

CITY OF APOPKA

Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on August 15, 2018, at 7:00 p.m., in the City of Apopka Council Chambers.

PRESENT: Mayor Bryan Nelson
Commissioner Doug Bankson
Commissioner Kyle Becker
Commissioner Alice Nolan
Commissioner Alexander Smith
City Attorney Cliff Shepard
City Administrator Edward Bass

PRESS PRESENT: John Peery - The Apopka Chief
Reggie Connell, The Apopka Voice
Channel 6 News
Channel 9 News

INVOCATION: - Mayor Nelson called on Pastor Steven Coleman, Faithworks Church of Apopka, who gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Jaquan Williams said May 8, 1945, marked Victory in Europe and was known as V-E Day, but this was only partial peace as war continued in the Pacific. On August 6, 1945, the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. Three days later another bomb was dropped on Nagasaki and Soviet troops invaded Manchuria. The Japanese government accepted defeat on August 14, 1945. President Truman announced Japan's surrender which prompted celebration throughout the United States for two days and August 15, 1945, became known as Victory over Japan day, also known as V-J Day. He then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. City Council regular meeting August 1, 2018.

Mayor Nelson made notation of a correction that had been made to the minutes under Business, Item 4, where he had suggested a traffic light at Park Avenue and Michael Gladden or Park Avenue and 13th Street.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson, and seconded by Commissioner Nolan, to approve the minutes of August 1, 2018 as corrected. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith and Nolan voting aye.

AGENDA REVIEW – City Administrator Bass advised there were no changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT; STAFF RECOGNITION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Presentations:

1. Presentation on Records Destruction

Linda Goff, City Clerk said Mayor Nelson challenged all departments by setting July as Records Management Month. All departments were very responsive and we had approximately 1,400 cubic feet of records that had met the retention schedule and ready for destruction. The Police Department had the largest number of records with over 400 boxes. The Police Department also had the oldest record of a 1953 book of arrest records.

Public Comment: There was no public comment

CONSENT

1. Accept and update signatories with First Green Bank.
2. Award a contract for the construction of the Kit Land Nelson Park Fitness Trails.
3. Authorize the renewal of a roll-off container franchise agreement with Mid Florida Materials for an additional two year term.
4. Approval of alcohol sales at the Labor Day weekend event at the Northwest Recreation Complex on September 2, 2018.
5. Approve a fee structure for room rental fees at the Apopka Community Center & Fran Carlton Center.

MOTION by Commissioner Nolan, and seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve five items on the Consent Agenda. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith and Nolan voting aye.

BUSINESS

1. Buffer Variance Appeal – Hidden Lake Reserve Subdivision

Project: TGINF, LLC

Location: 501 Old Dixie Highway

David Moon provided a lead-in and gave the history of the variance appeal of a decision by the Planning Commission, at its meeting on June 12, 2018, decision to deny a variance request of the applicant to waive a 6-foot high wall within the wetland and upland buffer along the eastern property line of the 92-unit Hidden Lake Town Home Project. He reviewed the location of the site on a map and pointed out the eastern property line where the request was to allow a vinyl fence. He pointed out there was an existing brick wall along Clayton Estates and trees planted along that buffer within the Clayton Estates project. The applicant is proposing on the eastern side a vinyl fence up to the 25-foot buffer from the north and front he south. He reiterated the Planning Commission recommended a brick wall up to the 25-foot upland buffer on each side. He advised that based on the appeal, City Council must affirm, reverse, or remand the variance. If affirming or reversing the contested decision, City Council's decision is final and there is no further action for the applicant to pursue from the City.

Commissioner Becker asked for confirmation on the west side of the property if it was correct that currently the LDC does not require a wall or fence. He also asked if the trees were in accordance with the City's arbor plan.

Mr. Moon advised when residential development is proposed adjacent to nonresidential there isn't a clear requirement that a buffer is required. He said the applicant may be paying an arbor mitigation fee. One option would be to plant additional trees on the west and south property lines. He said they are proposing two-story townhomes and without trees, even with a 6-foot wall, the second floor would be looking out at the school yard. He advised that as part of the procedures the City Council may impose additional requirements which in their judgement are required as a result of unique circumstances with respect to the site and the zoning district. He affirmed that staff has had no discussions regarding this matter with the Orange County School Board planning staff. He affirmed that Council's action on this case only applies to the eastern boundary. The next case is the preliminary development plan for the entire project and buffering can be further addressed at that time.

Commissioner Becker said the reality is that the Bradshaw Road extension is not likely to be improved anytime soon. He said the masonry wall is extending around to the points indicated and where the applicant is proposing the alternate style of fence where the significant grading is to occur. He stated in the spirit of the LDC, they are doing right by the people they are directly abutting.

Alan Goldberg, Manager of Old Dixie 15, LLC, said there was a lot of discussion by staff, although this portion is held to the variance request denial and their appeal of the denial. He stated North Bradshaw Road is a 25-foot right-of-way which is heavily treed and will probably never be developed. He said the discussion that this is a roadway and needs to be buffered does not make sense to them which is why they appealed the decision from the Planning Commission. He stated they would be discussing amenities and buffers during the Preliminary Development Plan. He advised they have met with staff to discuss the variance and agree on a final decision. Their proposed plan along the North Bradshaw boundary is basically vinyl fence along that boundary line. In exchange, they agree to put in a masonry wall along the entire western boundary.

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

MOTION by Commissioner Becker, and seconded by Commissioner Bankson, to approve the appeal. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith and Nolan voting aye.

Mr. Moon requested clarification on what Council's interpretation is of where the masonry wall is going and the vinyl starting.

Commissioner Becker said it is the understanding that from the north and south there will be either a masonry or brick wall up to a certain point and the remainder will be vinyl.

2. Preliminary Development Plan – Hidden Lake Reserve Subdivision
Project: TGINF, LLC
Location: 501 Old Dixie Highway

Jean Sanchez, Planner, reviewed the request for the Preliminary Development Plan for Hidden Lake Reserve. She said Council just heard the variance appeal and this is a carryover from the last hearing on July 18, 2018.

Alan Goldberg said after the last Council meeting and discussion with staff, it was obvious to them the Council wanted to see a stronger wall up against the school rather than a vinyl fence. He said being proposed in this plan is allowing the applicant to have vinyl fence along the Bradshaw Road extension property line, continue the buffer with wall along Old Dixie Highway, and a 6-foot masonry wall along the entire western boundary of the property. He stated the last Council meeting also included discussion of amenities and how the Code read as to what is required. He said the question was whether they would be required to have a swimming pool as part of the amenities. He affirmed they are proposing an enhanced tot lot with the mail kiosk in the same area, they will have an asphalt path around the lake which is the focal point, an observation deck at the lake, and if possible they will have a dog park. He requested Council to approve that they not be required to have a pool.

In response to Commissioner Smith's inquiring about the fence, Mr. Goldberg advised the fence will stop at the wetland line as they cannot do any construction in the wetland area.

Commissioner Becker said now that the appeal is complete, they are looking at this particular design. He stated at some distance of the property that immediately looks at Bradshaw at the intersection, he would like to see the masonry wall wrap at that area.

Commissioner Bankson said he would like to see the masonry wall wrap around more for aesthetics in the visible area.

Commissioner Nolan agreed saying she would like to have it brought to the end of the townhome lot to which Mr. Goldberg said they were agreeable to do that.

Discussion was held regarding the path and ADA compliance.

Bobby Wanas, Engineer for the project, said the observation area and trail around the lake would be a flat area. He explained the trail will be on top of the maintenance berm. He advised there was a small one foot grade change over 10-feet of distance. The slope of the topography from the recreational area down to this area will be a stair step down and would not meet the ADA accessibility due to the conditions of the land.

Mr. Moon advised they were not at the Final Development Plan and all of the final grading is not known at this point. He stated they would also have to go through the St. Johns Water Management District and meet their requirements. He stated in staff discussion, they could not find any requirement to make the trail ADA accessible.

Mr. Goldberg made a commitment of when going through the final engineering they will very seriously look into this option.

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

MOTION by Commissioner Becker, and seconded by Commissioner Bankson, to approve the Preliminary Development Plan subject to the masonry wall wrapping around to the end of the townhome line on the south eastern portion of the property and the applicant explore ADA compliance in their final grading and final development plan. Motion carried 4-1 with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, and Nolan voting aye and Commissioner Smith voting nay.

3. Approve Interlocal Agreements between Orange County Fire Rescue & the City of Apopka Fire Department.

Chief Carnesale provided a presentation on the three Interlocal Agreements between Orange County Fire and Rescue and the City of Apopka Fire Department. He said Orange County Fire Rescue came to the City of Apopka Fire Department and made a proposal for them to take over the Fire and Rescue services from Fire Station #29, located on Kelly Park Road near Kelly Park. He introduced Chief Otto Drozd and Division Chief David Rathbun of Orange County Fire and Rescue. He said this area will be covered by Station 2 on Welch Road and Station 5 on Firehouse Lane. He pointed out that 20 square miles of the area is part of Wekiva State Park and the State Park handles their own area. The calls in Station 29's area are generated from Rock Springs Road corridor and Kelly Park, Mt. Plymouth, and Plymouth Sorrento areas.

He affirmed the agreements were reviewed by legal and the recommendation is to approve the three Interlocal Agreements with Orange County Fire and Rescue for one year with the option for automatic renewal.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson and seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Orange County Fire Rescue and the City of Apopka Fire Department to provide Fire and EMS services to the area presently being serviced by Orange County Fire Station 29. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, and Nolan voting aye.

MOTION by Commissioner Becker, and seconded by Commissioner Nolan to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Orange County Fire Rescue and the City of Apopka Fire Department to provide automatic-aid to areas of unincorporated Orange County where Fire Station 29 would normally provide service.

MOTION by Commissioner Smith, and seconded by Commissioner Nolan, to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Orange County Fire Rescue and the City of Apopka Fire Department to provide Mutual Aid services between each agency in times of natural disasters, large scale incidents, or catastrophic events.

4. Discussion on School Resource Officers

Chief McKinley said they have added four new SRO's to the elementary schools to comply with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Act. He reported the reimbursement amount has raised

from \$41,930 to \$45,000 per SRO as well as \$45,000 for a supervisor dedicated to the SRO Program.

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson, and seconded by Commissioner Nolan to approve the SRO Agreement. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith, and Nolan voting aye.

Council recessed at 8:12 p.m. and reconvened at 8:18 p.m.

5. Approve the termination of the Red Light Camera Agreement with American Traffic Solutions Inc. (ATS)

Edward Bass, City Administrator, said during the Budget Workshop on July 5, 2018, Council had discussions regarding direction of the Red Light Camera Agreement with ATS. He advised that according to Amendment 3 of the agreement, the City can terminate the agreement upon a 30-day written notice. If the agreement is terminated, there will be a phase-out period to assure that all red light traffic tickets issued through December 31, 2018, are processed and all final invoices paid to ATS. This will be coordinated by staff with ATS.

Commissioner Becker said the recommendation in the staff report is to approve the termination of the Red Light Camera program. He inquired why this is being proposed, to which Mr. Bass said discussions held was toward ending the agreement. He stated staff needs direction in preparing the budget as to what revenues to include.

Commissioner Becker said the proposed budget at the workshop had \$463,000 in revenue through the end of December with the corresponding expense of a cost back to ATS of \$300,000. The net revenue the City would see is \$163,000. He said a lot of the talk in the community and media is that if we extend this another year it will solve our gap and that is not the case if using the numbers in the budget worksheet.

Mayor Nelson opened the meeting to public comment.

David Leavitt said he lives in Seminole County and he said an alternative for traffic safety is the DDACTS System that stands for Data Driven Approaches to Crime and Traffic Safety. He said this is sponsored by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration. He stated the City of Altamonte Springs uses this system and he asked that the City of Apopka take a look at this stating it concentrates police resources in areas where the data shows the need.

Brad Dreasher said he is from Orlando and he is here as a representative from American Traffic Solutions. He said it is critical all understand the impact of the decision made here tonight. He said the safety program that has been endorsed by the Apopka Police Department is used as a safety tool to capture red light violators, breaking the law and putting the community at risk, but it is also used as a crime prevention and apprehension tool as numerous videos have been used to identify criminals. He stated this is all at no cost to the City taxpayers as this is a violator funded program. He said the cameras provide 24/7 enforcement for red light runners so the officers can focus on policing efforts. He said 84%

of violators never receive a second infraction and this supports driver change behavior. He reiterated this was a violator funded program and was no cost to the taxpayers. He said statistics have shown that cities that have turned off their red light camera programs have had an increase in crashes at signalized intersections. He said automated enforcement technology helps save lives. He stated he hopes when Council makes their decision tonight that they keep the safety of the community their first priority.

Commissioner Becker said ATS has been the provider of red light cameras in Apopka for 12-years now. He said he has not seen a data sheet from ATS to show how the cameras are working in the city. He said the Police Department did provide data last year during the conversation of red light cameras, but he would view ATS more as a partner type of solution rather than a vendor providing a service and he has not seen that. He said data on ATS website is older data from 2008, 2009. He asked how they explain the notice of violations increasing from 2014 to 2016 in the City of Apopka from 22,000 to over 30,000. He stated the Florida Integrated Report Exchange system in terms of crash finds in the City of Apopka, it has been increasing. He said there is an assumption made that the cameras are going to prevent somebody from doing something when they may have had a symptomatic reason for why they ran that intersection. He declared there was a big disconnect from the value he sees ATS providing as a partner in terms of providing information on data collected.

Mr. Dreasher said the Police Department did a very thorough presentation to Council a year ago and they included data from 2006. He reiterated this is a tool that can be used to help discipline and change driver behavior.

In response to Commissioner Bankson inquiring what percentage the City pays to ATS, Mr. Dreasher said they are not paid a percentage as the state does not allow percentages, but they receive approximately \$760,000 a year and the state receives approximately \$1.7 million. He said the violation is \$158, the state receives \$83 and the city receives \$70.

William Gusler said this gentleman here from ATS is being well paid by ATS to be here tonight. He said it is not motivated by his concern of our safety. He said there was a great discussion of it being all about safety and when the budget workshop was held it was all about revenue. Tonight it is changed to crime prevention. He said the fact was that ATS is here, as any company would be, to defend their profits. He stated the statistics are very vague, very old, and they do not have a lot of data to back them up. He said it was stated that there were 711 videos used by the police department, but how many of these were relevant. He declared setting up cameras on the corners was cheaper than red light cameras and these could be done by ourselves for surveillance. He said there were reports that clearly shows they do not make a difference in safety, in some instances rear end crashes have gone up drastically. He stated he was 100% against red light cameras.

Mary Gusler said she was here in support of getting rid of the red light cameras.

Derek Ryan said he lives in Apopka and he is Chair of the Libertarian Party and representing them. He stated as a landscape salesman covering the Central Florida market he travels our roads three to four times the frequency of a typical driver and because of this, on occasion he

has received that letter in the mail with a photo of his license plate for driving through a red light. He said every time he receives one of these he fights them and beats them because they have no legal legs to stand on and are nothing more than government intimidation to generate revenue. He declared he was far more willing to take the risk and hire a private attorney firm to fight these tickets than to give his money to government out of fear so it can be mismanaged. He said ATS has made plenty of money in Apopka at the expense of people who are just trying to go to work and have committed no crime with no victim. He said as a libertarian he despises red light cameras, and property taxes. He said he recognizes the budget woes and hopes the city will terminate the contract with the red light cameras, raise the property taxes if they must, get the budget balanced and lower the taxes in the future.

Glen Chancy said a state of the art study commissioned by the Chicago Tribune concluded the red light cameras did not reduce injury related crashes overall. The biggest take away is the overall program seems to have had little effect. The question now is if a certain type of collision is eliminated and increased the other type, and it overall stays the same, is there an argument that it is fair to go with the program. He said the House of Representatives in Florida have already voiced their opinion on this issue. The last three years in a row the House has voted by over 80 votes to ban red light cameras in the State of Florida. It has not gone through the Senate, but he said anytime you can get 80 House members to vote against revenue, there has to be something involved we need to pay attention to. He stated this contract was debated being renewed here and the Apopka Police Department said the goal is to reduce citations. He said if the program was working there would be no debate and the program would have to be funded from general funds. He stated that of three individuals on Council that voted in favor of the cameras, two have faced the electorate and no longer here as they were beaten by anti-camera candidates. He said the people voted and they want their voice heard.

Henry Bentley congratulated the new Council members and said he trusts they will vote on what they ran on. He said it had been requested that one second be added to the yellow light as studies showed if adding one second to the yellow light, running red lights go down tremendously and so do accidents. If the cameras are for safety, add that second like they did for one month. He said he looked forward to Council banning the cams.

Commissioner Bankson said they tried to extend the time of the yellow lights and it was his understanding the state told us this could not be done.

Richard Earp, City Engineer, acknowledged he is not a trained traffic engineer. He said both Pam Richmond and Jay Davoll, Engineer, have been trained in traffic. He said the engineer that designs the timings is a 25-year engineer and it is very specific and there is a formula. He said FDOT has been asked recently to reevaluate the light timings along the corridor and they are in the process of doing that now.

Mark Schmidter of Orlando said he has listened to all those who talked before him and everything they are saying really does not make any difference, because the Florida Constitution, Article I, Declaration of Rights, Section 1 Political Power states *“All political power is inherent in the people. The enunciation herein of certain rights shall not be*

construed to deny or impair others retained by the people.” He declared the people have the final say so here. He spoke of an article in The Apopka Voice that polled with an overwhelming margin renewed their disdain for red light cameras. He reiterated the people make the decision, not ATS and not the City Administrator, as the people have spoken. He went on to reference F.S. 876.06 that gives people the right to petition for redress of grievances. He stated they do not want red light cameras and the Council as public officers have to do what they say. He went on referencing the Florida Constitution, Article II, Section 5 Public Officers states that *“Each officer, before entering upon the duties of the office, shall give bond as required by law, and shall swear or affirm:...”* He declared that not obeying the Constitution, violates the Oath of Office, and they have to have a surety bond. He said violation of the oath of office is a \$250,000 fine. He reiterated the people do not want red light cameras.

Marty Varble spoke against the red light cameras and said they need to get rid of the cameras. He said they were money making and not for public safety. He said if it were public safety the ticket would be issued to the operator of the vehicle, not the owner of the vehicle.

Allison Varble said she was against red light cameras, stating they are money maker and only the people that install them make the money. She stated they do not stop accidents, but rather they create them. She said the frequency of some of the cameras are set at a different pace, citing Piedmont Wekiva as an example, stating timing changes from day to night. She said companies that have employees that have to drive through Apopka have told their employees to go around and avoid the cameras.

Mr. Earp said it was not uncommon for traffic signals to operate different at various times of day/night. He said they are also impacted by emergency vehicles getting priority in the intersection. Many intersections have detection mechanisms and give preference to where the traffic is.

Rod Olsen of Apopka said he spoke to the Insurance Institute of Highway Safety and red light cameras reduce injury crashes by 25-30%. The Federal Highway Administration said right angle crashes show a 22.8% injury rate as opposed to a 5.2% injury rate in rear end crashes. Center of Disease Control said they increase in rear end crashes, reduce side impact crashes, and reduces overall crash severity. He said safety is the most important thing.

No one else wishing to speak, Mayor Nelson closed the public comment.

Commissioner Nolan said she appreciated the calls and emails from the public. She said the cameras are something the citizens are not wanting.

Commissioner Bankson said it is the will of the people and this is what determines what they need to decide, as well as the information they have to factor in. He has had arguments on both sides and both are passionate. He stated the best he can determine is that it seems to be the will of the people. He wants to make sure citizens have the right information, such as a right turn on red if not turning over 12 mph you will not be given a ticket.

Commissioner Becker said he didn't have anything to add, other than reducing notice of violations was the primary goal and in 2014 there was 22,283, 2015 had 23,204, 2016 there were 31,733, and in 2017 with eight cameras offline there were 26,602. He reiterated that this is not going to solve the budget deficit. He said there were too many things that do not add up to it having the safety impact people think it does.

Mayor Nelson said one of the best reports he has seen on red light cameras was Criminal Deterrence when there are offsetting risks. He said this was about Houston that went dark for a while on red light cameras and it reported that the cameras changed the composition of accidents, but no evidence in reduction of total accidents or injuries. He said he ran on getting rid of red light cameras and stated he voted for the cameras when he was in the legislature and a couple years later ran a bill to try and take the sting out of what these cameras did, one being to keep the ticket on the tag and not the driver license so that you would not lose your license. He spoke of the budget last year and money taken from reserves and loans obtained to balance the budget. He said they were getting close to a balanced budget without the revenue from red light cameras as of January 1, 2019, with a possible slight tax increase.

MOTION by Commissioner Nolan, and seconded by Commissioner Smith to terminate the Red Light Camera contract with American Traffic Solutions effective January 1, 2019.

Commissioner Becker asked if ATS had changed their name and if that should be included in the motion.

City Attorney Shepard said the contract subject to the discussion of this motion was "Red Light Agreement with American Traffic Solutions" still reads that way and if to the extent they changed their name, the motion can include "or by whatever they are known as today."

Commissioner Becker requested the motion be amended to include that language.

Motion carried unanimously as amended with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith, and Nolan voting aye.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/ORDINANCES/RESOLUTION

- 1. Ordinance No. 2669 – Second Reading – Bear Management Program & Containers.** The City Clerk read the title as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 2669

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 66 "SOLID WASTE" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, BY AMENDING ARTICLE II, DIVISION 1, SECTION 66-36 "DEFINITIONS;" SECTION 66-37 "AUTHORITY OF PUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTOR;" SECTION 66-40 "SPECIAL

COLLECTION PROBLEMS;” SECTION 66-65 “PREPARATION OF MATERIALS FOR COLLECTION;” SECTION 66-66 “PLACEMENT OF MATERIALS FOR COLLECTION;” SECTION 66-68 “FEE SCHEDULE – RESIDENTIAL;” AND SECTION 66-90 “PREPARATION OF MATERIALS FOR COLLECTIONS;” AND; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING FOR APPLICABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A BEAR MANAGEMENT AREA; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT AND FINES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Edward Bass, City Administrator, said there have been no changes since the first reading.

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

MOTION by Commissioner Nolan, and seconded by Commissioner Bankson, to adopt Ordinance No. 2669. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith and Nolan voting aye.

2. **Resolution 2018-13 - FY17/18 Budget Amendment.** The City Clerk read the title as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF APOPKA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018, PROVIDING FOR A BUDGET AMENDMENT

Jamie Roberson, Finance Director, reviewed the budget amendment in detail. The request is to approve Resolution No. 2018-13, amending the budget for FY 17/18. She advised as she discovers grants with matching funds she will bring these forward to Council for appropriation. Moving forward, as Council approved items like this the budget will be established at that time.

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

MOTION by Commissioner Bankson, and seconded by Commissioner Smith, to approve Resolution No. 2018-13. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith and Nolan voting aye.

CITY COUNCIL REPORTS – No reports.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Nelson read a notice from Tim Cook, Florida Hospital, announcing their name change soon to Advent Health, effective January 2, 2019. The announcement said they are unifying under one brand so their identity will be consistent across the organization.

Mayor Nelson reported Council will be discussing and possibly voting on funding for the UCF Incubator the next Council meeting. He asked that Commissioners reach out to Rick Parks or Edward Bass with any questions. He reported the current building will be demolished in the next 60 – 90 days as part of the improvements for the City Center. He advised arrangements have been made with Florida Hospital for a rental at \$1.00 a year, stating there is a short term need to renovate the Florida Hospital office space, medium term need for funding of the next year, and a long term need for a location.

1. Florida League of Cities Proposed Resolutions.

Mayor Nelson said after reviewing the proposed resolutions, he would recommend approval of all but No. 5, which is the Homestead Exemption. He stated he would rather the people vote on this matter.

MOTION by Commissioner Smith, and seconded by Commissioner Nolan, to recommend approval of the proposed Florida League of Cities Resolutions with the exception of No. 5, Homestead Exemption. Motion carried unanimously with Mayor Nelson, and Commissioners Bankson, Becker, Smith, and Nolan voting aye.

2. Application for a special playground grant through Florida Department of Environmental Protection

City Administrator Bass reported the City was applying for the two grants. It does not mean we are applying for any funding or matching funds. This is for information only that the City is applying.

ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

_____/s/_____
Bryan Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST;

_____/s/_____
Linda F. Goff, City Clerk