

# CITY OF APOPKA

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## **Minutes of a regular City Council meeting held on June 1, 2011, at 1:30 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor John H. Land  
Commissioner Bill Arrowsmith  
Commissioner Billie Dean  
Commissioner Marilyn U. McQueen  
Commissioner Kathy S. Till

PRESS PRESENT: John Peery - Apopka Chief

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Mayor Land called the meeting to order and gave the Invocation. Mayor Land said it was June 6, 1944, that the allied forces stormed the Normandy Beach and the WWII allied invasion of Europe began. In less than a year the war in Europe ended. Many people died during that day and it served as the longest day for those who were there. He asked everyone to reflect on their sacrifice for our freedom and liberty as he led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on May 18, 2011, at 8:00 p.m.
2. Approve the minutes from the Duplication of Services/Wekiva Parkway meeting held on May 17, 2011, at 11:00 a.m.
3. Award the consulting service contract to Ardman and Associates, Inc., and Universal Engineering Sciences, for Geotechnical and Environmental Engineering Services, for one year with the option to extend the contract to two additional one-year extensions.
4. Approve the Disbursement Report for the month of May 2011.

**MOTION was made by Commissioner Till, and seconded by Commissioner McQueen, to approve the four (4) items of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, McQueen, and Till voting aye.**

### **PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Larry Limmel – Community Development/Engineering- 5 Year Service Award** - Mayor Land said Larry began working for the City on May 30, 2006, as an Engineering Technician for Community Development, which is his current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land in congratulating Larry on his years of service to the City.

**2. Jan Goebel – City Clerk - 10 Year Service Award** - Mayor Land said Jan started working for the City on May 14, 2001, as the City Clerk, which is her current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land in congratulating Jan on her years of service to the City.

**3. Kevin Burgess – Public Services/Water Resources - 15 Year Service Award** - Mayor Land said Kevin began working for the City on May 13, 1996, as a Waste Water Plant Operator “B”. On March 31, 1997, he was promoted to Water Plant Supervisor. Kevin was promoted to Water Resources Operation Manager on November 16, 2005, which is his current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land in congratulating Kevin on his years of service to the City.

**4. CAFR Award - Edward Bass, Finance Director** - Mayor Land presented Edward with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting plaque which was awarded for the City's reporting on September 30, 2009. He said this was the 27<sup>th</sup> CAFR award received by the City.

**SPECIAL REPORTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS** - Mayor Land said he has asked City Attorney Frank Kruppenbacher to work on some projects.

City Attorney Kruppenbacher outlined those projects, as follows:

1 - A complete review of this year's current Legislation and it's impact on the City. - He said this year is the greatest Legislative intrusion to local government control that has been seen for some time of both Legislative and Executive authority. He stated a detailed briefing will be forthcoming.

2 - Review of the City Charter for changes, additions, deletions. - He advised he has engaged Attorney Bob Nabors of Nabors and Giblin to review the City Charter to see if there was anything that should be proposed to the Council for consideration of change, addition, or deletion. After review, a briefing with the City Council will take place and then a public hearing will be held for public input, as well as to hear anything the public may want the Council to consider. The City Council will then deliberate the issue and determine if any amendments should be placed on the ballot. His review will be focused on protecting the City.

3 - Personnel Policies - Attorney Kruppenbacher said he was asked by the Mayor to review the Personnel Policies regarding security for top critical employees. He said he has advised the Mayor, outside the City Council, that as Mayor, he is authorized to execute contracts of employment for City employees. He said the Mayor is wanting to ensure that the top critical management of this City are protected.

Attorney Kruppenbacher said reports will be forthcoming in the near future.

Mr. Kruppenbacher also noted that in a meeting with Governor Scott last week in Tallahassee, he was asked by the Governor what he considers Florida's Best Treasure, to which he responded, without hesitation, "Mayor John Land from Apopka". He commended Mayor Land for setting the standard of integrity and leadership.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS** - There were no Ordinances or Resolutions to be heard.

**SITE APPROVALS** - There were no site approvals.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND BIDS** - CAO Anderson reported on the following eight (8) items:

1 - Railroad Agreement - CAO Anderson reported meeting with individuals regarding the railroad and asked about the City's responsibilities for crossing maintenance costs and lease agreements when underground utilities are required below the tracks. They are working on the numbers and are to report back to the City.

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2- Highland Manor - CAO Anderson reported the City has taken over the building and is very cognizant of the importance of the events going forward. He said the City is trying to work with those who have already booked events at the facility. He stated he wanted to be clear that the City had not collected or received any of those funds and had nothing to do with it; however, the City is working on a solution. He has recommended to the Mayor that the City hire a consultant to evaluate businesses expressing interest in going into the facility. He said many of the businesses are interested in booking events only and not running the restaurant.

3 - Budget numbers - CAO Anderson said the latest report from the Orange County Property Appraiser shows the City with a 4.2% decrease in property values. He said while this is not great, it is also not the worse news, as staff has been bracing for a 10-12% decrease. He advised the State numbers are not in yet.

4 - Comprehensive Plan Agreement with the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) - He reported the Comp Plan Agreement should be signed next week and be final.

5 - Regional Planning Councils (RPC) - CAO Anderson said that Governor Scott has vetoed funding for the RPC's, making it uncertain where they will be in the mix with development and the future of Florida.

6 - Barnhills Property - CAO Anderson reported the City closed on the property and is working on renovations of the building. He also reported that negotiations with the University of Central Florida on the Business Incubator have taken place.

7 - Airport - He stated the City should close next week on the Fixed Base Operation (FBO) of the Airport. The City will be looking at parties interested in running the FBO operation. He stated the City also continues to work with the West Orange Aviation Authority.

8 - Veteran Signs - CAO Anderson reported Linda Laurendeau had suggested a way to honor veterans and fallen police/firefighters is to install special street signs identifying the service of a veteran. The City will be considering this program.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** - Mayor Land spoke about the decrease in property values and said it was less of a decrease than in the past two (2) years. He stated staff is still struggling with the budget.

He expressed his interest in the Veteran Signs Program, and said it should be extended to veterans of all wars.

He encouraged everyone to be vigilant of the new Legislation, what the Governor may be vetoing, and what impact this will have on the City of Apopka.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Council - There was no old business from the Council.

2. Public - There was no old business from the public.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Council

Commissioner Till spoke regarding City Code, Chapter 58, "Parks and Recreation", specifically regarding the use of tobacco products within the parks. She said she was researching this matter and will be bringing a recommendation back to the City Council.

Commissioner Arrowsmith commended Sgt. Steve Brick and John Ricketson on the Military Ball that took place last weekend. He said it was an excellent affair and hopes it will continue annually.

Mayor Land said Apopka had a big Memorial Day weekend. A good service was held at the cemetery honoring our fallen heros with lunch following at the VFW.

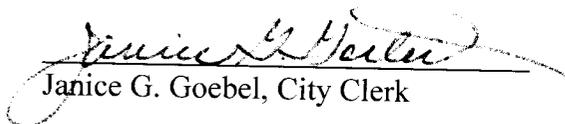
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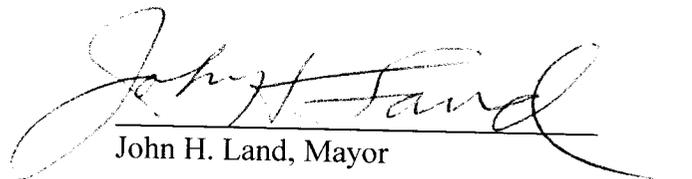
Mike Cooper, Cooper Construction, expressed concern over the City expending money on the railroad and suggested the money could be better spent by investing in incentives to entice new businesses to Apopka.

Mayor Land said the City appreciates his efforts and stated staff could look at his recommendations.

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Janice G. Goebel, City Clerk

  
John H. Land, Mayor