

CITY OF AOPKA

Minutes of the City Council regular meeting held on May 20, 2020, 7:00 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryan Nelson
Commissioner Doug Bankson
Commissioner Kyle Becker
Commissioner Alexander Smith
City Attorney Michael Rodriguez
City Administrator Edward Bass

ABSENT: Commissioner Alice Nolan

PRESS PRESENT: John Peery – The Apopka Chief

INVOCATION / PLEDGE – Commissioner Bankson provided the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then read the fact of the day and said that on May 21, 1881, in Washington, D.C., humanitarians Clara Barton and Adolphus Solomons founded the American National Red Cross, an organization established to provide humanitarian aid to victims of wars and natural disasters in congruence with the International Red Cross. Barton, born in Massachusetts in 1821, worked with the sick and wounded during the American Civil War and became known as the “Angel of the Battlefield” for her tireless dedication. She was in Europe in 1870 when the Franco-Prussian War broke out, and she went behind the German lines to work for the International Red Cross. In 1873, she returned to the United States, and four years later she organized an American branch of the International Red Cross. The American Red Cross received its first U.S. federal charter in 1900. Barton headed the organization into her 80s and died in 1912.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. City Council regular meeting May 06, 2020

MOTION by Commissioner Smith, and seconded by Commissioner Becker, to approve the minutes of May 06, 2020, regular meeting. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, and Smith voting aye. .

AGENDA REVIEW – City Administrator, Bass advised there were no changes to the Agenda however under Public Hearing item #1, Ordinance No. 2756, the applicant has requested this item be postponed to a date certain of June 17, 2020.

PROCLAMATION

1. Proclamation recognizing May as ALS Awareness Month on behalf of the ALS Association Florida Chapter. - Presented by: Mayor Bryan Nelson

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment cards were submitted online from the following people and read into the record. Their concerns consisted of ways to clean up the area between 6th and 10th Streets and ideas for new business in the area.

Margaret Kington
John Taylor
Carol Charlot
Jean Sumpertor
Cynthia Henderson
Dan Charlotte

CONSENT

1. Authorize the issuance of blanket purchase orders for fiscal year 2020.
2. Accept the disbursement report for April 2020.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson, and seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve two items on Consent. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, and Smith, voting aye.

BUSINESS – N/A

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES/RESOLUTION

1. Ordinance No. 2756 – Second Reading – Change of Zoning and Preliminary Development Plan/Subdivision Plan
From: “County” A-1 (ZIP)
To: “City” PD (Planned Development)
Applicant: Mary F. Reid Estate, c/o AVID Group
Location: 1506 Rock Springs Road
Project 3.99 +/- acres; Four lot commercial subdivision with a proposed gas station, drive-thru restaurant, and general retail or office for a maximum building floor area of 43,451 sq. ft. – Project Manager: Bobby Howell
Applicant requested that Ordinance No. 2756 be postponed to a date certain of June 17, 2020
The Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2756

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM “COUNTY” A-1 (ZIP) TO “CITY” PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PD), FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1506 ROCK SPRINGS ROAD, COMPRISING 3.99 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY MARY F. REID ESTATE; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Nelson opened the public hearing and asked whether anyone wanted to speak on this item. No one wishing to speak, he closed the public hearing.

MOTION by Commissioner Becker, and seconded by Commissioner Smith to postpone Ordinance No. 2756 to a date certain of June 17, 2020. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker and Smith voting aye.

2. Ordinance No. 2765 – Second Reading - Comprehensive Plan – Small Scale – Future Land Use Amendment
From: “County” Rural
To: “City” Commercial (Max. 0.25 FAR)
Owner: 1058 Plymouth, LLC
Applicant: GL Summit Engineering, Inc., c/o Geoff Summit, P.E.
Location: 1058 Plymouth Sorrento Road
Project: 5.92 +/- acres; 64,468 sq. ft. non-residential - “Commercial” FLU
The Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE 2765

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT OF THE APOPKA COMPREHENSIVE PLAN OF THE CITY OF APOPKA; CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE DESIGNATION FROM “COUNTY” RURAL TO “CITY” COMMERCIAL FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTH OF SOUTHFORK DRIVE AND WEST OF PLYMOUTH SORRENTO ROAD, COMPRISING 5.92 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY 1058 PLYMOUTH, LLC; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Nelson opened the meeting to a public hearing. No one wishing to speak, he closed the public hearing.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson, and seconded by Commissioner Becker to adopt Ordinance No. 2765. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners voting aye.

3. Ordinance No. 2766 – Second Reading - Change of Zoning
From: T (Transitional)
To: C-N (Neighborhood Commercial District)
Owner: 1058 Plymouth, LLC
Applicant: GL Summit Engineering, Inc., c/o Geoff Summit, P.E.
Location: 1058 Plymouth Sorrento Road
Project: 5.92 +/- acres; 64,468 sq. ft. non-residential - “Commercial” FLU
The Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2766

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM T (TRANSITIONAL DISTRICT) TO C-N (NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT) FOR CERTAIN REAL

PROPERTY LOCATED SOUTH OF SOUTHFORK DRIVE AND WEST OF PLYMOUTH SORRENTO ROAD, COMPRISING 5.92 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY 1058 PLYMOUTH, LLC; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Nelson asked if there were any changes since the first reading and opened the meeting to a public hearing. No one wishing to speak, he closed the public hearing.

MOTION by Commissioner Smith, and seconded by Commissioner Becker to adopt Ordinance No. 2766. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, and Smith voting aye.

- 4, Ordinance No. 2766 – First Reading – Annexation
Owner: Eugene and Willie Williams
Applicant: Collier Benge Land Joint Venture, LLC
Location: 1289 Hermit Smith Road
Project: 0.61 +/- acre; Single-Family Home
Project Manager: Phil Martinez

Jim Hitt, Director of Community Development provided an overview of the application and said the request is relatively easy.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

MAYOR'S REPORT

4. Attorney status
Mayor Nelson introduced Michael Rodriguez and said some of the Commissioners have had an opportunity to talk with him. He requested Council ratify his appointment as City Attorney.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson, and seconded by Commissioner Smith to ratify Mayor Nelson's appointment of Michael Rodriguez as City Attorney. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, and Smith voting aye.

Mayor Nelson advised the City would be receiving COVID-19 funds from Orange County that will cover all testing including the officers and firefighters required for the testing. Anything related to COVID is covered.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

ATTEST:

Bryan Nelson, Mayor

Linda F. Goff, City Clerk