

CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of the City Council regular meeting held on December 2, 2020 at 1:30 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

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

PRESS PRESENT: John Peery – The Apopka Chief

INVOCATION/PLEDGE – Commissioner Smith provided the invocation; led in the Pledge of Allegiance and provided the Fact of the Day as follows: He said on December 5, 1945, Five U.S. Navy Avenger torpedo-bombers with 14 men aboard left Fort Lauderdale Naval Air Station as part of Flight 19 for a training mission. It was scheduled to be a routine training flight for no more than three hours. Two hours into the flight, the planes experienced instrument malfunctions. Their compasses and back-up compasses had failed and they could not ascertain their positions. Radio facilities on land could not locate their planes either. The last transmission from the squadron leader was to prepare to ditch their aircrafts because they were running out of fuel. They were never heard from again. At this point, several land radar stations had finally determined the Flight 19 planes were somewhere north of the Bahamas and east of the Florida coast. A search and rescue Mariner with 13 crew members departed in search of Flight 19. The plane radioed they were beginning their mission. That was the last transmission from them as well. Several large seas and air searches were conducted but no trace was ever found of the 14 men of Flight 19, the 13 men of the Mariner, or their planes. Naval officials maintained stormy weather was to blame. The “lost squadron” as they became known was now a part of the Bermuda Triangle lore.

PRESENTATION

1. New and Proposed Developments in the City of Apopka Impacting Ocoee Apopka Road
Presented by: Pamela Richmond

Pamela Richmond, Transportation Coordinator, provided an overview of the various developments along the Ocoee Apopka Corridor within the City and said she'll review the expected impacts to the traffic in the area. She said the map shows a listing of all of the developments either under development, approved but not under construction, under

construction, recently opened and conceptual. She said that within these sixteen (16) developments, there are twelve (12) residential projects, seven (7) commercial, three (3) industrial, two (2) office, a hotel, a skilled nursing facility and a charter school to which the skilled nursing facility (Greystone) as well as the prep school are already open.

She said on the southern part of the map the developments shown as 1 & 2 are Oak Pointe, North and South. She said #3 is the Engelman property, #4 is an industrial development & #5 & #6 are other proposed projects. She said Oak Pointe, South is residential and has 118 homes and 120 townhomes and said this alone will not have a lot of impact as it fronts McCormack Road and McCormack Road is not in the City. She said that Oak Pointe, North, along Ocoee Apopka Road, will have apartments and possibly some retail, however they haven't brought that in. She said that will be a DR Horton project. She said we asked them to provide 30' of ROW but they dedicated the land, in case we want to purchase it later. She said they're putting in right and left turn lanes in which essentially creates a virtual third lane there.

She provided the information and location for Greystone, Skilled Nursing Facility and said there are apartments underway there. She said there are two outparcels there and there are currently no plans to develop them but when they do, their entitlements may impact the area. She said she drew in a proposed alignment for Harmon Road when we connect the two parcels. She said Alta East Shore will be putting in turn lanes on Harmon Road. She stated that the Bronson property is approximately 300,000 square feet of commercial and 643 single family residential, 303 townhomes, 378 apartments, 1.5 million square feet of industrial, and 75,000 square feet of office for a total of about 367 acres. She said for what they're proposing, this area is low and it's hard to get in and out due to the warehouse, the developer would be responsible for fixing the road as they're creating the need for additional capacity on Boy Scout. She said this is an important project and an opportunity to bring in jobs. She pointed out the location that the Fire Department has been looking at for Fire Station #6 and said that we're making sure to coordinate with Chief Wylam and said they're doing studies they need to so it's another consideration for this area.

She stated that they're asking all of these developments when they come in, to donate ROW if they can. She said they've been told that they'll need to pay their proportionate share. She showed the properties that will be affected and stated that this is not our road; however, if we take the impact fees, Orange County will share the cost. If we take the road, we own it and need to maintain it. She stated that some people think that the road needs to be four lanes, but she does not think so. She stated that the traffic volume currently does not constitute four lanes.

Commissioner Becker asked where the proportionate share money goes to, to which Ms. Richmond said it'll come to us and we'll fix the road, with or without the County's help. Commissioner Becker then said that's a piece mail approach and said we shouldn't settle for a third lane access.

Ms. Richmond said that some people suggest that the road should be four-lane but in her opinion, as the traffic volumes don't suggest that.

Commissioner Becker replied that the Bronson property alone would warrant four lanes, as well as the new industrial development. He asked how do we set you up to where we need to get to long term?

Ms. Richmond stated that she would like to do a corridor analysis that will give the commission exactly what is being asked, and stated whether in twenty-years it needs to be a four-lane road or not. She does not want to do anything on the corridor that is 'throw away.' She is asking for right-of-way but we will be limited in what we can do, all according to who donates right-of-way.

Commissioner Smith stated with all of the development going on, unless we have the infrastructure in place to support all of the development, he thinks we are throwing money away by doing fixes along the way. He said that where the hospital is located and the fact that this is a main the route for the emergency vehicles to get to the hospital, and there is nowhere for traffic to get off the road and allow them to pass, warrants it being four lanes. He said that also, the proposal of a fire station six being placed there, then that is more emergency traffic that we will have. In addition, there are tractors and trailers that travel that road, due to the industrial complexes and when they come around the curves, they are on the opposite side of the road and there is nowhere for traffic to go. He said he is convinced the road needs to be four lanes. He asked about the 'big drop off' that wouldn't allow us to make a four lane, and asked where the drop off that was referenced to which Mayor Nelson stated that it is on Boy Scout Road.

Commissioner Smith asked can it not be fixed to which Ms. Richmond said yes, it can, but at great expense. She went on to stated that if we are going to have a portion of those roads we need to do a corridor study, just as we are doing at Kelly Park. This will allow us to see when that is actually needed and how far out the four lanes should go.

Commissioner Smith stated that the intersection at Keen Road is probably the most dangerous area, because there is that blind curve. Ms. Richmond stated that we have an agreement with Advent Health to help pay for a signal there, but with the agreement, they wanted to wait to do it when we four-lane the road. We cannot wait until we four-lane the road, to put a traffic signal there which is why I am asking all of the developers to pitch in, we will take their impact fee money and signalize that intersection.

Mayor Nelson said that she was speaking about is that if we get the mast arms, she would set is up for four-lane versus putting it in for a two-lane and avoid that throw away issue.

Commissioner Smith asked if the industrial park at Boy Scout Road is in the City or the County to which Ms. Richmond stated yes, this is in the City. Commissioner Smith went on to ask if it is impossible to go back and speak with them and see if they are also willing to help offset the expense of fixing it, because it is there trucks that are getting

stuck, trying to cross the ditch. Ms. Richmond responded that it is possible and they would be getting a signal.

Commissioner Bankson stated that all of the projected growth is an enticement for restaurants to come in; however, their biggest issue is the noon time traffic. He said with the jobs being brought in with the commercial, the populous is there and wondered whether we were working on marketing these things,

Mayor Nelson stated that Tony Binge is managing the Engelman Property, the property just south of Magnolia Park is pretty confident and said he has a restaurant group that has a place on Lake Weir and said he feels that this will be their next location to build. He said this same group is finishing up a property up in Leesburg.

Commissioner Bankson asked if we are working with the Chamber, as far as there push to develop that, to reach out to restaurant chains, etc.

Mayor Nelson said that Advent has agreed to help us with the site for the new Fire Department on Station 6 and said the question is do it where we have it on this map or do we leave it like it is. Mayor Nelson asked Pam to make sure to send the presentation to John Peery of the Apopka Chief.

AGENDA REVIEW

Edward Bass, City Administrator, stated that there are no changes to the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Ray C. Fullard, Beehive Masonic Lodge #779, stated that he was here to speak on behalf of some of the members of his lodge to see if they can get access to a warehouse, owned by the City, which is located on South Forest Street. He provided a handout and provided a briefing about their lodge. He said we've been serving the Apopka community since February 2014. He said we've done things at the John Bridges Center, support Loaves and Fishes, the Youth Bible Summit, National Night Out, Law Enforcement Night Out, they march in the MLK parade. He said we also support all our local churches in South Apopka and said that St. Paul AME Church, under the direction of Reverend Gerard Moss, supports us right now with a building. He said they're growing right now and need our own building. He showed the location of the building he's thinking about.

Mayor Nelson stated that this building is in the middle of where we're proposing to put our new public safety building. He said at some point we will be taking the entire block and putting a fire and police station on either side and then IT and finance in the middle. He said the building has leaks, vermin and all kinds of things as well as some storage.

Mr. Fullard said that if we can't get that building, is there anything the City could provide for to help us out and get moving so we can get moving would be greatly appreciated.

Mayor Nelson asked if they're looking for storage space to which Mr. Fullard said no, we're looking for space hold meetings. Mayor inquired as to how many nights a week or month the meet.

Edward Bass, City Administrator, stated that we will be able to search through our other properties and see what we have and get back with him.

Commissioner Bankson said there are different lodges and inquired whether each has their own vision or is there a coordination of different things to which Mr. Fullard replied that they're all different but have similar missions. Commissioner Bankson then asked about the John Bridges Center and asked if this is something they do to help to which Mr. Fullard said we help them every year and do food give-a-ways and support the kids down there.

Michael James Jackson, Beehive Masonic Lodge #779, Apopka, FL said we're looking for a meeting location for twice a month and said we're trying to open it up for the underprivileged kids that don't have anywhere to go.

Commissioner Smith said he's a Mason as well and understands the need. He said like Mr. Bass indicated, we will look through our inventory and see what we have available. He said this will be a worthwhile endeavor.

CONSENT (Action Item)

1. Approve the First Amendment to the School Concurrency Mitigation Agreement for the Legacy Hills Subdivision
2. Authorize the Mayor to execute a traffic enforcement agreement with the Traditions at Wekiva Homeowner's Association.
3. Approve the sale of alcohol for 2021 events
4. Approve agreement for professional engineering services with Metric Engineering in the amount of \$113,305.93 for signal design and roadway improvements to the intersection of Vick Road and Lester Road.
5. Authorize the purchase of a fleet maintenance service truck from Ring Power.
6. Authorize the cancellation of the Sanitation fund transfer for fiscal year 2020.
7. Authorize the execution of piggyback contracts for fiscal year 2020 & 2021.

Mayor Nelson said he has a minor change with regard to the private street agreement. The agreement shows City Manager and should be City Administrator on page 19.

Commissioner Becker asked about the engineering for the street light at Vick and Lester and

asked if that would be a mast arm type of situation and would account for any future road widening. Mr. Weatherford responded and said we're going to try and place the poles out of the way and said the good news is that Vick Road is another 5-10 years out before we do any of the widening there.

Mayor asked if anyone had any additional questions and hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve consent agenda as read.

MOTION by Commissioner Smith, and seconded by Commissioner Bankson, to approve the consent agenda as read. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker and Smith voting aye.

BUSINESS (Action Item)

1. Final Development Plan – South Mews at Avian Pointe
Owner: Apopka Clear Lake Investments, LLC
Applicant: NV5, Inc., c/o Jason P. Mahoney, P.E.
Location: Parcel B3, Avian Pointe PD - located south of Peterson Road and east of SR 429
Project: 13.9 +/- acres; 102 townhomes
Project Manager: Bobby Howell

Bobby Howell, Planning Manager, said the Final Development Plan for the South Mews at Avian Pointe, details construction of 102 Townhome units on 13.9 acres within the Avian Pointe, PD. He said the Avian Pointe PD allows for the development of 758 residential units consisting of single-family townhomes and apartment units. He said that consistent with the approved PD Master Plan and Preliminary Development Plan, two story townhomes in six and eight unit buildings with minimum living area of 1350 square feet with one car garages. He explained that there are two access points that are provided and will lead into the development. He said all elements of the Final Development Plan are consistent with the approved PDP and the PUD Master Plan and the Development Review Committee recommends approval.

Commissioner Becker asked about the property sitting on the property, which has some wetlands and said that this is fairly low area and asked if there are any concerns about flooding, high water marks.

Mr. Howell stated that there have been geotechnical studies that prove that the ground is capable of supporting the development. He said this property is not in a flood zone and there are no wetlands on the property.

Frank Porter with MP5, 201 South Bumby, spoke on behalf of the applicant, said that yes, there are wetlands adjacent to the property. He stated that those wetlands were flagged by St. Johns River Water Management District and identified as the area we need

to avoid and we stayed away from those areas and put a wall around there. The rest of the ground is all flattened.

Commissioner Bankson asked about the recreational space for this to which Mr. Porter responded that and said this is a part of the PUD and said that just South of the townhomes is an entire recreational space including soccer field, tot lot, tennis courts which the residents will have direct access to.

Mayor Nelson asked if anyone has any questions and hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the Final Development Plan for the South Mews at Avian Pointe.

Motion by Commissioner Bankson, and seconded by Commissioner Becker to approve the Final Development Plan for the South Mews at Avian Pointe. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker and Smith voting aye.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES/RESOLUTION (Action Item)

1. Ordinance No. 2798 – First Reading – Comprehensive Plan – Small Scale Future Land Use Amendment
From: County Rural (1 DU/10AC)
To: City Industrial (Max 0.6 FAR)
Owner: Sandroni Joseph L. Estate
Applicant: Cadence Partners LLC
Location: 1132 Ocoee Apopka Road
Project: 8.76 +/- acres
Project Manager: Phil Martinez
The Clerk read the Ordinance title.

Phil Martinez, Planner II said the applicant is proposing a small scale future land use amendment from County Rural to City Industrial for approximately 8.76 acres. He said the property is located North of Ocoee Apopka Road and East of SR 451. He said to the North is an agricultural property also known as the Talton parcel and to the West is a vacant property and to the East are industrial properties. He said the property is zoned Transitional District with an application for I-L (light industrial) zoning, which will be presented at the next agenda item.

Mayor Nelson asked if anyone had any questions about this item or if anyone from the Public wanted to speak about this item. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2798 at first reading and hold over for second reading and adoption.

MOTION by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Becker to approve Ordinance No. 2798 at first reading and hold over for a second reading and adoption. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker and Smith voting aye.

2. Ordinance No. 2799 – First Reading – Change of Zoning

From: T (Transitional District)

To: I-L (Light Industrial District)

Owner: Sandroni Joseph L. Estates

Applicant: Cadence Partners LLC

Location: 1132 Ocoee Apopka Road

Project: 8.76 +/- acres

Project Manager: Phil Martinez

The Clerk read the Ordinance title.

Phil Martinez, Planner II, said the applicant is proposing a rezoning from T (Transitional District) to I-L (Light Industrial District) for the same property as the previous agenda item. He said the proposed light industrial zoning is compatible with the previously proposed industrial future land use.

Commissioner Smith said he just wants to make sure we're asking the applicant for ROW to which Ms. Richmond said that they'll pay their share.

Mayor Nelson asked if anyone had any questions about this item or if anyone from the Public wanted to speak about this item. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2799 at first reading and hold over for second reading and adoption.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Ordinance No. 2799 at first reading and hold over for a second reading and adoption. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker and Smith voting aye.

3. Ordinance No. 2800 – First Reading – Comprehensive Plan – Small Scale Future Land Use Amendment

From: County Industrial and City Industrial

To: City Commercial (Max. 0.25 FAR)

Owner: Mid-Florida Freezer Properties LLC

Applicant: Tara Tedrow

Location: South of W. Orange Blossom Trail and west of Lake View Drive

Project: 4.88 +/- acres

Project Manager: Bobby Howell

The Clerk read the Ordinance title.

Bobby Howell said that the subject property is located South of West Orange Blossom Trail and West of Lakeview Drive and is 4.88 acres in size. He said the properties were

annexed into the City on December 31, 1996 and October 21, 2020 by Ordinance No.'s 1022 & 2794. He said the applicant is requesting future land use amendment from County to City industrial to City commercial in order to construct a convenience store with gasoline sales on the property. He said the proposed commercial future land use is consistent with the surrounding areas and said SR 441 is a commercial corridor.

Mayor Nelson asked if anyone had any questions about this item or if anyone from the Public wanted to speak about this item. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2800 at first reading and hold over for second reading and adoption.

MOTION by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Bankson to approve Ordinance No. 2800 at first reading and hold over for a second reading and adoption. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker and Smith voting aye.

4. Ordinance No. 2801 – First Reading – Change of Zoning
From: T (Transitional District) and I-L (Light Industrial District)
To: C-COR (Corridor Commercial District)
Owner: Mid-Florida Freezer Properties LLC
Applicant: Tara Tedrow
Location: South of W. Orange Blossom Trail and west of Lake View Drive
Project: 4.88 +/- acres
Project Manager: Bobby Howell
The Clerk read the Ordinance Title:

Bobby Howell, Planning Manager, said this is the companion rezoning ordinance of the future land use amendment that you just approved and is taking the zoning from transitional and light industrial to commercial corridor to be consistent with the recently approved commercial future land use designation.

Mayor Nelson asked if anyone had any questions about this item or if anyone from the Public wanted to speak about this item. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2801 at first reading and hold over for second reading and adoption.

MOTION by Commissioner Becker and seconded by Commissioner Bankson to approve Ordinance No. 2801 at first reading and hold over for a second reading and adoption. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker and Smith voting aye.

5. Ordinance No. 2802 – First Reading – Comprehensive Plan – Large Scale Future Land Use Amendment
From: Mixed Use (MAX. 1.0 FAR, MAX. 15 DU/AC)
To: Industrial (MAX 0.6 FAR)
Owner: Chory Holdings I, LLC.

Applicant: Tara Tedrow

Location: South of W. Orange Blossom Trail and west of Hermit Smith Road

Project: 11.94 +/- acres

Project Manager: Phil Martinez

The Clerk read the Ordinance title.

Phil Martinez, Planner II, said the applicant is proposing a large-scale future land use amendment from mixed use to industrial for approximately 11.94 acres. He said the subject properties are highlighted in yellow and located north of Hogshead Road and West of Hermit Smith Road. He said to the North is a railroad and SR 441 and to the East and South are residential properties and to the West is a vacant property as well as warehousing. He said the properties are zoned East Shore Gateway and an application for light industrial zoning has been submitted and will be presented as the next agenda item. He said the subject area is approximately 11.94 acres with industrial oriented properties being in the vicinity.

Mayor Nelson asked if anyone had any questions about this item or if anyone from the Public wanted to speak about this item. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2802 and authorize transmittal to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Ordinance No. 2802 at first reading and transmittal to the State and hold over for a second reading and adoption. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker and Smith voting aye.

6. Ordinance No. 2803 – First Reading – Change of Zoning
From: MU-ES-GT (Mixed-Use East Shore-Gateway District)
To: I-L (Light Industrial District)
Owner: Chory Holdings I, LLC
Applicant: Tara Tedrow
Location: South of W. Orange Blossom Trail and west of Hermit Smith Road
Project: 11.94 +/- acres
Project Manager: Phil Martinez
The Clerk read the Ordinance title.

Phil Martinez, Planner II, said the applicant is proposing a re-zoning from MU-ES-GT (Mixed-Use East Shore-Gateway District) to I-L (Light Industrial District) for the same subject property as the previous agenda item. He said the proposed light industrial zoning is compatible with the previously proposed industrial future land use.

Mayor Nelson asked if anyone had any questions about this item or if anyone from the Public wanted to speak about this item. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2803 at first reading and hold over for second reading and adoption.

MOTION by Commissioner Becker and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Ordinance No. 2803 at first reading and hold over for a second reading and adoption. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker and Smith voting aye.

7. Ordinance No. 2808 – First Reading – Change of Zoning

From: T (Transition District)

To: RCE (Residential Country Estate)

Owner/Applicant: John and Grace Johnson

Location: 1701 Hermit Smith Road

Project: 2.52 +/- acres

Project Manager: Bobby Howell

The Clerk read the Ordinance Title:

Bobby Howell, Planning Manager, said the property is located at 1701 Hermit Smith Road and is 2.52 acres in size and zoned transitional. He said the applicant is requesting a rezoning of the property to RCE (Residential Country Estate), in order to do a lot split.

Mayor Nelson asked if anyone had any questions about this item or if anyone from the Public wanted to speak about this item. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2808 at first reading and hold over for second reading and adoption.

MOTION by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Bankson to approve Ordinance No. 2808 at first reading and hold over for a second reading and adoption. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker and Smith voting aye.

8. Resolution No. 2020-37 – Public Records Fee Schedule

Presented by Michael A. Rodriguez

The Clerk read the Resolution title.

Michael Rodriguez, City Attorney, said this resolution is in conjunction with the City Attorney's office and the City Clerk's office as well as the Apopka Police Department in regards to what are permissible fees that can be charged for Public Records that are requested. The Police Department has had its own policy in regards to the request for copies and for inspection of public records. He said what this resolution is doing is going to coordinate and unify a uniform policy for the City and cover all of the City's Departments, which is the charging of fees, which are allowable by State Statute, for copies of public records that are requested. Also, this provides that if the request involves more time-consuming work, on the part of the department of which the records are kept, the time for the employees to conduct the search and prepare the request can also be charged to the public. He noted that all of this is permissible by State Statute. He stated we have created a fee resolution, establishing the fees for copies, time and any other costs associated with the fulfillment of the request. He further stated that this fee

resolution can be brought before you on an annual basis for any adjustments to the fee schedule, as warranted.

Commissioner Bankson asked if this is based upon other Municipalities fee schedules to which Mr. Rodriguez stated that this fee schedule is what the Police Department has been charging the public and is comparable with other Municipalities and what they charge for copies.

Mr. Rodriguez said if a member of the public is requesting to review public records and doesn't necessarily need to have copies made, the member of the public has the right to come to the City to inspect the records without being charged for the records. He said if it is something that is labor intensive and requires a staff member to sit and observe to while the records are inspected to ensure that none of the records disappear as part of the inspection, a fee may be imposed for this service.

Commissioner Smith asked if the public is allowed to make copies of the records to which Mr. Rodriguez said that it depends on whether the records are exempt such as a personnel file of a Police Officer. He stated that under these circumstances, the records would require redacting prior to the inspection, and a fee would be incurred.

Commissioner Becker said he didn't have a problem with the fees for copies but felt that the gray area is with the other fees for extensive research and said he wanted to make sure that we're within the Florida Statutes. He asked if there a finite dollar amount that the Statute allows, which Mr. Rodriguez said there is not, rather it must be reasonable and the requestor will be provided an estimated cost in advance.

Mayor Nelson asked if anyone had any questions about this item or if anyone from the Public wanted to speak about this item. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve Resolution No. 2020-37.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution No. 2020-37. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker and Smith voting aye.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Becker said he hopes everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and he does not have anything else to add. He also said thank you to Mr. Hitt for working with the applicant for Rock Springs Ridge to host another community meeting.

Commissioner Smith said he is sure that everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. He then asked if we're still having the Pops Concert to which Mayor Nelson advised that Brian Forman and himself are meeting out at the Amphitheatre on Friday to go over the seating and make sure everything is squared off and said that every other row will be roped off. Commissioner Smith asked about the Deputy Police Chief job.

Commissioner Bankson said he wanted to commend the staff for getting us in the holiday spirit and said the lights look beautiful. He said we're ready to kick off the season and celebrate Christmas.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Edward Bass provided the new months sales tax numbers and said that for November, the revenue for the sales tax was almost \$705,000. He said last year at this time it was \$883,000 so this is a 20% reduction from last year to this year. He said if you look to the right of the slide, you'll notice that we're operating at \$326,000 difference, based upon the revenue the State gave us, and where we're coming in right now. He said that overall, there's a 3.2% lower than what we were given as a State projection so we'll continue to monitor this as we move through the next several months. He said this is a good snapshot and we will have some good months.

He said the other thing is that the Martin-Vick traffic light is moving along. He said they're putting the concrete in and Vlad believes that if all goes well, this light will be up and running before Christmas.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Nelson said that as you can see, the COVID spikes over the last four or five days are not looking good so hopefully that will trend back down. He said everyone be safe out there and we'll do our part here at the City and said we're not opening up City Hall, and in addition, the Police Department, Utility Department buildings are also closed to the public.

He said a couple of things, we have the tree lighting on December 3, 2020. Also, he said there will be a craft fair on December 10th & 17th along with the Farmer's Market Craft Fair and encouraged any one that has a knack for crafts to come out and share their wares. He said the Christmas Parade is December 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Methodist Church down to Votaw Road. He said we'll do our best to make sure people are doing their best to social distance. Again, that night is the Concert at the Amphitheater, where we'll definitely be socially distanced.

He said the Wreaths Across America will be back in our Cemetery on Saturday, December 19, 2020. He said that along with that, we have an Eagle Scout finishing up her project.

He said there will be a Community meeting for Rock Springs Ridge via Zoom on December 16, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. so anyone who wants to listen in can do so.

Mayor Nelson then announced the current vote count totals to date and said we've had 3,873 votes cast as of today and said that's a pretty big turn-out for a run-off election.

Commissioner Becker said he was surprised and thought everyone would have voting fatigue.

Lastly, Mayor Nelson said that he visited with Jimmy Patronis, the CEO for the State of Florida this morning and talked about small businesses and said last Saturday was Small Business Saturday and discussed all the help we need here in our State and said that they're looking for a small business waiver and said there was a good turn-out for that event.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Bryan Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Susan M. Bone, City Clerk