

CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of a regular City Council meeting held on August 3, 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 - The Apopka Chief

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Land called the meeting to order and gave the Invocation. He said it was on August 6th when the first Atom bomb was dropped around the end of World War II. During that war, it went on from the bombing of Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, until August 1945, and with 16 million who served; there were over 1 million casualties. He asked everyone to reflect on their sacrifice on behalf of our country, as he led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on July 20, 2011, at 8:00 p.m.
2. Authorize a purchase through the Florida Sheriff's Association contract, in the amount of \$252,525.00, of a front loader refuse truck powered by compressed natural gas.
3. Acknowledge notification of the application for Federal Justice Assistance Funding Grant.
4. Authorize funding, in the amount of \$53,125, for the Alternative Study Analysis of the US441 Corridor between downtown Orlando, northwest Orange County and the Tavares/Eustis area in Lake County.
5. Approve the Disbursement Report for the month of July, 2011.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Till, and seconded by Commissioner Arrowsmith, to approve the five (5) items on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, McQueen and Till, voting aye.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Robert Mark Jr. – Police/Field Services – 5 Year Service Award – Mayor Land said Robert was not present, and would be presented his award at a later time.
2. Daniel Criswell – Fire/Suppression – 5 Year Service Award – Mayor Land said Danny was not present as he is with his new born baby girl. He will be presented his award at a later time.

3. Mark Rathmann – Public Services/Street Maintenance – 5 Year Service Award – Mayor Land said Mark began working for the City on July 31, 2006, as a Maintenance Worker I for Grounds. On March 5, 2007, he transferred to Streets as a Maintenance Worker I. Mark was promoted on February 11, 2008, to a Maintenance Worker II for Streets, which is his current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land on congratulating Mark on his service to the City.

4. Rojelio Vasques – Public Services/Utility Construction – 10 Year Service Award – Mayor Land said Rojelio started working for the City on July 2, 2001, as a Utility Service Worker II for Utility Construction, which is his current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land on congratulating Rojelio on his service to the City.

5. Christopher Hanstein – Police/Field Services – 10 Year Service Award – Mayor Land said Chris began working for the City on July 9, 2001, as a Police Officer for Field Services. Chris was promoted to Police Sergeant on March 1, 2009, which is his current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land on congratulating Chris on his service to the City.

6. Edward Mueller –Community Development/Building – 10 Year Service Award – Mayor Land said Pike started working for the City on July 9, 2001, as a Multiple Code Inspector Trainee. On July 9, 2002, he was reclassified to a Multiple Code Inspector, which is his current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land on congratulating Pike on his service to the City.

7. Donald Kahrs – Information Technology – 20 Year Service Award – Mayor Land said Donald began working for the City as the Data Processing Manager for IT. Donald was promoted to Information Technology Director on May 3, 2005, which is his current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land on congratulating Donald on his service to the City.

Mayor Land presented Linda Laurendeau with the first new street sign that was created to honor fallen soldiers. Ms. Laurendeau first presented the program to the City, after seeing another City in Massachusetts that had the same program. The sign depicted the Navy logo in front and the City logo behind the name, Jason Dwelley Parkway. The street was named after Jason Dwelley who died while serving in the war in Iraq.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Approve and set the FY 2011-2012 proposed millage rate at 3.5164, which is a 6.18% decrease over the rolled-back rate of 3.7480.**

CAO Anderson said the budget was not quite balanced, but foresees it being balanced very soon. He stated it was another tight budget, but staff believes it is one we can all work with and puts forth the message to the taxpayers that we want to watch those tax dollars.

Commissioner Till inquired on the downturn of projected property tax revenue.

Mayor Land said since 2009, the City has seen a decrease of 27.33%. In 2009 there was \$9,331,800 generated by property taxes and in 2012, the revenue has dropped to \$6,781,000.

MOTION by Commissioner Arrowsmith, and seconded by Commissioner Till, to approve and set the FY 2011-2012 proposed millage rate at 3.5164, which is a 6.18% decrease over the rolled-back rate of 3.7480. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, McQueen, and Till voting aye.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS -

1. ORDINANCE NO. 2222 - FIRST READING – 2010 CYCLES #1 AND 2 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REMEDIAL AMENDMENT – Authorize the execution of the Stipulated Settlement Agreement; and accept the First Reading of the Remedial Comprehensive Plan Amendment. – CAO Anderson thanked all who have been working on the Comprehensive Plan Amendment. He advised there were four changes: first that we implement the Wekiva Parkway Interchange Plan, and secondly that if the Parkway does not get built, then we do not implement this Plan. Additionally, we have our concurrency policy with the School Board whereby we are not going to establish a residential zoning category or obtain rezoning for residential uses until Orange County Public Schools have either issued a finding of school capacity, or the owner has entered into a capacity enhancement agreement. He advised this was in compliance with our standard already in place with the School Board. He stated anything in this document regarding transportation is for planning purposes only.

MOTION by Commissioner Till, and seconded by Commissioner Arrowsmith, to adopt Exhibit A, and approve the Stipulated Settlement Agreement. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land, and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, McQueen and Till voting aye.

The City Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2222

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING ITS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PURSUANT TO CERTAIN STIPULATED SETTLEMENTS AGREEMENT RELATED TO THE 2010 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND FUTURE LAND USE MAP AMENDMENTS OF ORDINANCE NOS.

2145 AND 2171; UPDATING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO PROVIDE FOR THE FINDINGS OF AN EVALUATION AND APPRIASAL REPORT AND THE WEKIVA PARKWAY INTERCHANGE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; FOR CONFLICTS AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Land opened the meeting for public hearing. No one wishing to speak, he closed the public hearing.

MOTION by Commissioner Till, and seconded by Commissioner McQueen, to accept the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2222, and hold it over for a Second Reading. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, McQueen, and Till voting aye.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 2224 - FIRST READING – Amending Chapter 30, “Cemeteries,” Article II, “City Cemetery,” Section 30-37, “Charges,”; to revise certain fees. – CAO Anderson said the City has been reviewing various fees and adjust them accordingly. He stated the City Clerk conducted a survey of other agencies that have a City cemetery, and found that Apopka’s fees are on the low end with the proposed increases.

The City Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2224

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 30, “CEMETERIES,” ARTICLE II, “CITY CEMETERY,” SECTION 30-37. “CHARGES”; TO REVISE CERTAIN FEES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Land opened the meeting for public hearing. No one wishing to speak, he closed the public hearing.

MOTION by Commissioner Arrowsmith and seconded by Commissioner Till, to accept the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2224, and hold it over for a Second Reading. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, McQueen, and Till voting aye.

SITE APPROVALS - There were no site approvals for consideration.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND BIDS – There was no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Land reported the following:

A Thank You card was received from Belle Gilliam expressing her appreciation for making the celebration of her 90th Birthday a special day.

Jeanne Green, Community Development employee, sent a Thank You card expressing her appreciation for the dish garden that was sent to her while she was in the hospital.

Joan L. Buchanan sent a Thank You letter on behalf of The Langford Family expressing their appreciation for the basket of flowers sent in memory of Carl T. Langford, former Mayor of Orlando.

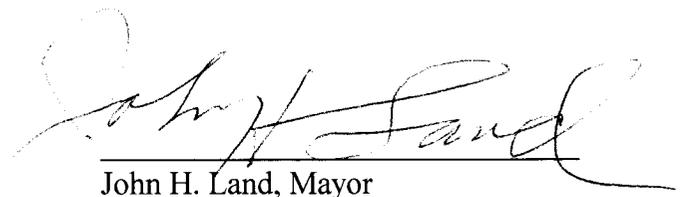
OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

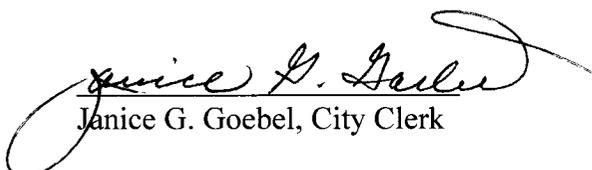
1. Council – In response to a request by Commissioner Dean for the palm trees on Central Avenue to be trimmed, CAO Anderson said it was the height of grass growing season and the trimming of these trees was on staff's work program.
2. Public – There was no new business from the public.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:07 p.m.



John H. Land, Mayor

ATTEST:



Janice G. Goebel, City Clerk