CITY OF APOPKA
Minutes of the City Council regular meeting held on April 6, 2022 at 1:30p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryan Nelson
Commissioner Doug Bankson
Commissioner Kyle Becker
Commissioner Alexander Smith
Commissioner Diane Velazquez
City Administrator Edward Bass (Absent)
City Attorney Michael Rodriguez

PRESS PRESENT: John Peery, The Apopka Chief

INVOCATION – Commissioner Smith provided the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then read the fact of the day, as follows: On April 6, 1917, the United States officially enters WWI after several years of Germany sinking many merchant and passenger ships belonging to the US and Great Britain as part of Germany's unrestricted warfare in war-zone waters. WWI began in 1914 and finally ended on November 11, 1918. More than two million American soldiers served in WWI and of that, approximately 50,000 died on the battlefields.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2022.

Mayor Nelson asked if anyone had any questions on the minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a Motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2022.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the minutes of March 16, 2022. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

PROCLAMATION

1. Art & Foliage Festival Weekend Proclamation presented to Apopka Woman's Club
Presented by: Mayor Nelson

   Mayor Nelson said it's the City of Apopka's pleasure to be a part of the 60th Apopka Art and Foliage Festival for 2022. He read the proclamation and stated that the City of Apopka has long been known as the "Indoor Foliage Capital of the World" and said the Apopka Women's Club has expanded the foliage displays to attract a broader range of foliage enthusiasts, making the Apopka Art and Foliage Festival one of the premiere festivals in Central Florida.

   Mayor Nelson called upon Geri Unrue, who thanked the City for all of its support this year and said one of the things that we're not doing this year at the festival is the "crazy hats" and said after 16 years, the woman, who was chairman of it decided she needed a rest. She said we're to have entertainment; new concessionaires; a wine and beer garden (with mimosas). She said in 1976 when the Jaycees joined with the Women's Club decided to join together to have the Art and Foliage festival, she said she doesn't think they knew how long this festival would continue and how important it would become to the community. She said they're very pleased to have the festival this year on their 60th anniversary.

PRESENTATION

1. Overview of Public Safety Radio Improvements
   Presented by: Chief McKinley and Rich Steiner, Orange County Government

   Chief McKinley said joining him is Rich Steiner with Orange County Government who will provide the nuts and bolts of this improvement. He said in short, we've been awarded $490,000 from the Urban Area Security Initiative Funding. He said if you're not familiar with that that is, it's Federal money that comes to those areas of the Country that might be subject to terrorist activity and obviously with Walt Disney World here, we receive money in the Orlando area. He said this goes through the Orange County Sherriff's office and said they have a committee that meets before we get the money and they review the areas and entities that need the money to harden things. Chief said we made this application with Rich's help in addition to Rob Hippler' s help and said his team has been instrumental in helping us with our radio system since they took it over.

   Rich Steiner thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for their time and said during the 3rd quarter of 2019, the Orange County Staff met with the City of Apopka staff started having meetings and discussions about combining our two independent radio systems. He said these conversations and meetings came about from recommendations from the 2019 Marjorie Stillman Douglas public safety report from January 2019. He said based upon the action report from the commission and lessons learned from events, it described the need for 911 Centers to improve radio communications inoperability or the ability to share critical communications in real time. He said as mentioned in the report, at that time, the local municipalities operated poorly under independent radio communication systems. He said around August 2020, Chief McKinley and he as well as our staff began an effort with the Domestic Security Task Force to secure the half-million dollars that the Chief mentioned and said after a lot of Federal paperwork, and a few presentations, we were successful. He said these funds have now been released and are available for the City of Apopka to process the Purchase Order. He said Orange County, the City of Orlando and other cities within the County already combined systems back in 2013, most recently, about 6 months ago, we signed a similar inter-local agreement with Reedy Creek Improvement District, who recently combined systems about 4 months ago. He said Reedy Creek Improvement District operates 5 sites; the

City of Orlando operates 6 sites and Orange County operates 17 locations, supporting radio communications for first responders and public safety. He said the largest mutual aid event, demonstrating the success of the combined radio system was the unfortunate event of the Pulse shooting. He said last year, the State of Florida passed another statute mandating direct radio communications between 911 public safety answering points and first responders. He said regardless of discipline including Police, Sheriff, Fire, Communications personnel must be able to communicate from comm center to comm center and units in the field on their primary talk routes. He said the City of Apopka is complying with this and this new shared system will enable better inoperability for all agency's involved. He said the proposed agreement before you today, will combine with the County's 17 locations.

AGENDA REVIEW

Michael Rodriguez, City Attorney, said there are no changes to the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The following members of the Public spoke during the Public Comment Period:

Gary McSweeney, 1629 Spinfisher Drive, Apopka, FL 32712.

Sue Moyer, 530 Sandwedge Loop, Apopka, FL 32712.

Sylvester Hall, 3891 Rolling Hills Lane, Apopka, FL 32712.

David Hoffman, 3610 Tayside Court, Apopka, FL 32712.

CONSENT (Action Item)

1. Acceptance and Ratification of an Emergency Designation for the Fire Department to purchase a 2022 Ford F-250 squad vehicle.
   Mayor Nelson said we just have the 1 item which is the replacement of a Fire Department squad truck.

   Commissioner Bankson said this seemed extensive for a motor blowing up and asked if there was a specialty purpose in the engine.

   Chief Wylam said no, that's just the cost to replace the motor.

MOTION by Commissioner by Smith and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez to approve the item on consent. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

BUSINESS (Action Item)

1. Approve the Acuera Estates – Major Development Plan
   Presented by: Bobby Howell

   Bobby Howell, Planning Manager, said the applicant has submitted a Major Development Plan for consideration for a 76-unit residential subdivision consisting of single-family detached units developed in one phase. City Council previously approved a rezoning to RSF-1B (Residential Single-Family-Large-Lot) for the subject properties on December 15, 2021. The RSF-1B zoning district allows a minimum lot width of 75-feet, and a minimum lot area of 8,000 square feet. The applicant is proposing a minimum lot area of 9,750 square feet. The subdivision will be developed at a density of 1.84 dwelling units per acre and access is proposed via Tigris Drive, which intersects with Jason Dwelley Parkway. He said DRC and the Planning Commission recommend approval.

   Commissioner Becker asked if this will be developed in one phase and also asked about the proposed trees.

   Cory Stiler of Kimley Horn said we're still discussing whether this will be one or two phases and said the trees won't be Oak trees.

   Jim Hitt stated that our LDC does not encourage Oak Trees for street trees and they'll use something less aggressive and not as deep rooted.

   MOTION by Commissioner Bankson and seconded by Commissioner Becker to approve the Acuera Estates Major Development Plan. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

2. Approve the Mid-Florida Logistics Park, Lot 2 – Major Development Plan
   Presented by: Bobby Howell

   Bobby Howell said that the applicant has submitted a Major Development Plan for consideration which details the development of an industrial building totaling 138,500 square feet in area on 16.66 acres. The subject property is located at 3101 Shelby Industrial Drive and is Lot 2 of the Mid-Florida Logistics Park industrial subdivision.

The proposed use of the building is a laundry facility for Loews Hotels. He said the DRC and the Planning Commission recommend approval.

Commissioner Becker asked about the water volume with this being a laundry-mat and asked if we've contemplated that and are we sure we have the capacity to process whatever discharge they'll have from their operation.

Bobby said during their application process with DRC, Public Services looked into that and confirmed that there was enough water to handle the facility. .

Commissioner Bankson asked if there's any indication as to how many jobs that this may create.

The applicant with Lowes hotels stated that this facility is going to be a commercial hotel laundry and said they anticipate there will be 150-200 workers

MOTION by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Becker to approve the Mid-Florida Logistics Park, Lot 2 - Major Development Plan. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

3. Authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with Orange County Sheriff's Office to accept/receive Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding, and authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Orange County Government to work with the City of Apopka in upgrading the City's public safety communications system.
   Presented by: Chief McKinley

   Chief McKinley said this item is a request to authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Orange County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) to accept/receive Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) funding in the amount of $495,000.00 and enter into an agreement with Orange County Government to work with the City of Apopka in upgrading the City's public safety communications system.

   MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez and seconded by Commissioner Smith to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement with the OCSO to accept/receive the UADI funding in the amount of $495,000. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

4. Revised Locally Funded Agreement Invoice from the Florida Department of Transportation

   Pam Richmond said this is a request is to approve the revised Locally Funded Agreement invoice from the Florida Department of Transportation. for the patterned pavement crosswalks at the intersection of US 441 and Central Avenue and architectural pavers or stamped concrete on sidewalks along the US 441 Resurfacing, Restoration and Rehabilitation corridor. She said she's not happy to be standing here before you with this request and explained that the he said this invoice share went from 30K to 61K to do the additional sidewalk.

   Commissioner Becker asked if the others were stamped concrete or pavers to which Pam confirmed they're stamped concrete. He said the crosswalks at McGee are more aesthetic and said he'd rather us do the crosswalks and not the sidewalks at this time. Pam said she would look at other options and bring to you for review.

   Mayor Nelson said we can get 3 quotes to do the work.

   Commissioner Bankson agreed with Commissioner Becker and said we need to be consistent and asked if we have time to get additional quotes.

   Commissioner Smith also agreed and said we should do the crosswalks instead.

   Commissioner Becker made a motion to go forward with the pattern pavement crosswalks instead of the sidewalk improvements with the amount in question.

   MOTION by Commissioner Becker and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the portion of the revised FDOT agreement and to remove the sidewalk improvements as discussed. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

5. Request for Authorization to Purchase of Sumner Property, 27 North Binion Road
   Presented by: Michael Rodriguez

   Michael Rodriguez said this item is staffs request for authorization to conduct negotiations with the property owner of the property located at 27 North Binion Road or more commonly known as the property abutting Camp Wewa on the North side. He said at the present time, there is a draft agreement that has been completed for presentation to the property owner as the City's offer to purchase the property. He said we're requesting Councils authorization to present that offer and to begin the negotiations for the purchase of the property. He said the current draft is that it will be offered at its appraised value and said the draft is a standard Purchase and Sale

Agreement and said it's similar to the agreement done for the purchase of Camp Wewa. He said the only difference is that we've included an environmental contingency in the contract, which provides for 3 separate options, in the event that the environmental audits and reports for the property show a level of environmental condition that may or may not be acceptable to the City.

Commissioner Becker asked if we have full picture of what the full cost of this acquisition and ownership will be, long term, including if it is contaminated, what the cost of the clean - up will be and in addition, what would be the cost of improvements.

Michael said one of the contingencies that will be presented to the property owner is that in the event that this ends up being a property that qualifies for Brownfields incentives, and if the cost of remediation exceeds the amount of the incentivized funding that we would receive from the State, that the property owner will make up that difference and will be credited to the City as part of the purchase price.

Commissioner Smith asked whether we'll know about the contamination or environmental concerns prior to any closing to which Michael confirmed yes, that's part of the contract.

Commissioner Bankson asked what is the purpose and benefit to the City of purchasing this property. He said obviously, there is green space value and said this property can be put to use for the citizens year round especially when Camp Wewa is utilized by campers.

Mayor Nelson said that's one of the biggest advantages of obtaining this piece of property and said there's a small area between Camp Wewa so that when Summer Camp is in session, we can fence this off and the citizens can still have access to Lake Shepard.

MOTION by Commissioner Becker and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve the request for authorization staff to negotiate the Purchase the Sumner Property. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES/RESOLUTION (Action Item)

1. Ordinance No. 2914 – First Reading - Change of Zoning/Master Plan – Kelly Park Property
   From: T (Traditional District)
   To: MU-KPI (Kelly Park Interchange District Mixed Use) – Transition and Neighborhood overlays

Owners: Kelly Park Land Investments, LLC, Galvin Land Services, LLC, and Harriskp, LLC
Applicant: Poulos and Bennett, LLC
Location: South of Ondich Road and east of Round Lake Road
Project: 205.07 +/- acres
Project Manager: Phil Martinez

Phil Martinez, Planner II, said that the applicant is requesting a rezoning from T (Transitional District) to Kelly Park Interchange District, Mixed Use with a Neighborhood overlay and a Transition overlay along with a Master Plan. He said the subject property is highlighted in yellow and comprised of 205.07 acres and the surrounding area consists of residential and agricultural properties. He said in accordance with the Kelly Park Interchange Form Based Code, the applicant is requesting the MU-KPI zoning. He said the master plan depicts 670 single family lots with 52' wide, front loaded lots being depicted in yellow and 40' wide, rear loaded lots being depicted in orange. He said the DRC and Planning Commission recommend approval.

Commissioner Smith said in the summary, it notes there will be 5-10 DU per acre and inquired as to the 15 du per acre with a "density bonus" that's listed in parenthesis.

Phil said in the Kelly Park Form Based Code, the applicant can obtain a density bonus, which would allow for 15 DU per acre in a transitional way and said they did that by dedicating Tract P-16, to be privately owned and maintained but open to the public. Mayor Nelson said on that matter, Michael and Jim are looking into getting rid of the density bonus.

Jim Hitt said yes, this will be presented at the next set of LDC Glitch Amendments and said we're going to recommending removal of that part of the density bonus.

Commissioner Smith said his other question is regarding Ondich Drive and asked if this will require road improvements to which Phil said there are turn lanes proposed.

Pam Richmond said Ondich is a County road and the County has looked at this and said it's on the radar but most of the traffic is currently going to the South.

Commissioner Becker said he hopes Orange County will put lights in on that corner as well.

MOTION by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Becker to approve ordinance number 2914 at first reading and hold it over for second

reading and adoption. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

2. Ordinance No. 2918 - First Reading – Annexation – 5708 Plymouth Sorrento Road
   Owner: Wanda Sue Maclarty
   Applicant: Appian Engineering, LLC c/o Luke Classon, P.E.
   Location: 5708 Plymouth Sorrento Road
   Project: 10.09 +/- acres
   Project Manager: Jean Sanchez

   Jean Sanchez, Planner II, said this is a request to accept Ordinance No. 2918, the annexation of 5708 Plymouth Sorrento Road. She said the parcel is located West of Plymouth Sorrento Road and East of S.R. 429 and South of Ondich Road and said it's approximately 10 acres in size. She said the recommended motion is to accept the ordinance at first reading and hold over for a second reading and adoption.

   MOTION by Commissioner Bankson and seconded by Commissioner Becker to approve ordinance number 2918 at first reading and hold it over for second reading and adoption. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

3. Ordinance No. 2919 - First Reading – Annexation – 5706 Plymouth Sorrento Road
   Owner: David L. Bakle
   Applicant: Appian Engineering, LLC c/o Luke Classon, P.E.
   Location: 5706 Plymouth Sorrento Road
   Project: 5.41 +/- acres
   Project Manager: Jean Sanchez

   Jean Sanchez, Planner II, said this is a request to accept Ordinance No. 2919 the annexation of 5706 Plymouth Sorrento Road. She said the parcel is located East of S.R. 429 and north adjacent of the Bridal Path Subdivision and said it's approximately 5.4 acres in size. She said the recommended motion is to accept the ordinance at first reading and hold over for a second reading and adoption.

   MOTION by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez to approve ordinance number 2919 at first reading and hold it over for second reading and adoption. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

4. Ordinance No. 2920 - First Reading – Annexation – 5704 Plymouth Sorrento Road
   Owner: David Leroy Bakle. Dennis Joseph Bakle and Wanda Sue Maclarty

Applicant: Appian Engineering, LLC c/o Luke Classon, P.E.
Location: 5704 Plymouth Sorrento Road
Project: 1.86 +/- acres
Project Manager: Jean Sanchez

Jean Sanchez, Planner II, said this is a request to accept Ordinance No. 2920 the annexation of 5704 Plymouth Sorrento Road. She said the parcel is located West of Plymouth Sorrento Road and north adjacent of the Bridal Path Subdivision and said it's approximately 1.8 acres in size. She said the recommended motion is to accept the ordinance at first reading and hold over for a second reading and adoption.

MOTION by Commissioner Becker and seconded by Commissioner Bankson to approve ordinance number 2920 at first reading and hold it over for second reading and adoption. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

5. Ordinance No. 2924 - First Reading - Establishing and Naming the Kelly Park Community Development District pursuant to Chapter 190, Florida Statues.
   Presented by: Michael Rodriguez

   Michael Rodriguez, City Attorney, said the item before you is the Ordinance to establish the Kelly Park Community Development District and said it's similar to the last CDD district, the "Ridge" which was presented to you previously. He said this would create a governing body, which will handle operations and finances for the development. He said the advantage of a CDD is that it's a statutory mechanism and said this type of governing bodies is subject to Sunshine Laws. They're also authorized by statute to issue bonds to help pay for their infrastructure improvements.

   MOTION by Commissioner Bankson and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez to approve ordinance number 2924 at first reading and hold it over for second reading and adoption. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

6. Resolution No. 2022-05 - Approve extending the territorial boundaries of the Oaks at Kelly Park Streetlighting Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) Phase 4
   Presented by: Charles Vavrek

   Chuck Vavrek, City Administration, said what you have before you are extending a current MSBU that the City established previously and said they're doing an additional Phase 4 in the Oaks at Kelly Park so we're requesting Council approval to extend that particular MSBU.

MOTION by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Becker to approve Resolution No. 2022-05. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

7. Resolution No. 2022-06 - Approve extending the territorial boundaries of the Winding Meadows Streetlighting Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU) Phase 3
   Presented by: Charles Vavrek

   Chuck Vavrek, said this Resolution is similar to the previous request and said this one extends the boundary of the Winding Meadows MSBU. He said he made a scrivener's error in the title, which he will correct.

   MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez and seconded by Commissioner Bankson to approve Resolution No. 2022-06. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

8. Resolution 2022-07 - Creating the Ivy Trail Streetlighting Municipal Services Benefit Unit (MSBU)
   Presented by: Charles Vavrek

   Chuck Vavrek, said this Resolution is for the creation of a new development called Ivy Trail. He said staff requests approval to create this MSBU for funding of streetlighting.

   MOTION by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Bankson to approve Resolution No. 2022-07. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

9. Resolution 2022-09 - Creating the Magnolia Terrace Streetlighting Municipal Service Benefit Unit (MSBU)
   Presented by: Charles Vavrek

   Chuck Vavrek, said this Resolution is for the creation of a new streetlighting district for the funding of streetlighting in the Magnolia Terrace . He said staff requests approval to create this MSBU for funding of streetlighting.

   MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution No. 2022-09. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

10. Resolution 2022-10 - Creating the Willow Run Streetlighting Municipal Services

Benefit Unit (MSBU)
Presented by: Charles Vavrek

Chuck Vavrek, said this Resolution is for the creation of a new development called Willow Run. He said staff requests approval to create this MSBU for funding of streetlighting.

MOTION by Commissioner Becker and seconded by Commissioner Bankson to approve Resolution No. 2022-10. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

11. Resolution 2022-14 - Florida Gopher Tortoise Day
    Presented by: Michael Rodriguez

    Michael Rodriguez said Resolution No. 2022-14, which proclaims April 10th as Florida Gopher Tortoise Day in the City of Apopka. He said the resolution is modeled after similar resolutions and proclamations that have been declared throughout the State of Florida.

    Discussion ensued in support of this Resolution.
    MOTION by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Becker to approve Resolution No. 2022-14. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

12. Resolution No. 2022-15 - Community Development Block Grant COVID (CDBG-CV) : Language Access Plan for limited English proficiency persons.
    Presented by: Dr. Shakenya Harris-Jackson

    Dr. Shakenya Harris-Jackson, Grant Coordinator said the CDBG Grant program requires that the City adopt a resolution that states that we will make sure that all of our documentation and advertisements are translated so this memorializes this.

    MOTION by Commissioner Bankson and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez to approve Resolution No. 2022-15. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

13. Resolution No. 2022-16 - FY21/22 Budget Amendment
    Presented by: Gladymir Ortega

    Gladymir Ortega, Finance Director, said Resolution 2022-16 referenced in today's meeting is regarding the emergency designation and ratification for the Fire

Departments purchase of a 2022 Ford F250 Squad vehicle. She said this purchase is to replace a 2013 F-250 Squad vehicle that is currently inoperable due to the engine failure. She said the total amount requested is $48,850 plus a 10% contingency.

MOTION by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Becker to approve Resolution No. 2022-16. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Velazquez said she saw that you're going to speak on the Apopka Serves and said she participated in that, along with her Kiwanis group and said she enjoyed participating in the projects that we had.

Commissioner Bankson said that was a fun event and they worked on the RR tracks at Central and said they found some interesting things out there. He said it was great to see the community coming out together and bringing up the curb value. He spoke about the correspondence received from Karen Settle regarding the Piedmont Park home. He said it appears that when Jeff Weatherford worked for us, he had apparently provided certain assurances that we weren't provided to this Council.

Mayor Nelson said Deodat Budhu and Paul Hathaway were out at the site and he asked Deodat to speak to this issue.

Deodat Budhu said they did visit and site and evaluated the site and the roadwork. He said the next step will be to come up with a cost estimate and go back to the homeowner to discuss the findings and proposal.

Commissioner Smith said he wasn't able to participate in Apopka serves this weekend but said he understands it was an outstanding project and said very well received and appreciated by the community. He said as a result of that, he fielded a concern about the possibility of having speed bumps placed on Hawthorne, near Alonzo Williams Park. He said there's evidence of speeding there, especially on the weekends and said with kids playing in that area, it's very concerning. He said he knows we have a speed bump program.

Pam Richmond asked if this was Mr. Rutland to which Commissioner Smith said yes. She said she had a lovely conversation with him and agrees with him. She said we laid out where we can put the speed bumps on 7th Street but they can't go on Hawthorne as the posted speed limit is too high at 35 mph. She said she's spoken to Sergeant

Harmon at APD and said we'll bring this back to you for review, the first meeting in May.

Commissioner Smith said lastly, he's been appointed to serve on the School Superintendent search committee. He said there are 15 of us and said Dr. Jenkins is retiring in December and said we're starting a search for her replacement. He said we've had 1 meeting as a committee and 7 other meetings at each of the Districts and said there's a survey on the school board website and they're asking the public to go in and do the survey between now and Friday so we will know what qualifications they should have. He said the job will go out for advertising in May.

Commissioner Becker said while we're on the topic of Glitch Amendments, before, he said a neighbor of his was trying to do a screen enclosure on the back of the property with an aluminum roof and was denied. He said when he discussed this with staff, he was told our LDC, it doesn't allow for aluminum roofing. He asked and encouraged staff to bring these types of restrictions forth to Council to discuss. He said the other thing is in terms of his service on Lake Apopka Natural Gas District, he said he's happy to serve at the April meeting but he'd like to give notification to them as to his replacement.

Mayor Nelson asked when the next meeting is to which Commissioner Becker stated it's April 25th, the day before the Swearing in Ceremony.

Michael Rodriguez suggested that we appoint someone to take over at the first Council meeting in May.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nelson briefed the Council on City Administrator, Edward Bass and said his surgery went well and said he's doing well and said please continue to keep him in your prayers.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nelson provided an overview of the Apopka Serves event and said it was a great event. He called upon Cate Manley, Apopka Chamber of Commerce, President, to provide the highlights of the event but said before she comes up, he wanted to provide a couple of stats regarding the accomplishments of the day. He said in a single day of service, we had 163 volunteers who provided 1,015 service hours. He said we picked up 20,000 #'s of refuge from the streets in Apopka. He said we did yard and street clean up from Hawthorne to Alabama to 6th, 7th & 8th Streets; M.A. Board Street; cross-streets including 5th Street, Michael Gladden, Washington Streets, etc. He said we helped a veteran clean up his yard over on 8th Street. He said another group cleaned up the beds at the Billie Dean Community Garden in advance of the planting there. He said there were 120 ferns potted at the Chamber and said there are a bunch more to go. He said as Commissioner Velazquez talked about Highland Christian Academy being a bigger project than they thought, hopefully, that will be completed today. He said this is the type of community support that makes him proud of Apopka and the people who live here.

Cate Manley said it was a collaboration with so many businesses, non-profits and said we've been working on the planning of this for months. She said this is something she did in the community that she was in before called St. Joe Serves. She said her friend from home flew here to help as well and helped record the hours served so we could calculate everyone's hours. She said there's an economic impact that's recognized federally for this type of work and said when you do this many hours as a community, especially revitalization and clean-up, so far, that equates to $29,282.75 and said each hour for each volunteer is valued at $28.85 per hour. She said that's a big deal for a Chamber that's fairly small in a community that's the fastest growing in the County. She said we were able to do a lot of outreach and said we have wonderful Chamber members that are ready to serve or help with a project. She said she appreciates everyone who served and thanked them for their participation. She said we plan to do many more of these events. She said one project that came out of it was a suggestion by the Coke team called "Planting Apopka" and said it embraces our growing roots. She said stay tuned for that and said we're going to get all of the businesses in town a plant and have them take the pledge partnership with Reimagine Communities. She said the Chamber is here to connect and serve and said we appreciate you.

Commissioner Velazquez mentioned that the month of March was "Read around Apopka" and said that was also a Chamber event and said it was very successful event and many of the businesses participated in that too. Cate thanked Commissioner Velazquez for the recognition and said she appreciates all of the feedback and said she's happy to do this.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

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Bryan Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST: ______________________________
Susan M. Bone, City Clerk