

CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of a regular City Council meeting held on August 1, 2012, at 1:30 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor John H. Land
Commissioner Billie Dean
Commissioner Marilyn U. McQueen
Commissioner Joe Kilsheimer

ABSENT: Commissioner Bill Arrowsmith

PRESS PRESENT: John Peery - The Apopka Chief

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Invocation was given by Mayor Land. He said on August 6 & 9, 1945, atom bombs were dropped on Japan and this brought about the end of World War II. Over 16 million served in that War which started 3 years and 8 months earlier with the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He stated there were over one million casualties and over 400,000 battle deaths. He asked everyone to reflect on their great sacrifice for the freedom that we enjoy today as he led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Cooper thanked Mayor Land for the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance he does every meeting, and stated our Country needs to stand behind people like Mayor Land and be more apt to talk about our Country and give thanks to God for what He does for us.

Mayor Land thanked Mr. Cooper for all he does for the Apopka community.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

1. Eric M. Howard – Fire/Suppression - Five years of service - Mayor Land said Eric began working for the City on June 2, 2007, as a Firefighter 1st Class, which is his current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land in congratulating Eric on his years of service to the City.

2. Warren E. Evans - Fire/EMS - Five years of service - Mayor Land said Warren began working for the City on July 1, 2007, as a Firefighter 1st Class in Fire Suppression. In October 2009, Warren became a paramedic and was transferred to EMS, which is his current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land in congratulating Warren on his years of service to the City.

3. Jerold A. Maynard – Fire/EMS - Five years of service - Mayor Land said Jerold started working for the City on June 20, 2007, as a Firefighter 1st Class in Fire Suppression. In December 2009, he became a paramedic and was transferred to EMS, which is his current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land in congratulating Jerold on his years of service to the City.

4. Glen E. Brooks – Public Services/Waste Water Plant - Ten years of service - Mayor Land said Glen was not present and asked Public Services Director John Jreij to present Glen with his service award.

5. Levertis (Lee) L. Lumpkin - Public Services/Waste Water Collection Maintenance - Ten years years of service - Mayor Land said Lee started working for the City on July 8, 2002, as a Utility Service Service Worker II in Waste Water Collection Maintenance, which is his current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land in congratulating Lee on his years of service to the City.

6. Paul L. Rehn - Police Department/Field Services - Fifteen years of service - Mayor Land said Paul began working for the City on July 21, 1997, as a Police Officer, which is his current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land in congratulating Paul on his years of service to the City.

7. William (Bill) E. Stokes – Fire/EMS - Twenty-Five years of service - Mayor Land said Bill started working for the City on June 17, 1987, as a Firefighter. He became a Firefighter 1st Class on December 22, 1987. Bill was promoted to Firefighter Engineer August 8, 1990. Then on May 9, 1999, he was promoted to Firefighter Lieutenant, which is his current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land in congratulating Bill on his years of service to the City.

8. Todd A. Bengtson –Fire/EMS - Twenty-Five years of service - Mayor Land said Todd began working for the City on June 19, 1987, as a Firefighter. On January 13, 1988, he was promoted to Firefighter 1st Class. Todd received a promotion on January 1, 1990, to Firefighter Engineer. On May 9, 1999, he was again promoted to Firefighter Lieutenant. Then on February 25, 2002, he was promoted to Fire Captain. Todd's title changed to Fire Captain/District Chief on January 14, 2007, which is his current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land in congratulating Todd on his years of service to the City.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Habitat for Humanity - Penny Seater, said she was the Executive Director for the affiliate serving Seminole County and greater Apopka. She explained the three criteria for becoming a Habitat homeowner; 1) verifiable housing need, 2) ability to pay on a 30-year interest free mortgage, and 3) willingness to partner on the property. She gave an overview of the most recent three (3) partnerships with this affiliate of Habitat for Humanity:

- (1) City of Altamonte Springs - The City donated a house to Habitat in a working class neighborhood. Habitat took the blight out of the neighborhood and placed a hard working family in the home to the pleasure of many neighbors in the area.
- (2) Radio Station 104.1 partnered with the City of Sanford, who donated a home that had been in a fire. Habitat cleared the property and rebuilt the house. It is highly energy efficient with the use of solar panels.
- (3) City of Casselberry reported to Habitat that there are 183 mobile homes in Casselberry that are pre-1976 and would like to partner with Habitat for removal of the vacated mobile homes and transform this neighborhood with some neighborhood stabilization monies.

Ms. Seater said they hope to partner with the City of Apopka and serve the housing needs of Apopka.

Kelly Pisciotta gave an overview of how the State-funded Community Contribution Tax Credit Program works.

2. Foliage Sertoma Club - Mary Frances Mancuso, President, spoke about the new Audio Frequency Induction Loop System and how it works. She stated a Hearing Loop System was recently installed in the Apopka City Council Chambers. She presented a plaque to Mayor Land and Commissioners.

Mayor Land thanked Sertoma for the work they do for the deaf and hard of hearing, for recognizing the need for the system to accommodate those attending City Council meetings, and the donated money for the installation.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on July 18, 2012, at 8:00 p.m.**
- 2. Approve the minutes from the Administrative Bid Opening No. 2012-04, for Scott NXG2 4.5 SCBA NFPA 2007 Upgrades, held on July 12, 2012, at 10:15 a.m.**
- 3. Approve the minutes from the special meeting with United States Congressman John L. Mica, held on July 16, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.**
- 4. Approve and award the bid to upgrade our current inventory of SCBAs to Fisher Safety, in the amount of \$151,667.00.**
- 5. Accept the audited Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2011.**
- 6. Approve the Disbursement Report for the month of July 2012.**

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

SPECIAL REPORTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1. Approve and set the FY 2012-2013 proposed millage rate at 3.5161, which is a 3.94% decrease over the rolled-back rate of 3.6603.**

Mayor Land said staff has been working on the budget and recommends the proposed millage rate be set at 3.5161, which will generate \$6,782,166 of property tax and if approved, this is a 3.94% decrease over the rolled-back rate of 3.6603.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Dean, and seconded by Commissioner McQueen, to approve and set the FY 2012-2013 proposed millage rate at 3.5161, which is a 3.94% decrease over the rolled-back rate of 3.6603. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land and Commissioners Dean, McQueen, and Kilsheimer voting aye.

Mayor Land said this was the fourth year the City's millage rate has not produced as much as in the past, and the income from ad valorem taxes has gone down. He stated with this rate they can balance the budget.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

CAO Anderson said the City Attorney has requested the four (4) ordinances be tabled again to the next City Council meeting, when he will be attending the meeting to address the City Council's concerns.

- 1. ORDINANCE NO. 2256 – FIRST READING – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT SMALL SCALE - Maribel and William Brinkle - From “County” Low Density Residential (4 du/ac) to “City” Commercial for property located east of Plymouth Sorrento Road and north of West Lester Road. (Item Tabled at the July 18, 2012, City Council Meeting.)**

MOTION was made by Commissioner McQueen, and seconded by Commissioner Kilsheimer, to bring Ordinance No. 2256 from the table. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land, and Commissioners Dean, McQueen, and Kilsheimer voting aye.

MOTION was made by Commissioner McQueen, and seconded by Commissioner Kilsheimer, to table the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2256 to the next meeting of the City Council. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land, and Commissioners Dean, McQueen, and Kilsheimer voting aye.

- 2. ORDINANCE NO. 2257 – FIRST READING – CHANGE OF ZONING – Maribel and William Brinkle from “County” A-1 to “City” PUD (Planned Unit Development - Commercial) for property located east of Plymouth Sorrento Road and north of West Lester Road. (Item tabled at the July 18, 2012, City Council Meeting.)**

MOTION was made by Commissioner McQueen, and seconded by Commissioner Kilsheimer, to bring Ordinance No. 2257 from the table. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land, and Commissioners Dean, McQueen, and Kilsheimer voting aye.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kilsheimer, and seconded by Commissioner McQueen, to table the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2257 to the next meeting of the City Council. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land, and Commissioners Dean, McQueen, and Kilsheimer voting aye.

- 3. ORDINANCE NO. 2258 – FIRST READING – COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT – SMALL SCALE – Richard and Kay Lee – From Agriculture to “City” Commercial (Planned Unit Development) for property located east of Plymouth Sorrento Road and south of West Lester Road. (Item tabled at the July 18, 2012, City Council Meeting.)**

MOTION was made by Commissioner McQueen, and seconded by Commissioner Kilsheimer, to bring Ordinance No. 2258 from the table. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land, and Commissioners Dean, McQueen, and Kilsheimer voting aye.

MOTION was made by Commissioner McQueen, and seconded by Commissioner Kilsheimer, to table the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2258 to the next meeting of the City Council. Motion

Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land, and Commissioners Dean, McQueen, and Kilsheimer voting aye.

4. ORDINANCE NO. 2259 – FIRST READING – CHANGE OF ZONING – Richard and Kay Lee from AG to PUD (Planned Unit Development - Commercial) for property located east of Plymouth Sorrento Road and south of West Lester Road. (Item tabled at the July 18, 2012, City Council Meeting.)

MOTION was made by Commissioner McQueen, and seconded by Commissioner Kilsheimer, to bring Ordinance No. 2259 from the table. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land, and Commissioners Dean, McQueen, and Kilsheimer voting aye.

MOTION was made by Commissioner McQueen, and seconded by Commissioner Kilsheimer, to table the First Reading of Ordinance No. 2259 to the next meeting of the City Council. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land, and Commissioners Dean, McQueen, and Kilsheimer voting aye.

SITE APPROVALS – There were no site approvals.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND BIDS – CAO Anderson reported that a new Streetscape proposal will be presented at the next City Council meeting. It encompasses all of US 441 from the east side of town to the west side of the Plymouth area, as well as State Road 436.

Mr. Anderson also reported the City recently purchased the Feels Good Bar property. He advised the building was in disrepair and staff recommends demolition of the building.

Mayor Land said the City owned some other property in the area and this would add to clean the area and allow for additional urban renewal.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kilsheimer, and seconded by Commissioner McQueen, to approve and authorize demolition of the building, and cleanup of the lot. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land, and Commissioners Dean, McQueen, and Kilsheimer voting aye.

CAO Anderson further reported the following:

- He had a meeting with Matt and Peter Jordan regarding the old train depot, in an effort to help move the project along.
- Regarding the Town Center status, the City is reviewing a proposal from Pizzuti. He stressed that the economy and timing needs to be right. He said a report will be brought forward soon.
- Reported hearing a rumor that a big box store has secured some of the available properties in the City, which he will confirm this afternoon and keep Council informed.
- The 429/441 interchange is ahead of schedule; the proposed completion is November.
- Work is beginning on the overpass at US 441 and Vick Road.

- Staff has sent out marketing to large restaurants nationally in an effort to encourage the right business for the Highland Manor location.
- The 1st Birthday of the Food Truck Round Up with 23 Food Trucks will be held tomorrow, August 2nd, at Kit Land Nelson Park. Everyone is encouraged to come.
- He referenced a communication from Commissioner Brummer regarding ideas about the Lake Apopka loop trail connector. He asked City Council members to provide feedback.
- Reported the City has some new police vehicles with new design and new color schemes.
- Regarding Habitat for Humanity, he said many people don't realize that the agency doesn't just build new homes, but also renovates homes to provide affordable housing.

Commissioner Kilsheimer commended Ashley Greene, saying she has done a fantastic job in promoting the Food Truck Round Up on Facebook, receiving quite a following of people. He said he also had reports of the Jam in July being a success.

CAO Anderson said the City is going to try to have more events at the amphitheater, with additional concerts, and a corn festival formerly conducted by Long and Scott Farms. He also announced a new Farmers Market will begin in October, at Kit Land Nelson Park.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Land had nothing to report.

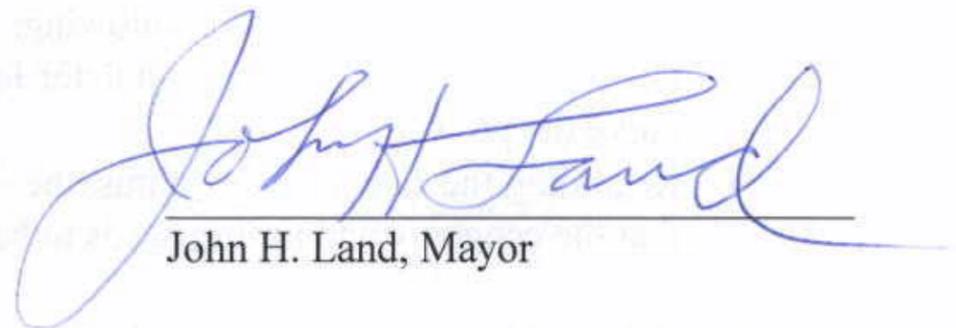
OLD BUSINESS

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

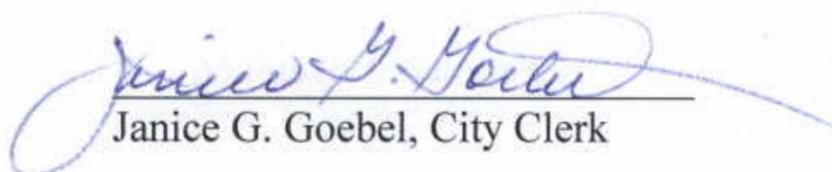
NEW BUSINESS

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

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.


John H. Land, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janice G. Goebel, City Clerk