

CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of the City Council regular meeting held on November 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.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
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 provided the fact of the day, as follows: On October 13, 1775, the Continental Congress authorizes construction and administration of the first American naval force—the precursor to the United States Navy. In November, the Continental Navy was formally organized. During the American Revolution, the Continental Navy successfully commandeered many British merchant ships and won several victories over British warships. This first naval force was disbanded after the war. What is now known as the United States Navy was formally established with the creation of the federal Department of the Navy in April 1798.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2021
2. Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 13, 2021

Mayor Nelson said you have some minutes in front of you regarding Commissioner Velazquez's request to add additional content to the October 6th, meeting. He said hopefully you've had a chance to review and apologized for the late submission. Commissioner Becker stated he had not had a chance to review and said he too had some revisions. The Council decided to postpone the approval of the minutes to a date certain of December 1, 2021.

PRESENTATION

1. Apopka Youth Council (AYC) Florida League of Cities Video Competition Presentation.
Presented by: Shakenya Harris-Jackson & the AYC

Mayor Nelson said we have a Presentation by the Apopka Youth Council and said they will show us their video. He said with us today, we have the whole team from the AYC and called on Ariana Gonzalez, a Junior at Apopka High School, to provide the lead in.

Ariana Gonzalez said she's a member of the Apopka Youth Council and said tonight we are presenting our mental health video that we made for the Florida League of Cities Youth Council Competition. She said she hopes you all enjoy the video.

Shakenya Harris-Jackson said watching the video again does something to her and said when she was interviewing the youth, she let them know that they needed to get started for this video competition for the Florida League of Cities. She said that as a part of their interview she posed the question as to what they felt the most critical youth issue that is affecting them right now and they said mental health. She said for them to say mental health, blew her away and she said she couldn't believe they said that. She said from there, they contacted Ms. Janet, who helped put the video together. She said she's so proud of them and said that what she hopes to do. She said what they hope to do is expand on this and said they've expressed an interest in holding a mental health day or a mental health fair where we have local therapists and invite members of the public, their teachers and parents. She said we will make it a safe place for people to come and talk. She said it's always amazing to her, as a former teacher, to hear all of the things the kids have to deal with at school like the tic-toc challenge that was going on. She said it's things like that and said we never know what people are going through and said she's just so proud of them.

Commissioner Bankson said he wanted to add that he thinks that the isolation that we've gone through because of Covid has been a big part of that. He said you guys are hitting it there. He said to go from isolation to interaction, talking, being able to share that with someone like family, friends, church, or school. He said it's about getting out of those boxes and thanked them for a very great job on this and said the camera shots were very professional.

Commissioner Velazquez said she wanted thanked them and said this was something that she has personally dealt with for the last 2 years with her grandchildren who are 14 & 15. She said it was a challenge and difficult and said the way she stayed in touch with them through facetime. She said their mother had to work so she would drive the 4 hours to pick them up and bring them home to spend time with them and said it was almost like home schooling. She said she realized the isolation really disconnected them and said they're just starting to get back to them and said the fact that you're expressing this makes her realize how hard it's been for all of the youth.

Commissioner Smith said it's his hope that you will follow through with the town hall meeting to bring this to awareness and said a lot of times, people put a stigma on you when

you go to therapy and said a lot of young people and adults as well, refuse to go to therapy. He said a lot of parents have transitioned during the Covid and a lot of kids are left alone or maybe with siblings or grandparents and this is also a mental issue that they have to deal with and asked that they please follow through with this.

Commissioner Becker said the video was beautifully done and said mental health kind of manifests itself differently and in many different ways and said that video highlights that. He said the challenge is that the pressure manifests itself differently and said that each generation is faced with different sets of pressures. He said Commissioner Bankson stated, we're in the midst of coming out of the pandemic and said that isolation aspect is also pressure. He also added what's been happening over the last 10 years in social media platforms give negative pressures to people who aren't strong minded or strong will. He said as the youth council, you have a built in network which includes the people sitting next to you and said please be that guiding light for the people that are struggling. He said every adult would lend their time and talents to help you out and congratulated them.

Mayor Nelson said he hoped that they bring home the gold on this and thanked everyone for coming out.

2. Billie Dean Community Garden Improvements

Presented by: Sue Leverence

Mayor Nelson introduced Sue Leverence who will be giving a presentation on the improvements to the Billie Dean Community Garden and said we're excited for what they and the Big Potato Foundation are doing to help us out.

Sue Leverence said she's been with the Billie Dean Community Garden since about 2015 and said the garden was started about 15 years ago by former Commissioner Billie Dean, who helped facilitate its creation and said we love the garden. She said it's been a sanctuary during Covid and said being able to escape out there has given all of us a big mental health boost. She said during that time, we began some improvements to the garden based upon the idea that there are opportunities for education. She said she loves the fact that so many people are so interested and said we set out to create a little better circumstances for the gardeners that are there but also to inspire people from the community to do things that they wouldn't normally have done. She then provided a presentation and outlined the highlights. She said the land is owned by the City of Apopka and is managed and operated by the good people of the Big Potato Foundation, which is a non-profit foundation. She said for \$25 a year, per bed, (4'x16') and a few volunteer hours, the gardeners have access to everything they need, including seeds. She showed the typical food bank donations they give every day. She said the Billie Dean Community Garden recently received a \$47,000 grant from the Orlando Regional Realtor Foundation and was very generous. She said by utilizing this

grant, we were able to retain Ox Construction to provide several things items for the garden including adding an additional 70 beds; a new pavilion; a tool shed; parking and gardening area for the disabled as well as installation of more irrigation. She said Ox Construction is a non-profit organization created to actively train our youth and military veterans, hands on construction traits with a goal of helping students develop their own business. She provided an overview of the plans they've made and said we're very excited about the future and the next generation of gardeners.

Commissioner Velazquez asked if all of the beds are already taken to which Sue said there are some available. She said that would be a good marketing tool to draw an interest.

Commissioner Bankson commented that the banana trees are amazing. She said we have banana circles that flourish from leaves, rotten fruit and vegetables.

Commissioner Smith said as one of the originals with the Billie Dean Garden, along with Commissioner Dean and Peter Jordan, and John Floren, he said he's proud to see the garden still thriving. He asked the community to get behind it and said keep doing what you're doing.

Commissioner Becker said not much to add and said there's so much potential there. He said you've got some great goals and you're marching toward those. He asked what a food forest was to which Sue said is a place where people can come and harvest.

Mayor Nelson thanked the Big Potato Foundation for what they do and said we couldn't do it without you all.

3. ECFRPC presentation regarding City of Apopka Comprehensive Plan Update
Presented by: East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

Bobby Howell, Planning Manager provided a lead in to this item and said earlier this year the City contracted with East Central Florida Regional Planning Commission to rewrite the Comprehensive Plan and said that the Comprehensive Plan is the policy document which guides growth and future growth within the City. He said Michelle Morrison is here tonight with the ECFRPC who will go over the Comp Plan update.

Michelle Morrison, ECFRPC said she's one of the Planners there and said we have 15 employees of which 12 of us are Planners. She said we work with Municipalities providing technical assistance throughout 8 counties in our region. She said this is one of the projects we're working on. She said as Bobby mentioned, the Comp Plan is something that is in the Florida Statute that municipalities are required to have. He said it's a blue print for what a community aims to achieve in the future and directs economic development, transportation,

land use, etc. and said it's a long range plan and a visionary document. She said the current Apopka plan currently has 550 pages and said one of the things we're looking at doing is streamlining this while making sure it aligns with the new Land Development Code that was adopted in 2019. She said our current plan has 9 elements and said it's changed over time. She said the School Element has been dropped and said there's a new Property Rights Element, which you may be familiar with. She said there are also optional elements including the Economic Element and Resilience and Sustainability which are a little more innovative. She highlighted that they're looking at putting health and equity throughout the Comp Plan and it will be mentioned in all of the elements of the Comp Plan and said when she speaks about health, it's not just physical health but also mental health. She said the process is 2 tasks and each task is broken down into other tasks. She said we completed the 1st task in September and that was a pretty extensive look and audit of every single goal, objective polity, including maps, tables and data. She said this also included some templates as to the way the new plan will be laid out and presented as well as imaging. She said we're working on the 2nd task now and the Goals, Objectives and Policies will go through 4 revisions. She said once it's finalized, each Element will have a set of Goals, Objectives and Policies and will be color coded.

Commissioner Becker said in preparation for this activity, there's no understating the importance of something like this as if our LDC is our Bill of Rights, our Comp Plan is our Constitution. He said on the table, 160 of the policies revolve around FLU, which will be critical to the future of the City, considering we're in the high growth, high development period of the City. He asked how material are the changes intended to be.

Ms. Morrison said we're reviewing every single policy and looking to see if it's required by the most recent Statutes. She said they're also looking to see if it's even relevant anymore as it compares to the current LDC.

AGENDA REVIEW

Edward Bass said there are no changes to the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Sheryl Manche, 170 S. Apopka Avenue, Apopka, FL., said she's with Remnant Christian Center representing the Apopka Resource Center, also known as the Next Step Foundation, non-profit. She asked all of the Pastors that were present in support of the ARC; then asked those that are from Churches in support of the ARC; then asked those from non-profits in support of the ARC to stand. She said the last time we were here, we were asking for \$150,000 from the Electric Company overage to buy the building on 936 Central Avenue. She said that's a great price and that building is worth a lot more money and not a lot of renovation required. She said you also

asked for a proposal so you can get an idea of what we're actually proposing. She provided an overview of the proposal. She said we have a small portion of community partners that we're already working with including Advent Health; Orlando Health; Next Step; Habitat for Humanity; Second Harvest; Big Potato Foundation and several others. She said the ARC will provide: Community Services page; Government Benefits; Employment Help; Medical; Housing; Spiritual; Education; Personal and Transportation as well as some of the key components are that we already have churches and non-profits that are providing services and giving a hand up, not a hand out.

Mayor Nelson said the proposal you all put together for us is very well put together and said he hopes everyone has a chance to go through it page by page and said if anyone has any questions, we can arrange to have a couple of ARC Board members come down.

Commissioner Velazquez said she had some reservations about the resource center but said she's been speaking with some people and said she may have been seeing things a little differently and said that she wants to hear different perspectives and has a lot of life experiences and understands what it's like to struggle and be lifted up. She said when I said sometimes you have to lead to show someone how to get to that point and said she wants people who are struggling to realize that there is a better way for themselves but realizes it's not easy. She said she'll read this from front to back and wants it to succeed.

Commissioner Bankson said very quickly, I see this as caring and transformative with accountability and said you really answered the concerns. He said with everyone's strengths that we can work together and help those who want to be helped. He said this will help those who want to be helped and will deal with and address those needs and believes it will be a real help for the City of Apopka.

Commissioner Smith said he's excited about the Resource Center and said they started off with a bad rap when people were thinking it's going to be a homeless center but this is a need and not a want. He said it's something we need in our City and said unless you've been there, you don't understand. He said he's had a lot of hands up throughout his life and because of that, he's been successful and where he is today and said if you never had a banana sandwich, you don't understand.

Commissioner Becker said he struggles with this one and said he's had people approach him in the last 2 weeks and say I heard you were the Commissioner that doesn't support this. He said this is an unfair assessment on where he stands on this topic. He said he's a details guy and the success of something like this are in the details. He said we have sunk costs in other things that haven't sustained themselves, for instance, the UCF Incubator. He said he's glad you provided this proposal so he can read through it and said he will take you up on the offer to meet with your board.

David Schorejs, 1336 Hillway Road, Apopka, FL 32703, said he's been the Pastor of First Baptist Church Apopka for 8 years and said when he came here, Apopka was new to him. He said

we saw a need around the church and began to address it and said that through this, we realized that something bigger than what we were doing here needed to take place and said we visited several facilities including Sanford, East Orlando, Kissimmee, Downtown Orlando, Leesburg, Winter Garden and all are places that have something similar to what we're trying to do here at ARC. He said we knew there were already some things in Apopka that were happening but no one was bringing it all together in a concerted effort that could make a difference beyond just feeding them, giving the clothing and hoping for the best. He said we thought if all of these agencies could work together, that we could make a difference. He said not all will come and said mental health issues are real and said many of them are in the situation they're in because they didn't have the help. He said we're trying to make sure that our youth of today, don't end up out there on our streets and said if we all work together, we can all make a difference in this community like we've never seen before. He said he sees wonderful things happening in Apopka due to this effort.

Marie West, 1554 Lake Marion Drive, Apopka, FL 32712, said God Bless all of you. She provided a little back ground about herself and said she's worked in the legal arena as a digital court reporter and said events manager for the OCB. She said that God has called her to address the issues of abuse, domestic violence and human trafficking. She said it's time to bring the darkness into the light and said the lord called her to start up this ministry. She went on to provide additional information about the different forms of abuse and domestic violence.

Mayor Nelson thanked everyone for coming out today and said this was under his Mayor's report but we'll wrap this out so you all can get home. He said one of the commitments we made is as an ARC, we're not going to duplicate services. He said the things we don't have, we will bring to Apopka. He said all of the churches that were involved in this, made a commitment to match dollar for dollar with either private or church dollars. He said we're all in this together and thanked everyone for coming out tonight and appreciates what ARC will do for the City of Apopka.

CONSENT (Action Item)

1. Execute Release of Code Enforcement Lien for Guy J. Anderson and Helen G. Anderson - 1300 Piedmont Wekiva Road, Apopka, Florida.
2. Execute Release of Code Enforcement Lien for Joel and Deborah Clark - 120 South Lake Avenue, Apopka, Florida.
3. Approve the First Amendment to the Faircloth Lakes Concurrency Mitigation Agreement (CMA).
4. Approve and Execute First Amendment to License Agreement for Public Crossing between City of Apopka and Florida Central Railroad Company located at Wesley Road.
5. Authorize the Mayor or his designee to sign the First Amendment to the Agreement by and between Orange County for the wholesale delivery and use of reclaimed water to the City of Apopka.

6. Authorize the City Administrator to sign license and easement agreement with Linda McDermott.
7. Authorize a memorandum of understanding for the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Grant.
8. Award a contract for RFP 2021-13: Grant Administrator.
9. Authorize the execution of piggyback contracts for fiscal year 2022.
10. Accept the disbursement report for October 2021.

Mayor Nelson asked if anyone needed to pull any of the items or had any questions. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the ten (10) items on consent.

MOTION by Commissioner by Bankson and seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the ten (10) items on consent. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

BUSINESS (Action Item)

1. Approval of a Transportation Impact Fee Credit Agreement between the City of Apopka, Arrowrock III GE-Apopka, LLC, and PMDW Ventures, LLC to upgrade and resurface King Street and Peterson Road.
Presented by: Bobby Howell

Bobby Howell, Planning Manager said this is for a Transportation Impact Fee Credit Agreement between the City and developers of the Crossroads 429 Industrial Park located at 2800 General Electric Road (Arrowrock III GE-Apopka, LLC) and the Developer of the Coke Property Subdivision located at 2600 Peterson Road (PMDW Ventures). He said under this agreement, the transportation impact fees will be combined and put into an escrow account to be used to pay for the improvements to King Street and Peterson Road which will be done at the same time the site work is done. He said the improvements include widening the pavement width of both roads and adding 2' shoulders. The improvements include designing, permitting, and constructing King Street from Orange Avenue to Peterson Road and Peterson Road from west of its existing western terminus to King Street. Additionally, both Developers will provide right-of-way needed for the roadway improvements. More specifically, the improvements include widening the pavement width of both roadway segments; resurfacing both roadway segments; safety improvements to the intersection of King Street and Peterson Road; and adding turn lanes to the northbound approach of King Street at Orange Avenue. A shortfall is not expected, but if it occurs, the City will either use funds from the transportation impact fee account to reimburse the Developer to complete the project or modify the project scope to any possible extent that can achieve the improvements outlined in the agreement at a cost that

does not exceed the transportation impact fees being collected in association with this agreement.

Mayor Nelson asked if anyone had any questions or if anyone from the public wished to speak on this item. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the Transportation Impact Fee Credit Agreement between the City of Apopka, Arrowrock III GE-Apopka, LLC, and PMDW Ventures, LLC

MOTION by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez to approve the Transportation Impact Fee Credit Agreement. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker & Velazquez voting aye.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES/RESOLUTION (Action Item)

1. Ordinance No. 2864 – Second Reading - Comprehensive Plan – Small Scale – Future Land Use Amendment – Roper Family Property
From: County Rural
To: Mixed Use
Owner: Bert E. Roper and Barbara C. Roper Family Limited Partnership
Applicant: JCF Living c/o Tara Tedrow
Location: West of SR 429 and Binion Road and north of Hooper Farms Road
Project: 1.53 +/- acres
Project Manager: Jean Sanchez

Mayor Nelson asked if there have been any changes since the first reading to which Bobby Howell advised there were none. He then asked if anyone had any questions or if anyone from the public wished to speak on this item. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2864.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson and seconded by Commissioner Becker to adopt Ordinance No. 2864. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker & Velazquez voting aye.

2. Ordinance No. 2865 – Second Reading - Change of Zoning – Roper Family Property
From: County A1 (Citrus Rural) District
To: MU-ED-GT (Mixed-Use East Shore – Gateway) District
Owner: Bert E. Roper and Barbara C. Roper Family Limited Partnership
Applicant: JCF Living c/o Tara Tedrow
Location: West of SR 429 and Binion Road and north of Hooper Farms Road

Project: 1.53 +/- acres
Project Manager: Jean Sanchez

Mayor Nelson asked if there have been any changes since the first reading to which Bobby Howell advised there were none. He then asked if anyone had any questions or if anyone from the public wished to speak on this item. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2865.

MOTION by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez to adopt Ordinance No. 2865. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker & Velazquez voting aye.

3. Ordinance No. 2876 – Second Reading - Change of Zoning – 2616 Marden Road
From: RSF-1A (Residential Single-Family Estate District)
To: RSF-1B (Residential Single-Family District – Large Lot)
Owner: Nanak Investments, LLC
Applicant: GL Summit Engineering, Inc. c/o Geoffrey L. Summit, P.E.
Location: 2616 Marden Road
Project: 8.81 +/- acres
Project Manager: Jean Sanchez

Mayor Nelson asked if there have been any changes since the first reading to which Bobby Howell advised there were none. He then asked if anyone had any questions or if anyone from the public wished to speak on this item. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2876.

MOTION by Commissioner Becker and seconded by Commissioner Bankson to adopt Ordinance No. 2876. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker & Velazquez voting aye.

4. Ordinance No. 2878 – Second Reading - Comprehensive Plan – Small Scale – Future Land Use Amendment – 2451 Appy Lane
From: Residential Very Low Suburban
To: Agriculture
Owner/Applicant: Robert and Mary Singh
Location: 2451 Appy Lane
Project: 4.92 +/- acres
Project Manager: Phil Martinez

Mayor Nelson asked if there have been any changes since the first reading to which Bobby Howell advised there were none. He then asked if anyone had any questions or if anyone from the public wished to speak on this item. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2878.

MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez and seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt Ordinance No. 2878. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker & Velazquez voting aye.

5. Ordinance No. 2879 – Second Reading - Change of Zoning – 2451 Appy Lane
From: RSF-1A (Residential Single-Family Estate District)
To: AG (Agriculture District)
Owner/Applicant: Robert and Mary Singh
Location: 2451 Appy Lane
Project: 4.92 +/- acres
Project Manager: Phil Martinez

Mayor Nelson asked if there have been any changes since the first reading to which Bobby Howell advised there were none. He then asked if anyone had any questions or if anyone from the public wished to speak on this item. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2879.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez to adopt Ordinance No. 2879. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker & Velazquez voting aye.

6. Resolution No. 2021-57 – Vacation of unnamed Right-of-Way – Catfish Place Alley
Owner: City of Apopka
Applicant: Robert & Elaine Johnson
Location: West of Forest Avenue and south of East 3rd Street
Project: 0.027 +/- acres
Project Manager: Phil Martinez

Mayor Nelson asked if anyone had any questions or if anyone from the public wished to speak on this item. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-57.

MOTION by Commissioner Smith and seconded by Commissioner Bankson to approve Resolution No. 2021-57. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker & Velazquez voting aye.

7. Resolution No. 2021-58 - FY20/21 Budget Amendment
Presented by: Gladymir Ortega

Gladymir Ortega provided an overview of the Budget Amendment for this Resolution related to the contract on unbilled or misbilled utility services.

Mayor Nelson asked if anyone had any questions or if anyone from the public wished to speak on this item. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-58.

MOTION by Commissioner Becker and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez to approve Resolution No. 2021-58. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker & Velazquez voting aye.

8. Resolution No. 2021-60 - FY21/22 Budget Amendment
Presented by: Gladymir Ortega

Gladymir Ortega provided an overview of the Budget Amendment for this Resolution related to the following items: Community Development Block Grant; the Duke Energy Recreation Assigned Capital Projects; Ambulance Mounts; Recreation Contractual Agreements; Mainline Village Special Assessment.

Mayor Nelson asked if anyone had any questions or if anyone from the public wished to speak on this item. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-60.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution No. 2021-60. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker & Velazquez voting aye.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Velazquez said we attended the Saturday Sounds concert and said you're out there with Debbie and your mom and no matter the weather, we sit out there and support the Saturday Sounds. She said yesterday was very exciting when she got to go into a home in Errol Estates that's 100 years old and meet the family that took it over by the name of David and Lisa Newark.

Commissioner Bankson said he too appreciated the Historical Society for arranging this and said the value that that brings provides a bigger understanding of the roots of who we are as a City and really appreciated what they did there.

Commissioner Smith said he has 13 more days left for the no shave November and said he'll donate those funds to the Cancer Society and is looking forward to that. He said the John Land Gala was an outstanding event and commended the Mayor on a job well done on the State of the City.

Commissioner Becker wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving including staff; members of this Council and the Residents of Apopka. He said he hopes everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday as we have so much to be grateful for.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

No report.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Michael Rodriguez said that last week, we completed the closing of the additional 3 parcels at the City Center project and said these are the parcels located to the North of 441 and said the closing was completed late last week.

Commissioner Becker asked if that was all of the parcels now to which Michael said no, there are still 4 remaining parcels.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Mayor Nelson said that within the next couple of weeks, we'll be able to come back to you with a firm idea of where we can spend those dollars. He said he continues to question the fact that we only received \$7 million and Ocoee got \$24 million but we'll continue to follow up. He said this is FY2021-2022 budget and said we have the water tanks in the budget and said we're just waiting for approval from Congress.

Virtual Public Meeting for Kelly Park Road Study

Mayor Nelson said we have a Virtual Public Meeting for Kelly Park Road Study and this will be held on Thursday, November 18th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. to evaluate the road improvements from Round Lake Road to Rock Springs Road.

Arnold Palmer/Orlando Health Life Saving Recognition Ceremony

Mayor Nelson said also on Friday, November 19th, we have at Fire Station #1 at 10:00 a.m., we're going to honor the Firefighters that saved that child that was at the Rock Springs Mobile Home Park. He said this will be a great event and said we're not only celebrating the firefighters but also those that were on the scene.

CareerSource of Central Florida Workforce Advisory Group

Mayor Nelson said he had the honor to get invited to a joint venture between Career Source and OCPS that has gone to the private sector and said the last one he went to was on Monday and said it was for the public side of the employer and said it's nice to talk to other Cities and Counties about internal programs and said he knows the fire department is working on a program with Valencia to have a program here so they can get their certifications right here in Apopka. He said there are a lot of programs we want to look at including Public Works and said perhaps we can come up with some programming to get the certificates and we will continue to monitor this.

Employee Thanksgiving Food Drive to benefit Loaves and Fishes

He said the Employee Thanksgiving Food Drive benefitting Loaves and Fishes will end on Friday and said to date we've collected 462 items and thanked all of the employees that have donated to the cause. He said Loaves and Fishes is our food bank for all of Apopka and we're excited to help them where we can.

Camp Wewa

Mayor Nelson said on Saturday, Fenrock rented the entire Camp Wewa and said he heard there were between 700-800 people out there and said they enjoyed themselves immensely. He said we're starting to get some traction and we should have a lot more activities out there. He said on that note, on December 7th, we're doing a S'mores Event at Camp Wewa from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and said this is a Community Event so come on out and see Camp Wewa. He said today, Forest Lake Academy brought out 20 students to help with some clean up and said last week we had Journey Christian Church out there to help us.

Sheeler Oaks

Mayor Nelson said we installed another Baffle Box at Sheeler Oaks yesterday and the rest of the Baffle Boxes have come in and will be installed.

Amphitheater Bathroom Update

Mayor Nelson said we have 3 walls up and 4 more to go and said we're hoping to have this complete by the end of next week. He said we should have them open for the Pops Concert.

Grants

Mayor Nelson said last week, we found out about an opportunity for a State Grant from some Federal dollars that came down for some water projects. He said the turnaround was only 3 days and he gave it to the team to see what they could put them together before the deadline. He said they met the deadline and we ended up getting a \$250,000 matching grant to do all of the Septic to Sewer for Camp Wewa, which pays for half of all of the septic to sewer. He said from an Environmental perspective, we're required to meet B-maps which are basin management action plans and said we have to reduce our nitrogen and phosphorus

going into the ground water. He said we have 4 trailer parks that are in our Utility Service Area but are not in the City and we just got a grant from DEP for \$5 million dollars to convert those over to our sewer plant. He congratulated the team for putting that grant together within 3 days. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Bryan Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Susan M. Bone, City Clerk