

CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on April 16, 2014, at 8:00 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

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

PRESS PRESENT: John Peery and Roger Ballas - The Apopka Chief
Steve Hudak – The Orlando Sentinel

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Invocation was given by Pastor Doug Bankson, Victory Church World Outreach Center. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commander Artie Vecchio of the VFW Post 10147.

Mayor Land announced anyone wishing to appear before the City Council, should submit a Notice of Intent to Speak card to the City Clerk.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Water Conservation Month Proclamation - Jean Jreij – The Proclamation was read by the City Clerk and presented by Mayor Land to Jean Jreij, Public Services Director.
2. National Telecommunicator's Week Proclamation - Donna Saladin – The Proclamation was read by the City Clerk and presented by Mayor Land to Donna Saladin, Director of Communications Center and fellow dispatchers.
3. CAFR Award - Edward Bass – Mayor Land read and presented a plaque to Director of Finance, Edward Bass, for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting held on March 19, 2014, at 8:00 p.m.
2. Approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting of April 2, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.
3. Approve the minutes of Administrative Bid Opening No. 2014-04 for One Custom Ambulance, held on March 28, 2014, at 10:15 a.m.
4. Approve the minutes of Administrative Bid Opening No. 2014-05 for Ocoee-Apopka Road Small Area Study, held on March 20, 2014, at 3:15 p.m.

5. Authorize the contract, in the amount of \$90,385.00, to Wheeled Coach Industries, Inc., for construction of a new ambulance.
6. Award the Geotechnical and Environmental Engineering Services contract to Ardman and Associates, Inc. and Universal Engineering Sciences, for one year with the option to extend the contract for two additional one-year extensions.
7. Approve the Disbursement Report for the month of March 2014.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Arrowsmith and seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve the 7 items of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land, and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, McQueen, and Kilsheimer voting aye.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Run-off General and Special Election results from April 8, 2014 - Janice Goebel, City Clerk

City Clerk Goebel announced the results of the Run-off General and Special Elections held on April 8, 2014, as follows:

Mayor Race - Joe Kilsheimer received 3,352 votes; and John H. Land received 2,803 votes.

Seat 3 Race - Linda Ann Laurendeau received 2,846 votes; and Sam Ruth received 3,004 votes.

City Clerk Goebel said the Canvassing Board has submitted the certificate of Run-off General and Special Elections results to the City Council and requested they accept the certification of election results by the Canvassing Board, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Arrowsmith and seconded by Commissioner McQueen to accept the Certification of the Run-off General and Special Election results as presented. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land, and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, McQueen, and Kilsheimer voting aye.

Commissioner Arrowsmith commended the Supervisor of Elections office for the work they did during the election at the precinct and the absentee ballots at their office.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 2358 - SECOND READING & ADOPTION - VACATE - Zachary J. and Jennifer K. Pollock, vacating a 50' x 2.5' utility easement located at 2433 Cerberus Drive, in Spring Ridge, Phase 4, Unit 3.**

Mayor Land said Ordinance No. 2358 meets the requirements for adoption, having been duly advertised in The Apopka Chief on April 4, 2014.

The City Clerk read the title, as follow:

ORDINANCE NO. 2358

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, TO VACATE
A PORTION OF A UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED AT 2433**

**CERBERUS DRIVE; PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK,
FOR SEVERABILITY, FOR CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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

MOTION was made by Commissioner Kilsheimer, and seconded by Commissioner Dean, to adopt Ordinance No. 2358. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Land, and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, McQueen, and Kilsheimer voting aye.

SITE APPROVALS - There were no site approvals for consideration.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND BIDS

1. Administrative Report - Richard D. Anderson - Chief Administrative Officer

CAO Anderson said the Council has his Administrative Report and he would answer any questions.

2. Establish the John Land Apopka Community Trust and authorize the transfer of \$200,000 from the City's General Fund into the Trust.

CAO Anderson discussed the establishment of a 501(c)3 Community Trust with an independent board of the city. He advised other cities that have these community trusts have a large amount of funds involved and are very successful.

MOTION by Commissioner Arrowsmith, and seconded by Commissioner McQueen to approve the establishment of the John Land Apopka Community Trust as presented. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land, and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, McQueen, and Kilsheimer voting aye.

CAO Anderson took the opportunity to thank and express his appreciation to Mayor Land for his lifelong service to the community and for what he has done for him personally and professionally. He thanked Mayor Land for all of his history lessons, not only at the beginning of each Council meeting, but he will also cherish the times they sat together and discussed various Apopka families, why they do certain things, and why our Commission meetings start at 8:00 p.m. He thanked Mayor for taking care of the employees, for the many things he did both professionally and personally for the community, for sharing his family and especially Betty Land. He thanked Mayor for his honesty, integrity, and perfect moral compass, and most of all for being Apopka proud and making us all Apopka proud. He wished Mayor continued health, happiness, and God's speed. He stated those who sacrificed the most were sitting in the front row and then presented Betty Land with a bouquet of roses.

Fire Chief Lee Bronson said it has been his honor and privilege to serve under Mayor Land for almost 40 years. He thanked Mayor Land and Commissioner McQueen for their support.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Land reported he will be retiring from the Lake Apopka Natural Gas District Board of Commissioners. Mayor Land reappointed Commissioner Arrowsmith to fill his vacant seat, and appointed Commissioner Dean to fill the seat vacated by Commissioner Arrowsmith.

MOTION by Commissioner McQueen and seconded by Commissioner Kilsheimer to accept the appointments to the Lake Apopka Natural Gas District Board of Commissioners. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Land, Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, McQueen, and Kilsheimer voting aye.

Mayor Land affirmed he would be nominating Mayor-elect Kilsheimer to the Wekiva River Water Basin Commission. The City Attorney will send a letter to the Governor regarding this nomination. The appointment comes from the Governor.

MOTION by Commissioner Arrowsmith, and seconded by Commissioner Dean that the City Council, by resolution, supports this nomination to the Wekiva River Water Basin Commission. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Land, Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, McQueen, and Kilsheimer voting aye.

Mayor Land thanked and recognized Commissioner McQueen for her service to the City, noting that she was the third from the Ustler family to serve on Apopka's Council. He presented Commissioner McQueen with a bouquet of roses.

Mayor Land thanked Commissioner Dean for being very active in our community, serving as an agriculture teacher and for his years of service on the Council. He thanked Commissioner Arrowsmith for his 37 years in office, stating he was raised in Apopka, was a Blue Darter, and a businessman in the community.

Commissioner Arrowsmith said as Vice Mayor, serving under the dedication of Mayor Land, he has only been afforded the opportunity to preside over a few meetings. He affirmed it has been an honor to serve with Mayor Land and expressed his appreciation for the Mayor's leadership.

Mayor Land said Commissioner Kilsheimer, Mayor-elect, will soon take over the job of Mayor. He said they met and talked about the future of Apopka, agreeing the campaigns should be put in the past. He congratulated Mayor-elect Kilsheimer on his election.

Commissioner Kilsheimer thanked Mayor Land and said it was a tribute to him the level of professionalism the staff has shown over the last week, largely because of the tone Mayor Land has set and the examples of his leadership.

Mayor Land expressed appreciation for all of the City's employees. His advice to Mayor-elect Kilsheimer was to take care of the employees... "take care of the troops" and they would take care of him. He stated we have one of the best staffs any city could have. He charged the employees to "Keep up the good work".

Mayor Land thanked the citizens to Apopka for allowing him to serve so many years, decades. He declared it has been a great honor to serve the community and when he was first elected in 1950, he thought it was a call to service, and has always felt this way, making decisions in the best interest of the community. He hopes to be able to continue to be active and be a “Senior Statesman”.

City Attorney Kruppenbacher said Mayor Land has been the deacon of integrity and he has never been around an elected official that cared so much about his fellow citizens and thanked him for that inspiration. He stated Mayor-elect Kilsheimer summed it up; the future of this City is going to be great, it is going to be great because Mayor Land built the great foundation for it to grow upon.

Commissioner Dean said in 1969 when the Supreme Court ordered school integration, Roger Williams, Gary Hooper, and John Land came to Phyllis Wheatley High School to ask him to come teach agriculture and help ease racial tension at Apopka Memorial High School. He came as the Department Chairperson and they had no major racial issues and thanks to the help of Mayor Land, many students of all races have been successful. He declared that he and many other Apopkians will never forget what Mayor Land has done for Apopka and how he dedicated his life to the City. He called upon the City of Apopka to establish a City of Apopka Hall of Fame for people who have made a real difference for our beloved City and recommended Mayor John and Betty Land become the first two inductees. He stated with proper planning, this can become a great community event for years to come. Isadora Dean said she served as minority advocate for Apopka High School for many years and their goal was to send at risk students to Florida A & M. They did not have the funds for this and Mayor Land always donated toward sending these children to college. She said there were many stories of how Mayor Land personally helped young people and thanked him for all he did.

OLD BUSINESS

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2. **PUBLIC** - There was no old business from the public.

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2. **PUBLIC**

Pat McGuffin thanked Commissioner McQueen for her contribution and service for 18 years to the City commending her for an amazing job. He said Commissioner Dean has been amazing in many ways to our City. He said Commissioner Arrowsmith has been great for 37 years and he told Mayor-elect Kilsheimer that he looks forward to a new season. He thanked Mayor Land for his leadership stating he has led this City well, put together an amazing staff and brought foresight not just to Apopka, but to the whole region. He declared it has been an honor to grow up and serve in this community with the Mayor.

Bob Elmquist said he began working for the City in June of 1981. He stated he was only planning on staying with the City until he found something better. Now, almost 33 years later, he never did find the need to look anymore, as he found a home here. He thanked Mayor Land for making his employment here so fulfilling.

Cline Walters said he was a third generation native Apokian and he congratulated Commissioner Kilsheimer, Ms. Velasquez, and Mr. Ruth for their recent elections. He thanked Mayor Land for his many achievements, one in particular in 1966 when the City of Apopka decided to provide ambulance service for all of Northwest Orange County. In the early 1970's the City's department became the 2nd in the county to acquire the "jaws of life" and under the direction of Mayor Land and then, Fire Chief Anderson, our EMS continued to grow and become the best in the county and one of the best in the country. He said as the new administration takes over and moves us forward, to remember how we got here and the community we are.

John Ricketson acknowledged the service Mayor Land and the Council has provided and said this campaign has pointed out a lot of what we already know, Apopka is one of the greatest communities in the country. He thanked Mayor for the friendship he has offered both personally and in business.

Pastor Tim Ford spoke of how, as a child, he helped his mother and Mayor Land hand out fliers regarding annexing South Apopka, which, unfortunately was declined. He said Mayor Land always had an open door policy and was a man of much wisdom. He stated looking to the present, he was glad to hear Mayor-elect Kilsheimer speak on the goodness of Mayor Land and all that he has contributed to this City. He challenged the future to build on the wisdom, integrity, and legacy of Mayor John Land and continue to make Apopka great.

VFW Commander Vecchio thanked Mayor Land for serving this wonderful City and thanked him for serving our country. He said Mayor has been a great help, a good friend, and thanked him for all he has done for the VFW.

Stuart Harris said he was in awe of what he has heard. He stated he has served with Mayor in Sertoma Club and he was simply amazed by Mayor Land's wisdom, eloquence, vocabulary, and memory that he has today.

Ashley Moore thanked Mayor for the ball fields built for the girls to play softball which not only gave a place to play, but a place to spend so much time with her dad and a place to make lifelong friends, as well as ability to earn a scholarship. She thanked him for a great place to work and spoke of how she loves hearing Mayor's stories of the past.

Chief Manley thanked Mayor Land for all he did for his Dad and wished he could be here to see this today. He told Mayor any time he needed to go somewhere, to just call as it is always a learning experience. He thanked Mayor for his 25 years of service.

Nicole Guillet said she currently is serving as the County Manager for Seminole County and prior to going to Seminole County she started here in Apopka and had the honor and privilege serving under Mayor Land for almost 20 years. She stated his influence is evident in every

decision she makes. She declared Mayor's legacy extends far beyond the boundaries of Apopka and expressed her gratitude for the impact he has had on her professional and personal life, stating how proud she is to call him her friend and mentor.

Jean Jreij thanked Mayor Land for all the years they have worked together, it has been a privilege and an honor to work with him over the past 27 years.

Mike Cooper said Mayor Land has been great to work with and without his support, Council's and staff support, they would not have been able to develop and do the things they have been able to accomplish.

Edward Bass thanked Mayor Land for having faith in him to make him the Finance Director in 2005. He said he considered Mayor as a friend, a teacher, and a mentor and he is a better person because of him. He declared he will carry these values everywhere he goes.

Pastor Doug Bankson, Victory Church World Outreach Center, presented Commissioner McQueen with a bouquet of roses and Mayor Land with a plaque. He gave the benediction.

Mayor Land invited people to stay and visit after the meeting. He said he would not say goodbye, just "until we meet again".

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Joe Kilsheimer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Janice G. Goebel, City Clerk