

CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of the City Council regular meeting held on September 8, 2021 at 1:30 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryan Nelson
Vice Mayor, 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 Bankson provided the Invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. He then provided the fact of the day as follows: On September 7, 1813, the United States gets its nickname, Uncle Sam. The name is linked to Samuel Wilson, a meat packer from Troy, New York, who supplied barrels of beef to the United States Army during the War of 1812. Wilson stamped the barrels with “U.S.” for United States, but soldiers began referring to the food as “Uncle Sam’s.” A local newspaper ran the story and eventually the term Uncle Sam became associated with the U.S. federal government. The personification of Uncle Sam in a beard with a patriotic suit of stars and stripes was done by cartoonist Thomas Nast as well as artist James Montgomery Flagg. In September 1961, the U.S. Congress recognized Samuel Wilson as “the progenitor of America’s national symbol of Uncle Sam.” Wilson died at age 87 in 1854, and was buried next to his wife Betsey Mann in the Oakwood Cemetery in Troy, New York, the town that calls itself “The Home of Uncle Sam.”

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Regular City Council Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2021.

Mayor Nelson asked if everyone had a chance to review the minutes. Commissioner Velazquez said there was one correction in that on page 14, it shows that she voted in the affirmative, however, she was not present at that meeting. Mayor Nelson noted the correction and asked for a Motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

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

PROCLAMATION

1. Harvey Caldwell, Apopka Historical Society Recognition

Presented by: Mayor Nelson

Mayor Nelson said we have a proclamation to read in regarding Harvey Caldwell, in recognition of the Apopka Historical Society. He said we had hoped to have him here but due to health conditions, he was unable to attend. He read the proclamation, and asked Francina Boykin of the Apopka Historical Society to say a few words regarding his many years of volunteering with the Apopka Historical Society.

Francina Boykin said, on behalf of the Apopka Historical Society, she graciously accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the honorable Harvey Caldwell to honor the great contributions that he has made and the legacy that he leaves with this City.

PRESENTATION

1. Apopka Youth Works Presentation

Presented by: Shakenya Harris-Jackson and Jason Lietz

Dr. Jackson said this past Summer marked our 7th Summer working with Career Source to provide Summer employment for our youth here in Apopka. She said today, we have Britany Antunez and Jason Lietz from Career Source to say a few words about their experiences.

Britany Antunez said she participated in Apopka Youth Works this past Summer, interning at the City of Apopka for the Building Department and the Finance Department. She said she was thankful for the opportunity provided and said she enjoyed her time interning with the City of Apopka where she gained professional work experience in an office environment. She said she also came out of her shell and developed a stronger personality because of this experience and met other interns and formed friendships.

Jason Lietz thanked the Commissioners and the Mayor for the opportunity to be here and said this is our 7th year participating with the City and said we love making an impact in the Apopka area. He said when you look at our history, this year marked the occasion where we topped \$1.5 million dollars-worth of investments over the course of the 7-year program and said we've served more than 700 students to date. He said this year, we had 127 students participate over the 3 Summer tracks we offer including the internship; the accelerate; and the explorer programs. He said the explorer program is only open to 15-year old's so we get a lot of participation with that and said for our accelerate, we had students that participated in computer coding; hospitality; construction and robotics. He said the wages we were able to provide for the students, topped over \$100,000 that we

were able to invest into their pockets, which will likely be reinvested in the Apopka economy. He said at the end of the program, we surveyed the students and 94% indicated that they would recommend the program to one of their peers. In addition, he said that 90% of those who participated said that the program either met or exceeded their expectations. He said our students created a talent pipeline award and sent one to those who participated in this year's program. .

2. Youth Fire and Police Camps Recap

Presented by: Lieutenant Maynard and Officer Wiggins

Mayor Nelson expressed his appreciation to Lieutenant Maynard and Officer Wiggins for going out of their way to accommodate more kids this year and said there were a lot of kids that were extremely happy that they were able to come out and experience some of what it's like for our Fire and Police Departments.

Officer Wiggins and Lieutenant Maynard showed a short video of the highlights of the Summer Camp experiences and said that due to the popularity of the Camp, the spots sold out in 45 minutes.

Commissioner Becker thanked Officer Wiggins and Lieutenant Maynard and said that all three of his girls participated and said due to the popularity of the camp, he and his wife both went on to register them as the spots fill up quickly.

Commissioner Velazquez said she's proud of the fact that you do this and said we're cultivating a generation of kids who get to participate and see what law enforcement and the fire fighters do every day. She said they have so much respect for you and that's a good thing. She said she went to the Gillian Center and saw the young people climbing the tower and it was fun to watch them.

Commissioner Bankson asked what the age range for the kids that participate to which Gerald stated we have elementary through high school kids participate and said the high school camp is 2 weeks long and the other camps are 1 week. Commissioner Bankson asked if the high school kids receive a certificate once they've completed the program or is this just the experience to which Jason said this is just scratching the surface so this is just for the experience.

Commissioner Smith said this is undoubtedly a great experience for the students to get them out of the house and off their electronic devices but also gives them the opportunity to see if this is a career that they want to go into. He said he was fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in the fire camp and was able to go into the burning building and to use the fire hose and said this was a great experience.

3. Officer Robert Campbell Recognition for his 2020 Drug Recognition Expert of the Year Award

Presented by: Chief McKinley

Chief McKinley said Officer Campbell has been selected by the Florida Law Enforcement Traffic Safety Challenge Organization as a 2020 Drug Recognition Expert of the Year, commonly referred to as a DRE Expert in Law Enforcement. He said the Florida Law Enforcement Safety Challenge recognizes the best overall traffic safety programs in Florida. He said the following are some of the reasons the organization selected Officer Campbell as the 2020 DRE of the year. He said Officer Campbell became certified as a drug recognition expert in 2016 and said since then he has recertified twice and is now a certified DRE instructor for the State of Florida. He said additionally, Officer Campbell does not hesitate to help Officers in the field with drug related DUI stops, teaching them about indicators of impairment to help solidify their case. He said Officer Campbell is also called upon by other drug recognition experts to roundtable their observations to discuss possible causations. More notably, Officer Campbell has used his knowledge to create a presentation for the Florida Attorney Generals Officer, School Resource Officer program. He said through this presentation, Officer Campbell taught the attending SRO's from throughout the State of Florida, the signs and symptoms of drug consumption of drug consumption, as recognized by drug recognition experts to help the SRO's properly recognize drug usage on their respective campuses. He said Officer Campbell is truly dedicated and is very deserving of this award and said it's his pleasure to recognize him as the 2020 DRE Officer of the year.

Officer Campbell said he'd like to thank the City and the Apopka Police Department. He said he wanted to become a DRE for most of his career and said that under past Administrations, he wasn't able to so he thanked Chief McKinley for allowing us to go after our dreams and aspirations in law enforcement. He said DRE is one of the highest levels of education and training an officer can receive in DUI Enforcement and said as a DRE he can conduct an evaluation and determine if a person is impaired and what drug category they're under the influence of.

4. 2022 Legislative Preview with Representative Kamia Brown and Representative Keith Truenow
Presented by: Mayor Nelson

Mayor Nelson said we have with us today, Representative Keith Truenow and said Representative Kamia Brown wasn't able to make it.

Representative Truenow thanked the Mayor and Commissioners for having him here today and thanked his staff, Eric Ramundo and Elaine Guy. He thanked the City for hosting them once a week on Tuesday and said it makes a difference for folks who are from this area to have a place to come and sit down and meet in person. He said we've been busy this Summer with a lot of cases that have come across our phones and through emails and we've been diligently working on them. He said he's been busy keeping up with water quality issues and said looking forward there's a lot of work to be done. He said with regard to the Cares Act money, there are some federal dollars that can be utilized through a grant appropriation that could be helpful. He said in addition, we're working on the trail system and said we're getting closer to connecting Seminole, Orange and Lake County and said he's looking forward to having that network in our community. He said on the business side,

we're looking into the insurance rate increases and said this is a huge issue and we need to figure out how to manage these costs so this is high on the radar. In addition, we're continuing the vocational education component and looking at ideas and programs to promote career opportunities. He said in a couple of weeks, committee weeks are coming up and said he's been fortunate to have he received the same committee assignment which is back to the roots of who we are here in Central Florida. He said Early Learning Committee; Pre-K-12 Appropriations; Civil Justice and Property Rights; Ag and Environmental; Flooding. He said all of these committees will be pretty busy this year and said we're looking forward to a great session.

AGENDA REVIEW

Edward Bass, City Administrator, said we have 2 items under #3 and said the applicant asked to postpone until October 6, 2021.

He also said there was an advertisement for the relocation of the Public Safety Tower and this item is not going to be brought up and will put this on a future date.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Pam Ripley said Sheeler Oaks has been being addressed and said she needed clarification on this and said she thought she'd come down and see how this project is proceeding.

Mayor Nelson said that Providence found some inlets for their neighborhood and said that there were 5 boxes that have been completed and said we've ordered them and it will take a few weeks. He said to date we've spent \$111,076 on the project and allocated \$250,000 and said this was the pipe that goes from the neighborhood we can get this done. He said we added a 48" pipe as a good faith effort.

Edward said that as we move through this project, we will put back any of the infrastructure that may be damaged during the course of the repairs.

CONSENT (Action Item)

1. Authorize the Police Department to apply for the Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Program funding and intended use of the awarded grant funds.
2. Authorize the Police Department to apply for the Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Program funding and explain the intended use for the awarded grant funds to upgrade the current body worn police cameras.
3. Approve the re-appointment of Robert Ryan to the Planning Commission.
4. Authorize the renewal of the franchise agreement with JJ's Waste & Recycling LLC. for an additional term of two (2) years.

5. Approve the first one (1) year extension, of the gasoline and diesel fuel agreement with Petroleum Traders Corporation.
6. Award a contract for ITB 2021-08: Golden Gem Rd. Construction of a Water Main, Reclaim Water Main, and Sewer Force Main.
7. Authorize the issuance of evaluated and sole source memos.

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 seven (7) items on consent.

MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez and seconded by Commissioner Bankson, to approve the seven (7) items on consent. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith & Velazquez voting aye.

BUSINESS (Action Item)

1. Major Development Plan – Crossroads 429 Industrial Park
Owner: Summit Real Estate Group
Applicant: Stock & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc. c/o George M. Stock, P.E. President
Location: 2800 General Electric Road
Project: 50.28 +/- acres
Project Manager: Jean Sanchez

Jean Sanchez said this is a request to approve the Crossroads 429 Industrial Park Major Development and said the property is located at 2800 General Electric Road, West of King Street and North of Peterson Road. She said the Crossroads 429 Industrial Park Major Development Plan proposes the development of an industrial park with two buildings, building 100 and building 200, including vehicle and trailer parking on approximately 50 acres. She said building 100 is comprised of 88,882 square feet of warehouse storage area and 9,876 square feet of office area. Building 200 consists of 163,511 square feet of warehouse storage area and 18,168 square feet of office area. She explained that while the required parking for Building 100 is 55 spaces, the applicant is proposing 64 parking spaces with four accessible spaces and said the required parking spaces for Building 200 is 96 while 125 spaces with 6 accessible spaces are provided. The maximum permitted height of the buildings is 45 feet. In addition, the developer has also agreed to widen the lanes on King Street from Orange Avenue to Peterson Road and on Peterson Road from King Street to Grand Avian Parkway. Additionally, the developer will extend Peterson Road to the westernmost project entrance on Peterson Road and construct a right turn lane on the northbound approach of King Street. She said DRC and Planning Commission both approve of this project.

Commissioner Becker asked if staff had any concerns about noise abatement as it relates to the location and the neighborhood directly to the East. He said one would assume that the ingress and egress of the Semis that will be parked there are directly across from the neighborhood.

Jim Hitt said this came up in Planning Commission and said the applicant is doing an enhanced buffering on that Eastern side of the property coming up King Street.

Commissioner Becker asked if they've put any hour restrictions on this development to which Jim said no, and added that we haven't imposed any other hourly restrictions for any other developments.

Jim said the applicant is running late and not available for comment and Jim asked if we could reserve the vote until he arrives. He said the applicant emailed that he'd be here by 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Nelson said we can temporarily postpone it and come back to this.

Business Item #1 – Email from applicant read into record prior to adjournment at 3:01 p.m.

Jim Hitt read an excerpt from an email he received earlier from Christopher Collins, VP of Summit Real Estate Group, representative for the development. "He said he's been watching the stream and GPS shows a 3:00 p.m. arrival. He said he saw the question that came up regarding limitations to the hours of operation. He said we did not anticipate any, given the zoning and the use of the facility. He said we'd be concerned that we would not be competitive with other industrial developments in the area and in the City of Apopka if we had limitations that may be inconsistent with other speculative developments. He said we do not have any tenants currently signed up to lease this building however, that may occur after its construction is complete. I'll be there as quickly as I can.

Commissioner Becker said this-answers the question that if they don't want to be limited by hours, it's conceivable that they would operate at all hours. He said his point is that it's right across the street from an established residential neighborhood.

Mayor Nelson then asked for a motion to approve the Major Development Plan – Crossroads 429 Industrial Park.

Commissioner Velazquez asked if we're approving or postponing.

Commissioner Bankson asked whether this would have the extra buffer built in as stated.

Jim Hitt stated that they've extended the buffer of the building by 10' for the side buffer and said they have about 35' – 40' to their property line. He said there's a side entrance road and they've increased the landscaping at the entrance.

Commissioner Smith asked if we've had any complaints from the surrounding residents to which Jean Sanchez stated no.

The applicant, Chris Collins from Summit Real Estate Group, arrived at 3:05 p.m., said he misunderstood the meeting time.

Mayor Nelson asked him if he's had any correspondence from the surrounding neighborhood to which the applicant stated other than the initial community meeting and said most of them were related to the truck traffic.

Commissioner Bankson said one of the noise issues with trucks are the brakes, which wouldn't likely occur here so other than the pulling in and out at all hours being a concern, and we don't know if it will be all hours, he said the increased landscaping buffer should help.

MOTION by Commissioner Smith, and seconded by Commissioner Bankson to approve of the Crossroads 429 Industrial Park Major Development Plan. Motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson & Velazquez voting aye and Commissioner Becker voting nay.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES/RESOLUTION (Action Item)

1. Ordinance No. 2842 – Second Reading – Large Scale – Future Land Use Amendment – Oaks at Kelly Park Ph 3
From: “County” Rural
To: “City” Mixed-Use
Owner: Lee Lee Kyun, Lee Myung Ja, Nam Ki Yeon and Lee Jong Dan Nam
Applicant: Toll Brothers, Inc., c/o Geoff Summitt, P.E.
Location: North side of Kelly Park Road and east of Dowman Drive
Project: 30.19 +/- acres; 5 dwelling units per acre max per KPI neighborhood character zone
Project Manager: Bobby Howell

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.

Commissioner Velazquez commented that she had spoken to Edward Bass on this one as one of the residents on Dowman Drive had concerns about vacating that section. She said the resident had an expectation that we were going to vacate but understands that the County will be handling the vacate.

Bobby Howell confirmed that yes, the vacation is being handled by Orange County. He said the Public Services division had an objection and received more information and withdrew their objection.

Hearing no additional questions, Mayor Nelson then asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2842.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson, and seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt Ordinance No. 2842. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker & Velazquez voting aye.

2. Ordinance No. 2843 – Second Reading – Large Scale - Future Land Use Amendment – Emerson Point Ph II
From: Residential Medium (10 DU/AC), Commercial (.25 FAR), Future Land Use-in progress
To: Mixed-Use (15 DU/1.0 FAR)
Owner: Emerson Point Phase II, LLC, c/o Mary L. Demetree
Applicant: M/I Homes of Florida c/o Ricardo Diaz and Appian Engineering c/o Jimmy O. Palm, P.E.
Location: 1801 Marden Road, 1890 and 1900 S Hawthorne Avenue
Project: 69.65 +/- acres
Project Manager: Allyson Williams

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. 2843.

MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez, and seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt Ordinance No. 2843. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker & Velazquez voting aye.

3. Ordinance No. 2849 – Second Reading – Change of Zoning – Marden Road
From: Residential Multi Family (RMF), Community Commercial (C-C) and Transitional (T)
To: Planned Development (PD)
Owner: Emerson Point Phase II, LLC, c/o Mary L. Demetree
Applicant: M/I Homes of Florida c/o Ricardo Diaz and Appian Engineering c/o Luke M. Classon, P.E.
Location: 1801 Marden Road, 1890 and 1900 S Hawthorne Avenue
Project: 69.65 +/- acres, 225 SFR and townhomes
Project Manager: Allyson Williams

Mayor Nelson asked if there was anyone here to speak on Ordinance No. 2849. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to postpone this item until a date certain of October 6, 2021.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson, and seconded by Commissioner Smith to adopt Ordinance No. 2849. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker & Velazquez voting aye.

4. Ordinance No. 2853 – Second Reading – Small Scale – Future Land Use Amendment – CHS Management
From: County Rural
To: Mixed-Use (Max 2 dwelling units per acre and 1.00 floor area ratio)
Owner/Applicant: CHS Management Corp.
Location: North of Ponkan Pines Road and East of Plymouth Sorrento Road
Project: 8.85 +/- acres; 17 dwelling units max per code and 385,506 non-residential sq. ft
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. 2853.

MOTION by Commissioner Becker, and seconded by Commissioner Velazquez to adopt Ordinance No. 2853. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker & Velazquez voting aye.

5. Ordinance No. 2854 – Second Reading - Change of Zoning – CHS Management
From: (T) Transitional
To: MU-ES-GT (Mixed-Use – East Shore Gateway Subdistrict)
Owner/Applicant: CHS Management Corp.
Location: North of Ponkan Pines Road and East of Plymouth Sorrento Road
Project: 15.82 +/- acres; 31 dwelling units max per code and 689,119 non-residential sq. ft.
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. 2854.

MOTION by Commissioner Smith, and seconded by Commissioner Bankson to adopt Ordinance No. 2854. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker & Velazquez voting aye.

6. Ordinance No. 2859 - Second Reading - Establishing and naming The Ridge Community Development District.
Presented by: Michael Rodriguez

Mayor Nelson asked if there have been any changes since the first reading to which Michael Rodriguez 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. 2859.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson, and seconded by Commissioner Becker to adopt Ordinance No. 2859. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker & Velazquez voting aye.

7. Ordinance No. 2866 – Second Reading - Annexation – North Orange Animal Hospital
Owner/Applicant: Lloyd B. Bearden
Location: South of West Orange Blossom Trail and west of Lake Doe Boulevard
Project: 2.3 +/- acres
Project Manager: Allyson Williams

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. 2866.

MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez, and seconded by Commissioner Becker to adopt Ordinance No. 2866. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker & Velazquez voting aye.

8. Ordinance No. 2867 – First Reading - Amendment to Ordinance No. 2780 – Rubright Planned Development (PD)
Owners: Alterna Mortgage Fund, LLC, Cypress Business Park, LLC (65%) & American Land Apopka Industrial, LLC (35%), & Exeter Wesley Land, LLC
Applicant: Poulos & Bennett, c/o Kathy Hattaway
Location: West of North Orange Blossom Trail and north of Hogshead Road
Project: 424.34 +/- acres
Project Manager: Bobby Howell

Bobby Howell, Planning Manager, said on August 19, 2020, the City Council approved a Planned Development Master Plan for a 6-lot industrial park located West of North Orange Blossom Trail, north of Hogshead Road and West of the Orlando-Apopka Airport. He said the applicant is requesting an amendment to the PD to add an additional 75.08 acres to the PD from properties located to the South that are within the Avian Pointe Planned Development in order to increase the lot total to 7 lots

in the approved Rubright PD Master Plan, and to allow an increase in the total amount of square footage from 4,500,000 to 5,500,000. He said the Master Plan proposes a subdivision consisting of 7 industrial lots on 424.34 acres, with lot sizes ranging in size from 2.65 to 197.28 acres. He indicated that access to the site is proposed via Wesley Road, Orange Blossom Trail, and via an access easement that is proposed to be established to the west of Apopka Airport Road.

Commissioner Becker asked if the additional property is going to be industrial as well to which Bobby confirmed, yes.

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 Ordinance No. 2867 at first reading and hold over for second reading and adoption.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson, and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Ordinance No. 2867 at first reading and hold over for a second reading and adoption. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker & Velazquez voting aye.

9. Resolution No. 2021-42 - FY20/21 Budget Amendment
Presented by: Gladymir Ortega

Gladymir Ortega, Finance Director, said this Resolution No. 2021-42 is for a budget amendment which includes changes in funding and appropriations related to the purchase of Camp Wewa. She said the City Council authorized the offer and purchase of the property located at 221 S. Binion Rd. at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting held on June 16, 2021 and said the total purchase price is \$4,720,681.68. This budget amendment also includes changes in revenues and appropriations for the general fund related to our fire retirement plan and compliance with the provisions of chapters 175 & 185 in which we received 2020 state premium tax monies for our fire pension plan in fiscal year 2021. This also includes changes in revenues and appropriations for the general fund related to our police retirement plan and compliance with the provisions of chapters 175 & 185 in which we received 2020 state premium tax monies for our police pension plan in fiscal year 2021. Finally, this includes changes in revenues and appropriations for the general fund related to the CARES Act Provider Relief Funds Release Grant.

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. 2021-42.

MOTION by Commissioner Velazquez and seconded by Commissioner Becker to approve Resolution No. 2021-42. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker & Velazquez voting aye.

10. Resolution No. 2021-43 - Adjusting the non-ad valorem special assessment rate for the Cimarron Hills neighborhood improvement special district.

Presented by: Chuck Vavrek

Chuck Vavrek said this is a request to reduce the non-ad valorem assessment on the Cimarron Hills subdivision. He said this particular MSBU was created back in 2014 for the upkeep and maintenance of the wall, the retention pond area and the common areas throughout the development. He said based on current revenues and future revenues, staff is recommending reducing that rate as we can actually meet the future expenses with the reduced rate. He said we've notified the property owners as well as advertised it in the local paper. The reduced rate will be adjusted and will take effect on October 1, 2021 and appear on the property owners Ad Valorem Tax Bill.

Commissioner Bankson said it's wonderful that government is reducing the amount of taxes.

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. 2021-43.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson and seconded by Commissioner Smith to approve Resolution No. 2021-43. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker & Velazquez voting aye

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Commissioner Smith said he attended the Heart and Soul Festival this past weekend and said it was a fantastic turn out and outstanding performances and wanted to give big shout out to Mr. Paul Billings at 98.6 for an outstanding concert and a shout out to Ms. Monique Morris who was awarded the Heart and Soul Community Service award for 2021.

Commissioner Bankson said it's hard to believe this is the 20th anniversary of 9-11 and encouraged everyone to come out to the events and acknowledged the hard work that the Fire and Police Departments have put into the preparation for these events. He said it's important to take times like this and remember and be grateful for the sacrifices that were made.

Commissioner Velazquez said thank you for everyone that reached out to her during the 16 days that she was out with Covid. She said she's still recovering and getting through the fatigue.

Commissioner Becker extended his condolences to the Ratledge family. He said Mr. Britt Ratledge, passed away and said he was the owner of the Chick-fil-A, here in town. He said it's apropos that the Fire and Police camp guys mentioned Chick-fil-A in their presentation and said he did a lot of food

donations for those camps and said he did a lot for the City of Apopka so he wanted to extend our gratitude for him and his condolences to the family.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Financial Update

Edward Bass said we have another month of sales tax revenue to report so on this month's financial update, for the month of August, we're in our 11th month of FY-2021. He said we can see that the total revenue sharing from the ½ cent sales tax was a little over \$970,000, or 6% better than this time last year. He said you can see that the overall is still right at 5% less than the State forecasted that we'd get in sales tax revenue or a variance of about \$496,000. He said that variance has changed a little as we've moved through this fiscal year and said it's still about \$500,000 short so we'll have to see where we fall for the fiscal year as it comes to sales tax and we continue to monitor this.

CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No report from legal.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Lowe's Volunteer Days at Camp Wewa

Mayor Nelson said today, tomorrow and Friday, we've got Lowe's Volunteers out at Camp Wewa. He said we flipped about 120 burgers and about 60 hot dogs to feed the crew. He said it was an amazing turn out by Lowe's and said they must've had 6 or 8 trucks coming in with fans and mulch and lights and wood and said it's amazing what they've already accomplished. He said they're pressure washing all of the roofs and painting some of the buildings as well as working on cleaning up the vegetational work. He said you're really going to be impressed and said we're so excited for the partnership that Lowe's has committed to us and helping us with Camp Wewa.

Farmer's Market Update

Mayor Nelson said Propagate House and Three Odd Guys want to put together their own Farmer's Market and said that's great and said RTP just pulled out of Apopka so they'll fill in and if anything changes, we'll let everyone know. He said we're taking this off the website and as soon as we get dates from Propagate and Three Odd Guys, we'll get that out to you.

COVID / PTO Days

Mayor Nelson said Edward and I were discussing some of the Covid related struggles we've had here at the City over the last 90 days with employees being out sick or perhaps needing to stay home

due to other family members being sick. He said there are a lot of reasons why people have had to take days off and use up their PTO for Covid related incidences. He said we feel like we have a great team here and we know they're not going to take advantage of the City and will use their PTO as needed so we decided to give every employee 5 extra days of PTO to help them out. He said this has been a challenge and some departments have had to double up on the workload so we thought this was the right thing to do.

SJRWMD

Mayor Nelson said he got a call from Adam Lovejoy, the Government Affairs Director for the SJRWMD and said they have additional dollars available if we want to add any more distributed waste-water systems in Wekiva Glenn. He said we've done 17 already and have commitment of up to \$775,000 from the State and \$387,000 from the SJRWMD however we would have to match the \$387,000. He said we'll bring this back at the next Council meeting to discuss.

September 11th Event

Mayor Nelson provided a summary of the events that are taking place on 9-11. He said the 9-11 Memorial 5K run benefitting the Armando Borjas Scholarship Foundation will start at 7:00 a.m. at the Northwest Recreational Complex. He said immediately following that at 8:30 a.m. will be our Memorial Service at the Apopka Amphitheater and said we have a firefighter coming that was there in New York to be our key note speaker. He said at 12:00 p.m., the Ministerial Alliance will be doing a service here at City Hall in front of the 9-11 Memorial. Lastly, at 4:00 p.m., there will be a Tribute to the Heroes concert at the Apopka Amphitheater, that will benefit the Central Florida Hope Center and the Armando Borjas Scholarship Foundation. He said tickets are available at CFLHope.org/USA. He said we'd love to have you come out and spend the day with us and we look forward to a great remembrance of those we lost on 9-11.

Business Item #1 – The applicant arrived just prior to the adjournment – (see page 7 of minutes).

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Bryan Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Susan M. Bone, City Clerk