CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on September 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor Joe Kilsheimer
Commissioner Bill Arrowsmith
Commissioner Billie Dean
Commissioner Diane Velazquez
Commissioner Sam Ruth
City Attorney Cliff Shepard
City Administrator Glenn Irby

PRESS PRESENT: John Peery - The Apopka Chief

INVOCATION – Mayor Kilsheimer gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Kilsheimer said on September 17, 1787, following the debate of the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia, the Constitution of the United States was signed by its Framers. As part of the compromise to ratify the Constitution, additional amendments were debated upon and drafted. Two years later on September 25, 1789, the first Congress of the United States adopted twelve amendments to the U.S. Constitution, ten of which would later be ratified and known as the Bill of Rights. He asked everyone to reflect upon the wisdom, deliberation, and careful consideration and prudence of those who helped create our Constitution as he led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS

1. The Expressway Authority's Public Information Officer, Mary Brooks, to provide the latest construction details on Wekiva Parkway.

   Mary Brooks, Public Information Officer for the Florida Department of Transportation and the Central Florida Expressway Authority, gave a Power Point overview of the construction on the Wekiva Parkway. She said this is a roadway many of us have awaited for many years and stated it has been in the making for approximately 30 years. The Wekiva Parkway will complete the beltway's missing link adding to State Road 429. She affirmed this roadway should help relieve some of the congestion on local roads and thereby increase the safety. She said this is a $1.6 billion project to finish the beltway. She advised it will be a 25 mile toll road and it will include a host of non-toll road improvements. This needs to be completed in a way to protect nature and they have set aside more than 3,400 acres for conservation with a limited number of interchanges. She advised a trail is being constructed with the Parkway and it will be extensions of the county trails. A copy of Ms. Brooks' Power Point is on file in the Clerk's office.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve the minutes from the regular City Council meeting held on September 2, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.

2. Approve the Disbursement Report for the month of July, 2015.
3. Approve the Disbursement Report for the month of August, 2015.
4. Authorize the Mayor to sign Amendment #1 for Contract #WS935 with the Department of Corrections, for an inmate work squad.
5. Award Bid No. 2015-08 to "The Collage Companies" for the excavation and purchase of surplus dirt, in the amount of $1,914,000.00
6. Authorize the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church to sell and serve alcoholic beverages at the International Festival, located on Church property from September 25, 2015 through September 27, 2015.

MOTION by Commissioner Ruth, and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez, to approve the six items of the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, and Velazquez voting aye.

LEGISLATIVE: ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution No. 2015-17 granting a non-exclusive franchise for roll-off container collection and disposal of waste in the City of Apopka to Republic Services of Florida. The City Clerk read the title as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO REPUBLIC SERVICES OF FLORIDA, TO PROVIDE "ROLL-OFF" CONTAINER COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE IN THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO CITY OF APOPKA, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 66, ARTICLE III; PROVIDING FOR THE TERM OF YEARS FOR THE FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR FRANCHISE FEE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Kilsheimer opened the meeting to a public input. No one else wishing to speak, he closed the public input.

MOTION by Commissioner Arrowsmith, and seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve Resolution No. 2015-17. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, Velazquez, and Ruth voting aye.

2. Resolution No. 2015-18 granting a non-exclusive franchise for roll-off container collection and disposal of waste in the City of Apopka to Waste Management Inc. of Florida. The City Clerk read the title as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO WASTE MANAGEMENT INC., TO PROVIDE "ROLL-OFF" CONTAINER

COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE IN THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO CITY OF APOPKA, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 66, ARTICLE III; PROVIDING FOR THE TERM OF YEARS FOR THE FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR FRANCHISE FEE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Kilsheimer opened the meeting to a public input. No one else wishing to speak, he closed the public input.

MOTION by Commissioner Ruth, and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez, to approve Resolution No. 2015-18. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, Velazquez, and Ruth voting aye.

3. Resolution No. 2015-19 granting a non-exclusive franchise for roll-off container collection and disposal of waste in the City of Apopka to USA Services of Florida, Inc. The City Clerk read the title as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO USA SERVICES OF FLORIDA, INC., TO PROVIDE "ROLL-OFF" CONTAINER COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE IN THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO CITY OF APOPKA, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 66, ARTICLE III; PROVIDING FOR THE TERM OF YEARS FOR THE FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR FRANCHISE FEE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Kilsheimer opened the meeting to a public input. No one else wishing to speak, he closed the public input.

MOTION by Commissioner Arrowsmith, and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez, to approve Resolution No. 2015-19. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, Velazquez, and Ruth voting aye.

4. Resolution No. 2015-20 granting a non-exclusive franchise for roll-off container collection and disposal of waste in the City of Apopka to Advanced Disposal Services Solid Waste Southeast, Inc. The City Clerk read the title as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO ADVANCED DISPOSAL SERVICES SOLID WASTE SOUTHEAST, INC., TO PROVIDE "ROLL-OFF" CONTAINER COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF WASTE IN THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO CITY OF APOPKA, CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 66, ARTICLE III; PROVIDING FOR THE TERM OF YEARS

FOR THE FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR FRANCHISE FEE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Kilsheimer opened the meeting to a public input. No one else wishing to speak, he closed the public input.

MOTION by Commissioner Dean, and seconded by Commissioner Ruth, to approve Resolution No. 2015-20. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, Velazquez, and Ruth voting aye.

5. ORDINANCE NO. 2445 - FIRST READING – Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Apopka, Chapter 63, "Retirement Systems," Article IV, "Police Officers' Retirement System," Section 63-105, "Contributions", and Section 63-106, "Benefit Amounts and Eligibility." The City Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2445

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 63, "RETIREMENT SYSTEMS", ARTICLE IV, "POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM," SECTION 63-105, "CONTRIBUTIONS," AND SECTION 63-106, "BENEFIT AMOUNTS AND ELIGIBILITY," PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Glenn Irby, City Administrator, said both the Police and Fire Departments wish to increase their monthly benefit upon retirement. Several months ago the legislature allowed this by State Statute. He said the Police and Fire Pensions polled their plan members asking them what they would like to do with excess monies that have been pooled through several months of time and addressed by the legislature. He advised there were three ways in which to take care of these funds and, when they polled their plan members, they were not as clear as could be on the presentation for a vote. He stated they have asked both Police and Fire Pensions to restructure the poll and have the members revote. He advised that he and the Finance Director will assist them in rewriting the questions when it goes out to the members. They are being asked to state the three options, which could be providing an enhanced benefit of the overall plan, divide the accumulated funds among all members in an equitable fashion and implement a self-directed shared plan that has an overall appearance of a compensation plan, or allow the City to utilize all or part of the excess funds to reduce the plan's unfunded liability. He said they are asking to defer this to October 7, 2015 for the first reading, and the second reading and public hearing October 21, 2015.

Mayor Kilsheimer affirmed Mr. Irby has met with the Chairs of both the Police and Fire Pension Boards and they concur with this strategy.

MOTION by Commissioner Arrowsmith, and seconded by Commissioner Ruth, to delay consideration of Ordinance No. 2445 to October 7, 2015. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean,

Velazquez, and Ruth voting aye.

6. ORDINANCE NO. 2451 - FIRST READING Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Apopka, Chapter 63, "Retirement Systems," Article III, "Firefighters' Retirement System," Section 63-65, "Contributions", and Section 63-66, "Benefit Amounts and Eligibility." The City Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2451

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA FLORIDA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, CHAPTER 63, "RETIREMENT SYSTEMS," ARTICLE III, "FIREFIGHTERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM," SECTION 63-65, "CONTRIBVUTIONS," AND SECTION 63-66, "BENEFIT AMOUNTS AND ELIGIBILITY," PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK, FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

MOTION by Commissioner Dean, and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez, to delay consideration of Ordinance No. 2451 to October 7, 2015. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, Velazquez, and Ruth voting aye.

7. ORDINANCE NO. 2550 - FIRST READING Monthly residential sanitation rate increase of $1, in order to acquire a new fully automated truck every two years. The City Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2550

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 66, "SOLID WASTE," ARTICLE II, "MUNICIPAL REFUSE COLLECTION SERVICE," DIVISION 2, "RESIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENTS," SECTION 66-68. "FEE SCHEDULE – RESIDENTIAL"; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CITY CLERK; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Irby said this is an increase in sanitation rates on the residential side only. He affirmed they had discussed during budget workshops being faced to purchasing up to six sanitation trucks. Currently three are in the budget for next fiscal year. He affirmed they determined that $1.00 per month increase in residential collection will result in having enough cash on hand at the end of every two years to purchase a new truck. He affirmed the City of Apopka still remains the lowest rate for garbage collection in Orange County.

Mayor Kilsheimer opened the meeting to a public hearing.

Ray Shackelford inquired how much money would be raised per year and what the cost of the

truck was. He spoke with regards to citizens living below the poverty level and on fixed incomes, as well as money in the proposed budget for airport fund, grant fund, and other allocations, stating he strongly opposed this increase.

Mr. Irby stated the increase was approximately $17,000 per month and the cost of a truck is around $300,000.

No one else wishing to speak, Mayor Kilsheimer closed the public hearing.

MOTION by Commissioner Arrowsmith, and seconded by Commissioner Ruth, to approve Ordinance No. 2550 at First Reading and carry it over for a Second Reading. Motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Velazquez, and Ruth voting aye, and Commissioner Dean voting nay.

QUASI-JUDICIAL: ORDINANCES AND SITE APPROVALS

1. ORDINANCE NO. 2452 - FIRST READING - CHANGE OF ZONING – Cantero Holdings, LLC, from AG (Agriculture) to AG-E (Agriculture Estates) for property located east of Golden Gem Road, north of Ponkan Road. (Parcel ID #s: 24-20-27-0000-00-097; 24-20-27-0000-00-098; 24-20-27-0000-00-100; 24-20-27-0000-00-101; 24-20-27-0000-00-102; 24-20-27-0000-00-103; 24-20-27-0000-00-104; 24-20-27-0000-00-105). The City Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2452

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, CHANGING THE ZONING FROM AG (AGRICULTURE) TO AG-E (AGRICULTURE ESTATES) FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED EAST OF GOLDEN GEM ROAD, NORTH OF PONKAN ROAD, COMPRISING 81.39 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AND OWNED BY CANTERO HOLDINGS, LLC; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Kilsheimer announced this was a quasi-judicial hearing and witnesses were sworn in by the City Clerk.

David Moon, Planning Manager, gave a brief lead in on this project stating the request is to change the zoning on approximately 81.4 acres from Agriculture to Agriculture Estates. He advised on August 5, 2015, a subdivision plan and mass grading plan was before Council and was approved for a 12 lot, 5 acre subdivision. He affirmed staff had concern with the current zoning since it allows for mobile homes of 400 square feet, traditional market housing of 1,200 square feet, and tenant housing of 600 square feet, whereas Agriculture Estates requires a minimum of 2,200 square foot homes. The applicant agreed to apply for this zoning category to the property, thus establishing the minimum house size of 2,200 for any building permits on any of the residential lots. He advised the Planning Commission recommended approval at their meeting on August 5, 2015 and DRC also recommends

approval.

Mayor Kilsheimer opened the meeting to a public hearing.

Mr. Birko was sworn in by the City Attorney.

David Birko, President of Northwest Orange County Improvement Association (NOCIA), said they own approximately 140 acres due west of where this is taking place. He stated they did not receive notice of this zoning change. He said they were concerned as they were hearing there was not going to be any residential building that this was actually going to be removing 2 million yards of soil. He said they also dig dirt on their property at NOCIA and they are a nonprofit. He stated their concern is how much water is being held in the Wekiva River Basin. They are also concerned about the traffic in the area.

Mr. Crawford was sworn in by the City Attorney.

Jimmy Crawford said when this was before the Council in August for the recontouring plan and the subdivision plan, it was disclosed they were removing dirt from the property. He stated it will be recontoured for the subdivision plan that they filed with engineering and it has been approved. He advised both are true, they are going to remove the dirt and they are also going to build the subdivision and it will meet all of the contouring standards. He stated, as for the traffic, they have an easement running to the northeast cross their neighbors property to move the dirt and it will never touch a public road.

Mr. Birko said they are aware the plan was submitted to Council for recontouring of this, but they still would like to express a concern it is going to be strictly for the mining of dirt.

No one wishing to speak, he closed the public hearing.

MOTION by Commissioner Arrowsmith, and seconded by Commissioner Dean, to approve Ordinance No. 2452 at First Reading and carry it over for a Second Reading. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, Velazquez, and Ruth voting aye.

2. ORDINANCE NO. 2449 – SECOND READING AND ADOPTION- CHANGE OF ZONING PUD MASTER PLAN – Third Amendment to the Mullinax Ford of Central Florida, Inc. Planned Unit Development Master Plan, for property located north of S.R. 436 (a.k.a. Semoran Boulevard) and east of Roger Williams Road. (Parcel ID #s: 24-21-28-0000-00-002; 24-21-28-0000-00-049; 24 -21-28-0000-00-083; 24-21-28-0000-00-084) The City Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2449

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE ADOPTED "MULLINAX FORD PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) MASTER PLAN" FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF STATE ROAD 436

A.K.A. SEMORAN BOULEVARD AND EAST OF ROGER WILLIAMS ROAD COMPRISING 21.51 ACRES MORE OR LESS; OWNED BY MULLINAX FORD OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.; PROVIDING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR, SEVERABILITY, CONFLICTS, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mayor Kilsheimer announced this was a quasi-judicial hearing and witnesses were sworn in by the City Clerk.

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

MOTION by Commissioner Dean, and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez, to adopt Ordinance No. 2449. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, Velazquez, and Ruth voting aye.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS, BIDS AND PROPOSED AGREEMENTS

1. Administrative Report – Glenn Irby, City Administrator, said the Administrative Report was in the packet and he would answer any questions.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Kilsheimer reported on a new topic titled "Apopka Begins and Ends with 'A'. He said this is a program he wants to propose as an initiative of the Mayor's Office of the City of Apopka. He said as he goes around Apopka and looks at what people are talking about in terms of economic development, something that comes up over and over is the idea of embracing education. He affirmed successful communities across the United States embrace the idea of supporting education. He stated his goal is for all schools in the Apopka community to achieve an "A" rating from the Florida Department of Education. He spoke about a Community Action Team approach and proposed using the City of Life Foundation's Community Action Team model to implement this educational initiative. Consulting with Orange County Public Schools, two schools have been selected to launch this program: Rock Springs Elementary and Lovell elementary schools.

Pat Buffa, Chair, City of Life Foundation, said the Community Action Team is a convening authority that takes and finds resources in the community with the idea of leveraging what is here. He said ideas, creating of a plan of action, and everybody taking accountability for getting results are three things that can happen from a meeting. He said it is a long process and takes time. He said communication is the key, getting people out, talking and getting ideas is why this works. He gave several examples of how this concept of a Community Action Team has been very successful.

Mayor Kilsheimer said he was not asking for action tonight. He affirmed there was an associated cost with this and it would cost approximately $10,000 per school to set up this program and to run it for a year. He advised there was funding within the current budget year. He stated he wanted to move forward with this important issue. Dr. Jackson is working on identifying possible grants. He stated if this is successful with the first two schools, we can make the case to the

community the importance of investing our resources in education.

In response to Commissioner Dean, Mayor Kilsheimer advised that Wheatley Elementary School is in a remedial program which has brought their grade up to a "B" school and Lovell and Rock Springs Elementary Schools are "C" schools. He stated he has been working with Mr. John Wright, Superintendent of the North Learning Community, Orange County Public Schools, regarding this program.

Mayor Kilsheimer said his broad effort is to focus the communities' attention on education and what we can do as a community in a unique and singular way to move the needle on education. This would be setting a high goal of raising the grades of schools in Apopka.

Commissioner Arrowsmith said it seems we are trying to take the function of the school board. He stated he was a mentor at Dream Lake and they did a great job with that program, however, the school board did away with that job. He said the concept was good, but he felt it should be restricted to schools within the city.

Mayor Kilsheimer opened the meeting to public input.

David Birko said NOCIA was always looking for areas to donate and support. He said he was willing to take this back to their organization and ask for funding.

Isadora Dean said she was an educator and education was a priority for all children in our community. She said until we address and adjust poverty, our schools are never going to be improved. She also stated there needs to be more parental involvement.

Ray Shackelford said he also has been in education and if you want to help schools you need to address the school improvement plan. He agreed there needs to be attention toward more parental involvement and poverty. He stated we should not try to take over the role of the Orange County School Board, but partner with them.

Veronica Rogers said Wheatley did not have a PTA that was registered. She said she has been the President of the PTA of Wheatley Elementary for this school term and she agreed the parents need to step up. Her goal this year is to take the stigma off of south Apopka and make this a community that is united and strong for our children and the future.

Susan Shetrom said she also is an educator and in response to some of the comments made, she feels public schools need all the help they can get. She said money is very short and they are not being funded as they should be. She declared she did not see this program as being a takeover and she does not think we need to see it as doing everything, stating it is a start and you have to start somewhere. She said it was a great idea and she was in support of it.

Alice Nolan said she liked the idea and anytime you get the community involved, you will also get parents more involved in the school system. She said the more involved she is with her children, the better they do in school. She agreed this should be working hand in hand with the county.

OLD BUSINESS

1. COUNCIL
   a. Mayor John H. Land - Statues

Mayor Kilsheimer said they had discussed the idea of moving forward with two statues of Mayor John Land. He stated this is a project that was started prior to his being elected and stated there is funding available for this. He reviewed the breakdown of the costs for the project totaling $107,288. He affirmed he spoke with Richard Anderson, Chairman of the Trust, and they would like to participate. Following a meeting the Trust had on Monday, they voted to spend up to 20% of the overall cost of the project, or $20,000, whichever is less. He advised he would like to authorize the entire amount and then go to the Trust for their specific contribution.

Peter Pasha, Artist/Designer of the John H. Land Statues, said for the past three years he has had the honor of being involved in the proposed project. He stated he was here to put a face on this project and a voice for it and to answer any questions or concerns the Council or public may have. He advised these are two statues being proposed, one being in the park with Mayor Land being seated on a park bench which is capable of being accessed by anyone visiting the park. The other one is a larger than life statue to be situated before City Hall. He explained the process of making a bronze statue. He also affirmed Mayor Land's family was involved throughout the entire construction of the maquettes.

Mayor Kilsheimer opened the meeting to public input.

David Rankin thanked the City Commission for taking this opportunity to recognize a close friend, and truly one of a kind individual. He stated Mayor Kilsheimer was correct the John Land Apopka Community Trust met and discussed this particular item this past Monday during a board meeting. They did agree to be a participant in this project. He said they are charged with being good stewards over the financial resources of the trust and that is their first and foremost responsibility. He stated it was unanimous that they would participate subject to six conditions. He reviewed these conditions and provided a copy of the conditions which is on file in the City Clerk's office.

No one else wishing to speak, Mayor Kilsheimer closed the public input.

MOTION by Commissioner Arrowsmith, and seconded by Commissioner Dean to approve the allocation of funds for the two Mayor John H. Land bronze statues. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioners Arrowsmith, Dean, Velazquez, and Ruth voting aye.

Mayor Kilsheimer said Council had discussed at the last meeting about moving the November Council meeting to Tuesday, November 3, 2015, so that those who desire to attend the National League of Cities Conference could do so.

MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez, and seconded by Commissioner Ruth to move

the November 4, 2015 Council meeting to Tuesday, November 3, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously with mayor Kilsheimer, and Commissioner Arrowsmith, Dean, Velazquez, and Ruth voting aye.

Mayor Kilsheimer reported Council had also discussed holding workshops prior to Council meetings and this discussion will be held over for a future date.

2. PUBLIC

Susan Shetrom said she read the article in The Apopka Chief last week about the proposed town center. She stated she knew the City owns some of the land and said she would like to know who owns other properties that would have to be purchased. She said she would also like to know if Taurus Southern was the only company to submit a proposal and if that is the case, does it indicate other Central Florida developers do not see this as a viable project. She declared the intersection of SR 441 and 436 would most likely have to be transfigured, questioning what the chances the FDOT would agree with this are. She affirmed while she did not object to building a town center, she did object to the location. She further objected to a five-story hotel and inquired if a survey had been done to determine the need. She stated a better location for a town center could be found at the west end of town, perhaps near the new hospital.

NEW BUSINESS

1. COUNCIL – There was no new business Council.

2. PUBLIC

Ray Shackelford said with regards to the town center, he inquired if the City was going to encourage an agreement with the developer to include minorities, women, and veteran contractors in this project. He also asked when there would be a comprehensive review of the City Charter.

Mayor Kilsheimer advised there was a charter review in 2013. He said there were a series of meetings held with the citizens at the Community Center. The most recent comprehensive review of the City Charter was two years ago.

Isadora Dean said she was happy to hear the City talk about the town center. She spoke about the area across from the Police Department and stated there needs to be something done in the historic part of Apopka and this area should not be neglected.

Commissioner Dean commented on the property across from the Police Station and stated something needs to be done with that property as it is a sore spot for the City of Apopka.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Joseph E. Kilsheimer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Linda F. Goff, City Clerk