the building requirements, the applicant is required to bring site elements up to code to the maximum extent practicable.
 1. To that end, staff has required an updated landscape plan that is included in this item.
 2. The Conditional Use Permit also includes a requirement for the re-surfacing and re-striping requirement prior to opening.

LDC 10.3.2. outlines the criteria for issuance for the CUP's. Overall, staff is comfortable that the application meets the intent of this section. LDC 10.3.2.K "Non-Conforming Uses" includes review criteria to be considered for the issuance of CUPs.

1. The resulting condition is in the best interest of the City:

The property has been vacant and in a derelict condition for over 2 years at the relatively prominent corner of Church Avenue and Grant Street. Having the building rehabilitated and brought up to code with updated landscaping will help provide new life to this corner and to Church Avenue as a whole.

Further, as part of the City's Age-Friendly Community efforts, having another facility online that can provide housing for Longwood's senior community is consistent with adopted city goals.

2. The applicant has provided a justification for why the non-conforming use should be expanded or re-established, and detailed efforts taken to ensure that any negative

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impacts of the non-conforming use have been mitigated to the maximum extent practicable.

The applicant has stated in meetings that they understand the requirements necessary to bring the building up to code. Exterior improvements, including those to the landscaping and parking areas, will provide a visual improvement to a structure that has languished in recent years.

Because the property has been vacant for a number of years, staff has included a requirement in the CUP that permitting needs to be submitted within 6 months of approval of the CUP. While the CUP allows 2 years as whole, staff wants to ensure that permits are submitted expeditiously. This does not mean that construction needs to be complete within the six-month time period, but, it does help to ensure this approval is tied to some movement on the property. The applicant has indicated they intend to move quickly.

- 3. The request is not so common as to be applicable to numerous sites, thus establishing a precedent that could be reasonably expected to undermine the codes that made the use non-conforming in the first place.***

While the surrounding area is single-family residential, and while nursing/convalescent facilities are not presently allowed in the Medium Density-Residential District, the use is a historic one and not one that on its face would create negative impacts on the surrounding area.

The construction of the building leaves limited options for other allowable uses within MDR, and the demolition of the building (combined with the property's asking price) was a barrier for entry for prospective developers of the property. These elements are unique enough where staff does not believe this request would be broadly applicable to other requests in a way that would call into question the zoning structure.

- 4. The expansion or re-establishment of the use could not reasonably be considered detrimental to economic development goals of the City.***

As it stands, the building is vacant and has a negative impact on the surrounding neighborhood. The reestablishment of this use not only creates a pathway for the reinvigoration of the building and the rehabilitation of it in a code-compliant manner, but also provides another facility for Longwood's senior community to "age in place," meaning that Longwood residents in need of assisted living have another option that allows them to stay in Longwood.

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Advertisements and Public Notices:

Conditional Use Permits require the following:

- An advertisement in the local newspaper.
 - An ad was posted in the Orlando Sentinel Newspaper on February 6, 2025.
- Public notice sent to property owners within 500 feet of the subject property.
 - Staff sent out 122 letters on January 28, 2025.
 - As of the writing of this agenda item, staff had not received any written comments or concerns regarding this item.

Budget Impact:

This item has no anticipated impact on the budget.

Recommendation:

The City Manager and the Community Development Director recommend the City Commission approve the Conditional Use Permit for an Assisted Living Facility at 480 East Church Avenue as presented.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I move to approve the Conditional Use Permit for an Assisted Living Facility at 480 East Church Avenue as presented.

Prepared By:

Kristin Zack-Bowen
Anjum Mukherjee

Reviewed By:

Clint Gioielli, City Manager

Attachments:

1. CUP 01-25 - Conditional Use Permit - 480 E Church Ave
2. CUP 01-25 - Conditional Use Permit - Exhibit A - Updated Plan Set
3. CUP 01-25 - Conditional Use Application
4. Conditional Use Permit Criteria

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To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Shad Smith, Public Works Director

Date: February 17, 2025

Subject: Read by title only and adopt Resolution No. 25-1687, amending the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget to authorize funding for additional critical repairs and upgrades to the City's Lift Stations.

Introduction:

This agenda item requests the City Commission to read by title and adopt Resolution No. 25-1687, which amends the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget and authorizes funding to cover costs related to critical repairs and upgrades to the City's lift stations.

Background/Discussion:

The City has identified the need to reallocate funds from other projects to address urgent repairs and necessary upgrades for various lift stations. To accommodate these costs, staff has reviewed project priorities and determined that a shift in funding allocation is necessary to ensure these essential improvements are completed.

Budget Impact:

Upon approval and adoption of Resolution No. 25-1687, \$150,000 from the Utilities Capital Improvement Fund (Line Item 401-4120-536-6327) will be reallocated to the Utilities Capital Improvement Lift Station Rehabilitation Fund (Line Item 401-4120-536-6316) to support necessary lift station repairs and upgrades.

Recommendation:

The City Manager and Public Works Director recommend the City Commission adopt Resolution No. 25-1687, which amends the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 budget and authorizes funding to cover costs related to critical repairs and upgrades to the City's lift stations.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I move to approve Resolution No. 25-1687 as presented.

Prepared By:

Shad Smith, Public Works Director

Reviewed By:



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Clint Gioielli, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 25-1687
2. Exhibit A

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To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Shad Smith, Public Works Director

Date: February 17, 2025

Subject: Approve a purchase order in the amount of \$64,844.41 to cover cost related to critical repairs and upgrades needed for the Columbus Harbour Lift Station #28.

Introduction:

This agenda item requests the City Commission to approve a purchase order in the amount of \$64,844.41 to cover costs related to critical repairs and upgrades needed for the City's Columbus Harbour Lift Station #28.

Background/Discussion:

Columbus Harbour Lift Station #28 is currently operating at minimal output and requires essential repairs and protective coating to prevent failure. The station has been experiencing issues with sand and debris infiltration, which could lead to further operational inefficiencies and potential failure if not addressed.

An emergency proposal for these repairs was submitted by Engineered Spray Solutions. The repairs will be completed utilizing the City of St. Augustine's piggyback agreement, which remains valid through September 30, 2025.

Budget Impact:

Upon approval of Resolution No. 25-1687, funding will be allocated to the Utilities Capital Improvement Lift Station Rehabilitation Fund (Line Item 401-4120-536-6316) to support necessary lift station repairs and upgrades.

Recommendation:

The City Manager and Public Works Director recommend approval of a purchase order in the amount of \$64,844.41 to cover costs related to critical repairs and upgrades needed for the City's Columbus Harbour Lift Station #28.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I move to approve Item 12B as presented.

Prepared By:



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Shad Smith, Public Works Director

Reviewed By:

Clint Gioielli, City Manager

Attachments:

1. Engineering Spray Solutions Proposal

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To: The Honorable Mayor and City Commissioners

From: Clint Gioielli, City Manager

Date: February 17, 2025

Subject: City Commission consideration of the continuation of the Fluoridation of City of Longwood Community Water.

Introduction:

This agenda item requests the City Commission to consider if the City of Longwood community water will continue to be fluoridated.

Background/Discussion:

At the January 20, 2025 City Commission Meeting the Commission directed staff to bring an agenda item to a future commission meeting with additional information so that the commission can consider whether or not to continue the fluoridation of the City of Longwood community water.

This request was made, at least in part, based on the Florida Surgeon General's November 22, 2024 recommendation against community water fluoridation. In the guidance, the Surgeon General states "Due to the neuropsychiatric risk associated with fluoride exposure, particularly in pregnant women and children, and the wide availability of alternative sources of fluoride for dental health, the State Surgeon General recommends against community water fluoridation."

Since the Surgeon General's recommendation, several Florida city commissions, to include Tavares, Palm Bay, Ormond Beach and Melbourne, have voted to stop community water fluoridation. Port St. Lucie and Stuart both voted to temporarily stop fluoridation until further guidance is provided by either the state or federal government. Even before the recommendation, 30% of the community water in Florida was not fluoridated.

Sunshine Utilities, which services some of the residents and businesses in the City of Longwood, does not fluoridate its community water.

The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) relies on guidance from the United States Department of Health & Human Services regarding community water fluoridation. The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services has issued a statement of the evidence provided on behalf of the CDC. In this statement the Department confirms that water fluoridation is beneficial for reducing and controlling tooth decay and promoting oral health, which was also stated in the Florida Surgeon General's November 22, 2024 guidance and is

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accepted by many as fact.

A U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Toxicology Program study dated August 2024 offers the following conclusion:

“The current monograph concludes with moderate confidence that higher estimated fluoride exposures (e.g., as in approximations of exposure such as drinking water fluoride concentrations that exceed the WHO Guidelines for Drinking-water Quality of 1.5 mg/L of fluoride) are consistently associated with lower IQ in children. The moderate confidence in the inverse association between fluoride exposure and children’s IQ is based primarily on studies with estimated fluoride exposures higher than what is generally associated with consumption of optimally fluoridated water in the United States.”

And

“Compared to the body of literature reviewed in the current monograph that supports the existing confidence statement, the studies identified in the updated literature search had similar study designs and patterns of findings. Recent meta-analyses of the inverse association between children’s IQ and fluoride exposures provide additional evidence of a dose-response relationship. However, uncertainty remains in findings at the lower fluoride exposure range. As this body of evidence matures, consideration for upgrading the moderate confidence conclusion to high confidence based on additional evidence of dose-response relationships at lower fluoride levels may be warranted.”

Note- underlining was added to this agenda memo and was not in the original document.

The City of Longwood

- The City of Longwood has been fluoridating the community water since the 1980s.
- Current City community water sample testing indicates the water (not fluoridated), has a natural fluoride range between 0.15- 0.20 mg/ L.
- Currently, the City fluoridation plan is to fluoridate the community water to a consistent total level of 0.70 mg/ L.

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- This 0.70 mg/ L goal is based on Florida Administrative Code 62-555.325 which recommends 0.8 mg/L as an optimal fluoride concentration for fluoridated community water systems with the recommended control range between 0.70 to 1.3 mg/ L.
- The guidance in the Florida administrative code is based on the drinking water regulations established by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) which is required by Florida statute 403.853 to provide guidance.
- In a review of the monthly sampling reports of the City of Longwood fluoridation system has maintained the community drinking water total fluoridation range between 0.68 and 0.76 mg/L.
- The Public Works Director has confirmed stopping the fluoridation would not create any new or additional needs related to staff time, equipment or expenses.

Staff anticipates updated information to become available in the future. It is understood the City can make different decisions at any time should the Commission become aware of additional information or new guidance from the state or federal government in the future.

Budget Impact:

The current budget lists annual fluoride supply costs at \$10,000. Should the commission elect to discontinue fluoridation, it would no longer be necessary for the City to continue this expense. Additionally, there would be additional savings for any future repairs or upgrades necessary to maintain the fluoridation system.

Recommendation:

The City Manager requests Commission direction on the continuation of city community water fluoridation. A motion or action is only necessary if the Commission elects to make a change.

REQUESTED MOTION/ACTION:

I move to have the city stop the community water fluoridation.

Prepared By:



Agenda Item 12C

Clint Gioielli, City Manager

Reviewed By:

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Attachments:

1. Florida Surgeon General Guidance for Community Water Fluoridation
2. U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services Community Water Fluoridation Statement
3. U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services National Toxicology Program Monograph on Fluoride Exposure
4. Florida Administrative Code 62-555.325
5. Florida State Statute 403.853