

CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of a regular City Council meeting held on May 2, 2012, 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 Joe Kilsheimer

PRESS PRESENT: John Peery - The Apopka Chief

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Invocation was given by Mayor Land. He said yesterday was May 1st and on that day in 1898, during the Spanish American War, Commodore George Dewey, with six ships, destroyed the Spanish ships in Manila Bay, bringing America as the world's sea power with our Navy. He asked everyone to reflect on that, as he led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

1. Nicholaus Elrod – Fire/EMS – 5 Year Service Award – Mayor Land said Nicholaus was not present and will be presented his award at a later time.

2. James Anderson – Police/Support Services - 15 Year Service Award – Mayor Land said Jamie was not present and will be presented his award at a later time.

3. Steven Gideon – Police/Field Services – 15 Year Service Award – Mayor Land said Steve began working for the City on April 28, 1997, as a Police Officer in Field Services, which is his current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land in congratulating Steve on his years of service to the City.

4. John Dufresne –Finance – 20 Year Service Award – Mayor Land said John started working for the City on April 29, 1992, as a Data Entry Clerk. On October 1, 1992, his title changed to Inventory Control Specialist. John was reclassified on November 1, 1997, to Accountant II. On October 2, 2000 John was reclassified to Purchasing Supervisor. On May 29, 2002, John was reclassified to Pension/Financial Applications Manager, and then on October 29, 2004, John had a title change to Financial Applications Manager, which is his current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land in congratulating John on his many years of service to the City.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Youth Week Proclamation – Hollis Kindall, Exhaulted Ruler, Elks Lodge #2422 – Mayor Land read the Proclamation designating May

1-7, 2012 as Youth Week and presented the Proclamation to Hollis Kindall, who also introduced Joe Serwe, who served as Chairman of the Committee.

2. **Update on Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority projects – Ben Dreiling, Construction Director** – Mr. Dreiling gave a presentation on current projects and the Wekiva Gateway, also known as the John Land Apopka Expressway. The target opening date is May 14, 2012, for the major shift of the direct connection to/from East SR 414 & to/from South SR 429, and the elimination of the temporary intersection at CR437A & SR 414. He reported on the remaining segments of the Wekiva Parkway construction and target dates for construction and completion. A copy of the Power Point presentation will be incorporated into and made a part of these meeting minutes.

Mayor Land officially welcomed Commissioner Joe Kilsheimer to his first Council meeting. He also thanked Vice Mayor Arrowsmith for standing in for him at the Art & Foliage Festival, as illness kept him from attending.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on April 18, 2012, at 8:00 p.m.
2. Approve the minutes from the Oath of Office Ceremony held on April 23, 2012, 6:00 p.m.
3. Approve the Disbursement Report for the month of April 2012.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Arrowsmith, and seconded by Commissioner McQueen, to approve the three (3) items on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, McQueen, and Kilsheimer 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

City Attorney Frank Kruppenbacher gave a presentation on the Sunshine Law, Ethics Code, Public Records, Quasi-judicial hearings, Voting Conflict, and Financial Disclosure.

CAO Anderson provided an update regarding ecotourism and concerns of the location of the airport. He further advised that he and the City Attorney met with the Chief of Staff of DOT with regards to having the feasibility study adopted, and being placed in the Aviation Plan in order to move forward with those activities.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Land said that due to the low turnout at the recent election, he has asked the City Attorney to conduct a study on how we can amend the Election Code to encourage more participation.

Mayor Land said he received a letter from Tri-Quint announcing they are laying off 70 employees, and noted Albertson's will be closing both Apopka stores. He asked staff to include this in a study to see if there was anything the City can do to help.

Mayor Land noted the City will be celebrating the 130th anniversary of the City's Charter later this year. He also noted 2012 is the 100th anniversary of the fern business started by Harry Ustler, Commissioner McQueen's Grandfather. He suggested any organization wanting to organize a celebration should contact the City.

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 Kilsheimer extended his thanks for everyone, especially staff and the City Council members for the warm welcome. He expressed special appreciation to City Clerk Jan Goebel, and Deputy City Clerk Linda Goff, for their assistance and direction during the campaign and election. He said he took a nice opening tour of the City to the Police, Fire, and Finance Departments, and the Employee Health Clinic with CAO Anderson. He declared he was looking forward to touring the remainder of the City. He said, "It is apparent that our City is blessed with just some really fine professionals who take the Public's business to heart."

Commissioner Kilsheimer reported attending the Orlando-Orange County Expressway Authority meeting last Wednesday where Senator Andy Gardiner broached the idea of merging area expressway authorities into a regional transportation authority.

Commissioner Kilsheimer reported attending a kickoff of the Landfill Study Committee, announcing the process will take approximately six (6) months, projecting October 17th for the final report.

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Commissioner Kilsheimer concluded with commending the Apopka Fire Department for their professionalism in fighting a fire outside the Oak Hill Reserve recently. He said it's one thing to hear about it all the time, but to personally experience them in action was very impressive.

2. Public – Patricia Merriweather, 2339 Cerberus Drive, reported to the City Council the possible illegal activity going on at a private house on 10th Street, between Lake Avenue and Park Avenue. Mayor Land asked her to meet with Police Chief Manley with the information.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

John H. Land, Mayor

Janice G. Goebel, City Clerk