

Minutes of a regular City Council meeting held on March 2, 2011, at 1:30 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Billie Dean

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 the 3rd of March was a special day for Florida as it became a state in 1845, adding the 27th star to the United States flag. On the 4th of March in 1789, the Constitution went into affect and has been serving our Nation for 222 years. He asked everyone to reflect on those two historical memories in our country as he led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on February 16, 2011, at 8:00 p.m.
2. Approve the minutes from the UCF Incubator Tour held on February 15, 2011, at 2:30 p.m.
3. Authorize the Mayor, or his designee, to execute the street light agreement between the City of Apopka and the Lake Todd Estates Homeowners Association.
4. Approve the allocation of funds, in the amount of \$500.00, to purchase art at the 50th Annual Art & Foliage Festival to be held on April 30th and May 1st.
5. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute Inmate Work Squad Contract #WS656, in the amount of \$58,004.00.
6. Approve the Disbursement Report for the month of February 2011.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Arrowsmith, and seconded by Commissioner McQueen, to approve the six (6) items on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land and Commissioners Arrowsmith, McQueen, and Till voting aye.

PRESENTATIONS

1. John Hanson – Community Development/Building - 5 Year Service Award - Mayor Land said John began working for the City on February 13, 2006, as a Multiple Code Inspector, which is his current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land in congratulating John on his years of service to the City.

2. Susan Reed – Public Services /Waste Water Plant - 5 Year Service Award - Mayor Land said Susan started working for the city on February 20, 2006, as a Assistant Laboratory Technician. Susan was promoted on November 2, 2009, to Laboratory Technician, which is her current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land in congratulating Susan on her years of service to the City.

3. Vicky Carnicella – Administration - 5 Year Service Award - Mayor Land said Vicky began working for the city on February 25, 2006, as Administrative Assistant for the Mayor's office. Then on February 21, 2007, she was reclassified to Assistant to the Chief Administrative Officer, which is her current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land in congratulating Vicky on her years of service to the City.

4. William Perez – Recreation /Activities & Civic Events - 5 Year Service Award - Mayor Land said William was not present and would be presented his award at a later time.

5. Nathan Sturm – Fire/EMS - 10 Year Service Award - Mayor Land said Nate began working for the city on February 18, 2001, as a Firefighter First Class in Suppression. On November 20, 2004, he was transferred to EMS. He was promoted to Firefighter Engineer on October 12, 2007. Then on August 23, 2010, he was promoted to Firefighter Lieutenant, which is his current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land in congratulating Nate on his years of service to the City.

6. Brad Green – Public Services/Grounds - 15 Year Service Award - Mayor Land said Brad started working for the City on February 12, 1996, as a Maintenance Worker I for Recreation. He was promoted to Maintenance Worker II on May 5, 1997. On December 5, 1999, he was reclassified to Grounds Specialist for the Grounds. Brad was reclassified to Maintenance Coordinator on December 9, 2001. On October 13, 2002, he was reclassified to Grounds Foreman. Brad was promoted to Program Supervisor Streets and Grounds on December 10, 2007, which is his current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land in congratulating Brad on his years of service to the City.

7. Business Incubator - John Jones, Land Design Innovations - Mr. Jones discussed and gave a presentation/proposal on the Apopka Small Business Incubation Program. He said incubators are an economic development tool to assist in the development and growth of local companies. He advised that businesses with incubator support have an 87% survival rate. He introduced Mr. Gordon Hogan, Director of Operations for the UCF Business Incubation Program, who provided additional detailed information about the incubation program. A copy of the presentation is incorporated into and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Land said the City needed more time to study this matter prior to permanent action from the City Council. He stated that today's request is for a continuation of study of the project by staff and the City Attorney.

CAO Anderson said the City of Sanford had some reporting criteria that worked well for their community, and we would like to see that here in Apopka. He stated that for all intents and purposes, the agreements were standard; the biggest issue would be finding a location for the facility and the cost. The details will be brought back to the City Council for approval. He requested direction from the City Council on moving forward, and then staff will come back to the City Council with the finalized documents and exact costs. He advised they were looking at possibly using Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) funding, which would require approval by the CRA. He said part of the decision is considering the importance of having a UCF presence in our community.

Motion was made by Commissioner Arrowsmith and seconded by Commissioner Till to continue working with UCF on the Business Incubator Program, and report back to the Council when ready for final action and a contract.

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

Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land and Commissioners Arrowsmith, McQueen, and Till voting aye.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS - There were no special reports or public hearings.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS - There were no ordinances or resolutions.

SITE APPROVALS - There were no site approvals.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND BIDS - There were no department reports and bids.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Land reported the City received cards from two citizens expressing appreciation of the City for working with them to adjust their utility bills due to a water leak.

Mayor Land reported receiving a card from Orange County Mayor Teresa Jacobs expressing appreciation for Apopka partnering with them at the West Orange/429 Summit held February 4, 2011.

Mayor Land reported having received a draft resolution from the Florida League of Cities to support Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension Plan Reform. He said Commissioner Till is President of the Tri-County League of Cities, and has also been to Tallahassee regarding this matter.

CAO Anderson said staff was reviewing this and would be making a couple of changes to the draft resolution for the Council to approve.

Commissioner Till gave a report of proposed legislative bills the City should start monitoring. Those bills include: the Pension Reform Bill, the TABOR Bill, HB 7001 as it relates to growth management along with the companion SB 174. She said SB 1122 has a couple of areas not favorable for local governments regarding impact fees, and advised there have been a number of bills filed in both the Senate and the House regarding red light camera legislation.

Discussion ensued regarding the legislative sessions, impact fees, TABOR, and red light cameras.

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CAO Anderson said with regards to the grant the Railroad is seeking, the City still has a number of questions that remain unanswered regarding this matter. It appears that the businesses served in our area receive an approximate total of 40 train cars a year. He stated the City has not said we are against it, we just need more information in order to make an informed decision.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

John H. Land, Mayor

Janice G. Goebel, City Clerk