

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

MINUTES
February 3, 2025
6:00 PM

Present: **Commissioner Abby Shoemaker**
 Commissioner Tony Boni
 Commissioner Matt Morgan
 Dan Langley, City Attorney
 Clint Gioielli, City Manager
 Michelle Longo, City Clerk
 Troy Feist, Fire Chief
 David Dowda, Police Chief
 Nerys Hernandez, Records Coordinator

Absent: **Mayor Matthew McMillan (excused)**
 Deputy Mayor Brian D. Sackett (excused)

- 1. CALL TO ORDER.** Commissioner Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
- 2. OPENING INVOCATION.** Rev. Evette J. Campbell, Pastor of Rolling Hills Moravian Church gave the invocation.
- 3. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Commissioner Boni led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 4. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Ms. Longo read the following announcement.
 - A. The City of Longwood will host the 11th Annual “Chili Cook-Off” in conjunction with the monthly car show on Saturday, February 8, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. in the Historic District of Longwood located off of Church Avenue. A taster’s kit can be purchased for \$7.00 in advance online or on the day of the show.**
 - B. The “Downtown Longwood Cruise-In” Car Show will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2025, from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Historic District of Longwood.**
- 5. PROCLAMATIONS / RECOGNITIONS**
 - A. Recognition Presentation of the 45th Annual JOY (Juvenile of the Year) Awards.**

King Samuel Cornelius Ayres
Jamarian Blue

Altamonte Elementary School
Greenwood Lakes Middle School

Nicolas Guglielmello Jr.
Jayden Belinger
Leilani Ramos
Duncan Masters
Lindsey Alvares-Carreoh
Presley Hendricks
Lauren Makar
Jeremiah Williams
Cru Albanese

Highlands Elementary School
Lake Mary High School
Longwood Elementary School
Lyman High School
Milwee Middle School
Rock Lake Middle School
Winter Springs Elementary School
Winter Springs High School
Woodlands Elementary School

Commissioner Morgan read the history of the JOY Awards. Each student was announced and presented with a framed certificate. Photographs were then taken.

The Commission recessed at 6:29 p.m. and reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

6. BOARD APPOINTMENTS

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

Commissioner Boni nominated Abdulla Ghazzawieh for appointment to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Nomination carried by a unanimous voice vote with Mayor McMillan and Deputy Mayor Sackett absent.

7. PUBLIC INPUT

A. Public Participation. None.

8. MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

- A. District #4.** Commissioner Morgan reported that on January 22 he spoke at the Seminole County Sheriff's Office O-Pod graduation. On January 28, he had the first Walk for Autism Awareness and Inclusion preparation meeting. On January 30, he participated in the International Overdose Awareness Day event held at Reiter Park. On February 1, Chad DeGroot, owner of Bikes and Boards, held a fundraiser for the Skate Park and Commissioner Morgan participated in the event. Mr. DeGroot has previously assisted with the development of the Skate Park at Candyland Sports Complex.

District #5. No report.

District #1. Commissioner Shoemaker thanked Commissioner Morgan for all he does in the community. She commended Liane Cartagena for the Valentine's Day Card event and she attended the event to make some cards. The cards will be delivered to children in the hospital.

District #2. Commissioner Boni congratulated all of the JOY Award recipients. He commended Liane Cartagena for the Valentine's Day Card event and thanked her for the supplies he received for his seniors' group. They made valentines cards for the event. He attended the Leadership Seminole Summit event on Friday. In the morning on Friday, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Be

the Change for Seniors, a Mercy Road Initiative for Mercy Road, handed out one hundred and twenty-seven (127) space heaters, two hundred and fifty-four (254) sweatshirts, and fifty (50) blankets to seniors in need.

District #3. No report.

9. COMMISSION AND STAFF ADDITIONS OR CHANGES

- A. ADDITIONAL ITEMS RAISED DURING MAYOR'S AND COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS.** None.
- B. ANY ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.** None.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approve the Minutes of the January 20, 2025, Regular Meeting.**
- B. Approve the Monthly Expenditures for December 2024.**

Commissioner Boni moved to approve Items 10A and 10B as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Shoemaker and carried by a unanimous roll call vote with Mayor McMillan and Deputy Mayor Sackett absent.

11. PUBLIC HEARINGS. None.

12. REGULAR BUSINESS

- A. City Commission approval of an Interlocal Agreement Between Seminole County and the City of Longwood for Appropriation of Pooled Opioid Settlement Funds Towards EMS Response.**

Commissioner Shoemaker moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement as presented Item 12A. Seconded by Commissioner Boni and carried by a unanimous roll call vote with Mayor McMillan and Deputy Mayor Sackett absent.

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Gioielli reported that the City has partnered with Duke Energy in a program that would be offered to residents to help them become more energy saving conscious. There will be workshops available to residents that will provide cost-effective and energy-efficient tips by having Duke Energy come into their homes. Post cards will be sent to the entire city. He was contacted by a website called Homes.com, the second largest real estate portal by traffic market share in the United States, and they are working with the economic development team and Ms. Cartagena to create an article on the city of Longwood. He reported that all the street signs along Ronald Reagan Boulevard would be replaced with new signs. He stated the Valentine's Day event resulted in over 530 cards. He reported that Ms. Cartagena is partnering with the Seminole State College digital cinema and telephone production team, and working with the police and fire departments to create recruitment videos. He said Saturday, February 8 at 9:00 a.m. would be the opening day for Longwood Babe Ruth and they currently have three hundred and eighty-three (383) registrations. He also stated at the next meeting there will be a discussion about fluoridation of the City water.

14. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT. No report.

15. CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Ms. Longo reported that she received a request to move the date of the ribbon cutting for Strickland Brothers and the new date would be on Thursday, February 13 at 4:30 p.m. She sent a calendar invite to the Commission to attend a Seminole County Chamber planned ribbon cutting ceremony for Tool Kingdom, located at 265 N U.S. Highway 17-92 on Wednesday, February 12. The ribbon cutting event would be 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with the actual ribbon cutting at 12:00 p.m. She also reported that this month was the Annual State of the County luncheon on Friday, February 14 and the Seminole County Prayer Breakfast on Monday, February 17 both would be held at the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary. Additionally, there would be a Tri-County League of Cities Meeting on Thursday, February 20 hosted by Winter Springs if any of the commissioners would like to attend. It would be held at the Tusawilla Country Club from 12:00 p.m. until 1:30 p.m.

16. ADJOURN. Commissioner Morgan adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

Minutes approved by City Commission: 02-17-2025.

Matthew McMillan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michelle Longo, MMC, FCRM
City Clerk