

CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of a regular City Council meeting held on March 7, 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

ABSENT: Commissioner Kathy S. Till

PRESS PRESENT: John Peery - The Apopka Chief
Stephen Hudak - Orlando Sentinel

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Invocation was given by Mayor Land. He said Sunday, March 4, 2012, was an anniversary for our Constitution. On March 4, 1789, our Constitution went into effect and has been serving our Nation well for 223 years. He asked everyone to reflect on the Constitution of the United States and how it serves us as a Nation, while he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

1. Michael Crump, Jr. – Public Services/Sanitation – 5 Year Service Award – Mayor Land said Michael was not present, and will be presented his award at a later time.

2. Eric Hernandez – Public Services/Recreation – 5 Year Service Award – Mayor Land said Eric started working for the City on February 5, 2007, as a Maintenance Worker I, which is his current position. The City Council joined Mayor Land in congratulating Eric on his years of service to the City.

PRESENTATIONS

1. CAFR Award – Edward Bass – Mayor Land presented the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report plaque to Finance Director Edward Bass, and expressed appreciation for all their hard work.

Mayor Land took a moment to explain to the citizens that the City is moving forward technologically by the use of iPads for the Council Meeting packets. He explained that of the 113 pages contained in the packet for this meeting, a yearly output by the City would be approximately 27,000 pages of material.

Bob Webster spoke to the City Council about amending Ordinance No. 2174 (Red Light Camera Enforcement Program) for more continuity with State Law. He again asked that the signs be taken down that require a stop on a red light, when making a right turn at the intersection.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the minutes from the regular City Council Meeting held on February 15, 2012, at 8:00 p.m.
2. Approve the minutes of Administrative Bid Opening No. 2012-01 for Two (2) Custom Ambulances, held on March 1, 2012, at 10:15 a.m.
3. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the Cost Share Grants with St. Johns Water Management District, in the amount of \$89,225.00, for the Automated Tracking Software Improvements, Landscape Ordinance Enforcement, and the ET Controller Project.
4. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the Inmate Work Squad Contract IV - #WS742, in the amount of \$64,465.00.
5. Approve and ratify the appointment of James W. Greene as the Fifth Trustee to the Police officers' Retirement System Board of Trustees.
6. Approve and ratify the appointment of Todd Bengtson as the Fifth Trustee to the Firefighters' Retirement System Board of Trustees.
7. Approve and ratify the appointment of Steve Hooks as the Fifth Trustee to the General Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees.
8. Approve the allocation of funds, in the amount of \$500.00, to purchase art at the 51st annual Art & Foliage Festival to be held on April 28th and April 29th, 2012.
9. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the contract with Wheeled Coach Industries, in the amount of \$179,604.00, to construct two new ambulances.
10. Approve the Disbursement Report for the month of February 2012.

Mayor Land said items 5, 6 & 7 were being pulled from the Consent Agenda.

MOTION was made by Commissioner McQueen, and seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve items 1–4 and 8-10 of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, and McQueen voting aye.

SPECIAL REPORTS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS – There were no special reports or public hearings.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS There were no ordinances or resolutions to consider.

SITE APPROVALS There were no site plans presented for approval.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND BIDS

1. Administrative Report – Settlement Agreement – Richard D. Anderson – CAO Anderson reported a settlement has been reached in regard to the red light cameras. He explained when the City first started using red light cameras, they were installed and the initial Ordinance had the enforcement by Code Enforcement. Subsequently, the State has put into effect State Law for Red Light Camera Legislation that we currently follow. As a result, several people that received citations under the old law have sued various cities. He reported the City Attorney and the insurance attorneys have recommended we move forward with the settlement, as presented. He advised the actual cost of the settlement is \$296,234, and there are some administrative costs that the City will

pay a portion. He stated that depending on the number of people that actually filed on this case, that the additional cost can vary between \$18,600 to \$24,800. He advised the City has not expended any of the funds collected, placing the money in an account that has not been encumbered in any way. Payment of the settlement and the costs will be covered through those funds.

MOTION was made by Commissioner Arrowsmith, and seconded by Commissioner McQueen, to authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to move forward with the Settlement Agreement. Motion carried unanimously, with Mayor Land, and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean and McQueen voting aye.

CAO Anderson gave a power point presentation on Economic Development in Apopka, a copy of which is be incorporated into, and made a part of these meeting minutes.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Land reported the following:

- The Mayor said he is planning to move the State of the City Address until after the City's general election so that the new Commissioner can participate.
- The Jack Christmas book sales have been a success.
- The City of Apopka marks 20 years of being a "Tree City USA", by the Arbor Day Foundation. The plaque is in the City Hall lobby area display case for everyone to see.
- The 6th Annual Wekiva Paint Out is being held – March 4 – 11. Well-known artists from across the United States will paint "en plein air" throughout the Wekiva State Park and River Basin areas the entire week.
- The 11th Annual Apopka Fair is March 9 – 11, 2012. Opening ceremonies will be on Saturday, March 10th, 10:45 a.m., at Kit Land Nelson Park.
- The Foliage Sertoma Club of Apopka will hold the 33rd Annual Apopka Cutie Pie, Little Miss Apopka, and miss Teen Apopka Pageants on Saturday, March 24th at 6:00 p.m., at the Apopka Memorial Middle School Auditorium.
- Cards / letters were received from the following:
 - Edith Torres (Community Development employee), expressing appreciation for the floral arrangement sent during her recent hospital stay.

Jim Palmer, Rochelle Holdings, expressing appreciation for the hospitality shown toward the Chinese Delegation during their to City Hall on January 30th.

Apopka Police Officer Jamie Anderson expressing appreciation to the City for making it possible for him to help his son achieve his goals over the years. Officer Anderson will accompany his son to the World Championships in Japan, where his son will represent the United States in speed skating.

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The Mayor announced a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new UCF Business Incubator being held immediately following the Council meeting.

Mayor Land recognized Steve Hooks, Joe Kilsheimer, and Linda Laurendeau, City Council Seat 3 Candidates, in attendance. He reminded everyone of the City's Election on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at the Apopka Community Center/VFW Post.

CAO Anderson said the iPads used today will be returned and the City will be purchasing the newly released iPad3. He expressed appreciation to the Information Technology (IT) Department for their preparation and presentation of the Paperless Agenda.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

John H. Land, Mayor

Janice G. Goebel, City Clerk